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MINISTERS CORNER

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WHAT IS A SERVANT LEADER

A Secular Franciscan Servant Leader:

- +Demonstrates spiritual and psychological maturity
- +Shows respect for every member of the fraternity
- +Demonstrates the Franciscan charism by their actions
- +Is compassionate and just
- +Is humble and open to the wisdom of others
- +Is willing to collaborate with and EMPOWER others
- +Possesses good communication skills
- +Is willing and able to share necessary information with the entire fraternity

Talents of Servant Leader:

- Is willing to accept new ideas as suggested by members of the fraternity
- Is able to communicate a sense of ownership and accountability to fraternity members—collaboration and teamwork (develops commitment)
- Is able to develop new leaders while leading
- Is able to focus and mobilize the energy of the fraternity
- Possesses communication skills that pull the fraternity together

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Council Meetings

First Saturday of each month

Fraternity meetings – Third Sunday of each month 1:30 PM

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month

Week of Christian Unity – January 18-25, 2020

St. Bernadette Soubirous, January 18th, cordbearer, d. 1879 Plenary Indulgence possible for the Cordbearers only

St. Margaret of Cortona January 21st, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1297, Plenary Indulgence possible (renewal of engagements of the Franciscan Third Order Secular)

Fat Tuesday/Strove Tuesday/Mardi Gras - February 25, 2020

First Day of Lent – Ash Wednesday- February 26, 2020

Saint Joseph, March 19th Holy Day of Obligation for the Church

“PREACH THE GOSPEL EVERY DAY

WHEN NECESSARY, USE WORDS”

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WINTER BRINGS ON GREAT OPPORTUNITIES TO BE THE LIGHT OF THE LORD

The month of January we celebrate Week of Christian Unity. In the Northern Hemisphere it begins on January 18 the Feast of The Chair of Peter and ends on January 25, the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul. It is these two men who through their actions helped define Christianity. The examples of these two Apostles guide us as to the actions we are to continue to demonstrate today to those we encounter.

Through this week of Christian Unity, we have an opportunity to showplace who we are as Catholics and Christians, to other denominations. Whether we host an event in our own parishes or attend as a guest at another church. This is a time when we can express ourselves through the lives we live as Franciscans in Christ. We can be a beacon, illuminating God within us to those we encounter. Whether through conversation, or hospitality, we have an opportunity to engage in or participate in Apostolic Action.

Apostolic Action is not Christian Action. It is an action that brings God's love to a person, event, wherever we are present. Being a Christian without action is not being Christian. Apostolic Action is the perfection of our Piety in communicating the Grace we receive from God to others.

During the Week of Christian Unity, is an opportune time to hone our skills. The topic is Jesus.

As we go into the winter season, the season of Christmas, which has preceded on the calendar, actually continues into January and renewal through Lent. Advent was the anticipation of Christ's arrival. At Christmas, Jesus was born. He has arrived to be our Savior. Christmas season ends with the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist.

Gospel of Matthew 3:1-12, John the Baptist tells us to do more. "Even now the axe lies next to the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire..." This is our opportunity to cleanse ourselves. Lent approaches on February 26th. Lent is the time for prayer, penance and pilgrimage. Work on our daily conversion to be more like Christ and less like us. As we do this for ourselves, let us also as John the Baptist did, perform Apostolic Actions to incorporate Jesus into our daily lives. We are to live lives that truly illuminate Jesus to other people. Jesus is here as our Savior. Let us embody him.

St Francis of Assisi said, "A man's knowledge is revealed by his actions. The words of a Religious must be supported by his own deeds, for the test of the tree is in its fruit."

And as in Matthew 5:15 "Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house."

So, as the darker and colder winter days pass on and lead to spring let us be the lamp of light to those around us.

Have a warm and comforting winter as we prepare for the rebirth of Spring and Resurrection of Jesus in the Spring.

