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Greetings from Brother Lawrence

As we begin a new year with profound hope, I would like to share some thoughts I have had while again reading *Laudato si'*. In the beginning of the document Pope Francis refers to our founder, St. Francis of Assisi, as one to emulate in our relationships. (I do hope in future months to share more of my thoughts and on St. Francis & the environment.) While reflectively reading §231, I came across a 3-word phrase which gave me pause, “little everyday gestures.” Around Thanksgiving I was teaching my lads at Curley what might be called a “theology of the other.” It is the idea that all of our lives is a genuine giving of oneself to the other. In *Laudato si'* “the other” is mostly a reference to our relationship to the environment, but here in this paragraph, I find the foundation for one’s entire attitude in life—whether it be directed towards the environment, material things, other people, creatures, the poor, coworkers, in fact, to anything that is part of creation which, is literally everything physical and spiritual.

In my classroom I spoke quite emphatically about the way we should interact with a clerk and that a simple, “Thank you, Frank,” or “Have a nice day,” may be just the thing, a real giving of oneself to the other. The same can be said about our attitude to creatures. Throwing rocks at squirrels is a disrespect to these creatures. Pope Francis sees this as an important example of respect for the other on this earth, “In order to make society more human, more worthy of the human person, love in social life — political, economic, and cultural — must be given renewed value, becoming the constant and highest norm for all activity.” (Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, 582) It is truly the very foundation of how to live with others and is certainly something we need to consider in our daily meditations.

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Ministers Message ~ by James Kim, OFS

When we say Rosary, every decade begins with “Our Father ... “ and ends with “Glory Be ...” Some years ago, I was wondering why we say Our Father and Glory Be for every decade of the Rosary. It seems a dumb question, as Our Father and Glory Be are key prayers for Catholics. However, I wanted to have clear recognitions for these prayers while saying Rosary.

At the December gathering, we had a virtual Greccio service. The format is simple: scripture readings followed by hymns (Christmas carols). The Rosary is somewhat like this Greccio format: meditations (scriptures) and ten Hail Marys (hymns). But it’s much more than Greccio. In the Rosary, we meditate on the Incarnation, life, Passion, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus and coming of the Holy Spirit; it includes all foundations of our faith. When we combine meditations on these mysteries with the Hail Marys, it becomes a complete Rosary with body and soul. The meditations are our recognition of Father’s Will and the Hail Marys are our songs and praises to the Father through the words uttered by the Angel Gabriel and Elizabeth.

Each of the twenty mysteries of Rosary contains Father’s Will. So, it is right to say “Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth ...” at the beginning of the decade. At the end of the decade, we give thanks to the Father as He granted us these mysteries for our salvation. So, it is right to say “Glory be to the Father ...” after each decade of the Rosary.

When I thought of these things, it encouraged me but also it terrified me. I was terrified because I knew how many times I have said these Holy words in vain. However, I was also encouraged because it makes me aware of my infirmities, which is the reason why we go through daily repentance, penance, and conversion. In the beginning of the year, let us renew our heart and our profession to the Lord.

If thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities: Lord, who shall stand it. For with thee there is merciful forgiveness: and by reason of thy law, I have waited for thee, O Lord. My soul hath relied on his word: My soul hath hoped in the Lord. (Douay –Rheims, Psalm 129 [130]: 3-5)

Image above of *Our Lady of the Rosary*, Filipino, 1625-1675, The Walters Art Museum, CC0



The Rule Review

So that we might more fully live the Gospel Life, Secular Franciscans should not just read *The Rule*, but reflect on and pray with *The Rule*.

16. Let them esteem work both as a gift and as a sharing in the creation, redemption, and service of the human community.

17. In their family they should cultivate the Franciscan spirit of peace, fidelity, and respect for life, striving to make of it a sign of a world already renewed in Christ. By living the grace of matrimony, husbands and wives in particular should bear witness in the world to the love of Christ for his Church. They should joyfully accompany their children on their human and spiritual journey by providing a simple and open Christian education and being attentive to the vocation of each child.

18. Moreover they should respect all creatures, animate and inanimate, which “bear the imprint of the Most High,” and they should strive to move from the temptation of exploiting creation to the Franciscan concept of universal kinship.

