



Saint Clare Fraternity



The Clarion

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MINISTER'S MESSAGE



"The local fraternity becomes the basic unit of the whole Order and a visible sign of the Church, the community of love. This should be the privileged place for developing a sense of Church and the Franciscan vocation and for enlivening the apostolic life of its members." From the Rule, article 22.

Brothers and Sisters, as I read this article of the Rule, it reminds me that our fraternity is the foundation for our Franciscan life and journey. As Franciscans we are called to be in community and not to be isolated and separated from our fellow Franciscans. While we are not a support group, we support each other. Each of us brings a special talent/gift to our fraternity. It's the reason it's important to attend meetings on a regular basis (barring extenuating circumstances). Our body becomes whole when we are all together!

I am also excited that our fraternity is going through a growth spurt. The Holy Spirit is leading interested individuals to explore the Franciscan life. At the recent "Come and See" in Granbury, 15 individuals attended the meeting with 12 making a commitment to begin Orientation. Once entering the Inquiry stage, these individuals will be encouraged to attend regular Fraternity meetings, further expanding our family and talent base.

Please keep all our Candidates and potential Candidates in your prayers for the Holy Spirit to guide them with discernment as they continue their Franciscan Journey.

Pax et Bonum,
Carmine



*" We have
been called to
heal wounds,
to unite
what has
fallen apart,
and to bring
home those
who have lost
their way."*

—

**St. Francis
of Assisi**

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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

MONTH OF THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life, but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. St. Paul warns us that we must not be ignorant concerning the dead, nor sorrowful, "even as others who have no hope ... For the Lord Himself shall come down from heaven ... and the dead who are in Christ shall rise.

The Church has always taught us to pray for those who have gone into eternity. Even in the Old Testament prayers and alms were offered for the souls of the dead by those who thought "well and religiously concerning the resurrection." It was believed that "they who had fallen asleep with godliness had great grace laid up for them" and that "it is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins." We know that a defiled soul cannot enter into heaven.

Excerpted from *Liturgical Meditations*, The Sisters of St. Dominic

Duration of Purgatory

Purgatory is not eternal. Its duration varies according to the sentence pronounced at each particular judgment. It may be prolonged for centuries in the case of the more guilty souls, or of those who, being excluded from the Catholic communion, are deprived of the suffrages of the Church, although by the divine mercy they have escaped hell. But the end of the world, which will be also the end of time, will close forever the place of temporary expiation. God will know how to reconcile His justice and His goodness in the purification of the last members of the human race, and to supply by the intensity of the expiatory suffering what may be wanting in duration. But, whereas a favorable sentence at the particular judgment admits of eternal beatitude being suspended and postponed, and leaves the bodies of the elect to the same fate as those of the reprobate; at the universal judgment, every sentence, whether for heaven or for hell, will be absolute, and will be executed immediately and completely.

EXCERPTS FROM https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/11_1.cfm

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of November 2018

In Service of Peace: That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.



FOCUS FOR THE MONTH – SOULS IN PURGATORY

Offering Prayers and Sacrifices

The Church Suffering and the Church Militant constitute in their relations a second circle of most vital activities. Having entered into the night "wherein no man can work," the Suffering Church cannot ripen to its final blessedness by any efforts of its own, but only through the help of others—through the intercessory prayers and sacrifices (*suffragia*) of those living members of the Body of Christ who being still in this world are able in the grace of Christ to perform expiatory works. The Church has from the earliest times faithfully guarded the words of Scripture that it is a holy and a wholesome thing to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins. [2 Macab. 12, 43] The suppliant cry of her liturgy: "Eternal rest give to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them," can be heard already in the Acts of the martyrdom of SS. Perpetua and Felicitas (A.D. 203) and is represented in numerous sepulchral inscriptions of the most ancient period, while theologians and Fathers of the Church, beginning with Tertullian, have supplied its substantial proof. . . . So fundamental indeed and so natural to man's hope and desire and love is this belief, that historians of religion have discovered it among almost all non-Christian civilized peoples: a striking illustration of Tertullian's saying that the human soul is naturally Christian.

