

ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS FRATERNITY
Secular Franciscan Order
The ANGELUS
March 14th, 2021



“May the fiery and honey-sweet power of your love, O Lord, wean me from all things under heaven, so that I may die for love of your love, who deigned to die for love of my love.”

St. Francis

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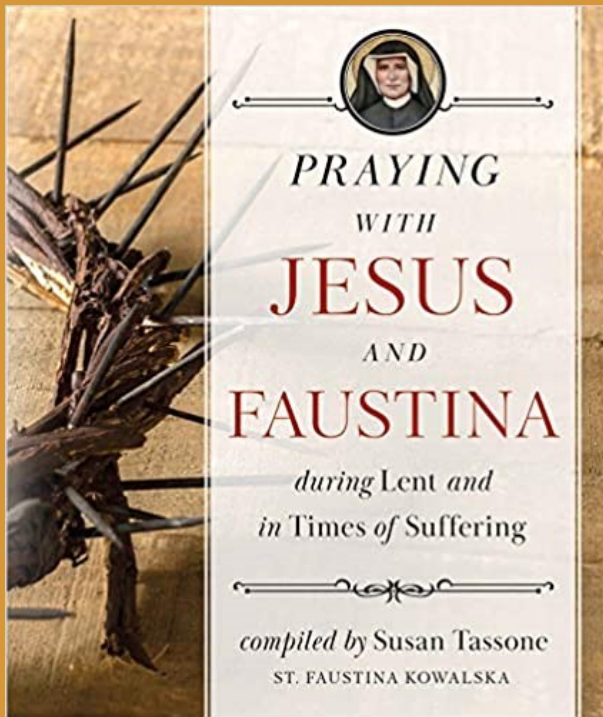


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Our March Meeting
Susan Tassone, on the Holy Souls and “Praying With Jesus and Faustina”

Christian Prayer

The Holy Year of St. Joseph, Indulgences, Devotions & Personal Testimonies

We are delighted to have Susan Tassone as our zoom guest speaker, renowned author and speaker, who has led a world-wide renewal of prayer and Mass offerings for the forgotten suffering church, the poor souls in purgatory. Susan frequently appears on EWTN, most recently to discuss her latest book about Jesus and His beautiful messages to St. Faustina about suffering, His and ours.

Christian Prayer will follow and then the **Litany of St. Joseph**. After that, as time permits, we will discuss the **Holy Year of St. Joseph, the many ways one can obtain an indulgence, and each of you are invited to share your own special prayers and devotions to St. Joseph and any special stories you may like to share.**

Please do not record this Zoom meeting.

Happy March Birthday to Peggy Nicholson on the 9th and Jennifer Reddock on the 12th!

Saturday, March 6th at 8:30 a.m. at the Shrine of St. Jude, Mass will be celebrated for living and deceased members of St. Mary of the Angels Fraternity.

Pray for the quick recovery of Peggy Nicholson from surgery and for the ill and recovering members of our fraternity. Please pray for Mike Huether’s parents, Carol Smith’s friends Afina who has a compound fracture and Alex who suffers from depression. Please also pray for Genie’s 17 year old granddaughter, Paytyn, who suffers with profound autism and seizures from epilepsy. Praise God for a lifetime of love and endurance poured on her parents, John and Chrissy. We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Alina Zygmunt’s sister, Felicia and extend our sympathy to the family.

Pray for the hungry in our midst by supporting St. Stephen Food Pantry at St. Jude’s. (See www.facebook.com/St.Stephenfoodpantry)

Submitted by Genie.



THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH PRAYER

December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021

To you, O blessed Joseph (Ad te, beate Joseph)

Submitted by Tom

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

"I do not remember even now that I have ever asked anything of [St. Joseph] which he has failed to grant... To other saints the Lord seems to have given grace to succour us in some of our necessities, but of this glorious saint my experience is that he succours us in them all..." (Autobiography of St. Teresa of Avila)

This is the third of my next few articles on the topic of the relevance of the Franciscan charism of today. Again, taken from the book, "The Franciscan Charism in the Third Millennium" by Fr. Anselm Romb, OFM Conv.

The ancient Latin phrase, "Quot capita tot sententiae", implying that there may be as many interpretations of the Franciscan charism as there are persons reflecting upon it, may be one explanation of the division within the Order. Each interpretation leads to a different lifestyle to keep it active. Each tries to address the problem of preserving the charism without overwhelming it. The lifestyle of an Order is primarily based on its charism or subjective insight where the members confirm their membership in the Order as within the institution of the Church and channel of communication with God the Father. Charism and institution are analogous to body and soul or rudder and sail. An Order's expression of its charism generally and precisely regulates and interprets the practice of its original lifestyle.

