

# **THE FLYER**

**NEWSLETTER FOR THE  
ST. JOSEPH CUPERTINO  
FRATERNITY OF THE  
SECULAR FRANCISCANS**



**July 11, 2021**

**Theme for the Year:**

***Love is Patient***

**(1 Cor 13:4)**

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

## **\*\*\*Minister's Message\*\*\***

In the July gathering, our three members: Ray, Dawn and Deanna, will make their professions as permanent members of Secular Franciscan Order. Please heartily congratulate our newly professed members and also pray for them.

Fulton Sheen, in his book **The World's First Love**, debates whether the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was chosen by the Father, would have had the freedom to accept or reject the will of the Father and so would have needed to express her acceptance of the will of the Father. Then, he wrote "the Holy Trinity never possesses a creature without the consent of his will." Profession is speaking out, before the altar in the presence of witnesses, our consent to the grace which the Father grants us. So we say "I, by the grace of God, renew my baptismal promises and consecrate myself to the service of his kingdom. Therefore, in my secular state I promise to live all the days of my life the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Secular Franciscan Order by observing its rule of life."

On His last day in this world, Jesus called His beloved disciples friends. "I have called you friends: because all things whatsoever I have heard of my Father, I have made known to you." (John 15:15). Before saying this, Jesus also said "Greater love than this no man hath, that a man lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13). So Jesus laid down His life for His friends, as He loved them, for the redemption of His beloved ones. Profession may be our active consent for accepting Jesus' calling us friends and also His love for us. While praying for our newly professed members, let us also recollect what we promised, asking ourselves if we are ready to be friends of Jesus.



James Kim

## The Shrine of St. Anthony



### 7 Days a Week:

Noon Mass in the Chapel

### 6 Days a Week:

Confession from 11-Mass

### 2 Days a Week

Adoration, in the Chapel:

Tuesdays & Saturdays 11am-Mass

### Gift Shop Hours

Monday through Saturday from 9am - 4pm

Sunday 10am - 2pm

Currently, masks *may* be worn inside the building, but are not mandatory. Public bathrooms, the choir stalls, and all the pews in the Chapel are open!

**Come and Enjoy!  
Pack a picnic,  
Walk the trails,  
Enjoy a lovely evening Rosary walk!**

**Tours: July 11 & 17 @ 1pm,**  
Meet in the hallway just outside the Chapel.

Ministries are back! Please check the website for the latest updates.

**The Shrine Grounds & Courtyard** are open daily dawn till dusk! *The Chapel bell will be rung about 10 minutes before Mass.*

If you have any questions please call the Front Office at 410-531-2800; check the website for details [www.shrineofstanthony.org](http://www.shrineofstanthony.org)

**Booksale & Gift Shop Refresh!**  
**50% many books & DVDs**  
**Check out our selections on Jesus, Mary, Franciscan Topics, & Saints!**

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## Please Pray for Healing for:



Joan Babin, OFS  
Karan Bevers, OFS  
Louise Hotovy, OFS  
Mike Hotovy, OFS  
John Kirby, OFS  
Sherry Lewis, OFS  
Jean Singleton, OFS  
Jim Tebo, OFS

"Wherefore, brethren, labour the more, that by good works you may make sure your calling and election. For doing these things, you shall not sin at any time." 1 Peter 2:10

Our Deceased Brothers & Sisters:	Joe Cykoski, SFO	Marilyn Gilson, SFO	Nancy Seaton, SFO
Stella Cykoski, SFO	Richard Hall, SFO	Joy Kubricky, OFS	Don Sweitzer, OFS
Connie Baker, OFS	Claire Lee Davidson, SFO	Frances Langbehn, SFO	Betty Taylor, SFO
Frances Bastress, SFO	Adela Duff, SFO	Bob Lewis, SFO	Bud Tenley, SFO
Dea. Tom Bellos, OFS	Donna Duncan, SFO	Marie Lindung, OFS	Regina Yeager, SFO
Joe Bezila, SFO	Mary Chandler, OFS	Jean Manning, OFS	Dorothy Zalewski, SFO
Mary Cichowicz, SFO	Jerry Cichowicz, SFO	Jim Manning, OFS	
Shirley Costello, OFS	Dolores Fritz, OFS	Yvonne Proch, SFO	

## Eucharistic Adoration In Baltimore

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Francis and Clare,

You may remember that we had a presentation on this project several years ago and were asked to pray for it to come to fruition. Maryella Hierholzer has brought this update and new request to our attention. Please consider helping prayerfully, financially, or physically:

Dear Catholic Faithful-

It has been 1 month since we launched Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration at the Basilica of the Assumption in Baltimore. Very few people thought this would be possible. "People will never come at night," they said.

"THEY" were wrong! Jesus attracts!

One month in and things are going very well. People know how to get in and out now. A security guard is present during all the evening/early morning hours. And people are worshiping God at all hours—day and night. Hearts are changing. Relationships are deepening. If you were on the fence about coming out to pray, please come! The following 63 hours only have 1 adorer. We need at least 2 to make this work:

Monday – 2am, 3am, 4am, 8am, 9am, 3pm, 6pm, 9pm

Tuesday – 4am, 9am, 1pm, 4pm, 5pm, 11pm

Wednesday – 2am, 3am, 8am, 12pm, 9pm, 10pm, 11pm

Thursday – 12am, 1am, 2am, 3am, 4am, 5am, 8am, 2pm, 5pm, 7pm, 11pm

Friday – 12am, 1am, 7am, 8am, 10am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 6pm, 9pm

Saturday – 7am, 11am, 12pm, 2pm, 3pm, 5pm, 6pm, 8pm, 10pm

Sunday – 4am, 6am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 3pm, 5pm, 8pm, 9pm

Are there 63 people in the Archdiocese willing to pray for 1 hour every week?

