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Christmas Ends on 1/8/2024

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Happy New Year!!!
January 1, 2024



History behind New Year's Day:

It turns out that the new year wasn't always on January 1st, and still isn't in some cultures. The ancient Mesopotamians celebrated their 12 day long New Year's on the vernal equinox, while the Greeks partied around the winter solstice, on Dec. 20. The Roman historian Censorius, meanwhile, reported that the Egyptians celebrated another lap around the sun on July 20.

During the Roman era, March marked the beginning of the calendar. Then, in 46 B.C., Julius Caesar created the Julian calendar, which set the new year as Jan. 1. But even Julius Caesar couldn't standardize the day. New Year's celebrations continued to drift back and forth in the calendar, even landing on Christmas Day at some points, until Pope Gregory XIII implemented the Gregorian calendar in 1582. The Gregorian calendar was an attempt to make the calendar stop wandering with respect to the seasons. Thanks to Pope Gregory, most of the world celebrates New Year's on January 1st.

Some religions celebrate their New Year's at different times: the Jewish New Year's festival, Rosh Hashanah, is typically celebrated between September and October, the Islamic calendar is also lunar, and the timing of the new year can drift significantly. For instance, in 2008, the Islamic New Year was celebrated on Dec. 29 and in 2017 on September 27. The Chinese calendar, meanwhile, is also lunar, and the Chinese New Year falls between Jan. 21 and Feb. 20.

Notes From the Top: Grand Knights Message



Dear Brothers,

Happy New Year! I hope you've been able to find peace this Christmas season in remembering that God sent his only Son to save us.

We're starting off with a very busy couple of months. Pancakes, Blood Drive, Recycling plus food collection, Tootsie Roll sales for the Intellectually Disabled and our Valentine's Dance. All of these events provide an opportunity to experience brotherhood together in service to the Lord and our parish. How? Certainly, money collected and blood donated go to those in need. That's part of our mission, but it's more than that. In our endeavors, we unite as a council and with our parishioners. With help from the Holy Spirit, other men will witness the joy we experience in doing God's work and will want to become part of it. And let's not forget to welcome spouse participation and their opportunity to experience what we experience.

Whether you are a relatively new member of our Council, a well tenured member or the spouse of a Knight, the next few weeks provides a wide variety of ways you can participate. Watch for SignUp Genius and sign-up sheets. Throughout January and February, we will be soliciting parishioners in one way or another after all weekend masses. Please consider spending a few minutes before and after the Mass you regularly attend and allocate a few hours for fun at our pancake breakfast and Valentine's dance, which is shaping up to be the social event of the year at Saint Kilian.

Fraternally,
Brother Jim

Notes From the Top: District Deputy's Message



Dear Brothers

There is no District Deputy Article for January, please stay tuned for a message from our Worthy District Deputy.

The Editor

Notes From the Top Deputy Grand Knight's Message:



Brothers,

All of God's creation gives Him Glory and praises Him by its very existence. Psalm 143 states "Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all shining stars. Praise Him, highest heavens, you waters above the heavens. Let them all praise the LORD's name; for He commanded and they were created...." Though creation gives praise to God simply by existing and thus, revealing its Creator, today's solemnity commemorates the one moment in time when God use a star to manifest His eternal glory.

At the time of Jesus' birth, it was commonly believed that a new star would appear whenever a new ruler was born. The Father in Heaven used this belief to honor His Son Who was born as the new King. The three Magi from the East were astrologers. When they saw this "new star", they chose to follow it to discover the new King. Creation itself, in the form of a star, pointed the way, thus giving glory to the newborn King, manifesting Him to the whole world as symbolized by the Magi.

As we look forward to 2024, we start with Epiphany of the Lord, January 7th. The word "Epiphany" means "manifestation". Therefore, as we honor this moment when the Christ Child was made manifest to the world, we need to look into our own hearts. There, we discover Christ's ongoing manifestation to us so that we can worship Him Who has also chosen to be born within our hearts. We must diligently seek out that manifestation of God within us and respond to it in the same ways that the Magi responded. We must be accepting of God's gifts to us and honor his gifts with prayerful, faithful acceptance.

Fraternally,
Brother Mike Urratio

Notes From the Top:

Chancellor's Message:

The Power of Prayer and the Intercessions of the Blessed Mother



Dear Brothers,

Happy New Year! As I reflected back on the blessings that my wife, Sally and I have received throughout the year, I remembered a short conversation that I had with Father Angelos as we were waiting to process in a the 6:30 PM Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th I was sharing with him how important the date of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception was for us, that it was the date that Sally started the clinical trial for the medication to treat her illness. It was a testament to the power of prayer and the Intercessions of the Blessed Mother.

I know some of you are very familiar with our story but I think I need to give you some back story to those that are not. In December of 2018, we went to Hoag Urgent care when Sally had some alarming symptoms. Well it took 13 months until January of 2020 to get a diagnosis. We found out that she had acquired a vary rare disease, called PNH. What followed was 2 years of hospitalizations, blood transfusions and Sally trying both of the FDA approved medications that required 4 hour IV infusions. The medications appeared to help at first, but both of the medications were not keeping her disease under control and her hemoglobin was at 8 with the medication and when it dipped below 7 she would get a blood transfusion. At a hemoglobin of 7 or 8 essentially your blood only carries 1/2 of the oxygen that we need. With a hemoglobin of 7 she could only crawl up the stairs in our house. A blood transfusion would raise her hemoglobin to 9 to where she could function somewhat and at least walk on her own. Through it all, our friends, family, fellow parishioners, brother Knights and the Fathers prayed for us.