GOSPEL TO LIFE

LIFE TO GOSPEL



LIVING OUT THE LARCUM COVENANT -By Vanessa A Nemara OFS



*At Pulpit Bishop Humphrey
Sitting from left to right Bishop Burbidge,
Catholic Bishop of Arlington Diocese,
Bishop Knestout, Catholic Bishop Richmond Diocese,
Bishop Mangass, Bishop Episcopal Diocese
of Southern Virginia*



*Bishop Humphrey
Bishop of Virginia
Synod ELCA*



*Bishop Knestout
Diocese of Richmond*

On November 22-23, 2019 the annual state summit on the LARCUM (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and United Methodist) Ecumenism Conference met to unite in fellowship and to prepare for the Week of Christian Unity January 18-25, 2020. The summit was hosted by volunteers of the Christian Ecumenical Network also known as CENet. The keynote speaker was Fr. Jim Loughren of the Friars of the Atonement. Fr Loughren is the Director of Graymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute, a ministry of Franciscan Friars of the Atonement at the Interchurch Center in New York City and at Graymoor, Garrison, NY, the motherhouse of the Friars.

Each year the summit is held in another Virginia City. This year it was held in Virginia Beach, VA and hosted by Holy Spirit Church and sponsored by Holy Apostles Church. Holy Apostles was founded in 1977 by the Bishops of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond and the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia to be a unique community of Roman Catholics and Episcopalians. Holy Apostles is a living symbol of ecumenism where interfaith families can worship together.

At the summit on Friday evening representing the inter-religiosity of the summit were Bishop Burbidge, Bishop of Diocese of Arlington, Bishop Knestout, Bishop of Diocese of Richmond, both Roman Catholic denominations, Bishop Humphrey, Bishop of the Lutheran denomination and Bishop Magness of the Episcopal denomination



Friday evening was opened with some welcoming words by Fr. Loughren giving some background on the Week of Christian Unity which was followed by an interfaith prayer service and hymns. Saturday morning the attendees joined in Morning Prayer services and hymns and closed with Midday Prayer Service and hymns.

On February 10th of each year the nation of Malta celebrates the miraculous and providential arrival of St Paul, the Apostle of the Gentiles. (TimesofMalta.com February 2, 2006) The 2020 theme is from Malta. The Acts of the Apostles tells of the shipwreck of St Paul and he and the crew were pulled from the water by the peoples of the Isle of Malta. They were not imprisoned, starved nor their wounds let to fester. They were shown unusual kindness by the Maltese. The theme from the actions of the Maltese was chosen as a benchmark of what should be expected by all people. In this atmosphere of anti-immigration, anti-migrants and anti-refugees, we in unity as Christians, should set ourselves apart and show how immigrants should be treated when encountered. They showed unusual kindness. (Acts 28:2)

The period of the Christian Unity Prayer week is not by accident. It begins with the Feast of the Chair of St Peter on January 18th and ends with the feast of the conversion of St Paul. It is these two Apostles who helped define Christianity through their actions and call to follow The Way. In the United States the history of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has a history of over 100 years. By annually observing the Week of Christian Unity, Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one". (John 17:21) Christ is our Unity.

Fr. Loughren identified several obstacles to Christian Unity:

There is evil in separation. The Status Quo can lead to sin. Loose orthodoxy, "this is my church not God's Church".

Lack of reception of reform - In an unusual move even for today, St Pope John XXIII recognized the change was hard. At the Second Vatican Council he invited observers from other denominations to listen to discussions of the cardinals and comment on proposed changes to Roman Catholics. It was not held in isolation. Today when changes are made it is years perhaps before the parishioners of churches find out about the changes. There is a gap between the Bishops and the people in the pews.

There is a growing lack of trust. Tribalism has infected our culture. Issues are not discussed but held at extremes. Issues such as name-calling/bullying, homosexuals, women in the church and female ordination are so polarizing that there seems to be an inability for any calm discussion nor paths to understanding that may lead to resolution.

Apathy – in 1980 there were over 3000 parishes which took part in Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. In 2019 only 250.

