



*Saint Clare Fraternity
Los Tres Compañeros Region
Ordo Franciscanus Saecularis*



The Clarion

APRIL 2017

WELCOME NEW CANDIDATES – MARCH 12, 2017



Welcoming our newest candidates Jackie Berry, Maria Garza, Diana Gutierrez Pierson and Mike Pierson – *Rite of Admission* – Sunday March 12, 2017

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

What a special month we have upcoming ~ Holy Week, Easter Sunday, and Divine Mercy Sunday.

Our Lord told St. Sr. Faustina He wanted the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday. There are great graces given. We start on Good Friday with the nine-day Novena of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, on Mercy Sunday we attend Holy Mass and after receiving Holy Communion we ask Our Lord for His Mercy, we venerate the Divine Mercy image, and by the usual conditions of confession, and prayers for the Holy Father we can obtain a plenary indulgence. What a gift!

We hope you will be able to come to the Divine Mercy Holy Hour in our chapel from 3 to 4 p.m. At our regular meeting (which happens to be on Palm Sunday) we look forward to Chuck's presentation on Daily Conversion to Christ.

Have a blessed Holy Week, joyful Easter Sunday, and a special Divine Mercy Sunday. Let us keep each other in prayer. Pax et bonum, Sue

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Regular Meetings - Second Sunday of the Month – Starting at 2 pm in the St Francis Village Chapel
Please feel free to bring a snack – if you are not able – come anyway as there is always plenty.
Council Meetings – Second Sunday of the Month – Starting at 12:30 pm in the St Francis Village TV Room
Formation Meetings – Second & Third Saturdays of the Month – Starting at 10 am in St Francis Village Dining Room



THE SOUNDS OF HOLY WEEK – *Friar William DeBiase, OFM*

Simple sounds have a voice of their own, no need for words. Sounds penetrating the silence tell their own story. Sometimes a happy story, a child laughing; it may be a sad story, weeping. Hope may come into a heart engulfed in the darkness of despair by a wordless sound. All of these find flesh in the sounds of Holy Week. We listen in the silence to these sounds. The mystery unfolds in the depth of that silence.

The “Hosannas” of Palm Sunday have changed into the “Crucify him!” of Good Friday. The sounds of jubilation at welcoming the King have been silenced. How quickly sounds change, an autumn sky.

The whip whistling through the air and hitting the bare flesh.

Fresh stripes, more blood, it is our pain that makes the sound travel, no longer from the whipping post to ear, now the sound is a blanket capturing all in the pain of who they are.



Holy Week speaks to us about silent sounds. The sounds that travel mysteriously between hearts – between hearts so finely attuned to each other that words would only be a barrier. He looks at his mother through the blood of the thorned brow. She gazes at her son through tearful eyes. They speak to one another in the silent sound which only silence can hear. The sound of their shared silence makes them one.

Another sound, weeping women.

Through his own pain He hears their pain. Their sound opens the door to forgetting his own pain. Maybe this is the mystery of looking at others brings a freedom which we could never expect or even hope for.

The thud of the hammer, hammering, hammering the nails.

Each thud is another nail being hammered into her heart. She becomes deaf to the sound as the pain increases. The sounds of the nails have forged a union between her son and herself that goes beyond time.

It is finished.”

The worded sound coming from the depth of who he is. His task is finished. He has done what the father had willed for him, Only the sound of his mother and some other women weeping break the holy silence.

It will soon be Sunday morning. Women have come to the tomb to prepare his body. They are startled. The sound of running feet. A new sound fills the air. A sound which will never stop.

A sound which fills the universe: ***The Lord is Risen!***

This week's #FriarFriday reflection is by Friar William DeBiase, OFM. A missionary to Japan for 28 years and to the Holy Land for two years, Br. William now lives at [St. Francis Inn](#), a soup kitchen in the Kensington neighborhood of Philadelphia, Pa., and works part-time as a chaplain at a local hospital. (March 25, 2016)

<https://usfranciscans.org/2016/03/25/friarfriday-sounds-holy-week/>

#Friar Friday is a weekly Franciscan reflection from usfranciscans.org



Jesus, the Passion, and the Garden of Gethsemane – *Franciscan Media*

We speak of one section of the Gospels, that which narrates Jesus's life from the Last Supper until his death and burial, as chronicling his "passion." On Good Friday, the lector begins the Gospel reading with the words: "The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John."