The Catholic, therefore, is jealous to expiate and suffer for the "poor souls," especially by offering the Eucharistic Sacrifice, wherein Christ's infinite expiation on the Cross is sacramentally represented, and stimulating and joining itself with the expiatory works of the faithful, passes to the Church Suffering according to the measure determined by God's wisdom and mercy.

— Karl Adam

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Franciscan Connections

NATIONAL FRATERNITY SFO

<https://secularfranciscansusa.org/>

LOS TRES CAMPAÑEROS REGIONAL

<http://lostrescompaneros.org/>

INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY

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

FRANCISCAN RULE

<https://secularfranciscansusa.org/the-rule-of-the-secular-franciscan-order/>

GENERAL CONSTITUTIONS

<https://secularfranciscansusa.org/the-general-constitutions-of-the-secular-franciscan-order-2000/>

NAFRA STATUTES

https://secularfranciscansusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/OFS_National_Statutes_FINAL_07_24_13_OFS_withSignatures.pdf

NAFRA JPIC

<https://secularfranciscansusa.org/jpic/>

TAU – USA (SPRING 2018)

https://secularfranciscansusa.org/wp-content/uploads/Tau_USA_094_spr_18.pdf (National site not updated yet)

VOX FRANCISCANA (WINTER 2017/18)

http://www.ciofs.org/portal/images/Circ_PDF/VoxFranciscana/EN-Vox-Franciscana-Winter-2017-2018.pdf

THE FRANCISCAN ARCHIVE

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



Franciscan Calendar – November – Souls in Purgatory

01. Solemnity of All Saints
02. Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
03. Saint Martin de Porres
04. Saint Charles Borromeo
05. Venerable Solanus Casey
06. Saint Nicholas Tavelic and Companions
07. Saint Didacus
08. Blessed John Duns Scotus
09. Dedication of St. John Lateran
10. Saint Leo the Great

Orientation Meeting – Granbury @ 7 pm

11. Saint Martin of Tours

Council Meeting – TV Room @ 12:30 pm

Fraternity Meeting – Chapel @ 2 pm

12. Saint Josaphat
13. Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini
14. Saint Gertrude the Great
15. Saint Albert the Great
16. Saint Margaret of Scotland
17. Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

Formation Meeting – Dining Room @ 10 am

18. Dedication of Churches of Saints Peter and Paul
19. Saint Agnes of Assisi
20. Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne
21. Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
22. Saint Cecilia
23. Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro
24. Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions
25. Saint Catherine of Alexandria

**26. Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe, Solemnity**

27. Saint Francesco Antonio Fasani
28. Saint James of the Marche
29. Saint Clement
30. Saint Andrew



GRANBURY ORIENTATION

The Orientation class will be Tue November 6, at 7 PM in the Family Life Center – Youth Room.

CANDIDATES (GRP #2)

The Inquirers first formation class will be Sat November 10, at 10 AM in the dining room.

CANDIDATES (GRP #1)

The Candidates next formation class will be Sat November 20, at 10 AM in the dining room.