She then developed antibodies to donated blood so we had times we were had trouble finding a match for blood that she did not develop antibodies for. I remember sending texts to my friends, brother knights, the RCIA team and the Fathers to pray for us when things were looking bleak, but our collective prayers were answered and they found matching blood. The power of prayer!

Then we found out about a clinical trial for a new treatment, and we enrolled in it in October and on December 8th, 2021 she started the clinical trail and was in the group that got the trial medication. The day of the Solemnity!!! This December 8, 2023 was the 2 year anniversary of being in the trial. Sally's hemoglobin is in the 12-13 range which is normal and she has been transfusion free and she returned to lecturing! A miracle thanks to the Blessed Mother and everyone's prayers. We still have to be careful and stay masked since the drug makes her severely immunocompromised and any infection or severe stress can trigger her disease and require a transfusion.

Sally and I wanted to share the good news and to thank everyone for their prayers and the Blessed Mother too!

Blessings in Christ and Happy New Year!
Brother Tracy

Notes From the Top:

Financial Secretary's Message



Brother Knights,

Welcome to the New Year and all the annual traditions that come along with opening a new calendar. Along with the dropping balls and popping champagne corks, it's also time to look back on what we accomplished in the last year. That's why every year at this time we ask you to complete the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity. Watch your email inbox and please take some time to fill it out and return it before Jan 20.

This is also the time of year when we send out annual membership dues billing notices. As we have done for the past several years the first notices will be sent by email only. Your membership dues support charitable causes as well as help to pay our council's dues to the OC Chapter, CA State Council and Supreme Council. Our council always sets aside funding in the annual budget to assist Knights who are unable to pay their dues, so please contact me if you need financial assistance. We sincerely appreciate the many Knights who pay their dues in a timely manner so we can avoid the additional expenses of mailing out second and third notices.

Finally, this is the time of year when we look forward to starting fresh and often make resolutions to do better in one way or another. In the past year our Council has felt reinvigorated to me, and I am looking forward to more and better ways to live in Charity, Unity and Fraternity with all of my brother Knights throughout the coming year. Vivat Jesus!

Vivat Jesus!
Brother Sean



Recycle Drive News



Dear Brothers,

December's collection netted \$253, slightly up from November. We filled 3 bins with bottles and 1 bin with aluminum. Year-to-Date we've collected \$4,320 compared to \$5,784 in 2022. We need more recycle from Knights! We have a much bigger council than the few regulars we see each month. This is an easy way to honor our calling to provide for those in need without much of a time commitment. Please collect your aluminum cans and plastic bottles with a CRV value noted on the label and bring them to the lower parking lot on recycle Saturday.

Thank you to all brothers who helped last month and to those who contributed with recyclables. The next recycle drive is January 20. The drive begins with set up at 6:45am and concludes at Noon. Please sign up at the monthly meeting or on SignUp Genius. See you on the 20th and please wear a Knight shirt or hat and your badge. The recycle drive is a great opportunity to experience brotherhood and remind parishioners who we are!

Fraternally,
Brother Jim Messmer

Notes From the Top: Field Agent's Message



Dear Brothers,

Happy New Year! I hope all of you had a joyous and merry Christmas.

All of us start the new year afresh. We make resolutions. Let's plan now to look back at the end of 2024 and be able to say, "I kept those resolutions to improve myself, to improve my relationship with my family and friends, and my relationship with God!" An improved prayer life is the goal of many. I know I've made that resolution almost every year. Some years I do better than others.

But here are few things I've found about making resolutions that helped me. First, I don't want to make a resolution that is not possible to keep. I've got to be realistic. I can't go to an extreme. For example, to improve my prayer life, I can't go from praying for 15 minutes in the morning to reading a chapter of the Bible, attending daily Mass, reciting the rosary, and saying the Liturgy of the Hours each day. For me, that's too much of a jump. I'm going to follow that for a day or two and then something will get me off track. Myself, I need to take baby steps. Maybe start with saying the rosary each day. I've got to make my resolution achievable

The same is true of all those other resolutions we make. I can't go from being a couch potato to running six miles a day... but I could start by walking a mile each day as an achievable step in that direction. I can't starve myself trying to lose weight...but I could cut out snacks between meals as a start. Again, an achievable step. I might want to read more, so I can start by reading a chapter a day in a book. You get the idea. The resolution has to be reasonable, achievable, and specific.

Now here is one resolution that is reasonable, achievable, and specific: Resolve to meet with me to update the information on your family's financial needs analysis. (Or maybe you need to complete a financial needs analysis.) Let's see where you stand. Your financial health is critical to your family's future security. As your field agent I'm charged to meet with each of my members each year. We can take a look at your goals and aspirations and make sure you're on track to keep your family appropriately protected. I'll contact you soon to see if an appointment should be our next step.

Vivat Jesus!
Mark Yubeta
Fraternal Insurance Agent
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Blood Drive Update



Dear Brothers,

Our next Knights of Columbus sponsored Blood Drive will be on January 10th, a Wednesday, in our Hughes Hall from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. See the flyer on page 12 of the newsletter for more info.