The [Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order](#) (with citations) may be accessed at anytime at:

<https://secularfranciscansusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/RULE.pdf>

Welcome, Visitors! Want to find out more about Secular Franciscans?

- ⇒ Keep an eye on our websites & newsletter so you know when we begin meeting in person again. Secular Franciscans are friendly & do not have secret rites.
- ⇒ Check out our website: [http://stjosephcupertino.sfousa.org/our fraternity/](http://stjosephcupertino.sfousa.org/our%20fraternity/)
- ⇒ Check out the St. Margaret of Cortona website: <http://saintmargaretofcortona.org/>
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Please Pray For:

Joan Babine, OFS
Connie Baker, OFS
Karan Bevers, OFS
John Kirby, OFS
Marie Lindung, OFS
Jean Singleton, OFS
Jim Tebo, OFS



Living *Laudato Si'*

Did you know that Catholic Relief Services (CRS) has produced a free study guide for small groups looking at *Laudato si'*? It is easy to access online at:

https://www.crs.org/sites/default/files/usops-resources/living_laudo_si_faith_sharing.pdf

The study consists of five sessions, each examining a few paragraphs of *Laudato si'* with an opening prayer, a reflection on how this session's focus affects people around the world, a short activity, questions for reflection, a closing prayer, and a weekly challenge. Consider studying this encyclical with some fellow Franciscans!

Congratulations

On the anniversary of your profession:

Jean Singleton, OFS
01/18/83
38 Years

The Presence of God in Our Lives: A True Account ~by Richard Lam

Twenty-twenty is coming to an end. As we all know, the Covid-19 pandemic ravages the US extraordinary hard. Not only it kills hundreds of thousands of people but it also destroys many businesses. People lost jobs and many have to face the consequences of going hungry or even homelessness. My story is from the aspect of being a landlord. I have a 3 apartment buildings in Baltimore. Since the shut down in March, I face the same reality of economic loss like most businesses.

First, my first-floor tenant caught Covid-19 and was hospitalized. Luckily, he was admitted in the summer and since has recovered. Not to mention he has lost his job. His wife got laid off and is still looking for work. They manage to pay some rent but are still behind. My second-floor tenants are an older Hispanic couple. The husband worked in a restaurant and was laid off since March and has not been able to pay rent. The restaurant has since shut down for good. I have helped him apply for rental support from the city but have not seen a dime yet! His wife does not work. I do not have any intent to put them out as I feel that we are in this together.

I cannot put them out in the cold. Do not take me wrong, I have overhead expenses like property tax, building insurance, water, gas and electric bills to pay. I have financial pressure just like everyone else. With the vaccines available now, I am hoping that things will come around. We can just endure a little bit longer and things will get better in 2021.

My third-floor studio apartment is vacant. It has been empty for some time because I wanted to be selective. I do not want to put myself in the same situation as I am with my other two tenants. I want a dependable, non-smoking, and non-party type tenant whose job is secure and who can afford to pay rent. I cannot afford any more losses. I turned down many applicants and actually had given up the prospect of renting out this apartment. Then, I got a phone call with a request to see the apartment. The applicant told me he is looking for an apartment for himself. He has a job and is working all the time, especially during the pandemic. His name is Jose (not his real name). He is working for a take-out restaurant, not dine-ins. The business is doing better than before. Jose came visit the apartment and told me he liked the place and wanted to move in quickly. He said his uncle and he had a big argument and the uncle threw him out. He was staying with his uncle. I think I heard similar stories before.

I politely turned him down and did not want to discuss with him further, Jose called me the next day and asked if I could help him. He told me he had no place to go. He slept the night before at the light rail station. He then went on to tell me that he has a girlfriend and a newborn baby. They were living together until his uncle threw them all out. She and their baby are staying in a shelter temporary. They are desperately in need of help. He gave me his work phone and his boss, a Greek gentleman, to vouch for him. The reference turned out to be good. He assured me that Jose is a good person, works hard and will definitely have a job with him for a long time. What should I do?

