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The Nativity of the Lord, Christmas December 25, 2024



Christmas is celebrated on the 25th of December and commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ. The word Christmas is derived from the Old English word "Cristes maesse" which literally translates to Christ's Mass. Although no one knows for sure the exact date of Christ's birth, the date chosen to celebrate it is related to the Roman Saturnalia festival that lasted from the 17th -21st of December. This date was chosen somewhere during the 4th century AD by the heads of the church.

According to the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, Christmas is one of the most important days of the Church year, second only to Easter itself. It is the feast of the incarnation, the feast of God becoming flesh (the Latin "in carne" means "enfleshment"). It is a uniquely Christian teaching, the Divine choosing to become one of us. Because of this belief, God is not only Transcendent, but also wholly Immanent, Emmanuel (God-with-us). While remaining Transcendent (meaning we must rise above our present condition to reach Him), He is at the same time Immanent (meaning He is with us as we rise toward Him). Every Eucharist is like Christmas where the bread and wine are transformed into His flesh, His Body and Blood, and, in a sense, He is born anew on the altar.

The liturgical season of Christmas begins with the vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During this season, we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts, and reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with him... including the fact that he was born to die for us. The Christmas tree and the Nativity scene are popular symbols of the season and a tradition in many Christian homes. It is also traditional to exchange Christmas gifts with family and friends as a way to honor God the Father's gift of his only son to the world. Having received the gift of Christ, we naturally want to pass that gift along to our loved ones.

Notes From the Top: Grand Knights Message



Dear Brothers,

As this will be the last newsletter of 2024 and as we transition from Thanksgiving to the season of celebrating Jesus' birth, I want to take a moment to express thanks for a few of my many blessings. First, I'm thankful for my Catholic faith and the solid foundation it provides. It is hard to imagine navigating life in today's world without such a foundation and source of strength. I want to thank the Holy Spirit for leading me to something meaningful to do in retirement – being your Grand Knight. Of course, I'm thankful for my wife who keeps me grounded and, my children and extended families. I'm thankful for the country we live in and all who have defended it. I'm also thankful for you and all that I continuously learn from each of you. I'm thankful for what we accomplish as a Council and your dedication to our parish family.

It is my hope and prayer that for all of us in the new year, the Knights of Columbus is a source of spiritual development in our service to God, our families, our parish and each other. May the peace of Christ be with you and your families this Christmas season. Merry Christmas!

Fraternally,
Brother Jim

Notes From the Top Deputy Grand Knight's Message:



Dear Brothers,

What do the colors of the Advent candles represent? Three candles are purple, and lit on the first, second, and fourth Sundays of Advent. They represent a time of prayer, penance, sacrifice, and spiritual reflection. The fourth candle is pink, and lit on the third Sunday of Advent. The pink Advent candle represents the joy of anticipation for Christmas and is lit on Rejoice Sunday. The pink color of this third candle reminds us that the joyous feast of Christmas is near. The Advent 2024 themes from week 1 to week 4 are hope, peace, joy and love. Let's pray that our world may start to believe in these themes.

Fraternally,
Brother Mike Urratio

Notes From the Top: District Deputy's Message



District Deputy Corner,

Worthy Knights.

On February 1, 2025 is a Special Olympics Event Feed the Athletes event. We need 10 Knights to prep, cook and serve 300 athletes, coaches, staff and volunteers. Please see the flyer in the newsletter on page 15 for more details and to sign up.

Fraternally,

Dan Hoffman
District Deputy 138
Vivat Jesus.

Notes From the Top: Chancellor's Message:



Dear Brothers,

I hope that everyone had a blessed time with their families for Thanksgiving. Thank you to my fellow brothers who supported Eucharistic Procession on Sunday 11/24. It was great to see the 4th Degree Honor Guard as well as our council support this important event – there was increased attendance, as we shared our Faith walking along Marguerite Parkway. Thank you also to those who supported the 1st Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Kilian. It was well-attended as we supported those who were celebrating Thanksgiving alone. God Bless You!

Happy Advent as we start the new liturgical year! Please continue to support and volunteer for KofC and St. Kilian events - continue wearing your red council name badges. We are making an impact in our parish as more are inquiring about Knights of Columbus membership. Ironically, those who have typically been approaching me regarding membership with KofC have been the wives, on behalf of their husbands! Please continue to do remarkable things for God.

Don't forget to sign up and stay connected with our very own KofC Council 6332 GroupMe app. It is a tremendous way for everyone to communicate with each other and stay informed of the various events that we support throughout the year. Look up the "Stay Connected with GroupMe!" section of this newsletter and follow the instructions. It's proven to be a valuable tool.

