



July 2025

THE CALL

St. Thomas More Fraternity, Secular Franciscan Order

From Gospel to Life and Life to Gospel

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Meeting – 2:00 p.m. - Sunday, July 13, 2025 - We are collecting lightly worn casual clothes like jeans, t-shirts and short sleeve shirts for construction workers, restaurant workers, and domestic workers etc. No dress clothes!

Jan Martin, OFS will lead the meeting

- *Opening Prayer* – Ritual, p. 35.
- *Ongoing Formation* – Please review our OFS Rule, especially the Prologue again. Given that the “Primitive Rule,” is the Prologue is the essence of our 1978 OFS Rule, is there anything in the Prologue that jumps out at you as the basic, core purpose of our Order? And is there anything that addresses your specific vocation in the OFS? We will discuss these questions at our meeting.
- *Fellowship*
- *Business Meeting*
- *Liturgy of the Hours* – Evening Prayer II for the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 - Psalms, Short Reading and Intercessions from the Psalter Week III
 - Magnificat Antiphon and Closing Prayer from the Proper of Seasons for the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 - Hymn TBD. Please bring your breviary and hymnal.
- *Closing Prayers* – Ritual, p. 36.

Remote Access to the Monthly Meeting Info

Zoom Link:

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Minister's Notes

1. We may have a visitor at this month's gathering: Enrique Wong. He wrote to Gary Burton, our Regional Minister; he lives in Annandale, so Gary referred him to both St John the Beloved and us as the two closest fraternities. Please give him a warm welcome in my absence.
2. I will not be present at our meeting this month, because I have to attend the election of St Bonaventure Korean fraternity.
3. Gil Donahue, our candidate for local Spiritual Assistant, has agreed to meet us in August. If we are mutually agreed that he is a good fit for us, I will write to Fr Jerome to ask that Gil be appointed to the position. Meanwhile, I have been accepted and appointed as the Spiritual Assistant for Holy Family fraternity in Manassas.

Thank you for last month's discussion, which, combined with Fr Jerome's homily that Randy included in the "The Call," I found very thought-provoking and fruitful. I have been reflecting a lot this month on the concept of silence and of solitude. This week's Catholic Herald had articles on a diocesan priest who has received permission from Bishop Burbage to become an eremite, a hermit, and on the solemn profession of a new Poor Clare (yay!) in the Richmond diocese; both of these are vocations that require a lot of solitude and silence. Our call as Seculars is different, but silence is important for our prayer life, too.

And yet, how hard it can be to find the solitude and silence needed to cultivate prayer. On so many levels, our lives are filled with noise and sound.

Birthdays of the Month

July

Angela Gill (12th)
Patrick Birello (12th)
Joseph Kennedy (16th)

August

Elizabeth Shaeffer (15th)
Andrea Bender (21st)

Necrology

Hilma M. Boyd – July 14, 1989
Dorothy Furey – July 3, 2014

Traffic outside, cell phones, computers, TV and radio, our families and our pets, our jobs and colleagues, all create a constant wall of sound. Even our minds, processing all this input and the effort to meet our schedules and tasks, zip along at warp speed and are hard to silence, sometimes even as we try to sleep.

Two forms of silence will be imposed on me from the end of June through the month of July. Due to having cataract surgery on both eyes, on June 24 and July 8, respectively, I will not be able to sing or play the flute until the end of July. These are daily occupations for me, and weekly Mass is always a musical event. In July, however, I shall be going to the "silent" early masses, to avoid the temptation of singing when I shouldn't.

Part of me quails at the prospect. Music is an important part of my life, and of my prayer life. It will be both very strange and very hard to be silent for the month. On the other hand, it will only be for a month, and I am trying to approach it like a Lenten fast, a sacrifice that I can offer the Lord. I pray that this time will allow me to hone my listening skills and deepen my prayer, lessons that I hope and pray can carry over into the rest of my life, although I will probably need some kind of refresher and support from all of you for this to be true.

What are some other lessons that we can learn about prayer and our relationship with God? What do our Rule and St Francis teach us about these topics? I look forward to our ongoing formation discussions of them.

Pax et Bonum,

Sita

Secretary's Note

On page 4 is our reflection for the month from Fr. Jerome. Also, on July 15th, we celebrate the Seraphic Doctor, St. Bonaventure. Page 5 is intentions and the first of three talks given by Pope Benedict XVI on St. Bonaventure in his Wednesday audiences. Joseph Ratzinger wrote his habilitation on St. Bonaventure to gain his license to be a professor in the German university system.

