



THE FLYER

**Newsletter for the St. Joseph Cupertino
Fraternity of the Secular Franciscans USA**

April 16, 2023

Divine Mercy Devotions

12 Noon–4pm

Our Theme for the Year:

Franciscan Joy

Greetings from Brother Lawrence, OFM Conv.

Happy Easter to One and All!

Easter is such a wonderful time, what with the reemergence of warmer weather, longer days, and a new escape from indoors to outdoors. Of course it is a great celebration of the Church year, for it is a commemoration of Jesus' resurrection from the dead: His reward for carrying out the will of His Father absolutely perfectly.

We may tend to begin the week with thoughts of Jesus' rejection, His being tortured and His agony in the garden, the Last Supper with His friends, the crucifixion and the burial. Still, as we are all well aware, it is followed by the joyousness of the resurrection. It consists of all the aforementioned events in Jesus' life and ends with his reward for doing so perfectly.

We ourselves, I would imagine, rarely think of accomplishing a task God asks of us perfectly and, perhaps, then wonder what will happen to us and God's reward of resurrection and eternal life from our imperfection. Let us hope that we come to realize that we need only to do our best in what is asked of us and we shall receive blessings and reward from the Father.

At this time of year, I often meditate on Jesus as the one who fulfills the Father's will perfectly as only He, perhaps, can. I sometimes end up a little down at first, because Jesus does everything that the Father asked totally, perfectly, while I know that I can only achieve giving my best effort and hope that it is sufficient. Then I remember that hope is a theological virtue and that is a reward from God.

So as we go through another Triduum and Easter, we may come to see the virtue of hope coming to us in love from God and realizing that we are each doing the best we can with God's help of grace. For it is not really we who have the power to do perfectly what God asks of us, but God, through the blessing of His grace, that accomplishes the task for us.

Peace,

Br. Lawrence

Minister's Note April 2023

On Easter Sunday when I was eight, our family received a phone call that my nine-year-old cousin had been killed while crossing the road in front of his house.

All it took was a telephone call for our family to rush to gather at my grandparents' home to mourn his loss. While some of my family lived nearby, others had to travel to the town where my cousin died. My family lived four hours away. It was dark when we arrived at my grandparents' home. We entered the home usually filled with laughter and joy, but now in the throes of agony. In the days that followed, my parents took my sister and myself to the funeral home. We touched my cousin's hands and wept, and mourned what could have been. We gathered with everyone to bear witness to his young life and as he was buried.

I imagine that as the word spread that Jesus had been crucified, his distant relatives and friends also rushed to gather at his beloved Mother's home. Like my own family, they needed to be together with those who knew Him.

The first few days must have been one of great concern and speculation. Were they in danger of being crucified as well? Like my family that was gathered for my cousin, Jesus's family and followers must have been in the throes of agony. Can you imagine the surprise of those gathered when they hear that the tomb was empty? Where was He? What did Peter, John and Mary really witness that morning?

Later that evening He appears and wishes them Peace and breaths the Holy Spirit on them. Not everyone who knew Him had arrived yet. It would have taken my family at least three days to get to my grandparents' home if we had walked. It would be another week before Thomas witnesses Jesus's wounds and other miracles.

Here in the weeks after Easter more than 2000 years later, are we still rushing to the tomb? Are we gathering with family and friends to remember Him? What does it mean for us? How do we bear witness to His life? Are we like Thomas? Do we need to touch His hands and feet in order to believe? Scripture tells us that the disciples were both afraid and filled with joy after they see Him. Are we more afraid than joyful?

Easter Joy just doesn't come to us. We must seek it. We must rush to Him and know that Jesus is there intimately breathing on us, filling us with the Holy Spirit. We must believe that God transforms our mourning into laughter and joy. That even though we are apart, we will be one day be reunited with those who have passed away. Easter Joy means that we bear testament to Jesus's life with our lives by sharing the Joy of the Resurrection. Jesus told the women, "Do not be afraid. Go and share the good news."

Easter Joy means that we can run to tell others of His great Love and bring Peace to others. Easter Joy means that we share what has happened to those still arriving. Easter Joy means that we teach everything that Jesus has commanded us, and that we know He is with us until the end of the age. We are Easter people. May His Peace and Goodness and Love overwhelm you, and strengthen us as we bear witness to His abundant life. ~Peace, Melissa

The Shrine of St. Anthony

Noon Mass daily,

Confessions Mon. - Sat. 11am; **Adoration** Tuesdays 11am

The Shrine Grounds & Courtyard
are open daily dawn till dusk.

