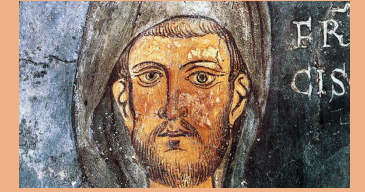


# ***St. Francis***

***(1181 - 1226)***



# Timeline



**1181** – born in Assisi (Umbria), Italy, baptized “Giovanni di Pietro Bernardone,” the name and figure favored by his mother; renamed “Francesco” by his father

**1190**, attends San Giorgio parish school; known as “King of Feasts”

**1205**, begins gradual conversion; receives message from icon in San Damiano chapel to “repair my house”

**February 24, 1208**, after hearing a sermon preached on Matthew 10:9, dons cheap, plain shepherd’s garb

**1209**, after preaching tour, brothers return to Portiuncula and Francis writes a brief Rule for friars

**April 16, 1210**, receives official approval of Pope Innocent III to establish fraternal order

**1220**, first Franciscan brothers become martyrs in Morocco; Francis resigns as General Minister and friar Peter Cattani appointed

**1223**, Francis goes to Fontecolombo to write definitive Rule for the Order of Friars Minor

**December 1223**, first living Christmas nativity scene, midnight Mass at Greccio

**September 14, 1224**, while on retreat at La Verna, receives stigmata (five marks of Christ’s crucifixion)

**1225**, writes “Canticle of the Creatures”

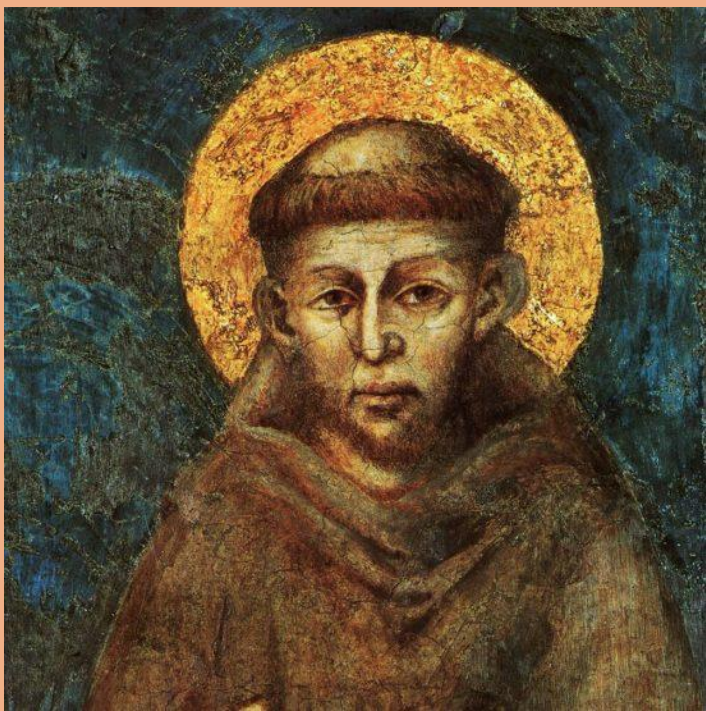
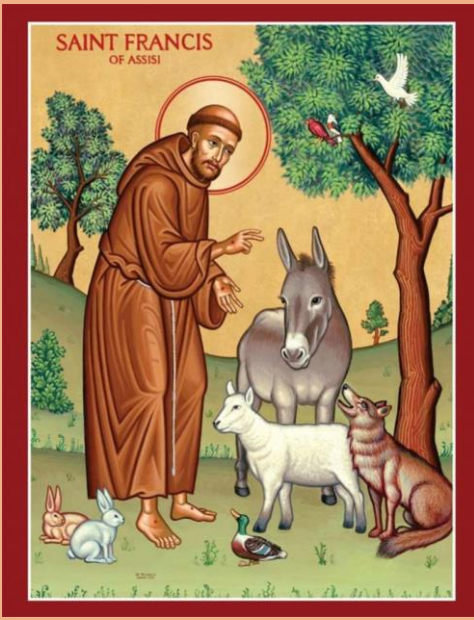
**October 3, 1226**, dies, listening to reading of Ps. 141