Peace and Good,
Randy

Prayer Intentions

For...

- The health, protection and guidance of Pope Leo XIV, all bishops, and priests.
- *Peace in the Holy Land and the Middle East and the victims of the violence.*
- A just peace in Ukraine and protection for her Ukrainian and Ruthenian Rite Catholics.
- *Federal Employees negotiating this time of uncertainty.*
- For Angela Gill's husband Anthony recovering from hernia surgery.
- *Grace Coipuram, OFS*
- Patrick Birello who hurt his leg and is using a cane.
- *For Sita Chakrawarti as she has cataract surgery.*
- For the repose of the soul of April's friend Kathleen.
- *Thanksgiving for successful heart surgery for Liz's uncle, Richard Strawser, but prayers for surgery in August to repair an aortic aneurysm.*
- Patricia Kennedy, mother of Joseph Kennedy, OFS who suffers from congestive heart failure.
- *For Anne-Marie's mother-in-law who is in hospital for an infection.*
- Louis, son of Clarissa, of STM Parish, and for all those suffering from depression.
- *For Ann Wester's friend Cheryl who is having back surgery on July 10, 2025.*
- For the repose of the soul of Liz's friend, Mark Hoatson who lost his melanoma cancer battle
- *Liz's friend Dan who has Parkinson's Disease.*
- The sister of a friend of April, who does not want

her sister to pray for her.

- *April's friend, whose husband avoids Church, and his ex-wife who never went to Church.*
- The grandson of April's friend and another friend with suddenly worsening dementia.
- Mike Sweeney, nephew of Maryellen Shea OFS of Holy Family Fraternity. Mike is a young father undergoing chemotherapy.
- Martha Wallenhorst, wife of Steven Wallenhorst, OFS of Holy Family Fraternity who is in hospital for injury to her legs.
- *Repose of the soul of Pat Bitz, OFS of St. Conrad Fraternity in Hanover, PA.*
- Stever Connair, husband of Karen Connair, OFS (St. John the Beloved Fraternity) who entered hospice.
- *Steve Piscitelli, OFS (St. John the Beloved Fraternity) who is suffering from heart failure.*
- Repose of the soul of John Whipple, OFS (St John the Beloved Fraternity).
- *The Poor Holy Souls in Purgatory.*
- Religious freedom and for all persecuted for their belief in God.
- *Prisoners, the sick, poor, hungry, lonely, the elderly and their caregivers, homeless, unemployed, the dying and those with no one to pray for them.*
- The work of the Order of Malta in Bethlehem in this time of strife and war.
- *The union of all Christians and the salvation of all.*
- For vocations to all branches of the Franciscan family.

BENEDICT XVI
GENERAL AUDIENCE
Paul VI Audience Hall
Wednesday, 3 March 2010

Saint Bonaventure
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today I would like to talk about St Bonaventure of Bagnoregio. I confide to you that in broaching this subject I feel a certain nostalgia, for I am thinking back to my research as a young scholar on this author who was particularly dear to me. My knowledge of him had quite an impact on my formation. A few months ago, with great joy, I made a [pilgrimage to the place of his birth, Bagnoregio](#), an Italian town in Lazio that venerates his memory. *(Continued on Page 5.).*



Fireworks

In July, I can go up to the roof and see fireworks in about 3/4 of the circle around our friary. Fascinating! My eyes are drawn to the explosions of light, bright white and sparkles of color. There is something extra about joining everyone and together marveling at the display. “Oooh! Over here!” and “Wow! That’s Navy Pier!” and then “Look out toward the Basilica!” We connect with people we cannot even see, crowds we cannot fathom, all over the region celebrating the beauty and the power of the independence our Founding Fathers cultivated here in response to the financial drain and domination of the British Empire and its King.

Two thoughts here: first, the strong draw we human beings have to celebrate this together. There is even a kind of liturgy in most places—an expectation—that saves the biggest, most spectacular series of explosions for the end. In places where an orchestra plays, Tchaikovsky’s 1812 Overture, with cannons added to the orchestra, is a common finale. Consider how we are drawn together, we form shared expectations—not that any order of program is logically necessary, but we are formed by years of practice *together*.

