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# Fraternity Reflections

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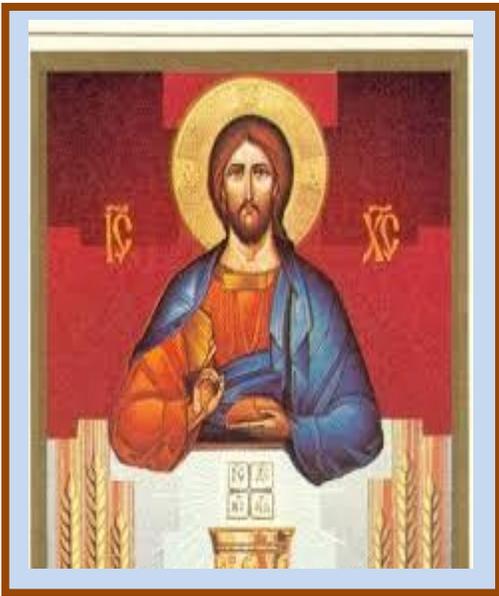
Fraternity meets first Sunday of the Month, 2:00pm to 4:00pm, Good Shepherd, 1000 Tinker Rd., Colleyville, Texas 76034  
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The Church dedicates the month of July to the Precious Blood of Jesus

**“...for this is my blood of the covenant which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins”**

*Matthew 26:28*

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# FRATERNITY NEWS

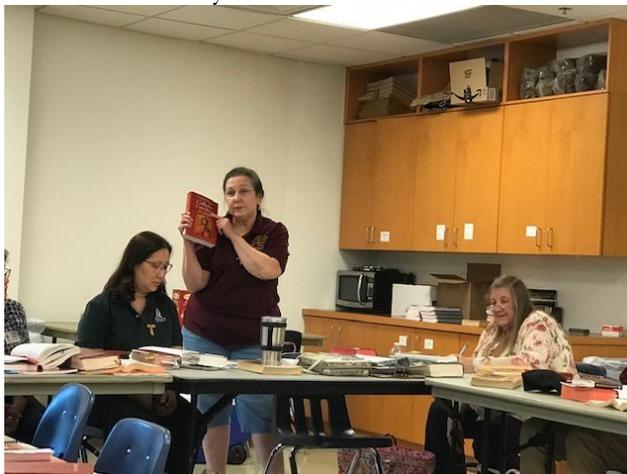
## At our June Meeting...

Sunday, June 2, following the business portion of the meeting, Teresa, the Fraternity's Formation Director, continued with ongoing Formation, leading the discussion from the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) on the Third Commandment:

*"Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work; but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work."*<sup>90</sup>

*The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.*<sup>91</sup>

We listened to a short reflection on the commandment by Teresa



The Fraternity then broke into small groups to discuss the commentary on the Commandment.



*Come and see!*

## Secular Franciscan The way of Life



Immaculata Fraternity meets the [First Sunday](#) of every month at 2:00pm in the Saint Francis/Saint Clare room at Good Shepherd in Colleyville. We welcome you to come and join us for prayer, formation and fellowship!

