

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

Wednesday, January 29

7 p.m.

Committee Work

St. Thomas

We will be working in our committees: Green Mass, Day of Reflection, Infirmarian Team, Prayer Committee, Education Committee, Direct Service Committee, and Advocacy Committee. The new year brings many things to do, so please come prepared to continue your planning.

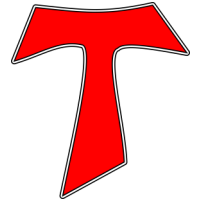
January Collection: Please bring any size of Crest or Colgate toothpaste for Holy Family Access 6 Pantry. Thank you.

Upcoming Fraternity Gatherings

January 29	Committee Work	7:00 pm
February 22 (Sat)	Profession Renewal & Anniversary Rite	8:00 am
March 25	Profession Mass at IHM	7:00 pm

Celebrating the Milestones

Wishing our brothers and sisters many blessings!



Professions

Jim Howard February 21
Linda Spencer February 21
Virginia Champion February 28

Birthdays

Pat Fiebig February 2
Jan Windy February 10
Rose Skorka February 12
Jerry Swiatlowski February 22
Nancy Supran February 24

Message from the Minister

Happy New Year, everyone! I hope all had a very joyous Christmas season and are looking forward to a blessed new year.

First, I would like to welcome Marilyn Hawkins as our new infirmarian. I am very confident that she will lead the team well in this very active ministry to those in our fraternity who need our prayers and support this year and going forward. Thank you, Marilyn for saying yes!

Second, the reason we are postponing our formation this month in order to work on our committees is that we are responding to the Bishop's request to serve our Diocese in our Apostolate of Laudato Si. He has asked that we open our Day of Reflection to lead those in the Diocese interested in learning more about the document before our Green Mass celebration in June. We also have the opportunity to host a study program by Sr. Damien Marie Savino, FSE on Creation. The Council has agreed, so we will need January's gathering to firm up our plans both in the Green Mass committee and the Day of Reflection committee. Other committees also have supporting roles as well.

Third, I would like to congratulate our own Patti Reynolds. She has been named Regional Spiritual Assistant along with Linda Solis. Congratulate her when you see her. Patti, we are so humbled and blessed by your dedication and service to our Region!

Exciting things are happening in our fraternity. It is truly a blessing to be part of such a committed and active community!

Pax et bonum,
Barbara Scott, OFS



Directories Are Still Available!!

If you were not able to get your directory in November, they will still be available in December. Please bring in your old directories if you have them at the January gathering. We will replace the pages with the new ones. This way we can recycle the covers. There will be new covers for those that don't have them. If you prepaid your directory, no further payment is necessary. For those that have not paid, the directories will be available for \$10 each.

Upcoming Franciscan Feast Days

St. Eustochia Calafato	January 20
St. Francis de Sales	January 24
St. Angela Merici	January 27
St. Hyacinth of Mariscotti	January 30
St. John Bosco	January 31
St. Joseph of Leonissa	February 4
St. Paul Miki and Companions	February 6
St. Collette	February 7

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



2020 Our Mother of Sorrows Day of Reflection

Saturday, March 7

8:00 am—3:30 pm

Franciscan Life Process Center

Special Guest Speaker: Sr. Damien Marie Savino, FSE

The day will begin with Mass at 8:00 am at St. Thomas the Apostle, then carpool to Lowell.



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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****Please note the new address****

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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