410-531-2800 <https://www.ShrineOfStAnthony.org>



Please bring diapers and personal hygiene products & drop off in Glass Room from 12-3pm. Thanks to Kelly for delivering.

**“Pray to God. You are the Spirit,
and I am only the trumpet,
and without Your breath I can give no sound.”
- St. Joseph of Cupertino**



Little Portion Farm is a ministry of the Franciscan Friars Conventual whose mission is to grow food for those in need while using sustainable farming methods. We grow a wide variety of fruits, vegetables, and flowers to provide an array of produce and to support our diverse farm ecosystem.

Support Our Mission

Volunteer: Sign up to receive volunteer schedules or contact us about group visits.

Donate: Give a one-time or recurring gift, or purchase from our wishlist. Please do **NOT** drop-off cardboard boxes for the time being; everyone has been very generous in fulfilling this request.

Engage: Subscribe to our monthly newsletter for updates on: farm events, what's growing, and more.

Visit www.LittlePortionFarm.org to do any (or all) of the above!

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Bible quotes are from the Douay-Rheims translation, unless otherwise noted.

The Franciscan Family
Chaplet prayer
 By Nick Kovacs, OFS

5) Begin the second decade by saying: "St. Francis of Assisi, through your intercession, I pray that the Second Order increases in vocations and that its members continue to grow in holiness." Recite the Our Father

6) Say once on each of these 10 beads "My God and my all !"

7) Begin the third decade by saying: "St. Francis of Assisi, through your intercession, I pray that the Third Order, both Regular and Secular, increases in vocations and that its members continue to grow in holiness." Recite the Our Father

8) Say once on each of these 10 beads "My God and my all !"

9) End by reciting once "We adore you O Lord Jesus Christ, because by your holy cross, You have redeemed the world." (note - if there is no centerpiece, pray this on the single bead below)

10) Say one "Glory be..." on each of the last 3 beads for the intentions of the Pope and for his continued holiness.

11) Make the sign of the cross

**1) Begin by making the sign of the cross and reciting the Apostle's Creed

3) Begin the first decade by saying: "St. Francis of Assisi, through your intercession, I pray that the First Order increases in vocations and that its members continue to grow in holiness." Recite the Our Father

4) Say once on each of these 10 beads "My God and my all !"

2) Recite the Hail Mary once on each of these 3 beads

This prayer was granted an Imprimatur from Cardinal DiNardo

During Holy Week 2010, a Secular Franciscan (Third Order Franciscan) named Nicholas H. Kovacs from the St. Thomas More Fraternity in Houston, Texas, was inspired by the Holy Spirit to create a chaplet, dedicated to praying for the renewal of the Franciscan Order. It is available in English, Spanish, and Korean from <https://www.SecularFranciscansUSA.org/Franciscan-Family-Chaplet/> ; other languages available at <https://FranciscanChaplet.WordPress.com/How-To-Get-The-Chaplet/> .

The Rule Review

So that we might more fully live the Gospel Life, Secular Franciscans should not just read *The Rule*, but reflect on and pray with *The Rule*. This is translated and printed by Eds Armstrong, R.J, Wayne Hellman J. A., Short, W. J, Francis of Assisi: Early Documents (FA:ED), Earlier Exhortation (1LtF), p. 41.

Concerning those who do not do penance... ¹⁶And every talent, ability, knowledge and wisdom (2 Chr 1:12) they think they have will be taken away from them (Lk 8:18, Mk 4:25). ¹⁷And they leave their wealth to their relatives and friends who take and divide it afterward say: "May his soul be cursed because he could have given us more and acquired more than what he distributed to us." ¹⁸Worms eat his body and so body and soul perish in this brief world and they will go to hell where they will be tortured forever.

The [Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order](https://secularfranciscansusa.org/the-rule-of-the-secular-franciscan-order/) (with citations) may be accessed at anytime at:

<https://secularfranciscansusa.org/the-rule-of-the-secular-franciscan-order/>

Please note that the English and Spanish versions have updated 2020 translations.