Second, the importance of spectacle—not just something to be seen, but something spectacular, something beautiful and attractive. This helps us appreciate coming together to be formed by the common things we choose to celebrate and their significance for our lives, for our society.

Earlier this year, the philosopher Alasdair MacIntyre fell asleep in the Lord. He had become Catholic in the 1980s. One of the salient features of his philosophy is his description of how we learn values and virtue by the things we do together. This leads me to consider how our common appreciation of the beautiful helps us to remember what is beautiful and to recognize beauty when we come upon it in an unexpected place or manner.

For your reflection:

- Maybe at a younger age you felt dragged—by parents or by custom—to do something boring or dreadful. “We do this together because we are family.” Do you now have a greater appreciation for the beauty in that type of event?
- Trying to share your faith with another person, have you ever first shared the beauty of our faith, or do you always try to reason with truth?

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St Bonaventure, in all likelihood born in 1217, died in 1274. Thus he lived in the 13th century, an epoch in which the Christian faith which had deeply penetrated the culture and society of Europe inspired imperishable works in the fields of literature, the visual arts, philosophy and theology.

Among the great Christian figures who contributed to the composition of this harmony between faith and culture Bonaventure stands out, a man of action and contemplation, of profound piety and prudent government.

He was called Giovanni di Fidanza. An episode that occurred when he was still a boy deeply marked his life, as he himself recounts. He fell seriously ill and even his father, who was a doctor, gave up all hope of saving him from death. So his mother had recourse to the intercession of St Francis of Assisi, who had recently been canonized. And Giovanni recovered.

The figure of the *Poverello* of Assisi became even more familiar to him several years later when he was in Paris, where he had gone to pursue his studies. He had obtained a Master of Arts Diploma, which we could compare with that of a prestigious secondary school in our time. At that point, like so many young men in the past and also today, Giovanni asked himself a crucial question: "What should I do with my life?". Fascinated by the witness of fervour and evangelical radicalism of the Friars Minor who had arrived in Paris in 1219, Giovanni knocked at the door of the Franciscan convent in that city and asked to be admitted to the great family of St Francis' disciples. Many years later he explained the reasons for his decision: he recognized Christ's action in St Francis and in the movement he had founded. Thus he wrote in a letter addressed to another friar: "I confess before God that the reason which made me love the life of blessed Francis most is that it resembled the birth and early development of the Church. The Church began with simple fishermen, and was subsequently enriched by very distinguished and wise teachers; the religion of Blessed Francis was not established by the prudence of men but by Christ" (*Epistula de tribus quaestionibus ad magistrum innominatum*, in *Opere di San Bonaventura. Introduzione generale*, Rome 1990, p. 29).

So it was that in about the year 1243 Giovanni was clothed in the Franciscan habit and took the name "Bonaventure". He was immediately sent to study and attended the Faculty of Theology of the University of

Paris where he took a series of very demanding courses. He obtained the various qualifications required for an academic career earning a bachelor's degree in Scripture and in the *Sentences*. Thus Bonaventure studied profoundly Sacred Scripture, the *Sentences* of Peter Lombard the theology manual in that time and the most important theological authors. He was in contact with the teachers and students from across Europe who converged in Paris and he developed his own personal thinking and a spiritual sensitivity of great value with which, in the following years, he was able to infuse his works and his sermons, thus becoming one of the most important theologians in the history of the Church. It is important to remember the title of the thesis he defended in order to qualify to teach theology, the *licentia ubique docendi*, as it was then called. His dissertation was entitled *Questions on the knowledge of Christ*. This subject reveals the central role that Christ always played in Bonaventure's life and teaching. We may certainly say that the whole of his thinking was profoundly Christocentric.

