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ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI FRATERNITY - CLEARWATER, FL

2ND SATURDAYS @ St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen & Chapel, 1345 Park St., Clearwater



SIMPLICITY

Next Meeting: Saturday February 13, 2016 @ 1:00 pm

Please Note the New Meeting Place and Time

St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen & Chapel 1345 Park St., Clearwater

Lenten Luncheon: Soups, Bread, and Beverages

Message from our Spiritual Assistant, Br. Mark Brown, OFM

It is time once again for us to think about our lenten resolutions. At the Friary we are planning for Mardi Gras which will include music, food, and burning of palms for Ash Wednesday to start our lenten fasts. What a perfect time to start doing penance with a celebration to bring attention to this important feast of the Church. It reminds me of the Israelites preparing to leave Egypt to go into the desert to become one people under one God. Like them we enter Lent with an expectation of following Jesus' example by putting aside whatever is separating us from the Father. The best way to begin Lent is with a sense of joy and anticipation of experiencing a wonderful journey leading us to be united with Jesus at the Easter Celebration of His Resurrection. The journey can be challenging but the rewards we will receive will be worth the sacrifice.

Did our parents not teach us as children to give up candy for Lent, only to be rewarded with a huge basket of chocolate on Easter morning. Can we expect anything less from our Father in Heaven?

MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of February begins with the feast of the Presentation of the Lord February 2, which is followed by the memorial of St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr. Our Lenten Journey begins February 10, Ash Wednesday. May we strive to serve those less fortunate than ourselves. Every day presents many opportunities to reach out and make someone's life more enjoyable through prayer, a visit, almsgiving or a helping hand. On Monday February 15 we celebrate Presidents Day.

Since our meeting Saturday February 13 occurs during Lent, our luncheon will include a variety of soups, bread, and beverages only

"We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love. Be poor among the poor. We need to include the excluded and preach peace."

(Pope Francis - October 1, 2013)

Pax et Bonum,
Jim Grant, OFS

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February Birthdays: Cathy Ippolito - February 4 ~ John Probert - February 16

Anniversaries: Rose & Frank Averill Feb. 4 (15 yrs.) ~ Irene Cascione - Feb. 4 (15 yrs.)

Necrology: Howard Lammermeier - February 10, 1998 (51 yrs.)

Frances Desaulniers - February 21, 2008 (12 yrs.)

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DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, LET US REMEMBER ALL OUR MEMBERS, RELATIVES, AND FRIENDS IN OUR PRAYERS.

St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity Meeting Jan. 9, 2016 at St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen and Chapel.

Call to order at 1:05 p.m Opening Prayer - Ritual Pg 35 Jim

Liturgy of the Hours: Jim , Br. Mark Scripture Reading: Daniel Chapter 3
The fiery furnace of Nebuchadnezzar.

A Hail Mary was said for our sick members

.We had 2 visitors - Julie and Carl Hebinck from Our Lady of Lourdes.

Our Social hour was enjoyed by everyone.

Homily: Br. Mark invited us to the Mardi Gras party at the monastery Feb. 9, 2016. Brother did reflections on the Canticle of Daniel. There is good in everyone, treat all with respect and dignity.

On going Formation: Rule 11 on Poverty. Prepared by Michael, presented by Rebecca and David, ending with Jeannette reading her poem on Poverty.

Meeting ended at 4:00 p.m. Submitted by Jeannette B. Grant, OFS, Sec.

(Photos below and on page 4 from St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen and Chapel, our new home)





St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen and Chapel 1345 Park St. Clearwater, FL 33756

The Soup Kitchen’s physical address is 1345 Park St. but the property extends to Pierce St. Please enter and park on the Pierce St. side. For clearer directions, enter the street address in Google Maps or Map Quest or go to www.svdpsoupkitchenchapel.com On the website under the “Contact” tab you will find a map. The website also has a photo of the chapel and other information concerning the mission of the soup kitchen.

For more information, call Jim Grant @ 727-712-3645
On the meeting day you may call 727-421-1666 for help in finding the meeting place.
Please remember the change of meeting time; we will meet at 1:00 pm.

Come Unto Me

by Sr. Jeannette B. Grant, OFS

Jesus of Nazareth why should I come unto Thee
Will coming to You really set me free?
For you see I know the ending of Your story
You must hang upon a tree before You come into Your Glory.
Must it be the same for me?
I am weak and a coward don't you see.
How can I do it – it is impossible I know
I cannot take part in this Your earthly show.
Yes you can if only you would give Me your hand
I have done it before, I'll lead you to the Promised Land.
So come unto Me and set yourself free
You and I can do it, only Trust in Me.
It is hard to trust Someone who has holes in his hands and feet
Are You the only one on my life's road to meet?
I am not only someone- I am the Son of God
I have come to do His will and give Him praise and Laud.
You must do the same don't you see
You are lucky because now you have Me.
Nothing is impossible for Me, because of my great love for you
So come to Me and don't say, shoo shoo.
Together we will travel hand in hand
To my Father's great and Holy Land.
It only takes trust, day by day
Yes Jesus my love and Master is all you have to say. Amen

