



Sisters of St. Francis
SACRED HEART COMMUNITY (SHC)
NEWS BRIEF
Friday, September 30, 2022



Artist, Sr. Nancy Earl

FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS:

Please join Sacred Heart Community to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis, on **Tuesday, October 4th, 6:00 pm MT (via ZOOM).**

Join ZOOM Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2180475021?pwd=VVdFZ3pPWldwRFBkNjVxSEw5VDVqZz09>

Attached is the prayer service (responses).

BLESSING OF ANIMALS – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8TH

Please join us and bring your furry or feathered friends for a Franciscan Blessing of Animals on **Sunday, October 8th at 10:00 am**, in the Peace Garden at the Sisters of St. Francis Office, 5314 Columbine Road, Denver, CO 80221.

PRAYERS FOR THE SOUL OF THE RESPOSED:

Sister Isoldi Maria Reckziegel of Santa Maria – RS – Brazil, who died on September 25, 2022. She was born on September 12, 1941 and professed on February 3, 1965.

NEWSLETTER:

- Holy Name Province's Around the Province, September 2022

DONNA KROLL OUT OF THE OFFICE:

- September 27-29 Canceled/Rescheduled
- October 3 Vacation
- October 26-November 1 Vacation

SUE ARTONE-FRICKE OUT OF THE OFFICE: (Emergencies? Call Sr. Karen Crouse)

- October 5-11 Visiting family in California





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Canticle of the Creatures

a reflection written by Sr. Gloria Shuffer

Feast of St. Francis

October 4, 2022

Let us begin: In the name of our God who shares **divinity** with us.

In the name of our God who shares **humanity** with us.

In the name of our God who **unsettles and inspires** us.

Let us give thanks and praise. Amen

Introduction: So, Francis composed the Canticle of the Creatures, in which he praised and thank God for all God's creatures on earth.

Refrain: (All)

Praise to you, O Beloved One, and all blessing.

We give you thanks and serve you with great humility.

Reader 1: Most high, all powerful, all good Lord! All praise is Yours, all glory, all honor, and all blessing. To You, alone, Most High, do they belong. No mortal lips are worthy to pronounce Your name.

All:

Praise to you, my Beloved, and all blessing.

We give you thanks and serve you with great humility.

Reader 2: Be praised, O God, through all Your creatures, especially through Sir Brother Sun, who brings the day; and You give light through him. And he is beautiful and radiant in all his splendor! Of You, Most High, he bears the likeness.

All:

Praise and bless my Lord, and give thanks, and serve Him with great humility.

Reader 3: Be praised, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars; in the heavens You have made them bright, precious, and beautiful.

All:

Praise to you, my Beloved, and all blessing.

We give you thanks and serve you with great humility.

Reader 4: Be praised, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air, and clouds and storms, and all the weather, through which You give Your creatures sustenance.

All:

**Praise to you, my Beloved, and all blessing.
We give you thanks and serve you with great humility.**

Reader 1: Be praised, my Lord, through Sister Water; she is very useful, and humble, and precious, and pure. Be praised, my Lord, through Brother Fire, through whom You brighten the night. He is beautiful and cheerful, and powerful and strong.

All:

**Praise to you, my Beloved, and all blessing.
We give you thanks and serve you with great humility.**

Reader 2: Be praised, my Lord, through our sister Mother Earth, who feeds us and rules us, and produces various fruits with colored flowers and herbs. Be praised, my Lord, through those who forgive for love of You; through those who endure sickness and trial.

All:

**Praise to you, my Beloved, and all blessing.
We give you thanks and serve you with great humility.**

Reader 3: After the initial success of the Canticle, Francis had to add another verse when the bishop of Assisi was arguing with the local governor so fiercely that the bishop excommunicated the governor, and the governor in turn forbade any citizen to contact the bishop. So, Francis wrote this additional verse for his song, speaking to the need for meditating justice and peace among the powers of the world. After hearing the Canticle, both men were reconciled.

Reader 4: Be praised, O God, through those who show forgiveness and pardon for your sake, and bear infirmity and tribulation. Blessed are they who uphold peace; by you, Most High, they will be crowned.

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All:

**Praise to you, my Beloved, and all blessing.
We give you thanks and serve you with great humility.**

Reader 5: Be praised, my Lord, through our Sister Death, from whose embrace no one may escape. Woe to those who die in mortal sin but blessed are thy who are found walking by your most holy will, for the second death shall have no power to do them any harm. Praised be to you.

All:

**Praise to you, my Beloved, and all blessing.
We give you thanks and serve you with great humility.
Amen! Amen! So be it! So be it! Amen!**