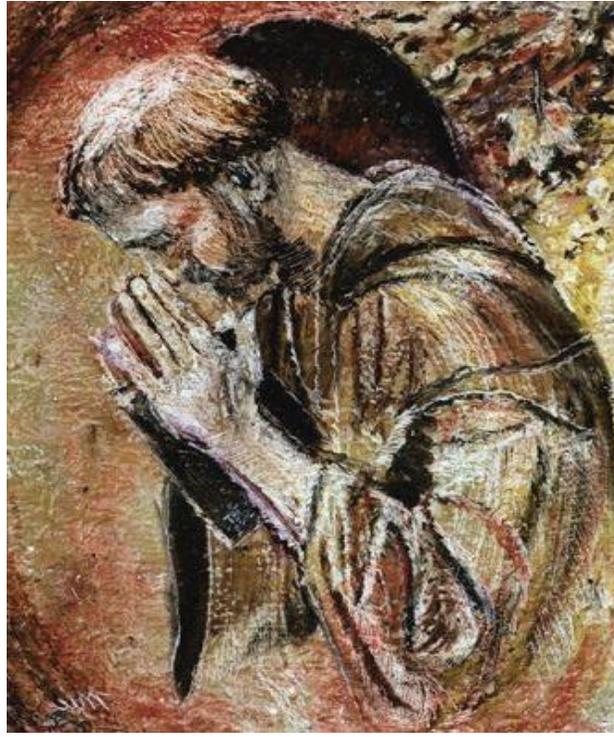
**Most High, Glorious God, enlighten the darkness in our minds.
Give us a right faith, a firm hope and a perfect charity, so that we may always
and in all things act according to Your Holy Will. Amen - St. Francis**

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PRAYERS FOR THE MONTH

Please remember all of our fraternity members in your prayers; for all those that are sick; for all those that are in need; for all those that are traveling for a safe journey there and back; for all those that may be conversing with Sister Death; for all those that are dealing with crisis and suffering in their lives; for all of the intentions we hold deep within our hearts; for all our loved ones and for all the souls in purgatory; for our communities; country and our world – may we add these to our prayers throughout the month.



IN MEMORY OF SISTER PEARL GREEDA

WHO EMBRACED SISTER DEATH ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2018. MAY SHE BE ENJOYING THE EVERLASTING JOY OF THE BEATIFIC VISION AND WORSHIPING THE TRINITY WITH ST FRANCIS AND ST CLARE AND ALL THE SAINTS AND ANGELS. PEACE AND ALL GOOD TO HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS REMAINING HERE TO COMPLETE THEIR MISSIONS.

The Admonitions of St. Francis

Translated from the Critical Latin Edition, edited by Fr. Kajetan Esser, O.F.M.

Chapter XXIV. On true love

Blessed (is) the servant, who would love (dilectio) his own brother as much, when he is infirm to the point that he cannot repay him, as when he is a healthy (brother), who can repay him.

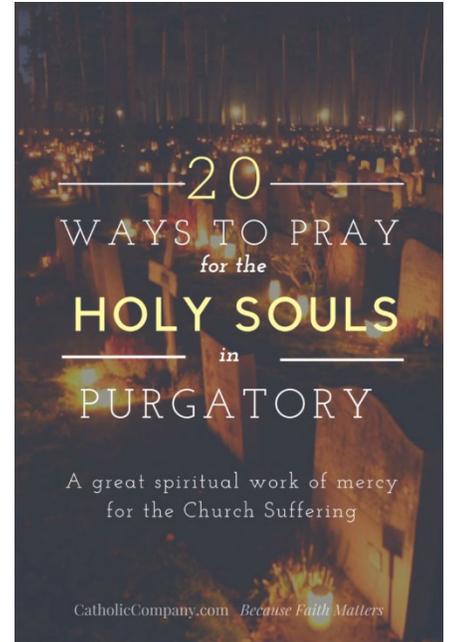
True humility - Here Francis asks us to go beyond roles, to never lose relationships of brotherhood despite what offices we may have or not have. Part of being faithful to Penance is the desire to be amended. Recognition of one's fault must be total. How is this shown in this text and what is the way this can be realized concretely?



