

St. Clare Fraternity

NEWSLETTER

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FRATERNITY GATHERINGS TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

May the Lord grant us peace! As this time, due to the spread of the Coronavirus, our gatherings as Secular Franciscans are cancelled because of the safeguards imposed nationally and locally.

Happy July Birthday to July 27th Nancy Wise

JPIC Rosary Watch for an email about date and time

Franciscan Holy Days

July 8 St. Gregory Grassi

July 15 St. Bonaventure

July 9 St. Nicholas Pick & companions

July 21 St. Lawrence of Brindisi

July 10 St. Veronica Giuliani

July 23 St. Cunegunda

July 12 Sts. John Jones & John Wall
Sweden

St. Bridget of

July 13 Blessed Angeline of Marsciano

July 24. Blessed Louise of Savoy

July 14 St. Francis Solano
Magdalene of Martinegro

July 27 Blessed Marg

Please note:

Our Minister and our Formation Director are taking a break from the newsletter for this month. Summer traditionally is a time for relaxation and so we hope that everyone but especially these two hard working Franciscans enjoy this break.

July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus

July is the Month of the Precious Blood. During this month, we remember our special devotion to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus poured out for us on the cross. The Blood of Christ is the price of our salvation; no other sacrifice could win for us atonement for our sins and eternal life. Having a devotion to the Precious Blood reminds us of our total dependence on God's mercy and calls us to humble personal atonement.

St. Maximilian Kolbe:

“You come to me and unite Yourself intimately to me under the form of nourishment. Your Blood now runs in mine, Your Soul, Incarnate God, compenetrates mine, giving courage and support. What miracles! Who would have ever imagined such!”

What is a prophecy?

This past week we have heard about a prophecy made by Father Michael Scanlon, TOR in 1976. Where did this idea of prophecy come from? It is not something we traditionally hear about in main-stream Catholicism unless it comes from Sacred Scripture. Perhaps the following excerpt from Catholic Bible 101 (<https://catholicbible101.com/charismaticcatholics.htm>) will help clarify this.

“A lot of people in the Church are totally ignorant of this great gift that is available today to us all that transforms every day sacramental Catholics into spiritual powerhouses, like the apostles after Pentecost. The Holy Spirit has many strengths.

At Baptism we are filled with the Holy Spirit. At our Confirmation we are showered with gifts of the Holy Spirit : [Wisdom](#), [Understanding](#), [Knowledge](#), [Counsel](#), [Piety](#), [Fortitude](#), and [Fear of the Lord](#). These seven gifts from Isaiah 11 build up the individual who has the gifts, and help to make him or her holy, and are most frequently manifested in an individual after receiving the Baptism of the Spirit. (The Papal Preacher, Father Cantalamessa says that "Baptism in the Spirit is not a human invention; it is a divine invention. It is a *renewal* of baptism and of the whole of Christian life, of all the sacraments.") On the other hand, the charismatic gifts, which *sometimes* manifest (the

exception, not the rule) themselves in individuals, do not *necessarily* make the individual who has them holy, but can be a sign to unbelievers (prophecy being the one exception that is for believers).

These charismatic biblical gifts are mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12:7-10:

*"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of **healing** by the one Spirit, to another the **working of miracles**, to another **prophecy**, to another **the ability to distinguish between spirits**, to another **various kinds of tongues**, to another **the interpretation of tongues.**"*

The Bible is very explicit about encouraging us all to receive these Charismatic gifts of the Holy Spirit. Paul exhorts us to pray for the gift of prophecy (not necessarily telling the future, but letting everyone know what God wants of them)"