Is there another path to unity? A local reverend asked Fr Loughren this question. In essence, how do we get peoples' attention that we need to work together. Fr Loughren suggested that we might find solidarity through working on the refugee issue, on Climate Change, fighting Human Trafficking and Working on solving world food shortages, abating world starvation. If religion and religious issues make people shut down, world secular issues may be an approach that could bring people together. In the words of Vanessa Nemara, Editor of this newsletter, if you can't go over the mountain perhaps you have to go around the mountain.

CENet promotes the world day of prayer celebrations and holds an annual retreat. It coordinates daily prayer services for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. In Tidewater the following schedule of prayer services have been established:

Saturday 1/18 at 6 PM – St Francis Episcopal Church

Sunday 1/19 at 3 PM - First Lynnhaven Baptist Church

Monday 1/20 at 1 pm – Holy Family/Holy Spirit RC Churches

Tuesday 1/21 at 10 AM -Holy Apostles RC/E Church

Wednesday 1/22 at 10 AM – St Nicholas Catholic Church

Thursday 1/23 at 6 PM – Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Friday 1/24 at 6 PM – Resurrection United Methodist Church

Saturday 1/25 - TO BE DETERMINED

THEY SHOWED US UNUSUAL KINDNESS – ACTS 28:2

RULE -13 As the Father sees in every person the features of his Son, the firstborn of many brothers and sisters, so the Secular Franciscans with a gentle and courteous spirit accept all people as a gift of the Lord and an image of Christ. A sense of community will make them joyful and ready to place themselves on an equal basis with all people, especially with the lowly for whom they shall strive to create conditions of life worthy of people redeemed by Christ.

THEY SHOWED US UNUSUAL KINDNESS

ACTS 28:2



Ministry for Haiti Led Patricia Britz to the Secular Franciscan Third Order - By Patricia Britz OFS

Patricia Britz professed her vows to the Secular Franciscan Third Order of the Sacred Heart Fraternity located in Virginia Beach on October 27th 2019. Patricia is a long-time member and volunteer with Sacred Heart Church (SH), Norfolk. Sacred Heart Parish started a Haiti Twinning Ministry with Saint Gabriel (SG) Parish in Lascahobas, Haiti in 2007. Patricia was one of three parishioners who participated in this outreach mission, and soon after that she became the chair of this ministry.

Patricia was called to the ministry in 2006, when the Diocese of Richmond made a presentation at Sacred Heart Parish on the need for twinning relationships with parishes in Haiti because of a famine caused by a series of tropical storms and hurricanes. Families were making and eating dirt cookies.

With some assistance from Sacred Heart Parish and the broader community both in the US and in Haiti, St. Gabriel Parish built a much-needed school for children in K-12th Grades, with 450 students. The campus has a cafeteria, outdoor toilets, a clinic and soon will have a playground. They are currently working to develop a drinkable water system. Each student receives a daily lunch of hot beans and rice, a standard Haitian meal. The Headmaster of the school states that students' grades have improved as a result of better nutrition. Each year, students graduate from Saint Gabriel High School, (44 last summer) and they continue on with higher education studies in agriculture, education, and medicine.

The Haiti Twinning Ministry members have learned much about the Haitian history, language, and rich culture, making progress in deep listening to and trusting in the Haitian community's vision for their sustainable development. The local committee read books and attend regional meetings that stress that traditional charity leads to dependency and they understand the value of empowering the Haitian people through education and job opportunities such as building a cafeteria and crafting furniture for the school. They support the local economy by purchasing goods at the local market from small merchants during their annual pilgrimages to Haiti.

This ministry has taught Patricia that having an Option for the Poor is to focus on the most vulnerable people among us and to support opportunities which assists them becoming active parts of their community, acknowledging and preserving their dignity. Patricia has started to advocate for investing in the potential and creativity of the marginalized. Modern charity leads to personal growth and sustainability, not dependency. This ministry has also increased her faith and led her to follow the footsteps of Saint Francis in respecting all people and the environment. You can contact Patricia through this website: <http://www.sacredheartnorfolk.org/ministries/justice-and-peace/haiti-ministry/>





APOSTOLIC ACTIONS AND ITS GRACES BY MIKE COLEMAN OFS

Howard was 56 years old and a life-long resident of Norfolk. He was a manual laborer, a food service worker, and a scrapper. Although living in the Gosnold apartments, he was homeless on and off for many years.

