

FUNDRAISER!

Posole orders can be picked up today after mass—they are packaged to go with all fixings.

ENJOY!!



Help is needed for a retreat the weekend of January 25-27.

If you can help, please see Julie Pino after mass or email her at juliepino60@gmail.com or text at 602-448-8904

Lupe's Thrift Store is OPEN Fridays and Saturdays



GYM FOR SALE! \$800 for all. Please contact Irene or Miki at Lupe's Thrift Shop. Buyer will need to pick up gym after purchase. Queen bedroom set \$400 [including dresser]. Table/chairs/hutch set \$200.

Please bring in your aluminum cans to the Monastery for recycling! Place bags of cans in blue cans provided by Monastery. Thanks!



Want to see something special in the weekly bulletins?

Email Sophie at scbejarano@yahoo.com by Wednesdays to get in Sunday's bulletins.



Sisters of St. Benedict

Our Lady of Guadalupe Bulletin

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The Mission of the Sisters of St. Benedict is to give witness to the Gospel values and follow the Rule of St. Benedict by living the monastic life through the charisms of: Personal Prayer, Community Prayer, Hospitality, and ministering to the people of God.



Date: 1/20/2019
Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Monastery happenings:

- **Sunday, January 20th**—POSOLE fundraiser
- **Friday, January 25th**—4:30 prayer, 5:00pm mass
- **Sunday, February 3rd**—Feast of St. Blaise—blessing of throats—Mass at 10:15am
- **Sunday, February 10th**—Hospitality Sunday!
- **Saturday, February 16th**—Oblates and Candidates, 1-4 pm

From the desk of Sr. Linda.....

As we look ahead, we will be blessing throats on February 3 at our 10:15 am liturgy.

In light of all that has gone on for the past year we have decided to bless the entire property and all buildings on March 3rd. We will begin at 9:30 am prior to Mass. If you would like to join us for this blessing we would be happy to have you as we process from Lupe's Thrift Store to Benedict's Garden, Scholastica House, Hildegard House, and then to the Monastery and Chapel.

God has blessed us abundantly throughout this time and we wish to ask his blessing on all that we have and all who have so generously supported, participated, and continue to be a part of the life of the Monastery, its ministries and our faith community.

We are grateful to welcome the Giving Voice community back this weekend....27 Sisters from around the country are here to reflect, pray, and celebrate one another.

Blessings always, Sister Linda Campbell, OSB, Prioress



1/22 Suzanne Bernhardt

1/24 Patty Davis

125 Juan Rodriguez

Remember to do an

Act of Kindness each week!

Readings—January 20th

First Reading: Isaiah 62: 1-5 (66C)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11

Gospel: John 2: 1-11

Benedictine Spirituality in a Foreign Land

Has it been over three years since we moved away from the constant spiritual nourishment we received here, at the Monastery? Here we lived Benedictine spirituality without thinking.

It was a life grounded in listening. Listening to God—through prayer, Scriptures, the depths of our own experience, through listening to others in our community.

It was a life ordered by a rhythm of daily prayer that is Biblical and reflective. Monastic life, here, was punctuated by the rhythms of prayer during the hours of each day. Everything we did was biblically sound. Living a biblical life was so easy here.

Here, *Lectio divina* was readily practiced and it allowed us to be receptive to the presence of God, and we were transformed.

We were rooted in stability and bound to this community, as the context for our spiritual growth and development.

It was our belief that we were where we were called to be. We believed that we would fulfill our purpose in life by staying right where God planted us, right here at OLG Monastery. God had other plans for us, however, and He continues to reach us even in this land that I have often called Godforsaken. There were many days I refused to listen to my Benedictine call. "Listen, my child, with the ears of your heart." I refused to see God in the lives and rhythms of my daily life. I was not rooted in stability here, this is not my home. I often questioned myself... am I still a Benedictine? Then I realized with my mind, my heart and my spirit that Benedictine spirituality also includes:

Conversion of Life: By listening and seeking stability in my new life, I had to discern and embrace the new path that Christ is forever calling me to travel. St. Benedict called this lifelong process conversion of life. This life, the life I live now is my forever calling.

I needed to find balance: Benedictines believe that the Christian life is best lived in the daily context of a good, balanced life in community. Whether community be my family or Monastery community. Holiness of life is to be found through the right balance of all aspects of spiritual life.

Am I still a Benedictine? Yes, I believe I am because I believe my stability, my balance hinges on me staying rooted where I am—in relationship with myself and with others, in order to grow in my spiritual life. I will always miss the easy spirituality that I had there in that place of peace and Love, but I know without a doubt I am, here, where I am meant to be. Believe me I fought God about this for all of three years and I may have some fight in me yet, but here I am in this still foreign land, Florida and here I will stay until He says otherwise.

Bibi Hernandez, Oblate, 2008



*Women gathering in the Spirit to
grow closer to Christ Jesus*

We invite you to join us in learning about the beginning of our Christian faith with William A. Anderson's **The Acts of the Apostles Good News for All People & Mike Aquilina's The Apostles and Their Times.**

We meet January 10th & 24th **Thursdays, 10:00-noon** at the **Scholastic House** and each month (September-May). Cost of the books is \$25.00. Scholarships are available.

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Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Tuesday is the annual "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." Let us join with the Bishops in prayer and penance, imploring God's mercy upon our nation and the world for this terrible crime, and invoking Our Lady's aid in bringing an end to abortion and the culture of death and restoring a culture of life. Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Unborn, pray for us.



FEAST OF SAINT BLAISE, FEBRUARY 3RD

St. Blaise's popularity arose from the fact he was a physician who cured, even performing miraculous cures. Thereby, those who were sick, especially with throat ailments, invoked his intercession. Eventually the custom of the blessing of throats arose, whereby the priest held two crossed candles over the heads of the faithful or touched their throats with them while he invoked the prayer of the saint and imparted God's blessing. In our present *Roman Ritual*, the priest prays, "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." This practice continues in many parishes on St. Blaise's feast day. While we invoke St. Blaise for his protection against any physical ailment of the throat, we should also ask is protection against any spiritual ailment — profanity, cursing, unkind remarks, detraction or gossip. St. James reminds us, "If a man who does not control his tongue imagines that he is devout, he is self-deceived; his worship is pointless" (1:26) and later, "We use [the tongue] to say, Praised be the Lord and Father'; then we use it to curse men, though they are made in the likeness of God. While we invoke St. Blaise for his protection against any physical ailment of the throat, we should also ask is protection against any spiritual ailment — profanity, cursing, unkind remarks, detraction or gossip. St. James reminds us, "If a man who does not control his tongue imagines that he is devout, he is self-deceived; his worship is pointless" (1:26) and later, "We use [the tongue] to say, "Praised be the Lord and Father"; then we use it to curse men, though they are made in the likeness of God. Blessing and curse come out of the same mouth. This ought not to be, my brothers!" (3:9-10). Therefore, may St. Blaise protect us from all evil, physical and spiritual, which may attack the throat.