



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

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

### **Minister**

*Chris Wells SFO*

It is hard to believe that Ash Wednesday is only a couple of weeks away. It seems like yesterday we were celebrating Christmas and the newborn Infant! Suddenly it is time to begin reflecting on the Passion and Resurrection of our Savior and our personal call to holiness.

### **Vice Minister**

*Leo Wells SFO*

This year Ash Wednesday comes right after Valentine's Day which is a wonderful comparison of two loves. Valentine's Day is the frothy happy romantic love full of hearts and flowers while Ash Wednesday showers us with ashes and somber tones. Ash Wednesday and Lent demonstrate that in spite of our sinfulness God still loves us even more. We only need to look at the Cross to see a forgiving and loving Christ who has been abandoned by everyone except his mother and the Apostle John. We can imagine that afterward John may have joined the other apostles in hiding and looking to save themselves. What emotional hurt Christ must have felt on the cross as he watched his closest friends abandon him to save themselves. Many who have felt the kind of hurt when a dear friend or loved one has let us down can begin to experience only a miniscule of the hurt Christ must have felt as he looked down from the cross. Yet through his physical and emotional pain he forgives everyone in a supreme act of love. Even in death and suffering he continues to show us the way.

### **Secretary**

*Deanne Marshall SFO*

### **Treasurer**

*Ed Gerhard SFO*

St. Francis felt the Cross was the most beautiful act of love he could imagine and gazing on the crucified Christ brought him to tears many times. Tears not from sorrow but from the joy of knowing we are loved so completely that Christ took on all of our weaknesses including death just to be one with us. Let us use this meditation of St. Francis as we take our own journey through Lent knowing that Christ loves us more than we can ever imagine and he will always be here for us.

### **Formation Director**

*Glen Davis SFO*

### **Spiritual Assistant**

*Sister Agnes Narocho LSOFS*

Pax et bonum

Chris Wells

### **February Meeting:**

- 12:00 Inquirers and Candidates meet
- 1:30 Whole group meets  
Opening prayers
- 2:00 Reflection from Sister Agnes and ongoing formation
- 2:45 Saint report - Glenda Hines
- 3:00 Break
- 3:15 Business meeting
- 3:45 Liturgy of the Hours Evening Prayer  
Closing Prayers
- 4:00 Fellowship

### **Assignments:**

Candidates: we will be using the sessions Candidates selected from Fully Mature.

Whole Group: To Be Announced

### **Saint Report:**

Glenda Hines will present the February saint report on Saint Elizabeth of Hungary. Thank you to Carol Murphy for last month's saint report.

### **Council Meeting:**

Our next Council meeting will be February 7 at 9:30.

### **Thank you:**

Thank you to all who sent cards and good wishes while I was sick. They really picked up my spirits!

-Chris-

### **Fraternity Website:**

Don't forget to check the fraternity website during the month for SFO news. Rather than sending lots of email info to you, it will be posted on our website <[www.olrsfo.weebly.com](http://www.olrsfo.weebly.com)> However, things of immediate importance will continue to be emailed to you.

### **Franciscan Podcasts**

Fr. Dan Riley, OFM has a series of podcasts which are very good.

You can find them at <http://www.mounti.com/fr-dan-rileys-audio> They are also on itunes.

Another Franciscan parish website features a Faith Alive series with activities and readings that reflect the Fran-

ciscan charism: [www.sjcherndon.org/faith-on-line-series](http://www.sjcherndon.org/faith-on-line-series)

### **Fraternity Ministries:**

Please remember to bring an item to the meeting for either the St. Olaf Food Pantry or the Pineapple Motel. The baskets will be at the meeting and Cindy will take any fresh items for the children to the Pineapple. Fruit cups and fresh fruit are popular with the children at the Pineapple. Thank you for your generosity to both these minis

### **Amazon Project:**

Please remember your change for the Amazon Relief and the Heifer International 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 owners 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)>

### **2015 Anniversarians:**

We have several brothers and sisters celebrating anniversaries of profession this year! They are listed below with their years of profession. Please keep them in your prayers.

Daphne Pritchett	5
Glen Davis	10
Joan Buehler	15
Ann Pepper	20
Leo Wells	20

### **February Happy Birthdays:**

3 Chris Wells

### **Prayer List:**

Joan Buehler, SFO

Frances Warren, SFO

Delores Collins sister of Ed Gerhard, SFO

Greta Braswell and family

Michael Wilson

Carol Folsom's sister-in-law

Youth Ministry at St. Jerome

Our Anniversarians

Victims of terrorism in France and Europe

World peace especially in the Middle East

Families at the Pineapple Inn and St. Olaf Pantry Ministries

Our Fraternity and our Franciscan Family

Those who have no one to pray for them

The unspoken intentions of our hearts

### **Deceased:**

Marlin Massey - husband of Barbara Massey, SFO

Walter Tucker - father of Bea Sanford

Jack Wells - brother of Leo Wells, SFO

Wyn McPhee - fiancé of Annie Pepper, SFO

Nancy Ullman - sister of Glenn Davis, SFO

**February Dates to Remember:**

2 Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas Day)

4 Joseph of Leonissa

6 Peter Baptist, Paul Miki and companions (martyrs)

7 Colette

10 Conrad of Piacenza

11 Our Lady of Lourdes

18 Ash Wednesday

*Christ's poverty which enriches us is his taking flesh and bearing our weaknesses and sins as an expression of God's infinite mercy to us. Christ's poverty is the greatest treasure of all: Jesus' wealth is that of his boundless confidence in God the Father, his constant trust, his desire always and only to do the Father's will and give glory to him. Jesus is rich in the same way as a child who feels loved and who loves its parents, without doubting their love and tenderness for an instant. Jesus' wealth lies in his being the Son; his unique relationship with the Father is the sovereign prerogative of this Messiah who is poor.*

*~ 2014 Lenten Message of Pope Francis ~*