A few years ago, I began to volunteer with the Norfolk Catholic Workers, a group of wonderful people focused on Justice & Peace for all of the community. One service they provide is hot breakfasts to the homeless three mornings a week. One of my first days, or maybe the first day I met Howard as I handed him a cup of hot coffee, I dropped it, spilling it over each of us. He stared me down as I bumbled my way through an apology. He let me go on, and on for a few minutes. Then he touched my shoulder and said, "it's okay". I continued apologizing and he continued to say "all was good". I kept thinking what am I doing here; I'm in the way, not helping, will the group let me come back and try again? However, here was a man who I believed I was helping, and all along, he was helping me. Helping to see others through a different set of eyes, a different perspective, he was teaching me how to forgive, how to accept others, he demonstrated St. Francis teaching of seeing others and turning them into brothers and sisters. Every day since that first clumsy exchange, when I saw Howard, I would bring him a cup of coffee. I was very, very careful, each time we passed the coffee cup from my hand to his hand. He would have a mischievous grin bringing out his generous personality.

I would not call Howard a neighbor, a social friend, or a co-worker type friend; I'd called him a brother in Christ. Howard was called home to the kingdom of God on August 22, 2013 and I'll miss seeing him on Tuesday & Thursday mornings.

I wrote this story about Howard and me about six years ago. Now I want to add to the story. Since beginning my volunteer work with the Catholic Workers I have grown so very much. I've grown in my understanding of people who don't have the material items or job I have, a home to go too to feel safe, warm and secure. A meal to nourish them and their families. I've been a witness to a spirituality that I didn't know existed. The selfless caring for one another that can't be explained until you see it and feel the experience firsthand.

Homeless men and women are out there for many reasons. The number one reason many folks would site is addiction, alcohol or drugs. Although I'm not a trained professional I'd say it's some form of mental illness, quickly followed by economics. Yes, economics, how many of us could weather a major financial crisis? The loss of a job, a divorce, an unexpected hospital stay resulting a significant medical bill.

They are a family, maybe not the way you may think, but a close group that many times look out for each other. Think for a moment about being outside in the rain, snow, heat and cold. Would you want someone to help you?

I've seen arguments, and I've seen consoling, I've seen successes, and I've seen failures, incarcerations and in Howard case, I've seen death. These folks contend with the stares, the judgments, verbal and physical abuses that go along with being homeless every single day.

I truly see the face of Christ in each person being fed, in each person I interact with, talk with and listen too, as well as in each person serving along side of me. The folks that I serve with, come from many different backgrounds. Although we are Catholic Worker volunteers, we are not all Catholic, and this excites me. It allows me to meet other likeminded folks of different faiths, to learn about them and share ideas about so many topics. Our day begins at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, in the kitchen, followed by a reading of daily scripture. This time is special, and we share our thoughts on the scripture and talk about other ecumenical events happening in our area. This time brings us closer and prepares us to serve our brothers and sisters.

My challenge to you is this; recognize the talents, and the gifts that the most marginalized of our society have to offer us. Open your hearts and see the world through their eyes.

**JANUARY IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH – Contributed by Barbara Lizana.
(from an email from the Shared Hope international)**

As you read this, millions of women, men and children around the world are subject to being trafficked. To address this evil injustice, it helps to define and know exactly what it is.

The federal Trafficking Victims Protection Act defines human trafficking as:

The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act where such an act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age, or

The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

Human trafficking is a problem everywhere, including the United States. *Including your neighborhood.*

We're talking about U.S. kids, under the age of 18, being bought and sold for sex. This is called Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (DMST).

