



# *Tau Signature*

## *Tau Fraternity, SFO*

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*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

*This Sunday we celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord. It does not seem possible that forty days have passed since the joy we experienced at Easter and the joy we should be experiencing each day. The following is a meditation which addresses the issue of keeping our Easter joy alive by examining the different ways Easter touches our lives. The meditation is by Fr. Russell Becker, OFM and he calls it the Church of the Second Chance. It is long but I will share some of it with you. Fr. Russell includes scripture quotes but due to lack of space I have paraphrased some of his thoughts.*

**We are the Church of the Second Chance because we have said it is impossible but God has replied all things are possible. Things that are impossible with humans are possible with God.**

**We are the Church of the Second Chance because we have said I am too tired but God has replied I will give you rest.**

**We are the Church of the Second Chance because we have said nobody loves me but God has replied I love you so much that I gave my only Son so that you may have salvation.**

**We are the Church of the Second Chance because we have said I cannot manage and God has replied I will supply all your needs.**

**We are the Church of the Second**

**Chance because we have said I am afraid but God has replied do not be afraid. I have not given you a spirit of fear but one of love. And I am with you always.**

**We are the Church of the Second Chance because we have said I am not smart enough but God has replied I give you wisdom.**

**We are the Church of the Second Chance because we have said I feel all alone but God has replied I will never leave you or forsake you.**

**We are the Church of the Second Chance because we have said I cannot forgive myself but God has replied I FORGIVE YOU and there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.**

**What a beautiful meditation to keep the Easter spirit alive all year! If you wish to read the whole meditation, click on the following:**

**[http://www.hnp.org/fmu/meditation/Meditation\\_May\\_200.pdf](http://www.hnp.org/fmu/meditation/Meditation_May_200.pdf)**

**May the peace of the Easter season remain with you always.**

**Peace,  
Chris Wells, Minister**

**General Meeting:**

***Please note our general meeting for June will be Sunday, June 10 because of our fraternity retreat June 1-3. The meeting will be held at St. Joseph Parish Facility.***

**Agenda:**

- 12:15-1:15 Candidates and Inquirers
- 1:15 -2:00 Presentation – St. Elizabeth of Hungary by Irene Naveau
- 2:15-3:15 Whole group formation
- 3:30-4:00 Meeting
- 4:00 LOH
- 4:15 Fellowship

**Assignments:**

*Inquirers – Chapter 4 Come and See (p. 87); To Live as Francis Lived Reflection 30 (p. 111)*

*Candidates – Already assigned*

*Whole group – Ch. 12 Hope Against Darkness*

**Fraternity Elections:**

*This July our Fraternity will be electing all four offices: Minister, Vice Minister, Secretary and Treasurer. If you can donate some of your gifts, time and talents to the Fraternity, please call or email Chris Wells or Dick Clarke. Thank you for all you do.*

**Fraternity Retreat:**

*For those who will be attending the retreat I have enclosed an information list about the retreat center. The retreat begins Friday evening, June 1 at Priestfield Pastoral Center with dinner at 6:30 pm and ends on Sunday morning, June 3. The only meal served on Sunday will be breakfast unless you have made other arrangements with Veronica to pay extra for luncheon.*

*This year we have 20 people attending which is wonderful! Please keep all our retreatants in your prayers.*

**Dine With Tau:**

*Veronica will be emailing everyone about the next Dine With Tau. TBA!*

**June Birthdays:**

- 12 Pete Crowley  
16 Sr. Ann Lyons  
21 Jim Haynes

**Prayer Requests:**

- *Edna Henke's health*
- *Ron Kauffman and family*
- *John Ata's parents*
- *Special intention of Dick and Carole*
- *Soni Weiss*
- *Frank Mullin's sister, Pat*
- *Conversion of the terrorists and for their victims*
- *Paul and Gloria – co-workers of Mike Schaner*
- *Mike Schaner's nephew*
- *Karen Stapleton's mother*
- *Maja Marshall*
- *Sally Stratmoen and family*
- *Clari Claus' Scouting award group*
- *Little Taylor*
- *Loudon County JDC Grace program*
- *St. Joseph's Outreach program All Franciscan families*
- *Our Fraternity*
- *The unspoken intentions of our hearts*

*For all who have died and their families and friends:*

- *Marjorie O'Connor, SFO*
- *Tony DelPopolo, SFO*
- *Marie Fitzgerald, SFO*
- *Bill Obenauer, SFO*
- *Joyce Wells, SFO*
- *James Scrivener, SFO*
- *Beth Kauffman*
- *Carole's mother*
- *Maria Calderone*
- *Albert VanLandingham (Chris' uncle)*
- *Karen's uncle, Joe*
- *Mike Mengell (Karen's nephew)*
- *Christi Thomas*
- *Nancy Taylor*

**Dates To Remember:**

- 1-3 Fraternity Retreat
- 3 *Most Holy Trinity (Trinity Sunday)*
- 10 *Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi Sunday)*  
General Meeting
- 12 *Bl. Jolenta*
- 13 *St. Anthony of Padua (feast)*
- 15 *Feast of the Sacred Heart*
- 16 *Immaculate Heart of Mary*
- 17 *Father's Day*
- 24 *Feast of St. John the Baptist*
- 29 *Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul*
- 30 *First Holy Martyrs of the Roman Church*  
*Bl. Raymond Lull*

*Our labor here is brief, but the reward is eternal. Do not be disturbed by the clamor of the world, which passes like a shadow. Do not let the false delights of a deceptive world deceive you. Close your ears to the whisperings of hell and bravely oppose its onslaughts. Gladly endure whatever goes against you and do not let good fortune lift you up; for these things destroy faith, while these others demand it. Offer faithfully what you have vowed to God, and He will reward you.*

*~ Clare of Assisi - Letter to Ermentrude of Bruges ~*

