

# CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

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**Society of the Divine Saviour (SDS)**

**Salvatorian Fathers**

**Foundation Day ~ December 8, 1881 (142 Years)**

On the 8th December 1881 in the Chapel of St Brigida in Rome, Father Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan and two other priests took private vows as members of the Apostolic Teaching Society. It is this date which is kept as the foundation day of the Salvatorians. Every year on December 8<sup>th</sup> is a central day to all members of the Salvatorian Order, priests, religious, and lay Salvatorians. Please remember our Order in prayer.

**Striving for Holiness** ~ Blessed Francis Jordan was serious about striving for holiness. He was filled with an intense desire to become holy, and he encouraged his sons and daughters to strive earnestly for holiness.

**For the Gifts of the Holy Spirit** ~ Blessed Francis Jordan had a deep devotion to the Holy Spirit. In fervent prayer he begged for himself and for his followers the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

**For Faithfulness in the Little Things** ~ The Gospel Counsel ~ Poverty he loved and urged upon his confreres as their mother; celibate chastity was assumed; the school of obedience was an education in surrender to the will of God.

**For Unity, Love & Peace in Community** ~ Through concord, small undertakings thrive; through discord, the greatest go to pieces. Therefore, have charity despite human frailty; despite faults of character; despite disagreeable temperaments; despite want of tact; despite moral failings." He spoke about meekness and humility, friendliness, and gratitude.

**Calling Upon the Intercession of Saints** ~ Blessed Francis Jordan was a true son of Mary, under a long list of titles, the most important of which was Mother; Queen of Heaven, Queen of the Apostles, Immaculate Conception, Sorrowful Mother, and Mother of the Savior. He entrusted the Society to her protection, along with that of St. Joseph, St. Michael, and all the holy apostles.

**For a Spirit of Penance & Devotion to the Cross** ~ Blessed Francis Jordan was conscious of his and the world's weakness. Penance was necessary. He accepted fatiguing labors, hardships, sufferings and the Cross. Taking the name Francis Mary of the Cross was not for him a mere ritual. He took his name from St. Francis, the bearer of the stigmata, from the Cross, and from Mary.

**For Faith and Confidence in God** ~ Blessed Francis Jordan believed with unshakable faith in divine providence and in the wise and loving hand of God. He humbly accepted whatever the providence of God sent him. Childlike faith in the heavenly Father was like sunshine diffused over the life of Blessed Francis Jordan.

**For a Greater Spirit of Prayer** ~ Blessed Francis Jordan's interior life and apostolic zeal were built upon prayer. These were foundation pillars of the Societies he founded. He repeatedly encouraged his followers to become persons of fervent prayer. He literally stormed heaven and wrestled with God.

**For a Zeal for Souls** ~ Blessed Francis Jordan was inflamed with zeal for souls, was conscious of all those who had not heard of Jesus as their Savior and would remain restless until they heard about Him.

*Providence has arranged it so that no one person knows everything.  
Whoever works on his own makes many mistakes, even big ones. FJT May 1894*

*I would like to leave you a special inheritance: great trust in God. FJT Apr 1894*

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### Salvatorian Parish Appeal (2023)

Dear Parishioners of Resurrection of our Lord Parish,

On behalf of the Salvatorian Fathers in Canada, I would like to cordially thank you for your generous donation to the Salvatorian Fathers which support our Salvatorian Apostolates in Canada and all over the world....

With your prayers and financial help, we are able to continue the mandate given to us by our Founder Blessed Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan.

“As long as there is one person on earth who does not know God  
and does not love Him above all things, you dare not allow yourself a moment’s rest.

As long as God is not everywhere glorified,  
you dare not allow yourself a moment of rest.”

(Fr. Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan)

Be also assured of the Salvatorians’ gratitude and prayers which we offer for our living and deceased benefactors and collaborators.

Fr. Maciej Wos, SDS  
Regional Superior

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Thank you ever so much to everyone who contributed to the Salvatorian Appeal this year. Your support is greatly needed and truly appreciated. My Order will assure that your contributions received will be put to the area of greatest need and mostly for the formation of priests serving many parts of the world in a variety of ministries. Again, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Peace,



Fr. Robert Masternak, SDS  
(Pastor)