### Immaculata Fraternity

*Come and see!*

Every first Sunday, 2:00PM

July 7

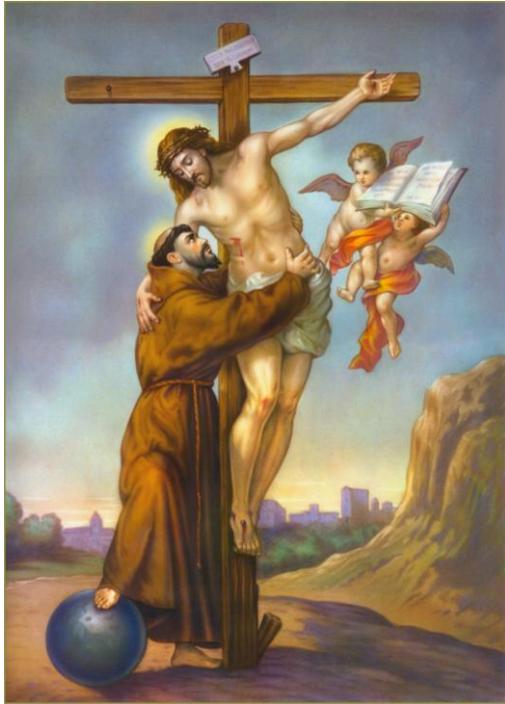
August 4

September 1

Good Shepherd Catholic Community  
1000 Tinker Rd.  
Colleyville, TX 76034



# *The Body of the Lord*



“ The Lord Jesus says to his disciples : I am the way, the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also; and from now on you shall know him, and have seen him. Philip says to him: Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us. Jesus says to him: Am I with you so long a time, and still you do not know me? Philip, he who sees me sees my Father also (Jo 14, 6-9). The Father dwells in unapproachable light (1Tim 6,16) and God is spirit (Jo 4,24) and no one has ever seen God (Jo 1,18). Hence only in spirit can he be seen, for it is the spirit that gives life; the flesh has nothing to offer (Jo 6,63). Yet neither is the Son, in as much as he is equal to the Father, seen by anyone other than by the Father, other than by the Holy Spirit. Wherefore, all those who saw the Lord Jesus according to humanity and did not see and believe according to the spirit and the divinity that he is the true Son of God, were condemned. So also now all those who behold the sacrament which is sanctified by the words of the Lord upon the altar at the hand of the priest in the form of bread and wine, and do not see and believe according to the spirit and divinity that it is truly the most holy body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, are condemned.

’This the Most High Himself attests, who says: This is my body and the blood of my New Testament (Mk 14,22-24)

## **For our sake God made him to be sin**

**602** Consequently, St. Peter can formulate the apostolic faith in the divine plan of salvation in this way: “You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your fathers. . . with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was destined before the foundation of the world but was made manifest at the end of the times for your sake.”<sup>402</sup>

and: who feeds on my Flesh and drinks my Blood will have everlasting life (Jo 6,55). Wherefore the spirit of the Lord, who dwells in his faithful ones, He it is who receives the most holy body and blood of the Lord. All others who do not share of that spirit and presume to receive him eat and drink judgment to themselves (1Cor 11,29).

Wherefore, O you sons of men, how long will you be dull of heart? (Ps 4,3). Why do you not recognize the truth and believe in the Son of God (Jo 9,35)? Behold: daily he humbles himself (Phil 2,8) as when from heaven’s royal throne (Wisdom 18,15) he came down into the womb of the Virgin. Daily he himself comes to us with like humility; daily he descends from the bosom of the Father (Jo 1,18; 6,38) upon the altar in the hands of the priest. And as he appeared to the Apostles in true flesh, so now also he shows himself to us in the sacred bread. And as they by their bodily sight saw only his flesh, yet contemplating him with the eyes of the spirit believed him to be very God, so we also, as we see our bodily eyes the bread and wine, are to see and firmly believe that it is his most holy body and blood living and true. And in this way the Lord is always with his faithful, as he himself says: Behold I am with you until the end of the world (Mt 28,20)."

Saint Francis of Assisi, First Admonition.

### Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, You gave us the eucharist as the memorial of your suffering and death. May our worship of this sacrament of your body and blood help us to experience the salvation you won for us and the peace of the kingdom where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

Prepared by the Pontifical Theological Faculty “Saint Bonaventure”.

Friars Minor Conventual

## *Prayer to Jesus Christ for the families of America*

by

*St. Pope John Paul II*

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We thank you, Lord Jesus, because the Gospel of the Father's love, with which you came to save the world, has been proclaimed far and wide in America as a gift of the Holy Spirit that fills us with gladness. We thank you for the gift of your Life, which you have given us by loving us to the end: your Life makes us children of God, brothers and sisters to each other. Increase, O Lord, our faith and our love for you, present in all the tabernacles of the continent. Grant us to be faithful witnesses to your Resurrection for the younger generation of Americans, so that, in knowing you, they may follow you and find in you their peace and joy. Only then will they know that they are brothers and sisters of all God's children scattered throughout the world. You who, in becoming man, chose to belong to a human family, teach families the virtues which filled with light the family home of Nazareth. May families always be united, as you and the Father are one, and may they be living witnesses to love, justice and solidarity; make them schools of respect, forgiveness and mutual help, so that the world may believe; help them to be the source of vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life, and all the other forms of firm Christian commitment. Protect your Church and the Successor of Peter, to whom you, Good Shepherd, have entrusted the task of feeding your flock. Grant that the Church in America may flourish and grow richer in the fruits of holiness. Teach us to love your Mother, Mary, as you loved her. Give us strength to proclaim your word with courage in the work of the new evangelization, so that the world may know new hope. Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of America, pray for us!