Why do we call Jesus's suffering just before his death his passion?

Generally, this is not properly understood. We tend to think that passion here refers to intense sufferings, as in "passionate suffering." This is not wrong, but it misses a key point. Passion comes from the Latin *passio* meaning passiveness, non-activity, absorbing something more than actively doing anything.

The "passion" of Jesus refers to that time in his life where his meaning for us is not defined by what he was doing but rather by what was being done to him. What is being said here?

The public life and ministry of Jesus can be divided into two distinct parts: Scholars estimate that Jesus spent about three years preaching and teaching before being put to death. For most of that time—in fact, for all of it except the last day—he was very much the doer: in command, the active one, teaching, healing, performing miracles, giving counsel, eating with sinners, debating with church authorities, and generally, by activities of every sort, inviting his contemporaries into the life of God. And he was busy. He is described at times as being so pressured by people that he didn't even have time to eat. For almost all of his public life Jesus was actively doing something.

However, from the moment he walks out of the Last Supper room and begins to pray in Gethsemane, all that activity stops. He is no longer the one who is doing things for others, but the one who is having things done to him. In the garden, they arrest him, bind his hands, lead him to the high priest, then take him to Pilate. He is beaten, humiliated, stripped of his clothes, and eventually nailed to a cross where he dies. This constitutes his "passion," that time in his life and ministry where he ceases to be the doer and becomes the one who has things done to him.

What is so remarkable about this is that our faith teaches us that we are saved more through Jesus's passion (his death and suffering) than through all of his activity of preaching and doing miracles. How does this work?

[The above is an excerpt from Franciscan Media – for the rest of the article – please go to the following link:](https://www.franciscanmedia.org/jesus-the-passion-and-the-garden-of-gethsemane/)

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Ronald Rolheiser, a Roman Catholic priest with the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, is an internationally renowned speaker and spiritual writer. His award-winning weekly column, "In Exile," is carried by more than 70 newspapers. He is the author of seven books, including the The Passion and the Cross (Franciscan Media) ISBN: 9781616368128.



FOCUS FOR THE MONTH - *The Examen*

The Daily Examen is a technique of prayerful reflection on the events of the day in order to detect God's presence and discern his direction for us. The Examen is an ancient practice in the Church that can help us see God's hand at work in our whole experience.

The method presented here is adapted from a technique described by Ignatius Loyola in his *Spiritual Exercises*. St. Ignatius thought that the Examen was a gift that came directly from God, and that God wanted it to be shared as widely as possible. One of the few rules of prayer that Ignatius made for the Jesuit order was the requirement that [Jesuits](#) practice the Examen twice daily—at noon and at the end of the day. It's a habit that Jesuits, and many other Christians, practice to this day.

This is a version of the five-step Daily Examen that St. Ignatius practiced.

1. **Become aware of God's presence.**
2. **Review the day with gratitude.**
3. **Pay attention to your emotions.**
4. **Choose one feature of the day and pray from it.**
5. **Look toward tomorrow.**

Additional Links to info on the Examen:

[Praying the Examen](#)

<http://www.diocese.cc/upload/images/originals/Examens070510A.pdf>

[How to Make the Examen Part of Your Day](#)

<http://www.ignatianspirituality.com/ignatian-prayer/the-examen#examen-part-of-your-day>

[Variations on the Examen](#)

<http://www.ignatianspirituality.com/ignatian-prayer/the-examen#variations>

[Reflections on Praying the Examen](#)

<http://www.ignatianspirituality.com/ignatian-prayer/the-examen#reflections>

[Handouts on the Examen](#)

<http://www.ignatianspirituality.com/19076/examen-prayer-card>

Franciscan Connections

NATIONAL FRATERNITY SFO

<https://www.nafra-sfo.org/>

LOS TRES CAMPAÑEROS REGIONAL

<http://lostrescompaneros.org/>

INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY

<http://www.ciofs.org/>

FRANCISCAN RULE

<https://www.nafra-sfo.org/OFSrule.html>

GENERAL CONSTITUTIONS

<https://www.nafra-sfo.org/GC2000.doc>

NAFRA STATUTES

https://www.nafra-sfo.org/OFS_National_Statutes_FINAL_07_24_13_OFS_withSignatures.pdf