20 WAYS TO PRAY FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

From an article by [Gretchen Filz](#), - © 2017 The Catholic Company

1. Pray the [Novena to the Holy Souls](#).
2. Offer up your Holy Communion for the souls in purgatory.
3. Have Masses said for your departed loved ones, especially on the anniversary of their death.
4. Pray [The Way Of The Cross for Souls in Purgatory](#).
5. Pray the special [Holy Souls Rosary](#). After the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Holy Rosary is the most powerful prayer.
6. Obtain indulgences: Indulgences reduce or cancel the temporal punishment that we incur through sin.
7. Give alms: The giving of material assistance to the poor has always been considered a penance that can be offered for the Holy Souls. *"For almsgiving saves from death and purges away every sin"* (Tobit 12:9).
8. Pray the [Divine Mercy Chaplet](#) for the intention of the Holy Souls.
9. [Prayer of St. Gertrude for the Holy Souls](#): this prayer is attributed to St. Gertrude the Great and was the prayer by which she obtained the release of many souls from purgatory.
10. Sprinkle [holy water](#) on the ground: St. John Macias, a great friend of those in purgatory, would often sprinkle holy water on the ground for the spiritual benefit of the suffering souls.
11. When passing by a cemetery, pray the short Eternal Rest prayer. This prayer carries a partial indulgence applicable to the poor souls: ***"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let the perpetual light shine upon them. And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."***
12. Practice the tradition of praying the Eternal Rest prayer (above) before and after your meals as an easy way to remember to pray for the holy souls every day. You can also pray the prayer between the decades of your daily rosary.
13. Visit a cemetery: Pray over the graves of your departed loved ones, or visit a random graveyard and pray for those who may have no one to pray for them. Simply doing this gains a partial indulgence for those in purgatory.* While you're there, sprinkle holy water on the graves. If you make this visit during the first eight days of the month dedicated to the Holy Souls (November 1-8) you can gain a plenary indulgence applicable to the souls in purgatory.
14. Eucharistic Adoration: visit the Blessed Sacrament to make acts of reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on behalf of those in purgatory.
15. Sacrifices: practice small acts of self-denial throughout your day and offer these penances up for the poor souls.
16. Pray the Office of the Dead. You can find this in your volume of the *Liturgy of the Hours*.
17. Ask for the intercession of saints who were known to be great friends of the Holy Souls during their lifetime to join you in prayer for the faithful departed: St. Nicholas of Tolentino, St. Gertrude the Great, St. Catherine of Genoa, St. Padre Pio, St. Philip Neri, St. John Macias, St. Faustina Kowalska, St. Joseph, Our Lady, and others.
18. Special prayers: Throughout your day, offer up short and spontaneous prayers (ejaculatory prayers) for the holy souls. Consider buying [purgatory books](#) with more prayers and special devotions for the Holy Souls.
19. Repent of your offenses against God and go to confession: Confessing your own sins makes your prayers for souls of others more effective.
20. Spread devotion to the Holy Souls: Make others aware of the great need these suffering souls have for our prayers.



The Holidays are coming and many of us may be approached by people trying to get money from us – Below is an article that has helpful hints on how to protect yourself

How to avoid becoming a scam victim

Criminals prey on fear and ignorance to pull off fraudulent schemes.

By Drew Adamek - September 1, 2018

The [IRS impersonation scam](#) seems implausibly successful for the criminals. The premise of the scheme is dubious on its face: The IRS is demanding payment in gift cards for back taxes under the threat of immediate arrest. And yet thousands of Americans were conned out of millions of dollars. Why?

Schemes like this work because the scammer's aggressive, high-pressure tactics create what Amy Nofziger, regional director with the AARP Fraud Watch Network, calls "the emotional ether," a reactive emotional state of heightened fear and anxiety that short-circuits logical thinking.

Then -TIGTA Deputy Inspector General Timothy Camus describes this state in recent congressional testimony: "A senior citizen located in Florida who was so frightened by the impersonators that, following their directions, he immediately drove to his local Walmart, while remaining on the phone with them. During the drive, he crashed his vehicle and continued on foot in order to obtain a MoneyGram payment as demanded by the impersonators."

"You're thinking with your emotions," Nofziger said. "Once you're out of that emotional ether and start thinking cognitively, you're like, 'Wait a second, this doesn't make sense.'"

