

Padre Pio Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order

Gathering Agenda

St. Francis of Assisi Founder's Room

[Zoom Link](#)

Sunday, Jan. 22, 2023

A candidate will lead the recitation of the Angelus at 2:30 p.m. right before the opening prayer. If it is a desire of your heart, please join us in prayer.

The Angelus

L: The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary:

All Respond: And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

All Pray: Hail Mary, full of grace (etc.)

L: Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

All Respond: Be it done unto me according to Thy word.

All Pray: Hail Mary...

L: And the Word was made Flesh.

All Respond: And dwelt among us.

All Pray: Hail Mary...

L: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

L: Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord.

Amen

1. Opening Prayer: Sharon Winzeler, OFS	2:35 p.m.
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Ritual, pages 35 – 36

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Minister: Most high, all-powerful, good God, praise, glory, and honor, and all blessings are yours.

All: Praise and bless my Lord, and give Him thanks, and serve him with great humility.

Minister: Let us pray. (Pause)

Most high, glorious God,

enlighten the darkness of our hearts

and give us right faith, firm hope, and perfect charity,

with wisdom and insight, O Lord,

that we may accomplish your holy and true will. **All:** Amen

2. Welcome Guests! Introduction of orientees	2:35 p.m.
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3. Ongoing Formation: Rite of Extraction—Jeanne Casciere Please reflect in silence as the music plays and each person selects a virtue, Bible quotation, and Secular Franciscan saint, blessed, or venerable. Once all of them have been drawn, we will share our thoughts in small groups.	2:40-3:40 p.m.
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The Rite of Extraction

This is one of the oldest traditions of the Franciscan community and is celebrated by the First, Second, and Third Orders, Religious and Secular, usually during the season of the Epiphany. We believe that God speaks to us in many ways, not the least of which is through the example of his Saints, through the inspired words of Scripture, and through the Virtues that St. Francis exemplified, St. Clare, St. Pio, and other saints.

Your patron saint for the year, your Scripture passage, and your Franciscan virtue might be a special source of inspiration in the challenges which might be facing you during the year. Read the life of your saint: What does the message of his or her life have to say to you? Offer intercessory prayers for yourself and others. Reflect on the Scripture passage and its meaning in your life. Offer prayers to the Holy Spirit to assist you in embodying your virtue in your daily life and encounters with others.

Opening Song: Come, Holy Ghost

Come, Holy Ghost,
Creator blest,
And in our hearts take up thy rest;
Come with your grace and heavenly aid
To fill the hearts which thou has made. (Repeat)

O Comfort blest, to thee we cry,
Thou heavenly gift of God Most High,
Thou Fount of life and fire of love,
And sweet anointing from above. (Repeat)

Praise be to thee, Father and Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One;
And may the Son on us bestow
The Gifts that from the Spirit flow. (Repeat)

Opening Prayer:

Leader: Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created.

ALL: And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Leader: Let us pray:

ALL: Almighty and everlasting God, we celebrate that day when your word became flesh for all the world to see. In becoming one with our human family, He sanctified human activity and made us holy through His life-giving word. Through the ages, His message has touched the hearts of men and women everywhere, taking flesh into their lives through Christian service. May these holy men and women stand as shining examples of Christian virtue and the Gospel life, for each one of them reflects a unique aspect of Your divine love. Be with us today, Lord our God, as we choose one of these saints as our patron for this new year. With the help of your spirit, may the saint given us today serve as a special reminder of our call to holiness. May his or her teaching and example inspire us to exercise Christian virtue and follow your Son more closely in our Franciscan Family. We ask this through our Christ your Son. Amen

EXTRACTION: Three bowls (Saint, Scripture, and Virtue) are on a table. Fraternity members will be called up one table at a time and draw from each of the bowls. Take your extractions back to your table. You can use the glue sticks to affix them to the cards provided.

Psalm 150

Side A	Praise God in his holy place, praise him in his mighty heavens.
Side B	Praise him for his powerful deeds, praise his surpassing greatness.

Side A	O praise him with sound of trumpet, praise him with lute and harp.
Side B	Praise him with timbrel and dance, praise him with strings and pipes.
Side A	O praise him with resounding cymbals, praise him with clashing of cymbals.
All	Let everything that lives and that breathes, give praise to the Lord.

Closing Prayer:

Leader: The Lord is the Honor of His saints.
 ALL: He has heard those who cry to Him.

Leader: Let us pray.

ALL: O God, you have raised men and women outstanding in holiness as examples to your people in following in your footsteps. Grant that we may ever look to the example and teaching of your saints, imitating their virtue, and thus merit to arrive at your heavenly banquet. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

<p>4. Fellowship and celebration of January birthdays: John Halada, OFS, Jan. 3; Diane Greet, OFS, Jan. 11; Maureen McFadden, OFS, Jan. 18; Marylou Holloway, OFS, Jan. 19; Mayra Rangel, Jan. 29.</p>	<p>3:40 p.m.</p>
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5. Fraternity business	4 p.m.
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Formation announcements, Permanent profession date is July 15, 2023 Char Witosky, OFS

- Fraternity retreat at St. Francis Springs is March 10-12 (Lee Cunningham, OFS)

Treasury Report, Zubair Simonson, OFS (Treasurer)

This is the time of year we send \$50 for each professed member and candidate for our Fair Share obligation to the Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis Region. If you can cover your Fair Share, please include it with your contribution. Contributions can be placed in an envelope with your name on it at the meeting or mailed to

Padre Pio Fraternity,
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JPIC- Gladys Whitehouse, OFS

- **Oak City Cares** - Lee Cunningham, OFS, and Marylou Holloway, OFS. Our next food service is Saturday, Nov. 28. Please volunteer [to provide food for the meal on the Sign Up Genius.](#)
- Updates on L'Arche

Announcements

- Many thanks to Maureen and Jay Copan for hosting the Padre Pio Epiphany Party! The food and fellowship were wonderful.