Best Regards, and Christ's Peace be with you,
Brother Bob Bochniarz

Lecturer's Corner: Norm Abbod



Dear Brothers,

Today, December 28, 2023, I observed the well-attended 9 AM Mass at St. Kilian for the MASS OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS.

Observed on December 28, the Feast of the Holy Innocents honors the memory of the infants who were slaughtered by King Herod following the birth of Jesus. The Holy Family escaped Herod's wrath by fleeing into Egypt. King Herod ordered the death of all innocent baby boys of Bethlehem two years old and younger because of his manic fear of losing power.

Frs. Angelos Sebastian and Brandon Lopez conducted the Mass. The excellent homily by Fr. Angelos reminded us that innocents are being killed as we speak in abortion clinics world-wide. Thousands of innocents (martyrs) over the centuries have been killed for their steadfast belief in Christ.

Brothers Ron Cichocki and Bob Hrad attended the Mass and served hot coffee and a light breakfast in the courtyard. Both Ron and Bob are active members and supporters of WALKING WITH MOMS/WALKING WITH DADS.

Noreen Cichocki and her Team prepared the candles in the church entrance for all who wanted to come to the ALTAR and pray for the innocents.

Our Choir Director, Jeremiah, personally sang the hymns beautifully during and after Mass.

It was a beautiful and memorable Mass and I hope you can attend Mass more regularly if you missed this one.

Brother Norm

Bible Study: breaking open the Word with your brothers and sisters!



Dear Brothers,

We are continuing our study of the Epistles from St. Paul. We are currently covering will be Galatians and next up will be Thesalonians. The Bible Study is on Tuesdays from 7:00 -8:30 pm on Zoom. If you have any questions, please contact John Rodriguez at (949)702-3047 or email me at john.rodriguez1001@yahoo.com

Fraternally
Br. John Rodriguez



Adult Faith Formation

**Raise Up Your Catholicism!
Enter the Mystery!
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Dear Brothers,

St. Kilian Adult Faith Formation is alive and well, and work continues on our videos on "The Mass" and the "The Mystery of the End Times" with a new video in the works: "Looking into the Chasm".

In addition to the Mystery of Palm Sunday, there is a series of videos on the End Times with the Catholic interpretation: These videos are available for viewing so please subscribe. Just go to our Catholic Mystery web page here:
<https://youtube.com/c/CatholicMystery>

Click on the Red Subscribe button, and when you do, you'll be the first to get notifications on our series on the Mass and other offerings.

God Bless!
Br. Jonathan Goodwin

Membership News



Dear Brothers,

We are looking for a new Membership Director. If you are interested please contact the Grand Knight.

Membership - No new members or degrees. One transfer, Brother Michael Orts transferred from Council 3523 in Santa Clara, CA to our Council on Dec 15. Please welcome Br Orts to our council.



Br. Mike Van Auken receiving this 3rd Degree Certificate at the December meeting

Fraternally,
Br. Sean Gawne

Knights on Bikes



My Brother Knights:

Looking for a few good St. Kilian Motorcycle Riders! If you own and ride motorcycles or know of any male St. Kilian parishioners that ride, please consider Knights on Bikes (KonB), a group of practical Catholic gentlemen. Knights of Columbus membership required. There are no other associated dues for KonB membership.



For more information contact Brother Mario Alegre at marioalegre86@gmail.com or checkout the Knights on Bikes in California website: <https://knightsonbikescalifornia.com/>

Thanks,
Brother Mario

Knights Guest Article



Dear Brothers,

During the Christmas season while attending the church concert I left my badge in the car. I was asked by no less than three brothers, Where is your badge? I did not get offended by the questions, but it was a great reminder that we as directors have asked our members to wear their badges while on the church property. If we want to continue to grow in our church community, then something as simple as putting on your badge and representing our council seems like a good idea. Thank you to all our brothers that were wearing their badges, and we invite our entire council to join us. If you have lost your badge, Sean will gladly order another one for you.

Fraternally,
Michael Williams

Knights in Action:



“Knights and their wives take a break from the busyness of the holiday season to celebrate togetherness while enjoying great food at our council Christmas dinner held at Villa Roma restaurant in Laguna Hills.”

Brother Jim

Council Potluck Joe Paulicivic



Dear Brothers

The Knights Potlucks are open to everyone, spouses, family and friends! Our next potluck is on 1/25/24 in the Big Hall at 6:30 pm. We look forward to seeing everyone there! Please me at (714) 290-3489 for more information.

Fraternally,
Br. Joe

Knights on GroupMe



Worthy Brothers,

GroupMe is a social media application for mobile phones that will improve communications within our council. You will need to download the GroupMe app from the app store for iPhones or Android phones. This is a free app from Microsoft and you do not have to provide your private information to sign up.

You're invited to our new group 'Knights of Columbus St. Kilian Church' on GroupMe.

Click here on your mobile device to join: https://groupme.com/join_group/88986304/WMTL4IEO

Please join if you have not yet done so.

Thanks,
Brother Mario

Knight of the Month



Dear Brothers,

Please congratulate our Knight of the Month, Bert Munoz. Brother Bert is a past Grand Knight and a 4th Degree Knight and he currently serves as our Warden for our council. Brother Bert works tirelessly for our council and for our parish. Brother Bert, thank you for all that you do for our council and for our parish.