Every brother matters in this council – don't be a stranger and please support where you can. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Vivat Jesus!
Fraternally,
Brother Mario Alegre

Notes From the Top: Financial Secretary's Message



Dear Brother Knights,

As many of you know, our Council is the recipient of the Star Council Award. But many of you are not aware of what is required to win the prestigious award. In order to obtain the Star Council Award, we must:

- Earn the Father McGivney Award for membership growth. Each year the Supreme Council assigns a membership quota, which for our Council, is thirteen.
- Earn the Founders' Award for insurance growth. Fulfillment of this award requires that our Council host two insurance and fraternal benefits events. The total attendance of members, or member eligible men, at these events must equal or exceed ten.
- Earn the Columbian Award for well-rounded council programs by submitting the Columbian Award Application (#SP-7). Form SP-7 is a summary of our Councils work in each of the Faith in Action categories: Faith, Family, Community, and Life. A total of sixteen credits are required.
- Submit the Service Program Personnel Report (#365). This report provides Supreme Council with those members in the following positions: Program Director, Family Director, Community Director, Membership Director, and Retention Chairman.
- Submit the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728). These are our monthly report of Council activities.
- Remain in good standing with the Supreme Council (including youth protection compliance and (fully compliant with applicable Safe Environment requirements).

We are moving towards the Star Award again this year, but are lacking members to fill some of the director positions. So please pray on it and think about stepping up to fill one of these positions.

God Bless You,
Steven Shekerlian

Notes From the Top: From the Editor:



Dear Brothers,

As we start this Lenten season and prepare for His coming, I thought it would be appropriate to include praying the Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary with Scripture on pages 12-13 of the newsletter.

Also Please come to the 8:30 Mass on 12/8/24, there is an RCIA Rite of Acceptance. We have our largest class of 27 adults that wish to receive their sacraments and they need our prayers and support.

Fraternally,
Brother Tracy Higuchi

Trustee's Corner



My Dear Brother Knights,

There is no Trustee's Corner Message for this month. Please stay tuned to future editions of the newsletter for words of wisdom from Br. Williams.

The Editor

Lecturer's Corner: Norm Abbod



COMPLAIN, COMPARE, BE HAPPY!

At our Thanksgiving Mass today, Father Angelos gave an excellent homily that I can boil down to a few sentences.. (How many times have you gone to Mass and cannot remember what you just heard?)

Fr. Angelos told us a short story of receiving Emails from a particular parishioner that described an issue at church and complained about it. The Emails always complained about something, so Fr. Angelos asked this parishioner to meet with him to discuss this. He simply asked the parishioner one question before they even started the discussion, "Would you name at least ONE THING you like about St. Kilian?" The parishioner gave Fr. Angelos a LITANY of the things he liked about St. Kilian. No more Emails of complaints were received after their discussion.

Another couple were continually describing how they really liked another church better than St. Kilian so Fr. Angelos encouraged them to go to that church if they liked it so much more than St. Kilian and they did. After about a month, they came back to St. Kilian and Fr. Angelos asked them why they came back. "IT'S NOT HOME" was their response.

Fr. Angelos POINTS were: Be so grateful for all that we have been given, our health, our home, our country. We have FREEDOM and OPPORTUNITIES other countries only dream about.

BOTTOM LINE: Don't COMPLAIN or COMPARE. Be HAPPY when you realize the blessings God has given us. If you think of the thousands of people in Hospital beds, Assisted Living Homes, places in the world with no drinking water and going hungry every night, people living in a WAR ZONE,BE HAPPY!

Don't forget this homily from Father Angelos.
Br. Norm

Notes From the Top: Field Agent's Message



Dear Brothers,

Merry Christmas! To all my brothers and their families, I extend my very best wishes for a merry and a blessed Christmas. As we are celebrating the Christmas season, we give thanks that God sent his Only Begotten Son to live among us and save us! That gift from the Father sets the stage for our giving gifts at Christmas.

As I consider Christmas I think of the gift of support and encouragement that you have given me. I appreciate the opportunity to work with you and your families this past year and I look forward to a new year and renewing connections with you.

A reminder there is a Fraternal Benefits event on 12/10/2024 covering Catholic Stewardship and Estate Planning see the flyer on page 14 of the newsletter.

Again, a very Merry and Blessed Christmas!

Fraternally,
Mark Yubeta
Fraternal Insurance Agent
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Knights on GroupMe



Worthy Brothers,

GroupMe is a social media application for mobile phones that will help improve communications within our council. We are up to (24) members. Please join, stay current and help our Council as we manage multiple events! It's as easy as 1-2-3:

1. Download the GroupMe app from the app store for iPhones or Android phones. This is a free app from Microsoft
2. Create your own account on GroupMe
3. Text or email Brother Mario Alegre at 949-636-6542 or marioalegre86@gmail.com, and the link to join will be sent to you.

Please join and stay connected if you have not yet done so.
Thanks,
Brother Mario Alegre

Blood Drive Update



Dear Brothers,

Our next blood drive for those who plan far ahead is on January 22nd, 2025, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. in our Church Hall, so please mark your New Year calendar. We had an outstanding turnout at our last drive with 24 pints donated, which translates to up to 72 lives saved! So we are hoping to continue this same spirit, leading into Advent, Christmas and the New Year. Prospective donors can view the announcements in our future church bulletins and sign up there.

Any Knight who would like to volunteer to help out in addition to myself and Nik Raleigh will be welcomed, provided with some excellent conversation and the rewarding feeling of helping others.