In those years in Paris, Bonaventure's adopted city, a violent dispute was raging against the Friars Minor of St Francis Assisi and the Friars Preachers of St Dominic de Guzmán. Their right to teach at the university was contested and doubt was even being cast upon the authenticity of their consecrated life. Of course, the changes introduced by the Mendicant Orders in the way of understanding religious life, of which I have spoken in previous Catecheses, were so entirely new that not everyone managed to understand them. Then it should be added, just as sometimes happens even among sincerely religious people, that human weakness, such as envy and jealousy, came into play. Although Bonaventure was confronted by the opposition of the other university masters, he had already begun to teach at the Franciscans' Chair of theology and, to respond to those who were challenging the Mendicant Orders, he composed a text entitled *Evangelical Perfection*. In this work he shows how the Mendicant Orders, especially the Friars Minor, in practising the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, were following the recommendations of the Gospel itself. Over and above these historical circumstances the teaching that Bonaventure provides in this work of his and in his life remains every timely: the Church is made more luminous and beautiful by the fidelity to their vocation of those sons and daughters of hers who not only put the evangelical

precepts into practice but, by the grace of God, are called to observe their counsels and thereby, with their poor, chaste and obedient way of life, to witness to the Gospel as a source of joy and perfection.

The storm blew over, at least for a while, and through the personal intervention of Pope Alexander IV in 1257, Bonaventure was officially recognized as a doctor and master of the University of Paris. However, he was obliged to relinquish this prestigious office because in that same year the General Chapter of the Order elected him Minister General.

He fulfilled this office for 17 years with wisdom and dedication, visiting the provinces, writing to his brethren, and at times intervening with some severity to eliminate abuses. When Bonaventure began this service, the Order of Friars Minor had experienced an extraordinary expansion: there were more than 30,000 Friars scattered throughout the West with missionaries in North Africa, the Middle East, and even in Peking. It was necessary to consolidate this expansion and especially, to give it unity of action and of spirit in full fidelity to Francis' charism. In fact different ways of interpreting the message of the Saint of Assisi arose among his followers and they ran a real risk of an internal split. To avoid this danger in 1260 the General Chapter of the Order in Narbonne accepted and ratified a text proposed by Bonaventure in which the norms regulating the daily life of the Friars Minor were collected and unified. Bonaventure, however, foresaw that regardless of the wisdom and moderation which inspired the legislative measures they would not suffice to guarantee communion of spirit and hearts. It was necessary to share the same ideals and the same motivations.

For this reason Bonaventure wished to present the authentic charism of Francis, his life and his teaching.

Thus he zealously collected documents concerning the *Poverello* and listened attentively to the memories of those who had actually known Francis. This inspired a historically well founded biography of the Saint of Assisi, entitled *Legenda Maior*. It was redrafted more concisely, hence entitled *Legenda minor*. Unlike the Italian term the Latin word does not mean a product of the imagination but, on the contrary, "*Legenda*" means an authoritative text, "to be read" officially. Indeed, the General Chapter of the Friars Minor in 1263, meeting in Pisa, recognized St Bonaventure's biography as the

most faithful portrait of their Founder and so it became the Saint's official biography.

What image of St Francis emerged from the heart and pen of his follower and successor, St Bonaventure? The key point: Francis is an *alter Christus*, a man who sought Christ passionately. In the love that impelled Francis to imitate Christ, he was entirely conformed to Christ. Bonaventure pointed out this living ideal to all Francis' followers. This ideal, valid for every Christian, yesterday, today and for ever, was also proposed as a programme for the Church in the Third Millennium by my Predecessor, Venerable John Paul II. This programme, he wrote in his Letter *Novo Millennio Ineunte*, is centred "in Christ himself, who is to be known, loved and imitated, so that in him we may live the life of the Trinity, and with him transform history until its fulfilment in the heavenly Jerusalem" (n. 29).

In 1273, St Bonaventure experienced another great change in his life. Pope Gregory X wanted to consecrate him a Bishop and to appoint him a Cardinal. The Pope also asked him to prepare the Second Ecumenical Council of Lyons, a most important ecclesial event, for the purpose of re-establishing communion between the Latin Church and the Greek Church. Boniface dedicated himself diligently to this task but was unable to see the conclusion of this ecumenical session because he died before it ended. An anonymous papal notary composed a eulogy to Bonaventure which gives us a conclusive portrait of this great Saint and excellent theologian. "A good, affable, devout and compassionate man, full of virtue, beloved of God and human beings alike.... God in fact had bestowed upon him such grace that all who saw him were pervaded by a love that their hearts could not conceal" (cf. J.G. Bougerol, *Bonaventura*, in A. Vauchez (edited by), *Storia dei santi e della santità cristiana*. Vol. VI. *L'epoca del rinnovamento evangelico*, Milan 191, p. 91).