Fraternally,
Your Worthy Grand Knight and Council Officers

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Sickness, Distress and Gratitude Prayer List

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sponsored By</u>	<u>For</u>
John Rette	Sean Gawne	Hospice
Tammy Hrad	Bob Hrad	Surgery
Dorthy Fathauer	Norm Abbod	Heart
Jim O'Hearn	Council 6332	Shoulder replacement surgery and recovery
Steve Shekerlian	Council 6332	Surgery and recovery
Manuel Alegre	Mario Alegre	Surgery
Bill Ganassian	Norm Abbod	Rest of the Soul
Vincent Esguerra	Gabriel Trebels	Cancer
Zack Lori	Mike Williams	Support
Angela Blair	Randy Blair	Neurophathy
Barr Thompson	William Daly	Cancer
Ines Cuzakis	George Cuzakis	Knee Surgery Recovery
Pauline Hurley	Michael Urratio	Rest of the Soul
Jack Dillon	Al Dillingham	Recovery surgery
Michelle Montez	Michael Urratio	Rest of the Soul
Bishop Tod Brown	Sean Gawne	Rest of the Soul
Amaliia Orozco	Tracy Higuchi	Rest of the Soul
Tom Adkins	Dave Edenhofer	Rest of the Soul
Pam Hrad	Tracy Higuchi	Healing and full recovery
Those that have died in the Middle East	Council 6332	Rest of the Souls
End to conflict in Middle East	Council 6332	Peace and that love of neighbor will prevail
Shekoda Lowe	Bob Hrad	Surgery
James Zuley	Sean Gawne	Healing cancer, chemo
Joe Paulcivic	Officers of 6332	Hospitalization for a procedure
Rich Kreich	Danny Reed	Cancer
Vincent Escaria	Gabriel Trebels	Cancer
Dave Mendez	Arnie Herrera	Cancer
Cassian Black	Tracy Higuchi	Rest of the Soul
Thomas Black	Mike VanAuken	Born 21 weeks in NICU
Emily Black	Tracy Higuchi	Mother of Cassian and Thomas, Hospitalized
Doy Ortega	Tracy Higuchi	Rest of the Soul
Russ Finnegan	Bob Bochinairz	Healing, critically ill
Manuel Alegre	Mario Allegre	Kidney Dialysis
Angela Blair	Randy Blair	Healing autoimmune disease
Nancy Snow	Steen Sellers	Alzheimers
Bill Villanueva	Mike VanAuken	prayers
Bill Reed	Daniel Reed	Amputation
Mike Thompkin	Bill Delucca	Stroke
Ian Thompson	Bill Delucca	Alzheimers
Miriam Coury	Bill Delucca	Psych Stress
Those who have died in the Maui Fires	Council 6332	Rest of their souls
Those impacted by the Maui Fires	Council 6332	Prayers
Phillip Mc Elhinney	Al Rizzo	Healing cancer
Br. Ron Horetski	Mike McCarthy	Recovery from Surgery
Norma Reed	Danny Reed	Prayers
Antonietta (Toni) Abbod	Council 6332	Rest of the Soul
Jude DiBernardo	Anthony DiBernardo	Healing from surgery
Norm Abbod & Family	Council 6332	Sympathy and support
Norma Johnson	Joe Paulcivic	Healing for cancer
Dave Mendez	Arnie Herrera	Healing, recovering from cancer
George Dominique	Anthony DiBernardo	Rest in Peace
Bill Dapper	Norm Abbod	Healing, cancer
Patrick Mansfield	Sean Gawne	Rest of the Soul for Br. Knight
Jan Archer	Vince McLean	Healing, cancer
Normand Forgues	Rosendo Castillo	Rest of the Soul
Judy Hrad	Bob Hrad	Heart Surgery recovery
Dorothy Daly	William Daly	Healing
Leslie DePuydt	Steen Stellers	Soul of the dearly departed
Eva Marie Quintero	Ray Trebels	Rest of the Soul
Mike Jump	Arnie Herrera	Healing Cancer
Del Lori	Mike Williams	Healing, back fusion
Ed Kenna	Bob Hrad	Rest of the Soul
Hedy Francois	Ray Trebels	Rest of the Soul
Marisa Luisa Rodeiro	Ray Trebels	Cancer
Tessie Plata	Bill Delucca	Rest of the Soul
People of Ukraine	Council 6332	Peace, healing, comfort, relief
Medical and Essential Workers	Council 6332	Gratitude & pray for their health/safety
Those sick with rare diseases	Council 6332	Cure/healing recovery
Our military	Council 6332	Gratitude for their service and sacrifice

For Updates/additions please email Steve Shekerlain and/or Tracy Higuchi

Feast Days-January 2024

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God January 1, 2024



In the early days of the Church, there was a bitter controversy among theologians over the role of Mary in the Catholic Church. They debated the question: Who is Mary in God's plan? In the end, the bishops declared that Mary is really the mother of Jesus and Jesus is really God. So it must be said that Mary is the Mother of God. The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, celebrates Mary's faith and trust in God alone. The Church wants us to imitate her faith. Mary's divine motherhood broadens the Christmas spotlight. Mary has an important role to play in the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. She consents to God's invitation conveyed by the angel (Luke 1:26-38). In verse 38, Mary says: *"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."* Then the angel departed from her.

For centuries, Mary has been praised because she believed. She is Mother of God because of her faith in God.

