



**Jeanne Jugan** (October 25, 1792 – August 29, 1879), also known as Sister Mary of the Cross, L.S.P., was a French woman who became known for the dedication of her life to the neediest of the elderly poor. Her service resulted in the establishment of the Little Sisters of the Poor, who care for the elderly who have no other resources throughout the world. ***She has been declared a saint by the Catholic Church.***

August 28, 2020

Dear family and friends,

I hope you are well and enjoying these final days of summer. Our thoughts and prayers are with all who have experienced the ravaging wildfires around California, we hope and pray that no one among you has been directly affected by this calamity.

Today, we are doing the 4<sup>th</sup> COVID-19 staff testing. Unfortunately, this service is no longer provided by San Francisco Department of Public Health; but since this testing process is required by the CDC, SFDPH and CMS, the Home is shouldering the cost of all laboratory fees. We are taking this responsibility seriously to keep your loved ones and the staff safe and well. Pray with us that all test results are negative.

Your loved ones are doing alright although we all know how social isolation can lead to feelings of deep loneliness. Like you, we are waiting for SF Department of Public Health's permission to ease visitor restrictions. We do value the importance of family visits but again I remind you, we must patiently wait for direction from SFDPH. In the meantime, please plan your balcony visits with the Sisters, at least 4 days to a week in advance to facilitate organization and coordination of visits thus assuring greater privacy.

On Sunday, August 30, we are celebrating St. Jeanne Jugan's Feast Day, foundress and patron of the Little Sisters. We will have socially distanced festivities and a special ice cream social to mark the day.

We are so grateful for your prayerful support, care and for all the donations received. For those who are asking for items we need, we would appreciate receiving tea (regular and decaf) and mouthwash.

Thank you and may God Bless You.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mother Thuermer". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.