Treasurer's Report

March – 2023

<u>Beginning (running) Balance:</u>	<u>\$2941.30</u>
Common Fund Contributions	\$ 160.00
Other income	\$ 0.00
<u>Total Balance Before Expenses:</u>	<u>\$ 3101.30</u>
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Spiritual Assistant	\$ 100.00
Franciscan Friars	\$ 200.00
<u>Total Expense</u>	<u>\$ 300.00</u>
<u>Ending (running) Balance:</u>	<u>\$ 2801.30</u>

Contributions are Tax Deductible

Direct Donation checks to:

St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity



Mail donations to:

Jerry Yu

2812 Green Shade Court

Ellicott City, MD 21042

You may use your bank's BILL PAY.

Direct payment to

St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity C/O the address above.

May Meeting:

May 21 * Third Sunday * 2pm * Glass Room
Welcoming of Inquirers
Fraternal Visitation



Happy Anniversary

Ray Heverling, OFS 4/10/05

Book Share– Admonitions 21

The Talkative Religious

Join our online book sharing and delve more deeply into: *St. Francis' Sermon on the Mount: Lessons from the Admonitions* by John Michael Talbot.

Friends old and new usually meet on the first Saturday of every month from 1-3 pm on ZOOM!

Contact Geri Flynn OFS for details:

AngelBarty@aol.com

Next meeting: May 6.

Happy Birthday!

Kathy Ford, OFS 04/06
Julianna Kim, OFS 04/28

Coming Next Month:

Patrick Caughy, OFS 05/18
Ray Heverling, OFS 05/31

Any Updates?

Our sister, Melissa Reed-Konigsdorffer, OFS, needs to know of any change of your contact information, but also, would like to be able to pray with you for any changes in your health or living situation. Please contact our Minister with any needs or concerns.

Please email Melissa at: ScoutsDouglas@yahoo.com

Please Pray for Healing for:

Karan Bevers, OFS
Gail Bunyan, OFS
Patrick Caughy, OFS
Harry Ford, OFS
Louise Hotovy, OFS
Mike Hotovy, OFS
Lita Maisel, OFS

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Jean Singleton, OFS
Don Sweitzer, OFS
Betty Taylor, SFO
Bud Tenley, SFO
Jim Tebo, OFS
Regina Yeager, SFO
Dorothy Zalewski, SFO

My brethren, count it all joy,
when you shall fall into divers
temptations; Knowing that the trying of
your faith worketh patience.

And patience hath a perfect work; that you
may be perfect and entire, failing in
nothing.

~James 1:2-4

**Our Deceased
Brothers & Sisters:**

Connie Baker, OFS
Frances Bastress, SFO
Dea. Tom Bello, OFS
Joe Bezila, SFO
Mary Chandler, OFS
Jerry Cichowicz, SFO
Shirley Costello, OFS
Joe Cykoski, SFO
Stella Cykoski, SFO
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Adela Duff, SFO
Donna Duncan, SFO
Charles Ferrara, SFO
Mary Ferrara, SFO

Fr. Cronin Cantlon, OFM Conv.
Fr. James Elliott, OFM Conv.
Fr. Larry Kubera, OFM Conv.

Welcome, Visitors!

*Want to find out more about the
Secular Franciscans?*

- ◆ Attend a meeting. We meet (usually) on the third Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm.
- ◆ Check out our website:
<https://StJosephCupertino.SFOUSA.org/Welcome-To-Our-Fraternities-Website>
- ◆ Check out our regional website:
<https://SaintMargaretOfCortona.org/>
- ◆ Check out our national website:
<https://SecularFranciscansUSA.org/>

SAVE THE DATE!

Mike King, OFS will be ordained as a deacon of the Archdiocese of Baltimore this coming October 7 (Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary).

**Should you need to miss a
Gathering,
please contact a Council member.**

UPCOMING:

*** April 16 * 3rd Sunday ***
◆ **Divine Mercy Sunday ***
**Join in the Shrine's Celebrations
(no business meeting)**

12 Noon Mass

Eucharistic Adoration 1 pm - 3 pm

Confessions 1 pm - 3 pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet 3 pm

OFS Sign-in, Common Fund, Donations, and Lunch
will still be in the Glass Room.