Christ's presence on earth is renewed by the institute of the Church. As every Christian imitates Christ, the institute portrays a model of the personality of Christ in a manner proper of herself. As a social reincarnation of Christ, it is a sign to her lay members as members of the Mystical Body responsible for her spiritual care. Some charisms are easily understood such as those of teachers, hermits, preachers of the crucified Christ, and those who orient their lives to the Blessed Sacrament. Some other institutes are established to local, social and pseudo-spiritual needs. In times, however, they disband and fade away. For those who do phase themselves out of existence and merge with others, their "reward in heaven is great" (Matt. 5:12)

If Franciscans are to continue to follow the insights of their founder and Father Francis, they must be specific and make clear their corporate or spiritual personality, or risk losing their identity and relevance to the Church and to the world. They need to distinguish themselves from foundations having a similar lifestyle. St. Francis in his advice and counsel to St. Clare did warn her of those whose teachings or counsel might draw her and her sisters from their lifestyle and especially from poverty. In his final testament to the Order, he once again emphasized that the lifestyle that his brothers were to practice was defined to him by God Himself and was not derived, nor based, upon other religious institutes.

So far, the terms we have been referring to: "charism", "religious life", "lifestyle", and "corporate personality" have not been precisely distinguished from each other. The word, "Charism" is used to define a "personal gift" of the Holy Spirit and for the good of the Church. Upon receiving approval of the hierarchy (usually the papal authority most of the time), a charism is authorized to promote and participate in the Church's mission of making Christ present in the world. "Religious life" is said to be an "official" type of charism that represents an emphasized response of faith to one's baptismal commitment to imitate the life of Christ. "Lifestyle" is a specific way one externally manifests the life of Christ an individual or institute chooses to do. "Personality", perhaps the least known of these terms, refers to the internal spirit of the institute which emphasizes certain values, limitations and/or freedom for self-expression and, most important, a well-defined self-concept .

Sometimes, the word, "essence" is used to define the spirituality of an institute. This term tends to be too dogmatic, inflexible, and categorized. It does not adequately describe an Order's purpose in the Mystical Body. On the other hand, "Personality" is a dynamic indication of an Order's place in the Church and is more existential. It is taken from the status of the insights and experiences of an Order's members. It is aligned according to the perceptions of the members. It indicates potentials not yet discovered. This will be one of the important principles emphasized here.

Next month, we'll begin to talk specifics about how our Father Francis and our Order fits into these points. In the meantime, all have a happy and joyous time in celebration of the day of the Risen Lord, or EASTER!

Mike

We've Heard From Fr. Michael Briese! (submitted by Genie)

As noted in the Catholic Standard, Fr. Briese has been assigned to special ministry to the poor in Southern Maryland, with residence at Saint Mary's Parish, Piscataway, in Clinton, Maryland. Father has ministered to our fraternity and we have and are encouraged to continue to assist him in his ministry to the poor among us.

“Thanks so much for all your prayers and support. Just completing the distribution of foods and personal care items to over 15 churches and 1 pregnancy center here in southern Prince George's County. It was a freight truck sent to us by Food for the Poor. The trucker arrived late last night and slept in his truck. We began unloading the truck about 8 a.m. and we are just finishing up distribution.

We received three pallets of navy blue winter coats and some brand new shirts and pants and socks received from WalMart. I am collecting coats for next year. And other winter items.

The tonnage was maybe half of the truck's capacity. It was about 22,000 lbs. but that's only 11 tons in a 20 ton truck. We had Pampers and Depends, some hand sanitizers, lots of mouth wear and many juices and M&Ms, stuffing, Mac & cheese, Fruit juices, cookies and more.

All went well. I am tired and need to have lunch and clean up. Take care and give my best to all. Peace.”

Father Michael



Please join us on March 4th as we pray with the **40 Days for Life Campaign** to end abortion in Bethesda outside the abortuary of late-term abortionist Leroy Carhart. Think with sympathy of the babies who are suffering a cruel and painful death in our very midst, babies who could survive birth if born at such a late stage. Think with compassion on the mothers who choose to do this. Consider the grief they will suffer when they realize the enormity of their actions. Pray for the fathers who often advocate abortion to the mothers in order to avoid social, moral and financial responsibility for their unborn children. Pray that all of them find the merciful forgiveness of God and that they can forgive themselves. Pray for an end to this horror and an end to the physical and moral devastation it wreaks on so many.