The oldest Christian greeting of Mary was proclaimed when Elizabeth welcomed Mary in Luke 1:42-43 she recognized both the great privilege God had given Mary and Mary's great faith in accepting it. Elizabeth proclaims: *"Most blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?"* Mary's role as mother of God places her in a unique position in God's redemptive plan.

Without naming Mary, Paul asserts that "God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law" (Galatians 4:4). Paul's further statement that "God sent the spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out 'Abba, Father!'" helps us realize that Mary is mother to all the brothers and sisters of Jesus.

Some theologians also insist that Mary's motherhood of Jesus is an important element in God's creative plan. God's "first" thought in creating was Jesus. Jesus, the incarnate Word, is the one who could give God perfect love and worship on behalf of all creation. As Jesus was "first" in God's mind, Mary was "second" insofar as she was chosen from all eternity to be his mother.

The precise title "Mother of God" goes back at least to the third or fourth century. In the Greek form Theotokos (God-bearer), it became the touchstone of the Church's teaching about the Incarnation. The Council of Ephesus in 431 insisted that the holy Fathers were right in calling the holy virgin Theotokos. At the end of this particular session, crowds of people marched through the street shouting: "Praised be the Theotokos!" The tradition reaches to our own day. In its chapter on Mary's role in the Church, Vatican II's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church calls Mary "Mother of God" 12 times.

The Most Holy Name of Jesus January 3, 2024



The Story of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

Although Saint Paul might claim credit for promoting devotion to the Holy Name because Paul wrote in Philippians that God the Father gave Christ Jesus "that name that is above every name" (see 2:9), this devotion became popular because of 12th-century Cistercian monks and nuns but especially through the preaching of Saint Bernardine of Siena, a 15th-century Franciscan.

Bernardine used devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus as a way of overcoming bitter and often bloody class struggles and family rivalries or vendettas in Italian city-states. The devotion grew, partly because of Franciscan and Dominican preachers. It spread even more widely after the Jesuits began promoting it in the 16th century.

In 1530, Pope Clement V approved an Office of the Holy Name for the Franciscans. In 1721, Pope Innocent XIII extended this feast to the entire Church.

The Epiphany of the Lord January 7, 2024



The Epiphany of our Lord is a feast day celebrated on Jan. 8th. The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Thus, the feast of the Epiphany celebrates the many ways that Christ has made Himself known to the world, mainly the three events that manifested the mission and divinity of Christ: the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12), the baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:9-11), and the miracle at Cana (John 2:1-11).

The feast of manifestation, or Epiphany, is traditionally celebrated the 12th day after Christmas, January 6th. However, in the dioceses of the United States this feast has been moved to the Sunday between January 2 and January 8. The visit of the Magi is emphasized on Epiphany Day, and Christ's baptism is celebrated the first Sunday that follows, in 2024 it falls on January 8th.

Feast Days And Important Dates -January 2024

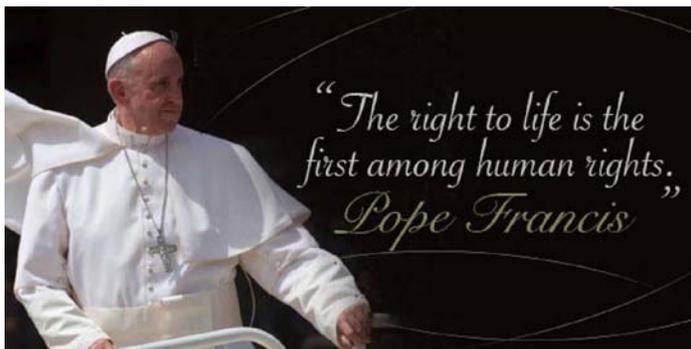
The Baptism of the Lord January 8, 2024



On January 9th, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

Originally the baptism of Christ was celebrated on Epiphany, which commemorates the coming of the Magi, the baptism of Christ, and the wedding at Cana. Over time in the West, however, the celebration of the baptism of the Lord came to be commemorated as a distinct feast from Epiphany. It is celebrated in the Catholic Church on the first Sunday following The Epiphany of Our Lord.

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children January 22, 2024



"A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer."

Pope Saint John Paul II
Evangelium Vitae,

The over 60 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a "throwaway culture." However, we have great trust in God's providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord's help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, desig-

nates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children": "In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion."

As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms. Another way to take part is through participating in special events to observe the anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Call your local diocese or parish to find out what events might be taking place in your area.

The Conversion of St. Paul, The Apostle January 25, 2024



St. Paul the Apostle was the greatest of the early Christian missionaries. He first appears in the Acts of the Apostles under the name of Saul. Saul was raised in the Jewish faith as a Pharisee trained in the strict observance of God's Law. He believed the Law should be obeyed by himself and all Jews. Saul was upset by the early Christian Church, believing that the early Christians had broken away from their Jewish traditions. He actively persecuted the Church in Jerusalem. As the first Christian martyr Stephen was being stoned to death, Saul watched the cloaks of the persecutors (Acts 7:58).