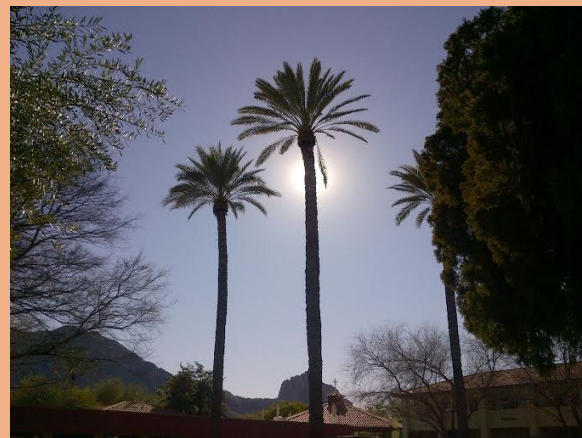
**October 4, 1226**, buried in the church of San Giorgio;

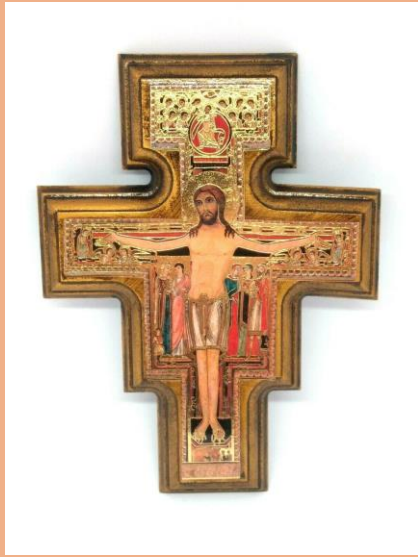
**July 16, 1228**, Pope Gregory IX (formerly Francis’s friend, Cardinal Hugolino) canonizes Francis

**May 25, 1230**, remains transferred to tomb in new papal basilica of San Francesco

**March 16, 2013**, Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, now Pope, announces he is taking name “Francis” to emulate St. Francis’ care for the poor