*Given at Mexico City, January 22, in the year 1999, the twenty-first of my Pontificate.*

## *Minister's July 2019 Letter to Immaculata Fraternity*

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*We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.*

We are familiar with these words of the Declaration of Independence. As we celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, let us remember that independence comes at a cost and with responsibility. True independence should lead to a sense of freedom and hope. True independence demands that we know Who is our Master, and What He offers to us and does for us. Independence implies that we know the pathway to achieving these unalienable rights. Civil government is one part of this; but in the hierarchy of all things, there is a greater Source of such gifts.

In our Catholic view, such freedom and hope is found only through Christ revealed through the Holy Spirit and Sacred Scriptures. Further, in our Franciscan view, this occurs when we recognize Who has created us and what He has done for us. When we seek to align our life according to this awareness, we gain all freedom, great joy and much hope. In His great love, God created His Son before all things, out of love, to give love to us. He deeply desires to share in our life. The Incarnational and Trinitarian theology of Franciscans reminds us that God loves us above all else. Such love comes to us from the Father Who desires to be with us, no matter what: even if original sin had never occurred. Christ, as Paul tells, us was the Firstborn of the Father. We know that God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are One, communicating with each other with Love and extending to us the gift to join with them in such Love. Our participation in this is the Source of true freedom and hope for us.

In the past few newsletters, I have spoken of the Incarnation and the Trinity. These are the framework of Franciscan Spirituality. I cannot stress this enough to you, Brothers and Sisters. We are called to participate in the very creation of the universe; we are called to engage with the Creator of all. We are invited to the very table with God. We are graced with such love that nowhere else will we find peace, joy, comfort and hope, except in the Trinity.

If there is any call for celebration and for fireworks, it is in this GREAT LOVE that we are given. As you celebrate the independence of our country, ponder on this. We are given great love, we can share in this great love and we can extend this great love to all. Living the gospel life is our call to action but this is possible only because of what God has done for us and what he daily offers to us. Our ongoing conversion demands that we are aware of Who we serve and how we are meant to serve. As Seculars, we are called to be: for our families, our friends, our co-workers. All of our actions should reflect and prioritize this love as we go about our secular activities. Do we accept and manifest this gift of the Incarnation and the Trinity, I wonder?

Blessed 4<sup>th</sup> of July to each of you!  
St Francis of Assisi, pray for us!  
Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!

Peace and All Good,  
Carol Lieser OFS  
Minister, Immaculata.



# Pope Francis'

## MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS

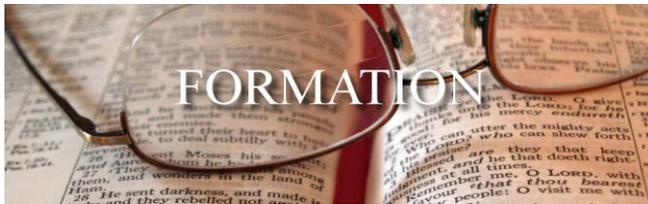
*July*

### The Integrity of Justice

That those who administer justice may work with integrity, and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.

### *We also pray for*

Adele McGookin, for the repose of the soul of Jacqueline V. Sylvester, Fr. Joe Janiszski, T.O.R.; Catherine Khaled, OFS; Joseph, Joycelyn Rose Molitor, and for all special intentions.



### *Sign of Contradiction*

The Fraternity will be presenting a viewing of the movie *Sign of Contradiction*.

This film is about presenting a real person, not just some characterization of an animal loving Saint from a distant time. Francis is a person who, like us, searched for purpose and meaning and was often times left empty. It wasn't until he encountered Christ that darkness and confusion were replaced with light and peace.

Our goal is for those who watch the film to be inspired by the life of St. Francis and desire to live for God as he did, as a *Sign of Contradiction*. Ultimately, this film is about conversion, his and ours!

<https://www.signofcontradiction.com/>

# Fraternity Happenings

*Down the Road!*

July 7 Fraternity Meeting  
August 4 Fraternity Meeting  
September 1 Fraternity Meeting