The age of the victim is the critical issue — under federal law, there is no requirement to prove that force, fraud, or coercion was used to cause the minor to engage in commercial sex. The law recognizes the effect of psychological manipulation by the trafficker, as well as the effect of threat of harm which traffickers/pimps use to maintain control over their young victims.

But cultural bias continues to influence access to justice and services for minor victims. Under the leadership of the Shared Hope Institute for Justice and Advocacy, we are working to address domestic minor sex trafficking and end this injustice once and for all. And there is no time like today to JOIN US in our efforts.

Learn: **Download our smartphone-friendly Warning Signs Poster to keep as a quick reference guide.**

Advocate: **See laws change in your state. January is the beginning of legislative sessions in states all over the nation. *Now* is the time to contact your legislators and have your voice heard through our Advocacy Action Center. We make it quick and easy to participate by providing pre-written emails and tweets addressing any pending campaigns and legislation in your state.**

Volunteer: **Receive comprehensive training and join a team of volunteers raising awareness and providing prevention education all across the nation. Connect with other volunteer Ambassadors of Hope and work together to help make our communities safer for children.**

Give: **Empower Shared Hope's work to prevent the conditions that foster sex trafficking, restore and empower survivors, and bring justice to victims with a gift.**



LENT 2020

FEBRUARY 26, 2020 – APRIL 09, 2020

The last day to enjoy your regular eating habits is Fat Tuesday, or Strove Tuesday or Mardi Gras which is February 25, 2020.

LENT

History: In the time of Gregory the Great (590-604) in Rome, six weeks of six days each, 36 fast days in all, was considered spiritual tithing of the year. A 1/10 part of 365 days of the year. At a later date the wish to realize the number 40 days led to the practice beginning Lent on Ash Wednesday.

St Basil of Caesarea (329 – 379) wrote– “Let us fast an acceptable and very pleasing fast to the Lord. True fast is the estrangement from evil, temperance of tongue, abstinence from anger, separation from desires, slander, falsehood and perjury. Privation of these is true fasting.”

Authority: Current day fast and abstinence laws are governed by the Canons 1250 -1253 of the 1983 code.

Who: Every person between the age of 14 and 59 (beginning of 60th year) must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent.

Excused: Those excused from fast and abstinence, outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including persons suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes, pregnant or nursing woman and any ill person where fasting would jeopardize their health.

What: Catholics may eat only one full meal during the day with two small snacks called “*collations*”. The restriction is to food not drink. Even alcoholic beverages may be consumed. Consider that meat comes only from animals such as chickens, cows, sheep or pigs – all which live on the land. Birds are also considered meat. Abstinence does not include meat juices, and liquid foods made from meat. Thus, such foods as chicken broth, consommé, soups cooped or flavored with meat, meat gravies or sauces, as well as seasonings or condiments made from animal fat are technically not forbidden. However, moral theologians have traditionally taught that we should abstain from all animal-derived products (except foods such as gelatin, butter, cheese and eggs, which do not have any meat taste). Fish are a different category of animal. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles, (cold blooded animals) and shellfish are permitted.

A note on our instant gratification nature - the intent is to abstain, fast and give up for God, thus going to Golden Corral or Shoney’s, for their seafood buffet, defeats the purpose of the Lenten season.

PRAYER

PENANCE

PILGRIMAGE

(The information in this article is from Canon Law 1250 – 1253 and Wikipedia – Fasting and abstinence in the Catholic Church 11/10/2020).



Welcome new professed members of Sacred Heart of Jesus Fraternity

On October 27, 2019 and on November 9, 2019 six candidates became permanent professed members of the Order Franciscan Secular. The October 27th ceremony was held at the Bethlehem Monastery of the Poor Clares, in Barhamsville, VA. The November 9th ceremony was held at the Convent of the Sisters of St Joseph in Virginia Beach, VA.