He looked trustworthy but appearance is deceiving! He knew I was looking for 1-2 persons max for the apartment and now he came up with 2 ½. What should I do? I could have just walked away and forget that I had ever met him. But the Bible passage keeps coming to my head, “Whatsoever you Do to the Least of My Brothers You Do unto Me.” (see Matthew 25:31-46) I struggled all day, not knowing what to do. I can help them, but I hate to be stuck in a situation where I cannot get out and only get hurt. There is no guarantee. Why should I take an unnecessary risk?

As I sometimes do, I decided to pray and ask for guidance. The only thing that came to mind was to say the Divine Mercy prayer; it is my favorite prayer. I said that prayer the night my dad passed too. It is my go-to prayer to seek peace and assurance. I asked Jesus to give me a sign, "Please let me know what I should do." Not long after I finished, these words pop into my mind, “Trust in me.” I knew right away that this is Jesus talking to me! He listened. He is with me. At that moment, I did not doubt anymore. I called Jose and told him I wanted to meet him, his girlfriend, and their baby before we finalize the tenancy. They came and I offered them the apartment.



Items most needed this month include deodorant, socks, Baltimore City bus passes, and passport/security/phone neck wallets. Order online from your favorite retailer & have delivered to: The Franciscan Center at 101 W. 23rd Street, Baltimore, MD 21218-5607.



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Our Deceased	Joe Cykoski, SFO	Dolores Fritz, OFS	Yvonne Proch, SFO
Brothers & Sisters:	Stella Cykoski, SFO	Marilyn Gilson, SFO	Nancy Seaton, SFO
Dea. Tom Bellos, OFS	Claire Lee Davidson, SFO	Richard Hall, SFO	Don Sweitzer, OFS
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Treasurer's Report

December – 2020

Beginning (running) Balance:	\$3,704.51
Common Fund Contributions	<u>\$910.00</u>
Christmas Fund Contributions (to date)	<u>\$294.00</u>
Total Income	<u>\$1,204.00</u>
<i>Intermediate Subtotal</i>	<i>\$4908.51</i>
Expenses:	
Brother Lawrence	\$100.00
Franciscan Friars	\$100.00
Christmas Families	\$1,500.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 45.00
Total Expense	<u>\$1,745.00</u>
Ending (running) Balance:	<u>\$3,163.51</u>

Thank You for your tax-deductible contributions! & Great Job on the Christmas Families Collection!!!

Direct donation checks to:
St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity.

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Gerard Pinkas
3810 Marriottsville Rd.
Randallstown, MD 21133

Your bank's bill pay may be used. Direct payment to **St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity** at the address above. *Contact Gerry with any bill pay questions.*

GOOD NEWS!

The Fraternity Book Share has recently started a new book!

It's the perfect time for those who have wanted to join to do so and we would so welcome your contributions of thoughts, prayers and words as we ponder areas of spiritual growth from a Franciscan point of view.

We are on Chapters 2 & 3 of
Francis of Assisi's Sermon on the Mount:
Lessons from *The Admonitions*
by John Michael Talbot

We will meet on Zoom every First Saturday from 1-3 (the next meeting is on Feb. 6).

Just write an email to Geri Flynn (Angelbarty@aol.com) and you will receive an email invitation at 12:45pm on Saturday.

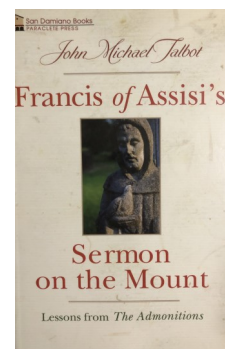
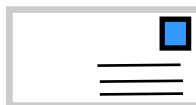


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To request a printout of the newsletter or featured internet resources, please call your friendly sister in Francis & Clare:

Deanna Williston, OFS at 443-745-1109.



Numbering the Psalms ~by Ray Glennon, OFS

As Secular Franciscans, we know that the psalms are a principal element in the Liturgy of the Hours and are part of the Liturgy of the Word at Mass. *But did you know* that the psalm numbering differs among Bible translations? The Hebrew Scriptures were translated into Greek around 200 B.C. for use by the Jewish community across the Greek-speaking Mediterranean. This work became known as the Septuagint (LXX), based on the tradition that it was the work of seventy translators. The early Christians, especially those outside of Palestine, used the Septuagint in their ministry. The Hebrew Scriptures and Greek LXX translation both contain a total of 150 Psalms in the same order, but Psalms were separated slightly differently, therefore the Hebrew Scriptures and LXX have different numbers for most psalms.