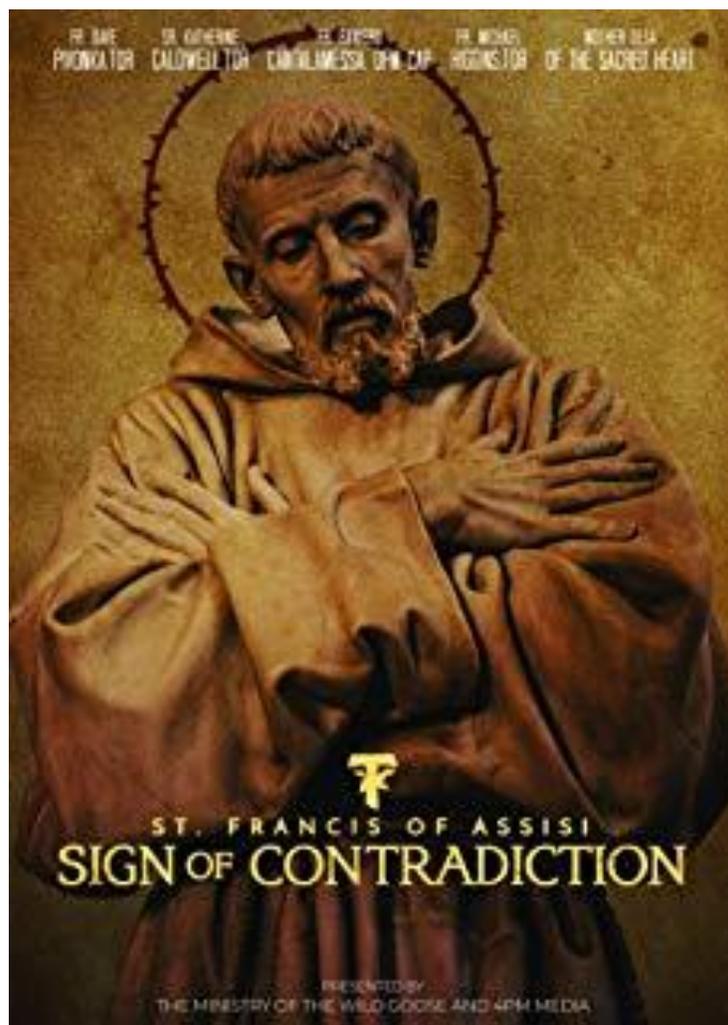
## July Feast Days

- Saint Junipero Serra**, priest, I Order  
OFM Optional Memorial  
OFM in USA: Memorial
- Saint Elizabeth of Portugal**, queen, III Order  
III Order: Optional Memorial
- Blessed Gregory Grassi**, bishop, and companions, martyrs in China, I and III Order  
OFM: Optional Memorial
- Saints Nicholas Pieck, Willehad**, priests, and companions, martyrs in Holland, I Order, OFM: Optional Memorial
- Saint Veronica Giuliani**, virgin, II Order  
OFM Cap, Cap II Order: FEAST
- Saints John Jones and John Wall**, priests, martyrs in England, I Order, OFM: Optional Memorial
- Blessed Angelina of Marsciano**, religious founder, III Order  
III Order: Optional Memorial  
**Blessed Emmanuel Ruiz**, priest, and companions, martyrs of Damascus in Syria, I Order  
OFM: Optional Memorial
- Saint Francis Solano**, priest, I Order [Outside USA]  
OFM: Optional Memorial
- SAINT BONAVENTURE**, bishop, doctor of the Church, I Order  
All Families
- Saint Francis Solano**, priest I Order [USA]  
OFM: Optional Memorial
- Saint Simon of Lypnica**, priest, I Order  
OFM Optional Memorial
- Saint John of Dukla**, priest, I Order  
OFM: Optional Memorial
- Saint Lawrence of Brindisi**, priest, doctor of the Church, I Order  
OFM Cap: FEAST
- Saint Kinga**, religious, II Order  
II Order: Optional Memorial
- Blessed Louise of Savoy**, Religious, II Order  
II Order: Optional Memorial
- Blessed Antonio Lucci**, Bishop, I Order  
OFM Conv: Optional Memorial
- Blessed Mary Magdalene Martinengo**, virgin, II Order  
OFM Cap, II Order: Optional Memorial
- Blessed Mary Teresa Kowalska**, Virgin, martyr, II Order  
OFM Cap: Optional Memorial

For those of you reading this edition of *Fraternity Reflections* on our webpage or through Facebook, and feel called to the Franciscan way, please contact us at: [carol.lieser@gmail.com](mailto:carol.lieser@gmail.com) and we'll be glad to direct you in the best possible way, rather it be in the Order of Secular Franciscans or in a Franciscan Religious Vocation. We'd also invite you to come to the Immaculata Fraternity meetings. *Please Note: In discerning a life with us, you must be a member of the Catholic Church in good standing and in a spirit of unity.* *We look forward to meeting you!*

# IMMACULATA FRATERNITY MOVIE MATINEE

*PRESENTING*



**Good Shepherd Parish  
Colleyville, Texas**

**Sunday, July 7, 2019  
2:00pm – 4:00pm**