At Barhamsville, on October 27th, the ceremony was preceded with the Poor Clare's saying vespers and praying the rosary. On Nov 9th the ceremony was preceded with a Mass said by Fr Jim Connolly and Fr Peter Naah. As beautiful and classic as the ceremony was at the Franciscan Monastery, the ceremony at the convent was equally moving with the Mass said in two languages, English and Spanish, and the Sisters singing in their native Swahili. The Holy Spirit and the Franciscans who have gone before us could be warmly felt at both ceremonies.

CONGATUALIONS TO ALL ON THEIR FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

Enjoy the celebration in pictures:



FRATERNITY FAMILY 10/27/2019



LISA CODISPOTI, ARACELI SUZARA, MARIA ONA,
VANESSA NEMARA, PATRICIA BRITZ 10/27/2019



MINISTER BILL WALLACE

MARIA ONA TAKING VOWS



BARBARA LIZANA DURING READING



DON SCHWAB FORMATION READING



FR JIM CONNOLLY CONGRATULATIONS



ANNE O'LEARY CONGRATULATIONS



GRACE CINTRON-MATIAS VOWS 11/9/2019

GOSPEL TO LIFE

LIFE TO GOSPEL

HONORING OUR PREDECESSORS

FRANCISCAN CALENDAR OF SAINTS

“Thou art my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased”

JANUARY



January—Month of the Holy Name of Jesus and His Holy Childhood

1. *Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord—Holy Day of Obligation; Plenary Indulgence possible (Chant in public Veni Creator)*
2. *Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus*
3. *Bl. Chriatiane Menaburi, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1310*
4. *Bl. Angele de Foligno, widow, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1310*
5. *Bl. Pierre Bonilli, priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1935*
6. *Feast of the Epiphany—Holy Day of Obligation*
7. *St. Charles de Sezza, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1670*
8. *Bl. Roger de Toddi, priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1237*
9. *Bl. Gilles de Lorenzana, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1518*
10. *Bl. Gregory X, Pope, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1276*
11. *St. Thomas de Cori, priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1729*
12. *St. Bernard of Corleone, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d. 1667*
13. *Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ*
14. *Bl. Oderic de Pordenone, priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1331*
15. *Bl. Jacques del Piebe, priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, martyr d. 1304*
16. *Sts. Berard and Companions, Protomartyrs of the Order, d. 1220*
17. *Sl. Matthieu d’Argrigente, Bishop, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1451*
18. *Bl. Jeanne of Saint Mary, virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1360*
19. *Bl. Marcel Spinola y Maestre, Bishop, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1906*
20. *Bl. Jean-Baptiste Triquerie, priest, conventual religious, martyr d. 1794*
21. *Bl. Joseph Nascimbeni, priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1922*
22. *St. Vincent Pallotti, priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1850*
23. *Feast of the Marriage of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
24. *Bl. Paule Gamgara Costa, widow, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1515*
25. *Bl. Emmanuel Dominguo y Sol, priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1909*
26. *Bl. Georges Matulwicz, Bishop, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1927*
27. *St. Angela Merici, virgin, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1540*
28. *Bl. Bienvenu de Recanati, priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1289*
29. *St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, Corderbearer, d. 1622*
30. *St. Hyacintha of Mariscotti, virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1640*
31. *St. John Bosco, priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1888*