Save the Dates:

- **March 10-12, 2023.** Annual retreat at St. Francis Springs.
- **Saturday, July 15, 2023.** Permanent Profession at 11 a.m. Mass at St. Francis of Assisi of our candidates. Reception afterward.

Evening Prayer 2 (below)	4:10 p.m.
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Evening Prayer II for Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, January 22, 2023

Presider: God, come to my assistance. (make the sign of the cross)

All: Lord, make haste to help me.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
— as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

HYMN Christ Be Our Light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

PSALMODY

Ant. 1 The Lord said to my Master: Sit at my right hand, alleluia.

Antiphonarian: The Lord's revelation to my Master:

Right: "Sit on my right:
your foes I will put beneath your feet."

Left: The Lord will wield from Zion
your scepter of power:
rule in the midst of all your foes.

Right: A prince from the day of your birth
on the holy mountains;
from the womb before the dawn I begot you.

Left: The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.
"You are a priest forever,
a priest like Melchizedek of old."

Right: The Master standing at your right hand
will shatter kings in the day of his great wrath.

Left: He shall drink from the stream by the wayside
and therefore he shall lift up his head.

Right: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

Left: — as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Psalm-prayer

Presider: Father, we ask you to give us victory and peace. In Jesus Christ, our Lord and King, we are already seated at your right hand. We look forward to praising you in the fellowship of all your saints in our heavenly homeland.

All: The Lord said to my Master: Sit at my right hand, alleluia.

Ant. 2 Our compassionate Lord has left us a memorial of his wonderful work, alleluia.

Antiphonarian: I will thank the Lord with all my heart

Right: in the meeting of the just and their assembly.
Great are the works of the Lord;
to be pondered by all who love them.

Left: Majestic and glorious his work,
his justice stands firm forever.
He makes us remember his wonders.
The Lord is compassion and love.

Right: He gives food to those who fear him;
keeps his covenant ever in mind.
He has shown his might to his people
by giving them the lands of the nations.

Left: His works are justice and truth:
his precepts are all of them sure,
standing firm forever and ever:
they are made in uprightness and truth.

Right: He has sent deliverance to his people
and established his covenant forever.
Holy his name, to be feared.

Left: To fear the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all who do so prove themselves wise.
His praise shall last forever!

Right: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
Left: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Psalm-prayer

Presider: Merciful and gentle Lord, you are the crowning glory of all the saints.
Give us, your children, the gift of obedience which is the beginning of wisdom, so
that we may do what you command and be filled with your mercy.

All: Our compassionate Lord has left us a memorial of his wonderful work,
alleluia.

Ant. 3 All power is yours, Lord God, our mighty King, alleluia.

Right: Alleluia.
Salvation, glory, and power to our God:
his judgments are honest and true.
Alleluia.

Left: Sing praise to our God, all you his servants,

all who worship him reverently, great and small.
Alleluia.

Right: The Lord our all-powerful God is King,
let us rejoice, sing praise, and give him glory.
Alleluia.

Left: The wedding feast of the Lamb has begun,
and his bride is prepared to welcome him.
Alleluia.

Right: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
Left: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

All: All power is yours, Lord God, our mighty King, alleluia.

READING

Reader: Praised be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
he who in his great mercy
gave us new birth;
a birth unto hope which draws its life
from the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead;
a birth to an imperishable inheritance,
incapable of fading or defilement,
which is kept in heaven for you
who are guarded with God's power through faith;
a birth to a salvation which stands ready
to be revealed in the last days.

RESPONSORY

Reader: The whole creation proclaims the greatness of your glory.

All: The whole creation proclaims the greatness of your glory.

Reader: Eternal ages praise

All: the greatness of your glory.

Reader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

All: The whole creation proclaims the greatness of your glory.

CANTICLE OF MARY

Stand

Presider: . The Spirit of the Lord rests upon me; he has sent me to preach the
good news to the poor.

Luke 1:46-55

Presider: The soul rejoices in the Lord

All: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.

All: The Spirit of the Lord rests upon me; he has sent me to preach the good news to the poor.

INTERCESSIONS

Presider: The world was created by the Word of God, re-created by his redemption, and it is continually renewed by his love. Rejoicing in him we call out:

All: *Renew the wonders of your love, Lord.*

Presider: We give thanks to God whose power is revealed in nature,
All: and whose providence is revealed in history.

Presider: Through your Son, the herald of reconciliation,
All: the victor of the cross, free us from empty fear and hopelessness.

Presider: May all those who love and pursue justice,
All: work together without deceit to build a world of true peace.

Presider: Be with the oppressed, free the captives, console the sorrowing, feed
the hungry, strengthen the weak,
All: in all people reveal the victory of your cross.

Presider: After your Son's death and burial you raised him up again in glory,
All: grant that the faithful departed may live with him.

ALL: Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Concluding Prayer

Presider: Almighty ever-living God,
direct our actions according to your good pleasure,
that in the name of your beloved Son
we may abound in good works.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

DISMISSAL

May the Lord bless us,
protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life.
— Amen.