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St. Agnes of Prague, FRANCISCAN POOR CLARE

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St. Katharine Drexel

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St. Casimir

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3rd. Sunday of Lent

Sts. Perpetua & Felicity

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St. John of God

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St. Dominic Savio

St. Frances of Rome, SECULAR FRANCISCAN

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Forty Martyrs of Sebaste

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St. Louise de Marillac

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St. Patrick

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St. Cyril of Jerusalem

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St. Joseph (Solemnity)

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St. Turibius de Mogrovejo

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St. Catherine of Sweden

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The Annunciation (Solemnity)

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St. Margaret Clitherow

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St. Rupert of Salzburg

HOLY WEEK

March 28th.

PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday

Pope St. Sixtus III

March 29th.

Monday of Holy Week

St. Barachisius and Jonas

March 30th.

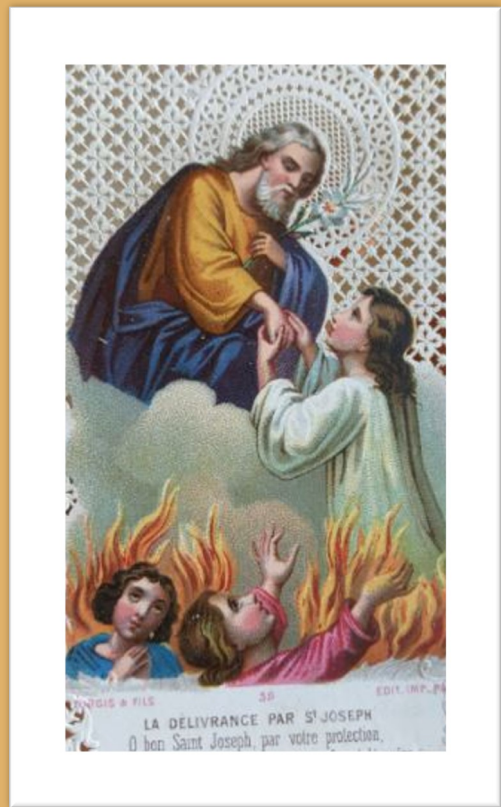
Tuesday of Holy Week

St. John Climacus

March 31st.

Wednesday of Holy Week

St. Benjamin



St. Joseph, Dear Friend of the Dying and Advocate of the Poor Souls,

Pope Francis in his Apostolic Letter “Patris corde” (“With a Father’s Heart”), commemorated the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church and proclaimed a “Year of Saint Joseph” beginning on 8 Dec. 2020, and ending 8 Dec. 2021. **Special Indulgences can be obtained during this special year.** St. Joseph is a great protector of the souls in purgatory so if we wish to honor this great saint, and if we wish to help the souls in purgatory, it would be nice if we tried to obtain as many indulgences as we can this Holy Year and offer them for our relatives and friends who may be in purgatory, or if none, to the souls chosen by St. Joseph himself. **One can obtain a plenary indulgence every day by simply entrusting their daily activity to St. Joseph praying for his protection.** Of course one must also observe the other normal conditions for a plenary indulgence – detachment from sin, sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the Pope’s intentions. Confession and communion can be about 14 days before or after the prayer of entrustment. This means that if you go to confession on the first Saturday of every month, you should be able to get an indulgence for almost every day of every month. **Here is a simple daily prayer of entrustment to obtain the indulgence : “Dearest St. Joseph, I entrust my daily activity to you with grateful love, praying for your protection.”**

Want more info? Visit the Vatican News website: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2020-12/apostolic-penitentiary-plenary-indulgence-year-st-joseph.html>:

Minister's Message

Thank you to the many of you who so faithfully pray every day together the Chaplet, the Rosary and the Christian Prayer. Zoom certainly has its benefits when used for such a worthy purpose.

I hope and pray that our Lent this year is a very special season of preparation for each of us, a true preparation for our own parting from this world, whenever that may be. One thing is certain, *that day will be here before we know it*. But we ourselves are so blessed! We have been so kindly led by our Dear Lord. We pray, we go to Mass and receive Jesus with love, we go to confession, we have faith and hope and charity. There are so many of our loved ones and millions of others who don't. Please remember them in your prayers and offerings. I hope that each of us try to obtain many plenay indulgences in this **Year of St. Joseph** by simply offering our daily activity to St. Joseph and asking for his protection every day. It would be so sad to lose these opportunities which could mean so much to the poor souls, possibly to some we are related to or who are known to us. I have to convince myself to do this too. For some odd reason, it is hard to muster up the faith to adopt this simply practice. It is strangely hard to do the easiest of things.

Much will be expected of those who have been given much.

We dear friends have been given much indeed!

MAY GOD GRANT US THE VICTORY!



