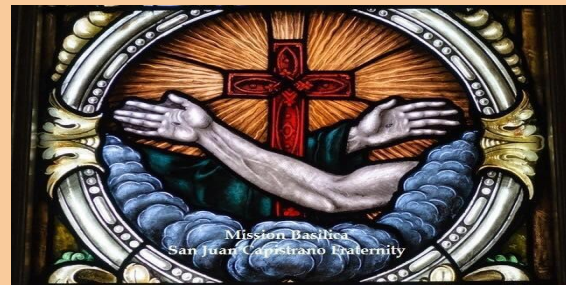


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St. Francis of Assisi

Fraternity Meeting in Room A

Spend some time in prayer at the Tomb of Saint Francis

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Prayer for Vocations
 Oh, Good and Gracious God,
 God of mercy, compassion,
 generosity, and love,
 As we live our lives today
 in the model of St. Francis,
 choosing daily to live the Gospel life,
 Help us to help others hear Your call.
 Help us to help others to recognize
 their vocation as a Secular Franciscan
 that You have already planted
 in their heart.
 Help us, so that together we all may
 work
 to bring the Gospel to life.



NEWS

Meeting News ~ April 11, 2026

Candidates: Profession and the Secular Franciscan - Deacon David Sire

Fraternity: St. Junipero Serra-Pt. 4- Kim

Candidates—Access the article about Profession of Secular Franciscans at: <https://ofscentralnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/profession-and-the-secular-franciscan.pdf>

2026													
		JAN 10	FEB 14	MAR 14	APR 11	MAY 9	JUN 13	JUL 11	AUG 8	SEP 12	OCT 10	NOV 14	DEC 12
Saturdays 8-9:30 a.m. Serra Rm. or as designated otherwise	CANDIDATES	C-3	C-4	C-5	C-6	C-7		Fraternal Visit	C-B	C-9	C-10	C-11	C-12
		Marilyn	Ryan	Al	David	Cyndie	ALL		Kim	Marilyn	Cyndie	Al	Ryan
	INQUIRY	SFO History and its Rule	Conversion - Penitential Movement	St. Francis & His Approach to Divinity	Profession and the Secular Franciscan	Understanding Franciscan Theology Tradition & Spirituality	Interview		Fraternity and Francis: Fraternity as a Fundamental Element	Francis & the Blessed Virgin Mary	St. Clare of Assisi	J P I C	"General Constitutions & Statutes (study guides available at
Saturdays 9:30 - Noon Room A	FRATERNITY	10	14	14	11	9	13	11	8	12	10	14	12
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Thursdays 6pm - 8pm Room G	COUNCIL	15	19	19	16	21	18	16	20	17	15	19	17
		Council Topic - Bonaventure - The Soul's Journey into God - The Tree of Life - The Life of St. Francis											
		David	Al	Joe	Cyndie	Kim	Ryan	Joe	Ryan	Al	David	Kim	Joe
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All Souls												11/1/2026	
Advent												11/29/2026	



A Happy Birthday goes out to...

*Marilyn DiNicola OFS
 Waren Kato, OFS
 Cyndie Williams, OFS
 Tom Cooney, OFS
 Norman Diaz*

