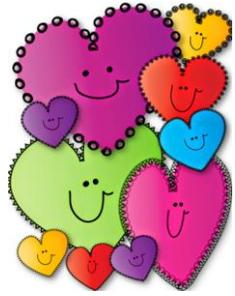




Pope Francis invites you to celebrate St. Valentine's Day!

In his document on *The Joy of Love (Amoris laetitia)*, Pope Francis refers directly to Saint Valentine's Day as an opportunity to make the most of traditional religious practices, invite couples to grow in love and help their children to prepare for their future married life.



Following in the Steps of Jesus

At our next meeting on February 10, 2019, we'll have the opportunity and joy to hear Sister Helene Wood, ss.cc. as she tells us about her recent trip to the Holy Land. Sister has put together a PowerPoint presentation which will help us to also visualize and participate in her experience of being in this sacred place.



February 2019 Calendar

- 1 **First Friday**
- 2 Presentation of the Lord
World Day for Consecrated Life
- First Saturday**
- 3 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Boy Scouting Sunday
- 5 Tues. St. Agatha
Chinese new Year
- 6 Wed. St. Paul Miki & Companions
- 8 Fri. St. Josephine Bakhita
International Day of Prayer against Human Trafficking
- 10 **5th Sunday in Ord. Time**
Associates meet
- 1:00 Adoration**
- 1:30 Presenter – Sr. Helene Wood, ss.cc.**
- 2:15 Community business**
- 2:30 Refreshments**
- 11 Mon. Our Lady of Lourdes
World Day of the Sick
- 12 Tues. Lincoln's Birthday
- 14 Thurs. Ss. Cyril and Methodius
Valentine's Day
- 17 6th Sunday in Ord. Time
- 18 Mon. Washington's Birthday
Observed **Holiday**
- 22 Fri. Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
- 24 Sun. 7th Sunday in Ord. Time

Associates Meet

Last Sunday of Month Adoration



February Birthdays

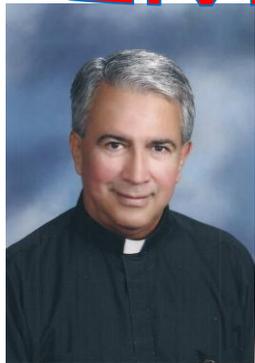
- 5-Sr. Angela Gregorio, ss.cc.
- 6-Elaine Graham
- 8-Fr. Patrick Killilea, ss.cc.
- 11-Bro. William Steven Kamahuoa, ss.cc.
- 12 – Modesta Yadao
- 16 – Conchita Uson
- 19 – Fr. Tom Choo, ss.cc.
- 19- Fr. James McDonough, ss.cc.
- 22 – Phyllis Zerbe
- 27- Bro. Paul Alves, ss.cc.
- 28- Fr. Michael Kelly, ss.cc.
- 28- Fr. Jeremiah Holland, ss.cc.



Driving through Southern California, I stopped at a roadside stand that sold fruit, vegetables and crafts. As I went to pay, I noticed the young woman behind the counter was painting a sign. "Why the new sign?" I asked. "My boyfriend didn't approve of the old one," she said. When I glanced at what hung above the counter, I understood. It declared:
"Local Honey Dates Nuts"



Living the SSCC Way



The January 13 meeting began with adoration in the chapel, Theme: "Inflame Our Hearts With Your Love". Afterwards the Associates assembled in the parlor to listen to our guest speaker Fr. Herman Gomes who is presently the Provincial Superior of our Brothers in USA and extended Province. Fr. Herman began his talk by thanking the Associates for their monthly financial support of the student Brothers in Fiji. He shared that worldwide the Fathers and Brothers number fewer than 700 and that the US province is not able to produce enough income to cover its expenses. As a result, Bethany may be leased to a charter school this coming fall and the East Coast retreat house is up for sale. Father then distributed Sacred Hearts medals to everyone and explained that the Crown of Thorns, symbolizing pain and suffering, is part of the SS.CC. emblem.

Father continued with his talk by briefly explaining that the sacramental nature of marriage is a reflection of Christ's covenant with us in the Holy Eucharist. Father distributed two handouts on stewardship and the SS.CC. charism. He said stewardship is serving Our Lord through hospitality, prayer, formation, and service. These are the four pillars under which stewardship ministries are gathered. He stressed the importance of sharing the faith with others, beginning with one's family especially the children. He stated that children need to be taught rote prayers first so they have a solid foundation on which to build their prayer lives. Father concluded his talk by sharing examples from his priestly ministry of the four pillars of stewardship in action and by explaining that the pillars fit in well with the SS.CC. charism.

The Associates then gathered in the dining room for refreshments and a game of musical "pass the presents." A big mahalo to Tom for providing the musical entertainment. Next month Sr. Helene will share a power-point presentation of her recent trip to the Holy Land.

(Minutes by Mrs. Karen Kim) (Photos by Sr. Ivy Yim, ss.cc.)



**To The Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary
Honor and Glory!**