Let us gather the heritage of this holy doctor of the Church who reminds us of the meaning of our life with the following words: "On earth... we may contemplate the divine immensity through reasoning and admiration; in the heavenly homeland, on the other hand, through the vision, when we are likened to God and through ecstasy... we shall enter into the joy of God" (*La conoscenza di Cristo*, q. 6, *conclusione*, in *Opere di San Bonaventura. Opuscoli Teologici* / 1, Rome 1993, p. 187).

Saints of the Month

<https://www.secularfranciscansusa.org/wp-content/uploads/Franciscan-Saints-2022-1-Catalog-by-Mary-Lou-Coffman-OFS.pdf>

- July 1* St. Junipero Serra, Priest, Alcantarine Friars Minor, missionary (November 24, 1713-August 28, 1784)
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/franciscan-spirit-blog/the-franciscan-saints-junipero-serra/>
 Blesseds Marcello Maruzzo, Friar OFM (23 July 1929 – 1 July 1981) and Luis Navarro, OFS (21 June 1950 – 1 July 1981) Martyrs of Guatemala
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marcello_Maruzzo_and_Luis_Navarro
- July 3* Bl. Marie Anne Fontcuberta, Foundress, Franciscan Missionaries of the Mother of the Divine Shepherd (January 13, 1827-July 3, 1886)
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peregrina_Mogas_Fontcuberta
- July 4* St. Elizabeth of Portugal, Third Order Secular (1271-1336)
<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Elizabeth-of-Portugal>
 St. John Zhang Huan, Martyr, Franciscan seminarian (August 1838-July 9, 1900)
<https://www.encyclopedia.com/religion/encyclopedias-almanacs-transcripts-and-maps/zhang-huan-john-st>
 Bl. Modestino of Jesus and Mary, Priest, OFM of the Alcantarines (September 9, 1802-July 4, 1854)
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Domenico_Mazzarella
 St. Peter Zhang Banniu, Martyr, Secular Franciscan (1849-August 1838-July 9, 1900)
<https://www.encyclopedia.com/religion/encyclopedias-almanacs-transcripts-and-maps/zhang-banniu-peter-st>
- July 8* Ss. Gregory Grassi, Hermine Grivot and Companions, First Order and Third Order Religious and Secular Franciscans, Martyrs of China (d. 1900)
<https://stevenwood.com/reflections/franciscan/0708-1042.htm>
- July 9* Bl. Marija of Jesus Crucified Petković, Foundress, Third Order Regular (December 10, 1892-July 9, 1966)
https://www.vatican.va/news_services/liturgy/saints/ns_lit_doc_20030606_petkovic_en.html
 11 Martyrs of Damascus, Eight Franciscan Friars and Three Maronite Laymen (July 9, 1860)
<https://www.encyclopedia.com/religion/encyclopedias-almanacs-transcripts-and-maps/damascus-martyrs>
 St. Nicholas Pieck and Companions: Anthony Hornaer, Anthony of Weert, Cornelius, Francis, Godfrey, Jerome, Nicasius, Peter, Theodoric, Willehad, Martyrs of Holland (d. 1572)
<https://www.newadvent.org/cathen/11065b.htm>
 St. Veronica Giuliani, Capuchin Poor Clare (December 27, 1660-July 9, 1727)
<http://www.roman-catholic-saints.com/saint-veronica-giuliani.html>
- July 12* St. John Jones and John Wall, First Order, Martyrs of England (c. 1530-1598; 1620-1679)
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saints-john-jones-and-john-wall>
 Ss. Louis and Zelig Martin, Third Order Secular, First Spouses Canonized Together
<http://saintsresource.com/louis-and-zelig-martin/>
- July 13* Bl. Angeline of Marsciano, Foundress, Third Order Regular (1357-July 14, 1435)
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Angeline_of_Marsciano
- July 14* St. Francisco Solano, Priest, Order of Friars Minor, Missionary (March 10, 1549-July 14, 1610)
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Francis_Solanus
- July 15* Bl. Bernard of Baden, Third Order Secular (c. 1428-July 15, 1458)
<https://www.roman-catholic-saints.com/blessed-bernard-of-baden.html>
 St. Bonaventure of Bagnoregio, Cardinal, Minister General Order Friars Minor, Doctor of the Church (1221-July 15, 1274)
<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Bonaventure>
- July 16* Canonization of St. Francis on July 16, 1228 by Pope Gregory IX
<https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/library/bull-of-canonization-of-st-francis-of-assisi-mira-circa-nos-7860>
 St. Marie-Madeleine Postel, Foundress, Third Order Regular (November 28, 1756-July 16, 1846)
<https://www.encyclopedia.com/religion/encyclopedias-almanacs-transcripts-and-maps/postel-marie-madeleine-st>

