

ST. ELIZABETH'S FRATERNITY, OFS

AUGUST 2023 NEWSLETTER



boutique-chretienne.com *The month of August is a time for Marian Devotion. It is the Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, celebrated on August 22 (along with The Crowning of The Blessed Virgin Mary). Other relevant feasts are: August 2nd, Our Lady of the Angels of The Portiuncula; August 5th, The Dedication of The Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome; and August 15th-- The Feast of The Assumption. The Rosary is our friend.*

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Frederick Stein, OFS

We hear people commenting sometimes about how they feel that we are living at the beginning of the appointed time of tribulation, or "the last days." The subject is brought up in Marian apparitions time and time again. Reparation through our penance and prayer is needed to appease the wounded hearts of Jesus and Mary. We can and should do it with joy. "Blest are we."

Can we follow the example of church leaders like Popes, who consecrated the church and world to

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the *Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM)*? Let us try and consecrate ourselves to The Hearts of Jesus and Mary, using our simple Franciscan formula of prayer (Rosary works very well), penance, preaching the Gospel and participation in The Eucharist.. Steadfast discipline is a main theme of our encouragement to one another in fraternity.

In the middle of World War II, Pope Pius XII consecrated The Church and the whole world to the IHM. In 1964, this act was renewed at the end of Vatican II by Pope Paul VI when he said. "...Immaculate Heart of Mary... O Virgin Mary, Mother of the Council, to you we recommend the entire Church." We are active Church members.

Pope Francis in 2013 consecrated the World to the *IHM*. Mary's Fatima request that Russia be converted to her *IHM* was fulfilled by Pope Francis last year. Ukraine was included too! So let us be serious and joyful, giving God all praise and honor.

July Birthdays

Minnie Murella	August 14 th
Raymond Figueroa	August 19 th
Josh Tagoylo	August 22 nd

Profession Anniversaries

August 2, 1959	Francis Phillips
August 24, 1989	Pat Buchanan
August 23, 1990	Beatrice Devlin

✠ PRAYER OFFERINGS ✠

Gloria Figueroa, OFS

Please Pray for our beloved Friars Fr. Franklin Fong and Ignatius De Groot, who are leaving our immediate presence (but not our hearts). We wish them a blessed sojourn at Mission San Louis Rey. We also pray for the Santa Barbara Province of the OFM, as they transition into a more unified National Province. For the Parish of St. Elizabeth of Hungary as they transform to Diocesan Leadership.

And for Franciscan Friars who reside at Mercy Center, we implore they remain healthy under the good care of that gentle ministry.

For our fraternity members who cannot attend our gatherings, because of their health or age--- Rafaela Martinez, Pat Buchanan, Francis Phillips, Ron Martorana, Grace Manawato, Judy Russoniello, Sue Forrest (surgery) and Marcia Vigil (Mary Vigil's sister-in-law) for her cancer treatments. Also Mel Manchester's son Martin is also undergoing cancer treatment; for Carmen Irene Luzano Duran on the loss of her mother, Daisy.

**† We know God hears our prayers. †
We appreciate fraternity prayer support.**



Our Day of Reflection on the Beatitudes was wonderful. Fr. Ignatius is a gentle giant to us!



**August
Franciscan
Calendar
August – Month
of the
Immaculate
Heart of Mary**

- [1. St. Alphonse de Liguori, Bishop, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1787](#)
- [2. Our Lady of the Angels of the Portiuncula, Plenary Indulgence possible by visiting a church or chapel of the Franciscan 1st Order](#)
- 3. St. Pierre-Julien Eymard, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1868
- [4. St. Dominic, Priest, Cordbearer, d. 1221](#)
- [6. Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ](#)
- [8. St. Jean-Marie Vianney, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1859](#)
- [10. St. Beatrice de Silva, Virgin, of the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1492](#)
- 11. Bl. Innocent XI, Pope, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1689
- [12. St. Clare of Assisi, Virgin, Foundress of the Poor Clares, Plenary Indulgence for Tertiaries \(Renewal of Engagements\)](#)
- 14. St. Maximilien-Marie Kolbe, Priest, Conventual religious, martyr 1941
- [15. Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady](#)
- [16. Bl. Francis Chici of Pesaro, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1350](#)
- [17. St. Roch of Montpellier, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1327](#)
- 19. St. Jean Eudes, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1680
- [20. St. Louis of Anjou, Bishop of Toulouse, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1297](#)
- 21. St. Jeanne-Francoise de Chantal, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1610
- [22. Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary](#)
- 24. St. Emilie de Vialar, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1856
- [25. St. Louis IX, King of France, Patron of Franciscan Third Order Seculars, Plenary Indulgence for tertiaries and cordbearers](#)
- 27. St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest, Cordbearer, d. 1648
- [28. St. Junipero Serra, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1784](#)

St.'s
Junipero Serra, Clare, Louis IX, Dominic! Remember that these are some of our Franciscan Brothers and Sisters. The Community of Saints helps us intercede to God for our faithful intentions.

SAVE THE DATES!

- **Sunday, August 6th, 3:00 PM... No Fraternity Gathering. PLEASE SAVE THIS TIME for a Personal Franciscan Crown Rosary, with the intention of Peace and Good Will be shown by humans throughout God's holy creation. The need is great.**
- **Continuing Online Daily, 6:00-7:00 AM CONTEMPLATIVE MORNING PRAYER WITH LITURGY OF THE HOURS, Sponsored by St. John The Baptist Fraternity of Fresno. 6:00-7:00 AM (Pacific Standard Time, California) Liturgy of the Hours will be shared on screen.**
Log-in Information:
Zoom link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/94893798612?pwd=STVhMTM0eXhNQX0R1VDcHRYSU9CUT09>
Meeting ID: 948 9379 8612
Password: 123
To call in by telephone:
Step 1. Dial: 301-715-8592
Step 2. Meeting ID: 948-937-986-12
Step 3. Participant ID: #
Step 4. Password: 123
- **Every Thursday evening, 7 PM St. Junipero Serra OFS Region Weekly Prayer Gathering—Suspended for summer**

Formation Fridays in one place! Click here to view: <https://www.dmf-ofs.org/>

- [Regional Messengers of Joy Newsletter](#)
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- National Secular Franciscan Order
Website: <http://secularfranciscansusa.org>

- **Sunday, September 3rd, 3:00 PM... St. Elizabeth Fraternity Gathering.** Spiritual Reflection by <TBA> and an Ongoing Formation Session after Liturgy of the Hours. **Zoom, but best in person OFS Monthly Gatherings-- Zoom STARTS AT 2:45 PM. Sign in early!**
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... Speaking of ZOOM Meetings, let us please all attend The September Gathering, if for no other reason than to give Brother Ron Stainbrook a nice send-off as he is relocating to the foothills area. He has been a staunch Council Member for some time, along with Zeny and the others. Peace and all the best, Ron (You too, Zeny)!

Here are some other photos from our Day of Reflection:



Fr Fong, Gloria and Matteos Figueroa. and Ignatius De Groot matteos dominic



OFS San Felipe de Jesus Fraternidad Miembros hermanos y hermanas.



Fr. Ignatius, Mary Frances, Fred and Dianne Prior (Regional Secretary).



Carmelite Geri M., Gloria and Mel.

Also, please keep the participants and victims of the war in Ukraine close in prayer, especially volunteer Medic Dominic Figueroa. Our OFS Region looks for ways to help there.



Group listening to Fr. Ignatius speak on Beatitudes--- We accept them graciously as gifts of the Holy Spirit, presented by Jesus.

Lest we forget!

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the earth.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for justice, for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are they who suffer persecution for justice sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