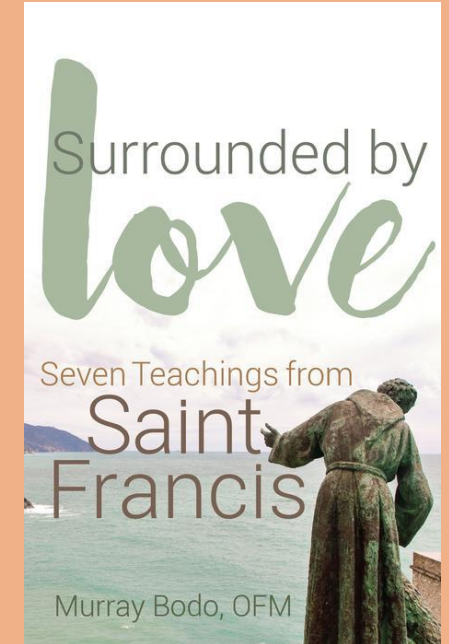
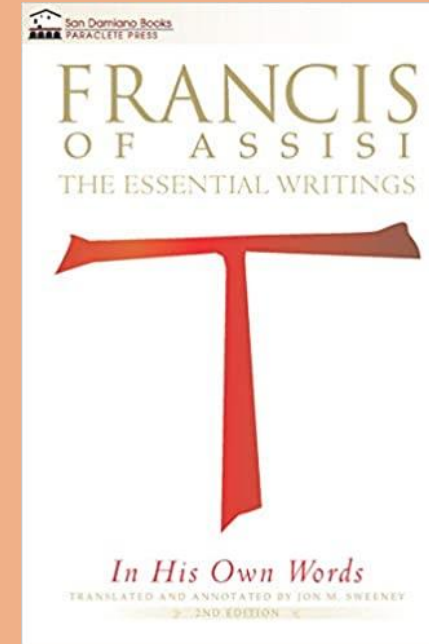
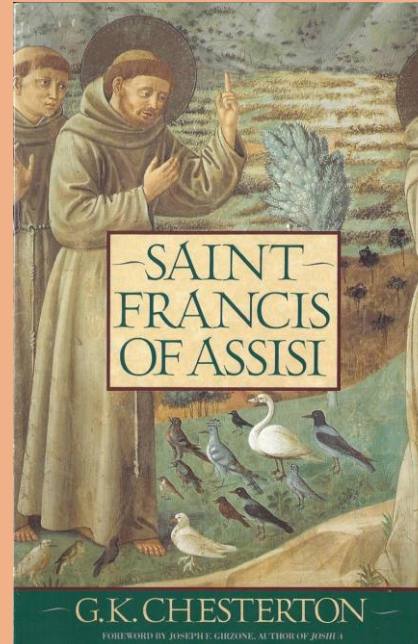
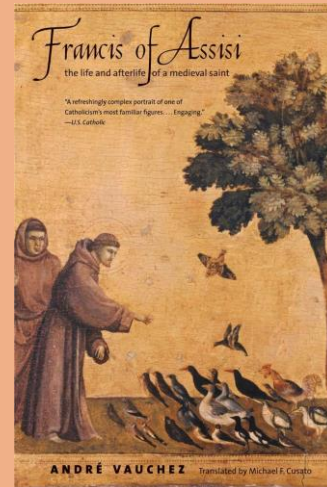
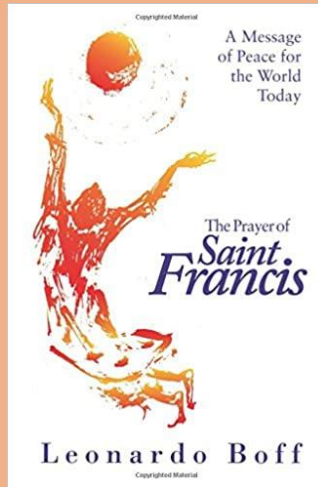
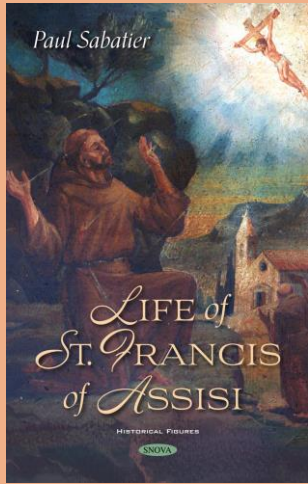






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# Where to start??



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# Video resources

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**\*\* Franciscan Spirituality: Contributions of the Franciscans to the Life of the Church**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u0-F0axwJ7M>

**\*\* Francis and Clare of Assisi (full movie)** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ick5rGLvEjk>

**\*\* The St. Francis of Assisi Movie | God's Fool (full movie)**

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**\*\* Francis of Assisi (1961)**



**\*\* Brother Sun, Sister Moon (1972)**

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# “Prayer of St. Francis”

*Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace  
where there is hatred let me sow love  
where there is injury, pardon  
where there is doubt, faith  
where there is despair, hope  
where there is darkness, light  
and where there is sadness, joy*

*O Divine Master  
grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console  
to be understood as to understand  
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*For it is in giving that we receive  
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# In Summation . . .

“What gave [St. Francis] his extraordinary personal power was this; that from the Pope to the beggar, from the sultan of Syria in his pavilion to the ragged robbers crawling out of the wood, there was never a man who looked into those brown burning eyes without being certain that Francis Bernardone was really interested in him; in his own inner individual life from the cradle to the grave; that he himself was being valued and taken seriously, and not merely added to the spoils of some social policy or the names in some clerical document.”

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