- July 18* St. Camillus de Lellis, Capuchin Novitiate before founding Ministers to the Sick (May 25, 1550-July 14, 1614)
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-camillus-de-lellis/>
- July 19* Bl. Peter of Cresci, Priest, Third Order Secular (d. July 19, 1323)
<http://www.roman-catholic-saints.com/blessed-peter-cresci.html>
 Bl. Herman Stepien, First Order Conventual, Polish Martyr (October 21, 1910-July 19, 1943)
<https://carmelitesph.org/memorial-of-blessed-karol-herman-stepien/>
- July 21* St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest, Order of Friars Minor Capuchin, Doctor of the Church (July 22, 1559-July 22, 1619)
<http://catholicism.org/saint-lawrence-of-brindisi-apostolic-doctor.html>
- July 23* St. Kunigunde of Poland, Abbess, Poor Clare Sisters (March 5, 1224-July 24, 1292)
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kunigunde_of_Poland
- July 24* Bl. Louise of Savoy, Poor Clare Nun (December 28, 1461-July 25, 1503)
<http://stevenwood.com/reflections/franciscan/0724-23.htm>
- July 25* Bl. Antonio Lucci, Bishop, OFM Conventual (August 2, 1682-July 25, 1752)
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antonio_Lucci
- July 26* St. Bartolomea Capitanio, Third Order Secular before founding another order (January 13, 1807-July 26, 1833)
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bartolomea_Capitanio
- July 27* Bl. Archangelo of Calatafimi, Religious, Friars Minor of the Observance (d. 1460)
<https://www.encyclopedia.com/religion/encyclopedias-almanacs-transcripts-and-maps/archangelo-calatafimi-bl>
 Bl. Maria Maddalena Martinengo, Capuchin Poor Clare nun (October 5, 1687-July 27, 1737)
<http://www.roman-catholic-saints.com/blessed-mary-magdalene-martinengo.html>
 Bl. Nevolo of Faenza, Third Order Secular (13th Cent.-July 27, 1280)
<https://catholicsaints.info/blessed-nevolo-of-faenza/>
- July 28* St. Alphonsa of the Immaculate Conception, Franciscan Clarist Congregation (August 19, 1910-July 28, 1946)
http://www.vatican.va/news_services/liturgy/saints/2008/ns_lit_doc_20081012_alfonsa_en.html
 Bl. Mary Teresa Kowalska, Capuchin Poor Clares, Martyr (d. 1941)
<https://www.capdox.capuchin.org.au/saints-blesseds/maria-teresa-kowalska/>
- July 30* Bl. Bertrand de la Tour, Cardinal, Order of Friars Minor (c. 1262-1332)
<http://stevenwood.com/reflections/franciscan/0730-23.htm>
 Bl. Solanus Casey, Priest, OFM Capuchin (November 25, 1870-July 31, 1957)
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Solanus_Casey
- August 2* Feast of St. Mary of the Angels of the Portiuncula - Plenary indulgence available
<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/12286a.htm>
- August 4* Bl. Frédéric Janssoone, Priest, Order of Friars Minor (November 19, 1838-August 4, 1916)
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frédéric_Janssoone
 St. John Vianney, Priest, Third Order Secular (May 8, 1786-August 4, 1859)
<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/08326c.htm>
- August 6* Bl. Maria Francesca Rubatto, Founder, Capuchin Sisters of Mother Rubatto (February 14, 1844-August 6, 1904)
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anna_Maria_Rubatto
- August 7* Bls. Agathangelus and Cassian, Priests, OFM Capuchin, Martyrs (d. 1638)
<https://www.roman-catholic-saints.com/blessed-agathangel-and-cassian.html>
- August 8* Holy Father St. Dominic, Founder of the Order of Preachers and Cordbearer (August 8, 1170-August 6, 1221)
<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/05106a.htm>
- August 9* Bl. John of La Verna, Religious, Order of Friars Minor (1259-August 9, 1322)
<https://www.roman-catholic-saints.com/blessed-john-of-la-verna.html>