Saint Jerome completed his monumental translation of both the Old and New Testaments into Latin in A.D. 406; Jerome used the Book of Psalms from the LXX for his translation. The Council of Trent endorsed Jerome's translation, now known as the Vulgate, as the official Latin translation. The Latin Vulgate was the basis for the Douay-Rheims (D-R) Bible, the English translation of the Bible sanctioned by the Catholic Church. Used for over 300 years and well into the 20th Century, the D-R Book of Psalms uses the LXX Psalm numbering. In the wake of the Reformation, there were a number of English translations of the Bible, most famously, The King James Bible. Those translations were based on the Hebrew Scriptures; the Psalms in those versions are numbered accordingly and the numbers differ from those in the Catholic-sanctioned D-R Bible.

In 1943, Pope Pius XII asked that new translations of Scripture be made from the original languages. As a result, recent Catholic-approved Bible translations in English—e.g., New America Bible Revised Edition (NABRE), New Jerusalem Bible (NJB), and the Revised Standard Version-Catholic Edition (RSV-CE)—use the psalm numbering from the Hebrew Scriptures. Consequently, most Christians today use the same Psalm numbering scheme. In recognition of the differences, the RSV-CE and the NJB versions present both psalm numbers, with the Hebrew number followed by the LXX number, in example: (Psalm 23[22]). Regardless of how they are numbered, the psalms are part of our Franciscan way of life. As Michael D. Guinan, OFM writes, “Prayer in the psalms is full-bodied. It is the prayer of the whole person—of the individual—immersed in community and part of all creation.”

Events at the Shrine of St. Anthony



Mass Times:

Monday through Saturday in the Chapel at 12 Noon,

Sunday in tent on front lawn at 12 Noon.

(Tent has 1 side open, so people can space themselves more on nice days)

Please BYO mask & chair.

Adoration:

In the Chapel:

Tuesdays & Saturday 11-12, Mass following

Confession Schedule:

Monday through Friday :

11am-11:55 in the Conference Room,

Enter through side chapel doors, remember your mask.

Novena to St. Joseph

Wednesdays just before Mass with Br. Pascal

Angelus

Monday through Saturday, just before Mass

Gift Shop Hours

Monday through Saturday from 9:00 am - 4:00pm

Sunday 10:00am - 2:00pm

Come by and meet Brother Pascal.

Currently, masks must be worn at all times inside the building & public bathrooms *are* now available. Note that the choir stalls in the Chapel are currently unavailable.

The Shrine Grounds & Courtyard are open daily dawn till dusk! *The Chapel bell will be rung about 10 minutes before Mass.*

If you have any questions please call the Front Office at 410-531-2800; check the website for full details www.shrineofstanthony.org

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Happy Birthday!

Mike Hotovy, OFS	01/06
Marie Lindung, OFS	01/18
John Kirby, OFS	01/25
Jim Soltysiak, OFS	01/26
Br. Lawrence LaFlame OFM Conv.	01/26

Upcoming:

<i>Theresa Lam, OFS</i>	<i>02/06</i>
<i>Charlene Heyden, OFS</i>	<i>02/15</i>
<i>Jerry Yu, OFS</i>	<i>02/26</i>
<i>James Kim, OFS</i>	<i>02/27</i>

Thanks to all who submitted ideas and articles for this month's issue!

Have ideas for future issues? Submissions need to be 500 words or less. Please email to jtwillis@aol.com (or call 443-745-1109) by February 1 and you may see it in the February 2021 edition of *The Flyer*.

Please use this as a way to share of bit of yourselves with your Franciscan brothers and sisters.

January 17, 2021 Gathering

- ◆ In person meeting at the Shrine of St. Anthony
- ◆ Extraction of Saints
- ◆ Will start promptly at 2 pm.

Not familiar with the Extraction of Saints? Check out our website:

www.StJosephCupertino.sfousa.org/the-rite-of-extraction-of-saints/