



# ***Our Lady of the Rosary Fraternity, SFO***

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

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What a lovely month we are in! May is the true herald of spring and the earth seems to explode with color and happiness. Robin Williams once said, “Spring is nature’s way of saying ‘let’s party!’” Mother’s Day, First Communion, May Crownings, Feasts of St. Margaret of Cortona, Saints Philip, James and many others who witnessed great joy in their lives make May a true party. We welcome our two new saints, Pope Saint John XIII and Pope Saint John Paul II. The weather is warmer; the earth is full of beauty. God’s creation makes it hard to be unhappy this month! Prayer leads us to praise God for all His goodness to us as we look at nature’s palette. What a wonderful time He has created for us celebrate Mary and her two feasts of Fatima and the Visitation. The gentleness of May parallels the gentleness of Mary who is always there quietly for us, guiding us with her mother’s love.

There is a poem that many of us had to memorize when we were in elementary school. The good Sisters were very faithful to having their students learn this poem in order to use it as a prayer. I share this poem with you now because in a few stanzas it captures the beauty and gentleness of Mary. This poem was a favorite of Bishop Fulton Sheen.

### ***Lovely Lady Dressed In Blue by Mary Dixon Thayer***

***Lovely Lady dressed in blue teach me how to pray!  
God was just your little boy, tell me what to say.***

***Did you lift Him up sometimes, gently on your knee?  
Did you sing to Him the way mother does to me?***

***Did you hold His hand at night and did you ever try  
Telling Him stories of the world ? O! And did He cry?***

***Do you really think He cares if I tell Him things—little things that happen?  
And do the angels’ wings make a noise?***

***And can He hear me if I speak low? Does He understand me now?  
Tell me — for you know.***

***Lovely Lady dressed in blue teach me how to pray!  
God was just your little boy and you know the way.***

May the month of May bring each of us closer to our spiritual Mother Mary who leads us so gently to her Divine son, Jesus.

Pax bonum,

Chris Wells

Minister

### **May Meeting:**

Our May meeting will be held on Sunday, May 18 at St. Michael's Place. Please remember to bring a munchie or snack for fellowship!

### **Agenda:**

- 12:30 Candidates meet
- 1:30 General meeting
- 1:30 Opening prayer
- 1:45 Saint report Bea Sanford
- 2:00 Reflection from Sister Agnes and ongoing formation
- 3:00 Break
- 3:15 Business meeting
- 3:45 Liturgy of the Hours Evening Prayer
- 4:00 Fellowship

### **Council Meeting:**

The Council will meet on Saturday, May 10 at 10:30 at St. Michael's Place.

### **Welcome New Candidates:**

We welcome our new candidates who were admitted in a ceremony last month. Congratulations and God's blessings on you!

Rosemarie Brennan

Terry Carlino

Cindy Holland

Ani Kelly

Our new candidates join Candidate Bea Sanford as all of them prepare for Profession. Please keep our Candidates in your prayers.

### **St. Olaf Food Pantry:**

St. Olaf's is delighted that we are helping them out with their food pantry. Joe Cesario, the head

of the program, thanks us for our generosity. Please remember this month to bring a non spoilable food item or paper product for the pantry. We are helping them to save more money for their summer feeding program for indigent children.

### **Amazon Project:**

Please remember your change for the Amazon Heifer Project. Thank you, Carol Murphy for heading this up.

### **Peninsula Pet Pantry:**

The Peninsula Pet Pantry is a nonprofit organization providing temporary pet food, supplies, and veterinarian care to pners who are facing financial difficulties. Many of these pet owners are elderly or disabled and their pet is an emotional support to them. If you are interested in donating or volunteering, contact Carol Folsom

[carolfolsom@cox.net](mailto:carolfolsom@cox.net)

### **Donation to Poor:**

A suggestion has been made that if you are unable to attend a retreat or other spiritual event that you consider donating your registration money to the poor.

### **May Birthdays:**

There are no birthdays for May.

### **Prayer List:**

Joan Buehler, SFO

Marlin Massey and Massey family

Walter Tucker (father of Bea Sanford)

Wyn McPhee and family

Greta Braswell and family

Cadence Wells

Jack Wells (Leo's brother)

Deanne's grandmother

Father Timothy, TOR

All travelers

Our Fraternity

Our Anniversarians

Our Franciscan Family

Victims of the mudslides

Victims of Korean ferry disaster

Ukrainian Brothers and Sisters

Those who have no one to pray for them

The unspoken intentions of our hearts

**May Dates To Remember:**

1 St. Joseph the Worker (May Day)

3 Philip and James, Apostles

4 Catherine of Bologna

11 Ignatius of Laconi

**16 Margaret of Cortona, Patroness of our Region**

17 Paschal Baylon

18 Felix of Cantalice

20 Bernardine of Siena

24 Dedication of the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi

28 Mary Ann of Jesus of Paredes

29 The Ascension of the Lord

30 Bl. Baptista Verano

31 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

***See everything, overlook a great deal, correct a little.***

**Pope Saint John XXIII**

***Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought.***

**Pope Saint John Paul II**

***Grace is not part of consciousness; it is the amount of light in our souls, not knowledge nor reason.***

**Pope Francis J**