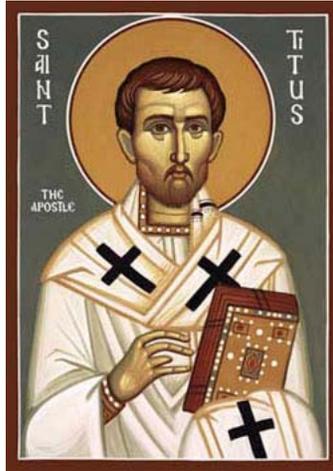
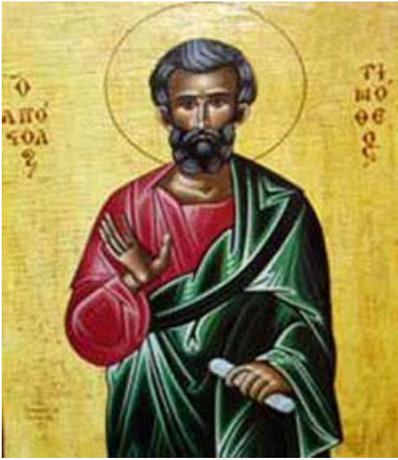
Paul then traveled to Damascus to further persecute early Christians. On the road to Damascus Saul had an encounter with the Risen Jesus Christ (Acts of the Apostles 9:1-19, Galatians 1: 13-14). Jesus asked, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" Paul replied, "Who are you, sir?" Jesus responded, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting" (Acts 9: 4 - 5). Jesus then sent Saul into Damascus to wait for further instructions. Saul was shaken and blinded by the experience. When a Christian named Ananias came and baptized Saul, his blindness went away. As a result of this encounter Saul became a follower of Christ. He was now convinced that fellowship with the risen Jesus Christ, not the observance of the Law, was all that was needed to receive God's promise of salvation. (Galatians 1:11-12; 3:1-5)

Saul, whose name now became Paul, went to Jerusalem to consult with Peter (Galatians 1: 18). After his first missionary journeys, Paul was called by Jesus to proclaim the Gospel to the Gentiles. He spent the rest of his life journeying on his missions, establishing local churches, and writing to them when he heard of their accomplishments and failures. Paul's letters are the earliest records of the life and history of the early Church. As inspired by the Holy Spirit Paul's letters are part of the Canon of the New Testament. As a record of the happenings in the early Church they are in invaluable record of the expansion of the Christianity.

Feast Days And Important Dates -January 2024

All together, there are 13 epistles that bear Paul's name as the author. However, scholars do not believe that he wrote them all. Paul himself was the author of first and second Thesalonians, Galatians, Philippians, first and second Corinthians, Romans, and Philemon. The epistles to the Ephesians, Colossians, Titus, and first and second Timothy bear Paul's name, but it is believed that they were written after his death. The writers of these letters were disciples of Paul who wanted to continue his teaching. Whoever the authors of these epistles were, these writings have been accepted into the New Testament as inspired by the Holy Spirit.

Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops January 26,2024



Saints Timothy and Titus' Story:

What we know from the New Testament of Timothy's life makes it sound like that of a modern harried bishop. He had the honor of being a fellow apostle with Paul, both sharing the privilege of preaching the gospel and suffering for it.

Timothy had a Greek father and a Jewish mother named Eunice. Being the product of a "mixed" marriage, he was considered illegitimate by the Jews. It was his grandmother, Lois, who first became Christian. Timothy was a convert of Paul around the year 47 and later joined him in his apostolic work. He was with Paul at the founding of the Church in Corinth. During the 15 years he worked with Paul, he became one of his most faithful and trusted friends. He was sent on difficult missions by Paul—often in the face of great disturbance in local churches which Paul had founded.

Timothy was with Paul in Rome during the latter's house arrest. At some period Timothy himself was in prison (Hebrews 13:23). Paul installed him as his representative at the Church of Ephesus.

Timothy was comparatively young for the work he was doing. Several references seem to indicate that he was timid. And one of Paul's most frequently quoted lines was addressed to him: "Stop drinking only water, but have a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent illnesses" (1 Timothy 5:23).

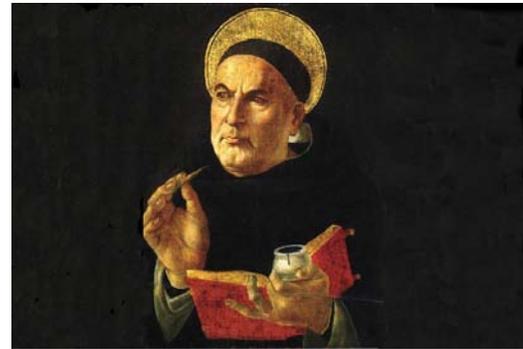
Titus has the distinction of being a close friend and disciple of Paul as well as a fellow missionary. He was Greek, apparently from Antioch. Even though Titus was a Gentile, Paul would not let him be forced to undergo circumcision at Jerusalem. Titus is seen as a peacemaker,

administrator, great friend. Paul's second letter to Corinth affords an insight into the depth of his friendship with Titus, and the great fellowship they had in preaching the gospel.

When Paul was having trouble with the community at Corinth, Titus was the bearer of Paul's severe letter and was successful in smoothing things out. Paul writes he was strengthened not only by the arrival of Titus but also "by the encouragement with which he was encouraged in regard to you, as he told us of your yearning, your lament, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced even more.... And his heart goes out to you all the more, as he remembers the obedience of all of you, when you received him with fear and trembling" (2 Corinthians 7:7a, 15).

The Letter to Titus addresses him as the administrator of the Christian community on the island of Crete, charged with organizing it, correcting abuses, and appointing presbyter-bishops.

