

**Our Mother of Sorrows Fraternity
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Mother of Sorrows Fraternity Gathering

Wednesday, December 19

6 p.m.

Christmas Party

St. Thomas

We are looking forward to seeing you and your family at Our Mother of Sorrows' Christmas party.



Main Dishes will be supplied by the Council. Please bring:

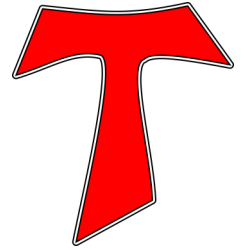
1. Your own place settings
2. Donation for Help Crisis Pregnancy Center: baby bottles, pacifiers, baby wash cloths and towels, formula, boys 9 mo old clothing
3. Dish to pass: **A-F** salad or side dish, **G-P** appetizer or snack, **R-Z** dessert
Paul - Raspberry pie

Upcoming Fraternity Gatherings

January 23	Renewal of Profession
February 27	Formation on the Rule
March 27	Fraternity Elections

Celebrating the Milestones

Wishing our brothers and sisters many blessings!



Birthdays

Cami Mann
Chuck Drollinger
Keith Southerton
Virginia Champion

December 1
December 18
December 23
December 31

Ray Boisvenue
Sue Southerton
Verona Dunn

December 3
December 18
December 24

Message from the Minister

Last month we had a great formation time on Franciscan Servant Leadership. Servant leadership is not just reserved for the council. We are all called to lead in our lives, in our families, in our parishes, as well as in our fraternity, especially through our Apostolate. We reflected on our call, our commitment, and our vision to be Secular Franciscans in the world. We discussed how we must be willing instruments, based in prayer. And we learned that fraternal relationships should be lived in dialogue.

Also, distributed was an assessment tool to help us discover our gifts—gifts God has given us to bring to our fraternity, our Apostolate, and to the world. I will have more copies at December's gathering in case you are interested in going through this discernment and missed it last month.

As Advent brings us ever closer to the celebration of Christmas, we take this time to remember Christ who came, Christ who is to come again, and Christ who is present with us today. I look forward to celebrating with you at our annual Christmas potluck. Families are welcome. We have worked hard this year, and it is fitting to spend some time in fraternal love and joy.

Pax et bonum,
Barbara Scott, OFS

Upcoming Franciscan Feast Days

Holy Name of Jesus	Jan. 3
Blessed Bernard of Corleone, Religious	Jan. 12
Blessed Odoric of Pordenone, Priest	Jan. 14
Bernard, Priest & Companions Protomartyrs	Jan. 16
Hyacinth of Mariscotti	Jan. 30

Bold denotes Third Order Secular Saints & Blesseds From Proper Offices of Franciscan Saints and Blessed in the Liturgy of the hours



2019 Fraternity Elections

In March we will again elect a new slate of officers and counselors to lead our fraternity for the next three years. Please prayerfully consider nominating your best choice to lead our fraternity. The forms have the names and addresses of where to send the form or you can give it to Margo or Ray at the next meeting . Thank you for your love and participation in our future fraternal life. Forms can also be found on our website.

For our leadership discernment we pray:

Give us, O God, leaders whose hearts are large enough to match the breadth of our own souls and give us souls strong enough to follow leaders of vision and wisdom.

In seeking a leader, let us seek more than our own enhancement - though enhancement we hope for - more than security for our own plans and vision - though security we need - more than satisfaction for our own selfish wants - though many things we desire.

Give us hearts to choose and follow the leader who will work with other leaders to bring Your will to the agenda and help us to fulfill it.

Give us leaders who lead us to virtue without seeking to impose their own version of virtue on others.

Give us leaders who will provide for the advancement of our Order without dictating to others to achieve it.

Give us insight enough ourselves to choose as leaders those who can tell strength from power, growth from greed, leadership from dominance, and real greatness from the trappings of grandiosity.

We trust you, Great God, to open our hearts to learn from those to whom you speak in different tongues and to respect the life and words of those to whom you entrusted the good of other parts of this globe.

We beg you, Great God, give us the vision as Secular Franciscans to know where holy leadership truly lies, to pursue it diligently, to ask it to respect the integrity of every person in the entire Order.

We ask these things, Great God, with minds open to your word and hearts that trust in your eternal care. Amen.

Adapted by: Kevin Queally, TOR and Anne Mulqueen, SFO

Fair Share Update

If you are excused from attending the fraternity gatherings and would like to send your fair share amount, please make check payable to Our Mother of Sorrows Fraternity and send your check to:

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Hospitality Ministry October 24

Set-Up

Margo Dean
Susan Martin

To sign up online please visit Sign Up Genius
www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044dabac2aa7fd0-hospitality

Clean-Up

No one signed up—Please sign up on Sign Up Genius

To Be Excused

If you are unable to attend a fraternity gathering due to health or other hardship reasons, please email:

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