



UPDATE

Newsletter of St. Anthony Fraternity
October 2018



Secular Franciscan
Order

LIST OF FRANCISCAN SAINTS

October

- 04 - Our Holy Father St. Francis Feast Day**
- 06 - St. Mary Francis of the Five Wounds 3rd Order
- 10 - St. Daniel and Companions 1st Order
- 12 - St. Seraphin of Montenegranaro 1st Order
- 20 - Blessed James of Strepar 1st Order
- 20 - Blessed Contardo Ferrini 3rd Order
- 21 - Blessed Josephine Leroux 2nd Order
- 22 - St. Peter of Alcantara 1st Order
- 23 - St. John of Capistrano 1st Order
- 26 - Blessed Bonaventure of Potenza 1st Order

Happy Birthday!

October Celebrants:

- Oct. 19 - Josephine Fedele
- Oct. 24 - Alila Rafaelita

Quebec - Ontario Area Activities 2018/19

- Saturday Nov. 24 Day of Recollection at Rosemont Friary
- Variety Show Sunday Jan. 27, 2019 at Rosemont Friary
- Retreat April 26-28 Ville St. Martin
- Sunday May 26 2019 Communion Breakfast (tbd)

Prayer Requests



For healing and good health:

Mary Rose Belgica, Edwin Doloroso, Mary Claire Guindon, Jeff Farell, Consolacion Nueva, Marichu Reyes, Linda And David Stroll, Josef Svoboda, Hans Wigglehot, Fr. Herbert Schultz, Mary Claire Guindon, Rosy Padilla, Dominador Osdon Sr.

For the repose of the soul of:

Celedonia Cambia, Ampon Keoviengkham, Farnath Socorro Ayana, Asuncion Calderan Corpuz, Epifanio Espiritu, Shirley Furtado, Rudy Francisco, Eduardo Patorara, Corazon Retuta, Jovencio Retuta, Godofredo Nool Sr.

Benedict Labre House

Coordinator - Emily Espiritu
October 27 (Saturday)
December 15 (Saturday)



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St. Francis Feast Day at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Montreal (Parc-Extension)

October is a special month for Secular Franciscans. Not only is it the month for Canadians to give thanks for all the generous blessings the Lord has given to us all, but it is also the month of the feast day of our founder, Saint Francis himself! (October 4th). I consider myself fortunate to once again have participated in the festivities that took place here on Outremont street in Montreal's Parc-Extension district at nowhere else than Francis of Assisi Parish. Presiding the mass were clergy very familiar to the parish, primarily, Father Pierre Charland ofm and Father Joachim Yoon ofm.

As recounted by Father Pierre in his homily, it was discovered that, miraculously, when the two were discussing whether or not this year the daily readings should be used rather than the special feast day readings, that the daily gospel text was the very reading that initially inspired Francis on his journey toward sainthood! As recounted by Thomas Celano it was Luke 10:1-12 of "Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals;" fame concerning Jesus' sending out the apostles like "lambs among wolves" that struck Francis profoundly, firmly putting him on the path of an austere life. The very gospel of the day! A fateful sign of God's faithful providence and loving care for his people and/or example of his omnipotent control over creation? I would say yes! Wonders indeed! Needless to say the evening was off to a memorable start!

After the mass was a reception down in the church hall. The parishioners gathered with orderly haste into the hall and soon enough Father Joachim Otterman was tapped to give the blessing over the food. There was quite an abundance; everything from egg salad sandwiches, to crispy mini egg rolls, to pizza

squares, to curry chicken, to Indian rice Biryani, Filipino Pancit, and an assortment of wonderful veggies with dip and more! I found all this variety of food so much to my liking, and in such quantity, that I said to one of the church organizers, "So much good stuff, it's incredible!" to which she simply replied, "It's a special day!". While St. Francis was strict with himself and his body, carefully not giving it to excess, he definitely knew how to have a good time and how to share joyfully in fraternity with his brothers. The parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Parish took Francis' example to heart and definitely shared their joy with others that night.

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