



# The Friar Flyer

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**ABOVE: Friar Roberson with youth and young adults from his Parish in Cayes, Haiti. Taken back in 2016 and recently posted on Facebook.**



**LEFT: My Franciscan brothers and I, along with Daniela Ruiz de Somocurcio who flew in from Texas, had another blessed, one-day confirmation retreat at my center in Guadalupe, California. ~Fr. Maseo**



**RIGHT: Daniela teaches a class and shares her experience with the confirmation class at El Padrecito's studio in Guadalupe, CA.**



**LEFT: Novices pose with attendees of the Province's most recent "Come and See" weekend back in February.**



**ABOVE LEFT: Friars Israel and Paul stopped by the **USC Caruso Catholic Center**. They report having tons of fun and were thankful for the Center's warmth and hospitality.**



**ABOVE RIGHT: "Alleluia. The Lord has risen. Let us #rejoice and be glad. Truly a #blessed occasion to celebrate with my brother #friars at #eastervigil. Absolutely #surreal experience. #friarlife #easter #latergram #basilica #catholic #church #amazing #beautiful #flowers ." (from a Facebook post by Friar Chris Garcia )**



**ABOVE LEFT: The Dominican novices from the West Coast Province, along with their Novice Director, Fr. Anthony (serving for 18 years in the position!), passed through our three houses this week to share in the fraternity. The Conventuals hosted a cookout on Saturday afternoon (Feb 24th), and in between the hot dogs and hamburgers -- and the freshly squeezed lemonade from our own trees -- the novices asked each other the perennial questions: "How much PM do you get?" and "How do you keep those white habits so clean?"**

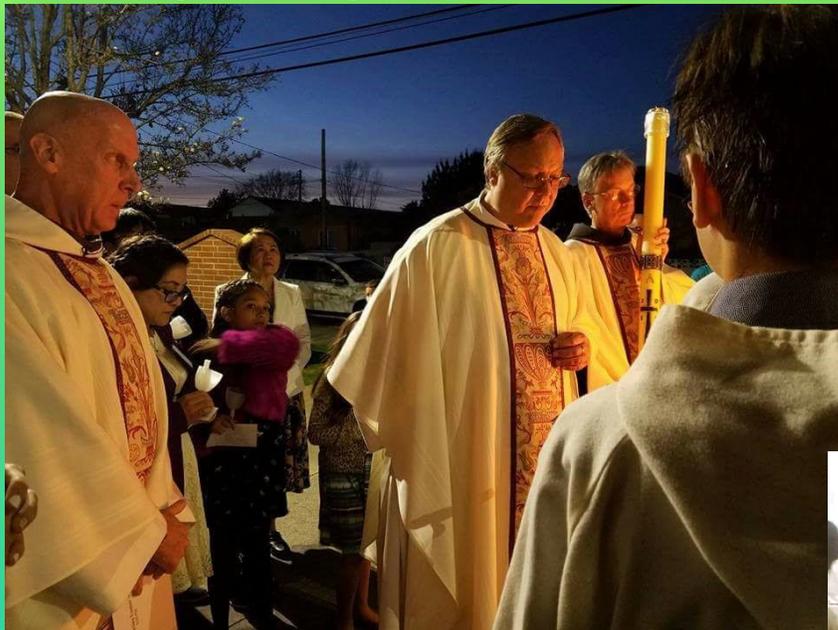


**ABOVE LEFT:** Photo and text outside of brackets taken from: *EasyReader News*. Father Joseph Kim of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church celebrates Easter Sunrise Mass for nearly 1,000 parishioners on the beach at the Hermosa pier. [Choir from OLG worships during sunrise service.]

~~Photos by Kevin Cody



**ABOVE RIGHT:** “So many wonderful Catholic youth groups out there in the Church. It was an honor to work with this one, from Mary Immaculate Parish in Farmer’s Branch, Texas. It’s headed by Elsa Arratia and her team of young adults! — with Olivia Arratia.” ~Fr. Maseo



**ABOVE:** Holy Saturday, March 31st, 8:00pm THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL Service of Light, Liturgy of the Word, Rites of Initiation for the Elect and Liturgy of the Eucharist — with Kevin Schindler-McGraw and Thomas Czeck at Our Lady of Grace Castro Valley.



**TOP RIGHT:** Good Friday Reenactment at Saint Thomas Aquinas Cathedral in Reno, NV.



**BOTTOM LEFT:** Easter Day in Coalinga.



**ABOVE and LOWER RIGHT: Franciscans Attend the LA Religious Education Conference - Friar Paul and Student Friars Israel and Roberson spent a few days attending conferences but mostly meeting many young people dedicated to serving the Church, including Campus Ministers, Youth Group Leaders, Catechists, NET Missionaries, not to mention the OFM and Caupchin Franciscan Novices!**



**BOTTOM RIGHT: Novice Friar Fabian shares wisdom and life experience with kids getting ready for Confirmation at a Retreat held at Father Maseo's *El Padrecito* headquarters in Guadalupe.**

**LEFT: Thanks to all the parents , wrestlers coach's for coming out and volunteering .Thanks to the community for your support. Big Thanks to coast line detailing, Romos Market, Guadalupe sports hall of fame. NEW MATS here we come... ~~Fr. Maseo**





**ABOVE:** “It’s always painful to drive through Skid Row in Los Angeles, especially now during the rainy season. Young “Fatima,” who is from Somalia, came up and really wanted a picture with me. I’ll probably never forget her. Let us pray - real hard - for the homeless, mentally ill, and addicts living in our streets.” ~Fr. Maseo



**“It was a blessing to do a Confirmation Retreat here at my center in Guadalupe, Ca., this past Saturday. My team and I provided talks, confession, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, music and entertainment, food, etc., for 55 kids. Let me know if you are interested in renting a bus and bringing your confirmation kids to my center here, on the beautiful coast of Central California, for a one-day retreat.” ~Fr. Maseo**