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church January 28,2024



Thomas Aquinas came from a wealthy Italian ruling family in the 13th century. At age five, he was sent to a Benedictine monastery at Monte Cassino in hopes that someday he would be abbot. But King Frederick III sent his troops to occupy the monastery as a fortress. Thomas then transferred to the University of Naples, where he came into contact with the Dominicans. Their life of prayer and study fascinated him, and he was determined to join them. His family was shocked that Thomas would join a group of poor friars. His mother sent his brothers after him. They kidnapped and imprisoned him for more than a year at a family castle. Nothing would shake his resolution to enter the Dominicans. Finally, Thomas's family gave up on discouraging him from becoming a priest, and in 1244, he joined the order.

Thomas studied under Albert the Great. In class, his silence during discussions and his large size earned him the nickname "the dumb ox." Thomas became well known for his writings in philosophy and theology. His most famous work, the Summa Theologiae, contains five volumes of thought on all the Christian mysteries. It is said that no one has equaled the depth of understanding and clear reasoning that Thomas showed. His love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament led him to write prayers and hymns that are still used to honor the Eucharist.

But this brilliant man was very humble. He knew that all his gifts came from God. While celebrating Mass on December 6, 1273, he received a revelation from God. After that, he stopped writing. He said that all he had written was so much straw after what he had seen in the revelation. Thomas died at age 49 on his way to the Council of Lyons, France. Pope Gregory X had asked him to come. Saint Thomas Aquinas is a Doctor of the Church and patron of Catholic schools.



BLOOD DRIVE

Hosted by
St. Kilian Catholic Church
Wednesday, January 10, 2024
11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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**Knights of Columbus
Cardinal McIntyre Council No. 6332**

January, 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Solemnity of Mary Holy Mother of God <i>New Year's Day</i>	Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Drs of the Church	The Most Holy Name of Jesus	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious <i>Officers Mtg 6 pm Business Mtg 7 pm</i>	St. John Neumann, Bishop <i>First Friday Adoration 10:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m.</i>	St Andre Bessette
Epiphany of the Lord <i>Welcome & Recruitment after masses</i>	Baptism of the Lord		<i>Blood Drive 11:00-4:00 p.m</i>	<i>4th Degree Meeting 6 p.m.</i>		St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time <i>Donut Ministry after morning masses</i>	Martin Luther King Day		St. Anthony, Abbott			Saint Fabian, Pope & Martyr <i>Recycle 7am-12 Noon</i>
3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time <i>Pancake Breakfast</i>	Day of prayer for the legal protection of unborn children	St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr	St. Frances De Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle <i>Officer Meeting 7:00 p.m. Potluck 6:30 pm</i>	Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops	St. Angela Merici, Virgin
4th Sunday of Ordinary Time <i>Donut Ministry after morning masses</i>			Saint John Bosco, Priest			



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February, 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				St. Brigid <i>Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Adoration 10:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m.</i> The Presentation of the Lord	Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr	St Paul Miki & Companions Martyrs		Saint Jerome Emiliani Saint Josephine Bakhita <i>4th Degree Meeting 7:30 p.m.</i>		St. Scholastica, Virgin, <i>Tootsie Roll Sales after Sun Masses, Valentines Day Dance</i>
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Our Lady Of Lourdes <i>Welcome Ministry after AM Masses, Tootsie Roll Sales after Sun Masses</i>			<i>Ash Wednesday St. Valentine's Day 40 Cans for Lent</i>	Thursday after Ash Wednesday <i>40 Cans for Lent</i>	Thursday after Ash Wednesday <i>40 Cans for Lent</i>	The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order, <i>Recycling 7 a.m. - Noon</i>
<i>First Sunday of Lent 40 Cans for Lent</i>	President's Day, <i>40 Cans for Lent</i>	Saints Jacinta & Francisco Marto, <i>40 Cans for Lent</i>	Saint Peter Damian, <i>40 Cans for Lent</i>	The Chair of Saint Peter, <i>Knights Potluck 6:30 pm.</i>	Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr, <i>40 Cans for Lent</i>	<i>40 Cans for Lent</i>
<i>Second Sunday of Lent, 40 Cans for Lent</i>	<i>40 Cans for Lent</i>	St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot & Doctor of the	<i>40 Cans for Lent</i>	<i>40 Cans for Lent, Officer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</i>		

Knights of Columbus, Council 6332 Bulletin Board January 2024

ROSE & ROSARY PROGRAM:

Our Council distributes Knights of Columbus rosaries at the baptisms held the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month at noon. A rosary is given to each family and it is a beautiful meaningful part of the ceremony. We are always interested in more Knights and their wives participating, and you can contact PGK Mike Ensley at (949) 367-1427 for further details.

