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# Fraternity Reflections



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Fraternity meets first Sunday of the Month, 2:00pm to 4:00pm, Good Shepherd, 1000 Tinker Rd., Colleyville, Texas 76034  
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IMMACULATA FRATERNITY, OFS

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## *Most Precious Body and Blood*

“...he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, ‘Take it, this is my body. Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, ‘This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many.’”

Mark 14:22-26

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# FRATERNITY NEWS

## Meet The New Council!



**Starting from left to right:** Carol Leiser, Minister; Chuck Leiser, Treasurer; Mary Dang, Secretary; Brad Toups, Vice Minister; Teresa Stadelman, Minister of Formation; Jacqueline Chirunga, JPIC Representative

*“Article 31, Rule 21: On various levels, each fraternity is animated and guided by a council... and [t]hese offices are conferred through elections, in accordance with the Rule, The Constitutions, and their own Statutes.”*

Every 3 years the Fraternity holds council elections. Sunday, the 6<sup>th</sup> of May, 15 of the 18 professed members, came together and elected new members to the council. This new council has accumulated approximately 50 years of service among them.

**Minister, Carol Lieser:** served as Formation Director, Vice Minister (partial term), Treasurer, and Angelo Portion Counselor, Spiritual Advisor

**Vice Minister, Brad Toups:** has served as Minister, Vice Minister, Formation Master and Secretary at Sacred Heart Fraternity (Tyler, TX); and same positions at Sacred Heart Fraternity in Austin, TX; and Formation Director for the Los Tres Compañeros Region.

**Treasurer, Chuck Lieser:** Two term Minister of Immaculata Fraternity, and one term Vice Minister  
**Secretary, Mary Dang:** Secretary for prior council and served as Acting Master of Formation

**Formation Director, Teresa Stadelman:** Former Secretary and Formation Director for the Fraternity  
**Jacqueline Chirunga,** is not a council member but will be representing the fraternity as its JPIC representative, served as Formation Director.

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## Congratulations!

## Secular Franciscan The way of Life



Immaculata Fraternity meets the [First Sunday](#) of every month at 2:00pm in the Saint Francis/Saint Clare room at Good Shepherd in Colleyville. We welcome you to come and join us for prayer, formation and fellowship!

### Immaculata Fraternity

*Come and see!*

Every first Sunday, 2:00PM

**June 6**  
**July 1**  
**August 5**

Good Shepherd Catholic Community  
1000 Tinker Rd.  
Colleyville, TX 76034



# From the Minister

**June, 2018**

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Immaculata Fraternity,

Here we are in June, the month of Father's day as well as many feast days, including one of our beloved Franciscans, St Anthony of Padua. This month also marks the start of service to Immaculata Fraternity from your newly elected council.

If we think about it, we are all called to service; each in his/her own unique way, we are meant to serve. Fathers have a unique opportunity to serve their families, and a call to be present and loving to their children. Those capital "S" Saints, like St Francis and St Anthony, have served the Church through their holiness and continue to add to the treasures of the church as we call on them to intercede for us. We, Secular Franciscans, the present day, small "s" saints, are also called to serve, aren't we? We do not just read the gospel; we live the gospel, in our families, our jobs, our friendships and each daily activity of life. We do not just pray, but we work, using that strength from our prayers to help to make our world a good and safe place for all those we meet and greet along the way.

## The Pascal Banquet

1382 The Mass is at the same time, and inseparably, the sacrificial memorial in which the sacrifice of the cross is perpetuated and the sacred banquet of communion with the Lord's body and blood. But the celebration of the Eucharistic sacrifice is wholly directed toward the intimate union of the faithful with Christ through communion. To receive communion is to receive Christ himself who has offered himself for us.

Brother and Sisters, let us strive, this month, to be of service! Let us reflect on what our unique vocation calls us to do and most especially, what our unique vocation calls us **to be**. We were created by God to be good, and to know and experience the good. **We are called to be Christ to one another!** As Franciscans, we must strive in both prayer and action to ensure all people know that Good, that gives us our life. This is our joy and this is our hope.

St Francis of Assisi, pray for us! St. Anthony of Padua, pray for us! Most Holy Virgin Mary, pray for us!

Peace and All Good,

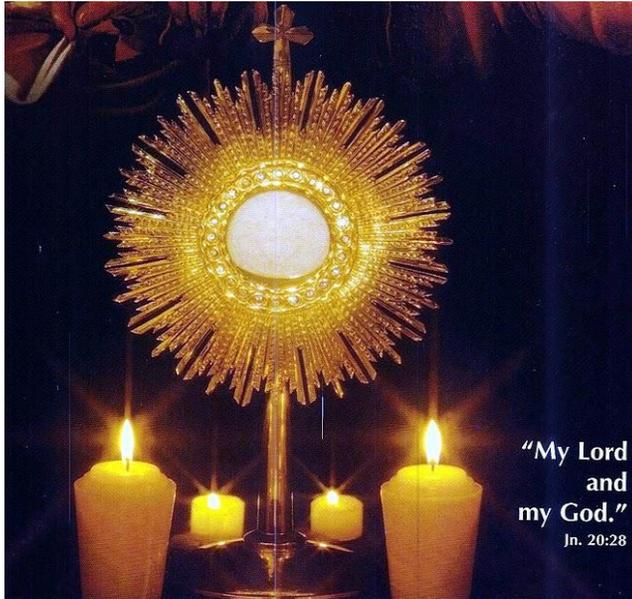
Carol Lieser, OFS  
Minister



# Reflections on The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

## (Sunday, June 3)

By: [Loyola Press.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/most-holy-body-and-blood-of-christ-b-sunday-connectegister](http://Loyola Press.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/most-holy-body-and-blood-of-christ-b-sunday-connectegister)



**O God, who in a wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of thy Passion, grant us, we pray, so revere the sacred mysteries of your body and blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who lives and reigns with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one god, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*(Prayer used during the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament)*

### Gospel Reading

*Mark 14:12-16,22-26*

Jesus shares his Last Supper with his disciples.