NAFRA GUIDELINES

<https://www.nafra-sfo.org/NationalOFSGuidelines/>

TAU – USA (WINTER 2016)

https://www.nafra-sfo.org/tau-usa/articles/winter16/Issue_Num_90_winter_16.pdf

ALL THINGS FRANCISCAN

http://www.dmoz.org/Society/Religion_and_Spirituality/Christianity/People/Saints/F/Saint_Francis_of_Assisi/

THE FRANCISCAN ARCHIVE

<https://franciscan-archive.org/index2.html>

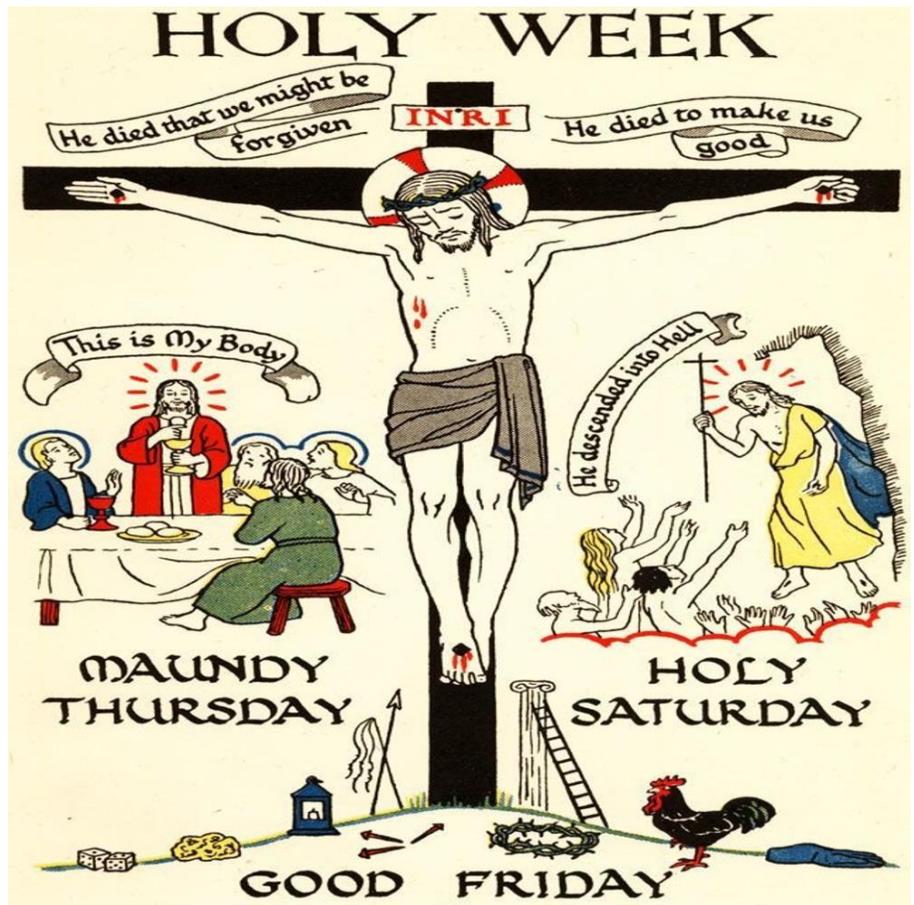
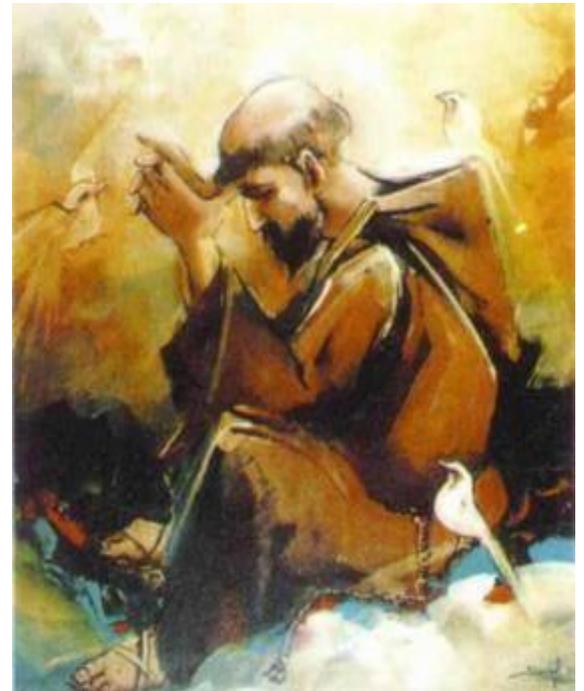


PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK

- Margaret Aldrich
- Richard Block
- Chuck Brewer
- Dayle Brewer
- Howard Covey
- Fr. Ricardo Duffy
- Ann Felton
- Frances Hudson
- Al Kelsey
- Br. Lester Kochlin
- Jo Kuffel
- Fr. Lambert Leykam
- Fr. Bob Leonhardt
- Ellie Markovich
- Mary Mazotti
- Bob Palmer
- Diana Gutierrez Pierson
- Hulda Sellingsloh
- Vickie Stanford
- Vince Staszak
- Carol Sweeney
- Betty Tighe
- Louise Traylor, and
- Mary Wallace.

ALSO PLEASE
REMEMBER

Catherine Khalid is in Waterford Nursing Home, 6799 Granbury Road And Francis Hudson is in Garden Terrace, 7500 Oakmont.



Franciscan Calendar – April – Month of the Holy Spirit

- 01. Saint Hugh of Grenoble
- 02. Saint Francis of Paola
- 03. Saint Benedict the African
- 04. Saint Isidore of Seville
- 05. Saint Vincent Ferrer
- 06. Saint Crescentia Hoess
- 07. Saint John Baptist de la Salle
- 08. Saint Julie Billiart

Formation Meeting – Dining Room @ 10 am

- 09. Saint Casilda

Council Meeting – TV Room @ 12:30 pm

Fraternity Meeting – Chapel @ 2 pm

- 10. Saint Magdalen of Canossa
- 11. Saint Stanislaus
- 12. Saint Teresa of Los Andes
- 13. Saint Martin I
- 14. Blessed Peter Gonzalez
- 15. Blessed Caesar de Bus

Formation Meeting – Dining Room @ 10 am

- 16. Saint Bernadette Soubirous
- 17. Saint Benedict Joseph Labre
- 18. Blessed James Oldo
- 19. Saint Gianna Beretta Molla
- 20. Saint Conrad of Parham
- 21. Saint Anselm
- 22. Saint Adalbert of Prague
- 23. Saint George
- 24. Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen
- 25. Saint Mark
- 26. Saint Pedro de San José Betancur
- 27. Saint Louis Grignon de Montfort
- 28. Saint Peter Chanel
- 29. Saint Catherine of Siena
- 30. Saint Pius V



CANDIDATES (GRP #1)

The Candidates next formation class will be Sat April 8, at 10 AM in the dining room. We will be reviewing two chapters in the Franciscan Journey book - Chapters 24-25 - The Gift of Work, and In their Family - pages 258-268.

NEW CANDIDATES (GRP #2)

The Candidates next formation class will be Sat April 15, at 10 AM in the dining room. We will be reviewing Chapter 11, The SFO Rule beginning on page 122 in the Franciscan Journey book.

WELCOME

Welcome those folks from St Frances Cabrini, Granbury who are currently starting Orientation. God bless you all as you start your Franciscan journey and discernment.

<u>PROFESSION ANNIVERSARIES</u>	
Susan Bedard	4/20
Carmine Esposito	4/03
Lucy Esposito	4/03
Bob Evart	4/03
Eleanor Markovich	4/14
Craig McAlister	4/03
Gail McAlister	4/03
Vince Staszak	4/14
Betty Tighe	4/14

Most High, glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my heart and give me true faith, certain hope, and perfect charity, sense and knowledge, Lord, that I may carry out Your holy and true command. ~ Saint Francis' Prayer before the Crucifix