Would YOU take one of these hours?

Would you invite people YOU know to take an hour?

**To sign up, please go to this website and select the hour you can fill: <https://adorationpro.org/baltimorebasilica>**

God bless you for your generosity to Our Lord.

In Him,

Fr. James Boric

A Review of  
***Finding God Through Meditation***  
by *St. Peter of Alcantara, OFM* Edited by Dan Burke

St. Peter of Alcantara is a Franciscan we don't hear much about. Born in Spain in 1499, he joined the Franciscans in 1522 and became a spiritual director to St. Teresa of Avila. Leading an ascetical life, St. Peter embraced self-denial and bodily mortification. For 40 years, he would eat once every 3 days and slept no more than 1 ½ hours a day in his cell that was only 4 ½' long, resting his head against the wall. (St. Teresa Of Avila, *The Autobiography of St. Teresa Of Avila*, Chapter XXVII, Chapter 18 ) One of St. Peter's many contributions to the spiritual life is book called *A Golden Treatise of Mental Prayer*; St. Teresa, in her book, *The Way of Perfection*, had great acclaim for it. In *Finding God Through Meditation*, Dan Burke (former CEO of EWTN's Worldwide Media) has edited the original writing, making it more readable for today and included a useful Introduction with a section about problems associated with efforts to manage our thoughts during prayer (trying to empty the mind). Both St. Peter and St. Teresa caution against this effort for various reasons discussed in the book.

In the first two chapters, the reader will understand what they will be embarking on and *how* to meditate. St. Peter describes how devotion is acquired in an important section called 'Of Six Things Necessary To Prayer' (Preparation, Reading, Meditation, Giving Thanks, Oblation and lastly, Petition). These may look familiar as they were also mentioned in last month's book review of *Conversation with Christ*, first published in 1956 but its roots are found in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. Readers are then guided along the way with eight counsels which St. Peter Alcantara offers as "a guide to keep us from going astray a long time from the right path, or, at leastwise, have not attained to their desired end so soon as they expected". (St. Peter Alcantara, *A Golden Treatise of Mental Prayer*, Chapter XII ) With great care he counsels us to avoid rigidity in method, excessive intellectual speculation, contrived devotion, excessive efforts to manage distractions, brevity in meditation, to persevere in aridity, yield to divine consolations,\* and lastly (and most importantly) to yield to divine contemplation (which is a gift from God).

St. Peter Alcantara knew that those committed to prayer and meditation are oftentimes confronted with a variety of difficulties – whether it be aridity, distractions, or the greatest which he says is lack of devotion, for without it prayer is difficult and burdensome. Thankfully, St. Peter gives nine "means" to acquire devotion and nine "impediments" to devotion of which venial sins is number one. He also reminds us of the importance of "profound humility" and to have a great confidence in God's mercy and to "persevere in humble thanksgiving to the divine bounty, without any trust to our own works or to anything that is ours". Lastly, St. Peter gives us very helpful suggestions on which to meditate chief among them are meditations on the Passion of our Lord.

~Joanne Patton OFS

*Finding God Through Meditation* by St. Peter of Alcantara can be found at Sophia Institute Press

Similar books: *The Third Spiritual Alphabet* by Francisco de Osuna, OFM; *The Ways of Mental Prayer* by Dom Vitalis Lehodey, OCR; *Time for God* by Fr. Jacques Philippe, SJ

## 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*.

9. The Virgin Mary, humble servant of the Lord, was open to His every word and call. She was embraced by Francis with indescribable love and declared the protectress and advocate of his family. The Secular Franciscans should express their ardent love for her by imitating her complete self-giving and by praying earnestly and confidently.

10. United themselves to the redemptive obedience of Jesus, who placed His will into the Father's hands, let them faithfully fulfill the duties proper to their various circumstances of life. Let them also follow the poor and crucified Christ, witness to Him even in difficulties and persecutions. The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order (with citations) may be accessed at anytime at:

<https://secularfranciscansusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/RULE.pdf>



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## Happy Birthday!

Jeanne Kerins, OFS	07/11
Gerry Pinkas, OFS	07/18
Will Witherspoon, OFS	07/31

### Coming in August

Louise Hotovy, OFS	08/14
Jim Tebo, OFS	08/20
Rosemary Whelan, OFS	08/20
Gail Bunyan, OFS	08/21

## Let's Party!

To help us celebrate our Professions, please check in with Jeanne Kerins at

JMKerins12@gmail.com

Or 410-227-6497

Help needed includes:

**Set-up & Clean-up & Cash**

(in lieu of Pot Luck dishes)

Please contact Jeanne for the latest, up-to-date needs!

## UPCOMING GATHERING

### ♦ July 11 (2nd Sunday) at the Shrine CHAPEL

-Mass starts promptly at 3pm!

-Mass with Profession for Ray & Dawn Glennon and Deanna Williston

-After Mass, we will continue celebrating in the Courtyard & Classroom

(See Shrine safety protocols on page 2; please respect others' levels of comfort.)

-Mass will be livestreamed at: Companions of St. Anthony on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/user/AnthonyCompanions>