Along with awareness of fraudulent schemes, fraud prevention experts offer the following advice that CPAs' clients can use to avoid falling under the "emotional ether" of scammers:

Don't pick up - Never answer a call from an unknown number. Don't worry; important callers will leave a message. "Any time you pick up your phone to someone who you do not know, you are opening yourself up to their scams, to their ploy," Nofziger said.

Hang up - Spoofed calls may trick you into answering the phone. Don't panic if you do answer a suspicious call, Camus said. "The easiest way, and one of our mantras throughout this, was, if anyone called you out of the blue and demands money and threatens you, just hang up the phone," Camus said. "It's a scam."

Never offer information to a stranger - If you are caught on the phone with a suspected scammer, don't help him or her out. Scammers often exploit Americans' fear and distrust of authority figures to con victims, but government agencies never call demanding information or payment, according to Marti DeLiema, Ph.D., a fraud prevention researcher at the Stanford Center on Longevity.

"Don't give any personal information to anyone who calls you. Never give money to people that you don't know," DeLiema said. "I can't recall any scams where they met face-to-face. There is always some remote element."

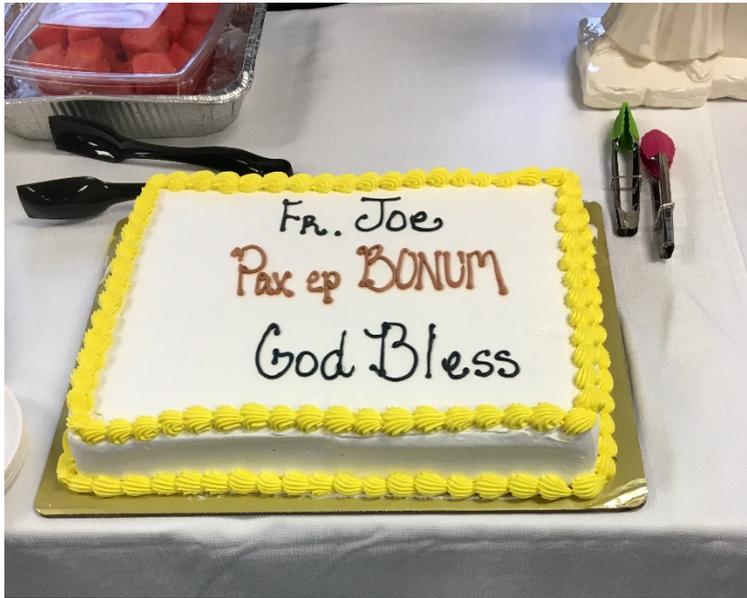
Check in with authorities - if you do receive a suspicious call, hang up and call the IRS directly. Even if you know you're in the clear, letting authorities know about an attempted scam will help them monitor and prevent future schemes.

Journal of Accountancy Excerpt https://www.journalofaccountancy.com/issues/2018/sep/avoid-becoming-a-scam-victim.html?utm_source=mnl:cpald&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=27Sep2018

FOR THOSE WHO MISSED OCTOBER FORMATION – YOU CAN VIEW THE MOVIE AT
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Saint Francis of Assisi's Prayer of Thanksgiving

You are holy, Lord, the only God, and Your deeds are wonderful.
You are strong. You are great. You are the Most High. You are Almighty.

You, Holy Father are King of heaven and earth.

You are Three and One, Lord God, all Good.

You are Good, all Good, supreme Good, Lord God, living and true.
You are love. You are wisdom. You are humility. You are endurance.

You are rest. You are peace. You are joy and gladness.

You are justice and moderation.

You are all our riches, and You suffice for us.

You are beauty. You are gentleness. You are our protector.

You are our guardian and defender.

You are our courage. You are our haven and our hope.

You are our faith, our great consolation.

You are our eternal life, Great and Wonderful Lord,
God Almighty, Merciful Saviour.