### Background on the Gospel Reading

The second Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate a second solemnity, which marks our return to Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar.

Sunday, June 3 is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. At one time, this day was called *Corpus Christi*, the Latin words for “the Body of Christ.” In the most recent revision of our liturgical rites, the name for this day is expanded to be a more complete reflection of our Eucharistic theology.

In our reading for this Sunday, we read the account of the Last Supper found in the Gospel of Mark. It begins with the instructions that Jesus gave to his disciples to prepare their Passover celebration. It then goes on to give an account of the Last Supper. On this Sunday, however, our Lectionary reading omits the verses between these two passages; in those omitted verses we hear Jesus predict his betrayal by one of his disciples.

The Gospel of Mark describes Jesus’ Last Supper with his disciples as a celebration of the Jewish feast of Passover. The Jewish celebration of Passover is a memorial to and a ritual participation in the defining moment of Israel’s history. It celebrates God’s deliverance of his people from slavery in Egypt. The Passover meal includes many ritually important elements, such as unleavened bread, lamb, and bitter herbs. Each food item recalls an aspect of the Exodus event. The instructions for the preparation of this meal are carefully prescribed in the Law of Moses. It is a central obligation of the Jewish faith tradition to celebrate this meal and to give thanks to God for his deliverance and protection.

In the description of the Passover meal found in today’s Gospel, however, Mark omits many elements of the Jewish Passover meal. Instead he describes only those elements he believes to be most essential to the Christian Eucharist: Jesus took bread, blessed the bread, broke the bread, and shared it with his disciples. Similar words and actions follow as Jesus shares the chalice with his disciples. This bread now shared is Jesus’ own body. Those who drink from the chalice are invited to share in a new covenant which will be sealed by Jesus’ own blood. Mark’s Eucharistic theology looks forward to the Kingdom of God that Jesus inaugurates.

The Gospel for today reminds us that the Eucharist is a memorial of Christ’s sacrifice on the cross. We believe that Jesus is truly present to us in the elements of bread and wine. Each time we celebrate this sacrament, we prepare for the Kingdom of God. This celebration, as the Second Vatican Council taught us, is the source and summit of the Christian life.



# Pope Francis'

## MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS

### JUNE

#### Universal – Social Networks

That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects other for their differences.



We also pray for the health and safety of all our families, friends, Fraternity members, colleagues and those in need of prayer around the world. O Mother of Sorrows, accept this consecration. Strengthen our hopeful hearts, that as partakers of Christ's sufferings we may also share in his comfort now and for evermore.



Remembering  
you in  
Prayer  
on this  
beautiful  
Anniversary  
of your  
Religious  
Profession.

Happy  
Anniversary!

**Joseph McGookin**  
**6-18-97**  
**21 years professed!**

# Fraternity Happenings

## Down the Road!

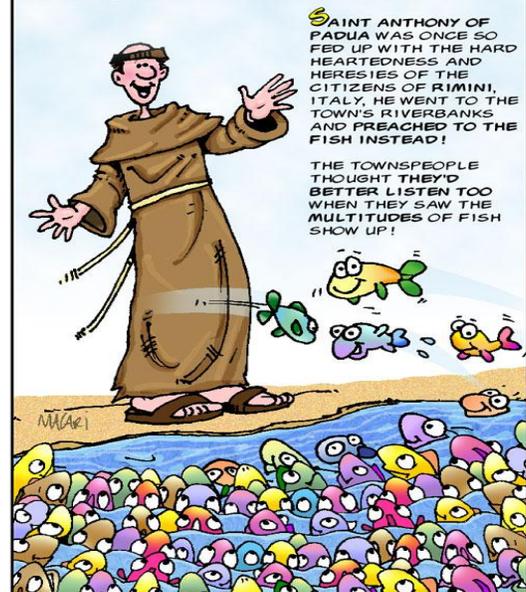
### June 3 Fraternity Meeting

*(Visit from Father Stephen Hauck who will be leading us in Formation!)*

### July 1 Fraternity Meeting

#### **SAINTS FUN FACTS**

by mario d. macari



For those of you reading this addition of *Fraternity Reflections* on our webpage or through Facebook, and feel called to the Franciscan way, please contact us at: [secularfranciscans@gsc.net](mailto:secularfranciscans@gsc.net) and we'll be glad to direct you in the best possible way, rather it be in the Order of Secular Franciscans or in a Franciscan Religious Vocation. We'd also invite you to come to the Immaculata Fraternity meetings *Please Note: In discerning a life with us, you must be a member of the Catholic Church in good standing and in a spirit of unity.*

*We look forward to meeting you!*