COFFEE & DONUTS PROGRAM:

The Knights coordinate and staff Sunday coffee and donuts after the 7:00, 8:30 and 10:30 am Masses. This is a wonderful chance to meet and talk with fellow parishioners. We also find that it is an effective way to recruit new Knights. We start setting up at 6:00 am; we usually finish cleanup at 12:00 pm. In between, we staff the coffee and donuts tables. If you are interested in helping, even in a limited way, we'd appreciate your help. Please contact Brother Benny Jones at benny.jones1@cox.net or Terry Koressel at terrykoressel@gmail.com for further information. **Next dates: January 14,21,28, 2024 during the morning Masses.**

NEEDS OF THE COUNCIL:

- Membership Director: Form team to coordinate recruiting activity at Knight events, ensure processing of Form 100 membership applications and track status of candidates.
- Exemplification Team: Plan and coordinate all aspects of the event, including ceremony, advertising and hospitality.
- Council Website Coordinator: Enhance and maintain Council website.
- Parish Bulletin Ads Coordinator: With input from Officers, develop promotional ads for parish bulletin and other Knight publications. Graphic arts capability is a plus.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST:

Pancake breakfasts are one of our biggest fund raisers for our parish. It is expected that all Knights make an effort to attend and assist with duties they sign up for. Pancake Breakfasts are on hiatus for the holiday season. **Our next breakfast is on 1/21/2024. Please sign up on line or at the Business Meeting**

BLOOD DRIVE:

Our next Blood Drive: 1/10/2024. Contact Brother Bob Bochinairz at (949)215-0201 or Nik Raleigh at (949)500-6615 for more information.

Tootsie Roll Sales:

Formerly known as our ID drive fund raiser is held each year before Lent. Proceeds go to supporting children with Intellectual Disabilities. **Our next Tootsie Roll sales: 2/10-2/11 after Sunday Masses.**

4TH DEGREE LIAISON:

4th Degree Knights of Columbus, Santiago de Compostela Assembly #2305 meets the 2nd Thursday of the month in the Conference Center. For further details, contact PGK Joe Paulicivic Jr. (949) 699-2576. **Next meeting is January 11, 2024, please note the start time is a 6 pm and it is at St. Kilian in our Hall not at Santiago De Compostela. February's meeting is 2/8/2024.**

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION:

Adoration is always the First Friday of every month, Knights of Cardinal McIntyre Council have responded to the Pastor's concern that at least one good Catholic man be in attendance during the "small hours" (10:00 PM to 6:00 AM Saturday) so that other parishioners, women and children, can feel safe and confident to visit the Church at all hours. Please notify PGK Mike Ensley at (949)-367-1427 if you can participate or sign up at our next business meeting. **Our next Eucharistic Adoration will be on January 5, 2024. February's Eucharistic Adoration will be on 2/2/2024.**

CORPORATE COMMUNION:

Corporate Communion will be at the 8:30 a.m. mass at St. Kilian every quarter. Please wear your name badge and sit with fellow Knights in the reserved seats. **Our next Corporate Communion: will be on 3/10/2024.**

RECYCLE DRIVE:

Monthly Recycle Drive held the 3rd Saturday of every month from 7 am until noon. We can use your help. If you are interested, please contact Jim Messmer at (949) 339-0921. **Next Drive: 1/20/2024, February's Recycle Drive is 2/17/2024.**

KOC POTLUCK:

The Potlucks are open to all, family and friends are welcome! Contact Brother Joe Paulicivic at (714) 290-3489 for more information. **Our next Potluck is on 1/25/24 in the Big Hall. We look forward to seeing everyone there!**

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

The next Council Business meeting will be on 1/4/2024 at 7:00 p.m. and the February meeting will be on 2/1/2024.

KNIGHTS ON BIKES:

For more information on Knights on Bikes, please Contact Brother Mario Alegre at marioalegre86@gmail.com or 949-636-6542 for more information.

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"St. Kilian Council 6332 Monthly Recognition"

Degree Completions

None

Transfers to our Council

Michael Orts

Anniversary of Knights of Columbus Service

Jeffrey Reid	January 1	48 Years
Robert Seipp	January 16	31 Years
Gerald Taylor	January 1	29 Years
Nathan Bajorek	January 15	22 Years
Dan Reed	January 22	22 Years
Hector Hinojosa	January 3	20 Years
Scott Bryars	January 15	16 Years
Severino Guiao Jr.	January 15	16 Years
Richard Holmes	January 13	10 Years
T J Henricks	January 22	9 Years
Jom Ison	January 22	9 Years
Lawrence Patin	January 22	9 Years
John Purcell	January 22	9 Years
Chris Trujillo	January 22	9 Years
Arthur Villalovos	January 22	9 Years
Grant J Voss	January 22	9 Years
David Weathers	January 22	9 Years
Ron White	January 22	9 Years
Don Voss	January 30	9 Years
Guy Wilson	January 22	9 Years
Father Brandon Lopez	January 19	8 Years
Trent Gribben	January 20	8 Years
Jon Raleigh	January 20	8 Years
James Renzas	January 20	8 Years
David Ball	January 6	7 Years
David Nieto	January 6	7 Years
Dalton Karsten	January 14	7 Years
James Broomfield	January 11	5 Years
Thomas Real	January 11	5 Years
John Rette	January 18	5 Years
Vincent Nunez	January 29	5 Years
Mark Lambert	January 21	4 Years
Herbert Lank	January 21	4 Years
Daniel Murillo	January 21	4 Years
Christian Nunez	January 25	4 Years
John Lawrence	January 6	2 Years

Birthdays in January

Bob Frederisy	January 1
John Purcell	January 2
Alex Hernandez	January 6
Bob Bochniarz	January 8
Albert Ybarra, Jr.	January 8
Mark Banas	January 10
Richard Herron	January 11
John Ireland	January 14
Jim Nutter	January 15
Trent Gribben	January 16
Paul Wickstrom	January 20
Gabe Smith	January 21
Kevin Goode	January 24
Alexander Esguerra	January 26
Patrick Stoker	January 28