*Wishing you a Birthday
 Rich in Blessings.....*

JANUARY

17 Dolly Rett, OFS

FEBRUARY

24 John Scruggs, OFS

MARCH

14 Deacon Halka, OFS
 22 Maureen Fitzpatrick

APRIL

1 Marilyn DiNicola, OFS
 1 Warren Kato, OFS
 2 Cyndie Williams OFS
 11 Tom Cooney, OFS
 11 Norman Diaz

MAY

7 Dan, Abalos, OFS
 18 Kady Dunleavy, OFS
 24 Ryan Williams, OFS

JUNE

1 Rosa Lim, OFS
 12 Kim Cota, OFS
 19 Jim Iacometti

JULY

9 Deacon Sire, OFS
 19 Paul Kelly, OFS

AUGUST

12 Bob Murray, OFS

SEPTEMBER

1 Joan Fessenden, OFS
 8 Trudy Weigel, OFS
 27 Surya Anesi, OFS

OCTOBER

5 Christina Huben, OFS
 11 Gloria Abalos, OFS
 27 Christine Riley, OFS

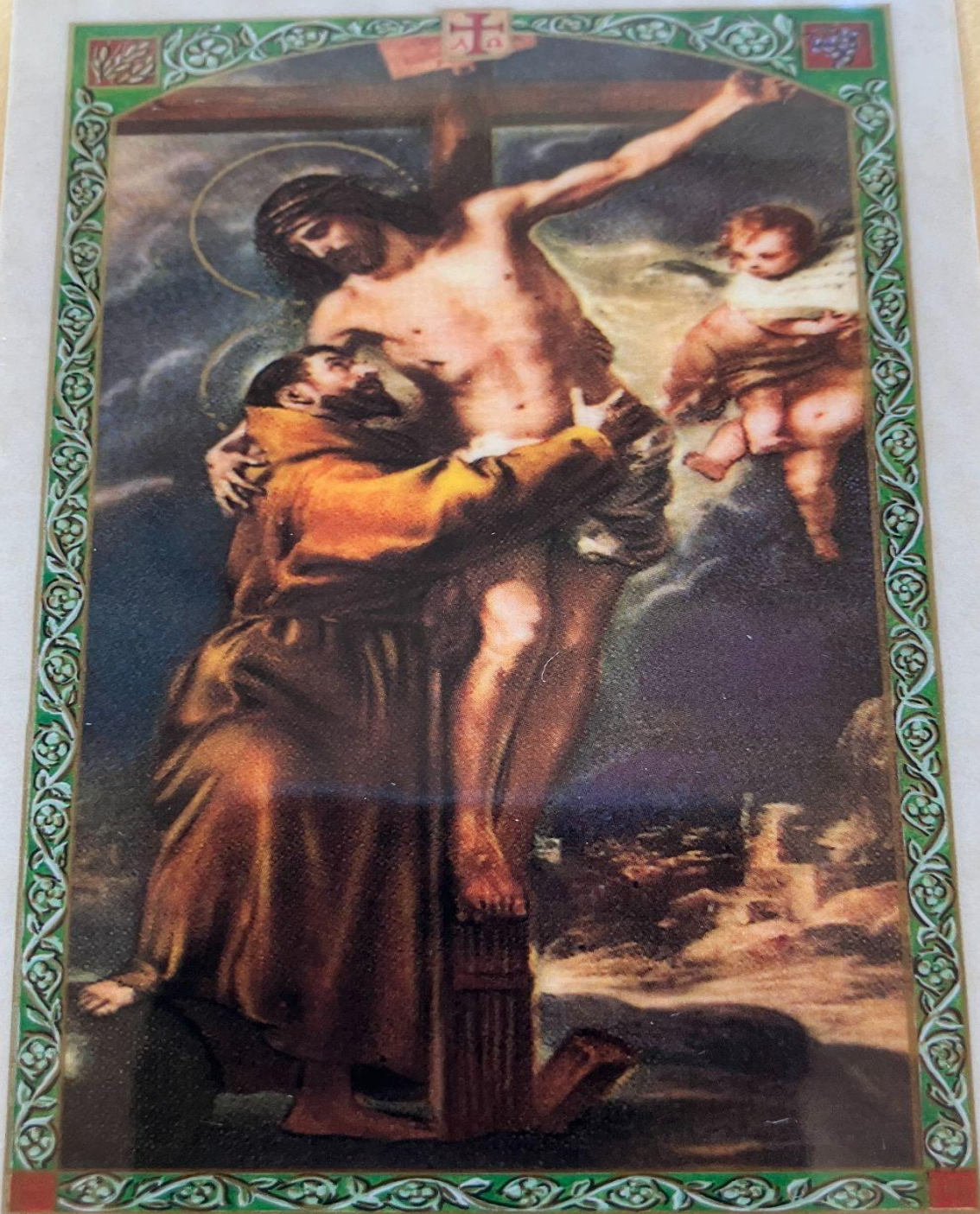
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 24 Al DiNicola, OFS

DECEMBER

18 Theresa Cimino-Diaz
 20 Patsy Lopez, OFS

St. Francis Taking Jesus from the Cross



St. Francis' View of the Crucifixion

St. Francis of Assisi viewed the crucifixion as the ultimate expression of God's love, prompting a deep, personal devotion to the suffering Christ. He saw it not just as historical pain, but as an active, "costless" love to be mirrored through poverty and compassion, culminating in his receiving the stigmata, the wounds of Christ.


The Ultimate Expression of Love: Francis believed the cross was the ultimate sign of God's love and the incarnation, often referring to it as "Love without counting the cost."

Active Compassion: He often wept over the suffering of Jesus and sought to share in it through a life of poverty, humility, and service to the marginalized, such as lepers.

The Stigmata as Union: In 1224 on Mount La Verna, Francis received the stigmata after a vision of a seraph on a cross. This was seen as a divine seal confirming his total identification with the crucified Jesus, uniting his own life and body with Christ's passion.

"God on the Cross": Francis viewed the Passion as a reality that should be "repeated and re-presented" through life, often identifying the suffering of the world with the suffering of Jesus.

St. Francis' approach to the crucifixion emphasized a profound emotional and spiritual connection, seeking not just to honor the sacrifice, but to embody it.



Prayer to Jesus Christ Crucified

My good and dear Jesus,
I kneel before you,
asking you most earnestly
to engrave upon my heart
a deep and lively
faith, hope, and charity,
with true repentance
for my sins,
and a firm resolve
to make amends.
As I reflect upon
your five wounds,
and dwell upon them with
deep compassion and grief,
I recall, good Jesus,
the words the prophet David
spoke long ago
concerning yourself:
"they have pierced my hands
and my feet, they have
numbered all my bones!"



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