FEBRUARY



February- Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1. *Bl. Patrick O'Loughran, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr d. 1612*
2. *Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
3. *Martyrs of Japan, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, lay brothers and Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1597*
4. *St. Joseph de Leonisse, Priest, Capuchin religious, d. 1612*
5. *St. Jeanne de Valois, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1505*
6. *Bl. Pius IX, Pope, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d.1878*
7. *St. Egide-Marie de St. Joseph, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order d. 1812*
8. *Bl. Antonie de Stroncone, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1461*
9. *Bl. Claire de Rimini, Virgin, of the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1346*
10. *Bl. Alojzije Stepinac, Bishop, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1960*
11. *Apparition of Our Lady of Lourdes, 1858*
12. *Bl. Andre Ferrari, Bishop, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1921*
13. *St. Eustochie de Messine, Virgin, of the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1485*
14. *Bl. Philipa Mauri, Virgin, of the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1263*
15. *Translation of the relics of St. Anthony*
16. *Bl. Veridiane, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1242*
17. *Bl. Luc Belludi, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1286*
18. *St. Bernadette Soubirous, Virgin, cordbearer, d. 1879 Plenary Indulgence possible for the Cordbearers only*
19. *St. Conrad de Plaisance, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1351*
20. *Bl. Pierre de Treja, Priest religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1304*
21. *St. Margaret of Cortona, penitent, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1297, Plenary Indulgence possible (renewal of engagements of the Franciscan Third Order Secular)*
22. *Feast of the Chair of St. Peter*
23. *Bl. Isabelle of France, Virgin of the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1270*
24. *Bl. Innocent XI, Pope, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1689*
25. *Bl. Sebastien d'Apparicio, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1600*
26. *Bl. Antoinette de Florence, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1533*
27. *Bl. Louise Albertoni, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1533*
28. *Bl. Jeremie de Valachie, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d. 1625*



MARCH



March – Month of St. Joseph

1. *Bl. Jean Kearney, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr 1653*
2. *St. Agnes de Prague, Virgin, of the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1282*
3. *Bl. Innocent de Berzo, Priest, Capuchin, d. 1890*
4. *Bl. Martyrs of the Franciscan 1st Order of Gondar (Ethiopia), d. 1716*
5. *St. Jean-Joseph de la Croix, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1734*
6. *St. Colette of Corbie, Virgin, of the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1447*
7. *Bl. Christophe de Milan, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1485*
8. *St. Jean de Dieu, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1550*
9. *St. Frances of Rome, Virgin, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1440*
10. *St. Catherine of Bologna, Virgin of the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1463*
11. *Bl. Jean-Baptiste de Fabriano, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1539*
12. *Bl. Louis Orione, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1940*
13. *Bl. Agnello de Pise, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1236*
14. *St. Catherine de Genes, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1510*
15. *Bl. Louis de Casoria, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1885*
16. *Bl. Torello de Poppi, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1282*
17. *Bl. Marc de Montegallo, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1496*
18. *St. Salvator de'Horta, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1567*
19. *Saint Joseph, Holy Day of Obligation for the Church*
20. *Bl. Hippolyte Galentini, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1620*
21. *Bl. Amedee IX de Savoie, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1472*
22. *St. Beinvenu d'Osimo, Bishop, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1282*
23. *Bl. Jeremie Lambertenghi, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1513*
24. *Bl. Catherine de Suede, Virgin, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1381*
25. *Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Day of Obligation for the Church*
26. *Blessed Didacus Joseph of Cadiz, Priest, Capuchin, d. 1801*
27. *Bl. Joseph-Sebastien Pelczar, Bishop, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1924*
28. *St. Jean de Capistran, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1456*
29. *Bl. Jeanne-Marie de Maille, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1414*
30. *St. Pierre Regalat, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1486*
31. *St. Leonard Murialdo, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1900*



Mardi Gras in the United States

The first American Mardi Gras took place on March 3, 1699, when French Explorers Pierre Le Moyne d'Iberville and Sieur De Bienville landed near present day New Orleans, LA. They held small celebrations and dubbed their landing spot Port du Mardi Gras. In the decades that followed, New Orleans and other French settlements began marking the holiday with street parties, masked balls and lavish dinners. When the Spanish took control of New Orleans, however, they abolished these rowdy rituals. The bans remained in force until Louisiana became a US State in 1812. On Mardi Gras 1827, a group of students donned colorful costumes and danced through the streets of New Orleans emulating the revelry they observed while visiting Paris. Ten years later, the first recorded Mardi Gras Parade took place. A tradition that continues through today.

In 1857 a secret society of New Orleans businessmen called the Mistick Krewe of Cosmos organized a torch lit Mardi Gras procession with marching bands and rolling floats, setting the tone for future public celebrations in the city.

New Orleans is the only state where Mardi Gras is a legal holiday. Mardi Gras in 2020 is February 25th.

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