Fraternally
Bob Bochniarz



Recycle Drive News



Dear Brothers,

November was a solid month for collection, netting \$436. Calendar YTD we've collected \$4,204. We filled 3 ½ bins with plastic and just over 1 bin with aluminum. With December's collection, we should exceed last year's collection of \$4,320. Brothers, please collect your aluminum cans and plastic bottles and bring them to the lower parking lot on recycle Saturday.

Thanks to all brothers who helped out on Saturday. The next recycle drive is December 21. The drive begins with set up at 6:45am and concludes at Noon. Please sign up at the monthly meeting or on SignUp Genius and wear your Knight shirt or hat and your badge.

Fraternally,
Brother Jim Messmer

Knights in Action: St. Kilian Eucharistic Procession

Dear Brothers,

We had a lot of participation from our council and many Knights volunteered to assist with our Eucharistic Procession on 11/24/2024. There was a color guard of our 4th Degree Brothers as well. Thank you Br. Mario for the photos.!

The Editor



Sickness, Distress and Gratitude Prayer List

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sponsored By</u>	<u>For</u>
Elaine Davies	Norm Abbod	Healing Bone and Blood Cancer
Sharon Pfister	Norm Abbod	Healing
Pam Hrad	Tracy Higuchi	Rest of the Soul
Thomas Oliphant	Anthony DiBernardo	Healing and recovery from Back Surgery
Vicky Lyndsey	Tracy Higuchi	Healing Foot surgery
Beth Daniels	Michael Urratio	Cancer
Kay Kenson	Tracy Higuchi	Recovery & Healing from Stroke
Lotus Rea	Jake Huluna	Rest of the Soul
Nobue Puchalski	Raymond Trebels	Rest of the Soul
Julie Orozco	Dan Hoffman	Rest of the Soul
Joe Paulicivic	Mike Ensley	Health
Maria Corona	Jake Huluna	Rest of the Soul
Diane Contreras	David Hoffman	Rest of the Soul
Burt Susunka	Bill DeLuca	Rest of the Soul
Baby Eilla	Bob Hrad	Cancer
Hank Berry	Matt Woods	Cancer
Kyla Schmidt	Danny Reed	Paralyzed
Roopa Gopal Guttal	Matt Woods	Passed due to stroke, Rest of the Soul
Patrick Gawne	Sean Gawne	Healing for Spine Injury, Alcoholism
Mike Schnell	Bob Hrad	Cancer
Grace Dunn	Bob Hrad	Healing, heart
Mariella Stie	Michael Urratio	Cancer
Val Deamonte	Michael Urratio	Rest of the soul for her husband
Pricilla Anderson	Norm Abbod	Passed due to cancer, Rest of the Soul
Angela Blair	Randy Blair	Healing, Double knee replacement, Auto immune disease, neuropathy
Fred Bertrando	Dave Bertrando	Healing, recovery from seizures
Rich Kreich	Danny Reed	Rest of the Soul, passed due to Cancer
Mary O'Hearn	Jim O'Hearn	Memory issues
Pam Hrad	Bob Hrad	Healing, recovery
Bob Knoke	Council 6332	Memory issues
Carol Schuster	Bill DeLuca	Rest of the Soul
John Schuster	Bill DeLuca	Rest of the Soul
Raymond Toal	Council 6332	Rest of the Soul
Wojciech Henry Zakrzewski	Council 6332	Rest of the Soul
Patrick Mansfield	Council 6332	Rest of the Soul
James C Russ	Council 6332	Rest of the Soul
Michael Scialabba	Bill DeLuca	Rest of the Soul
Mark Derrico	Dave Bertrando	Full Return of Eyesight
Mike Tamkin	Bill DeLuca	Stroke
Ian Tomson	Bill DeLuca	Alzheimers, stroke
Liz Quirk	Michael Urratio	Breast Cancer
Manuel Reyes Alegre	Council 6332	Rest of the Soul
Vince Martin	Michael Urratio	Rest of the Soul
Jack Anderson	Ron White	Cancer
Ron White	Council 6332	Surgery
David Weathers	Council 6332	Rest of the Soul
Rob Heller	Dave Bertrando	Back Surgery
John Rette	Sean Gawne	Rest of the Soul
Earl Santy	Council 6332	Rest of the Soul
Bill Reed	Daniel Reed	Amputation
Tammy Hrad	Bob Hrad	Surgery
Dorothy Fathauer	Norm Abbod	Heart
Steve Shekerlian	Council 6332	Surgery and recovery
Bill Ganassian	Norm Abbod	Rest of the Soul
Vincent Esguerra	Gaberiel Trebels	Cancer
Zack Lori	Mike Williams	Support
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
End to conflict in Middle East	Council 6332	Peace and that love of neighbor will prevail
Phillip Mc Elhinney	Al Rizzo	Healing cancer
Those impacted by the Hurricanes	Council 6332	Prayers for healing and support
Those impacted by the Maui Fires	Council 6332	Prayers
People of Ukraine	Council 6332	Peace, healing, comfort, relief
Medical and Essential Workers	Council 6332	Gratitude & pray for their health/safety
Our military	Council 6332	Gratitude for their service and sacrifice

For Updates/additions please email Dave Bertrando and/or Tracy Higuchi

Feast Days-December 2024

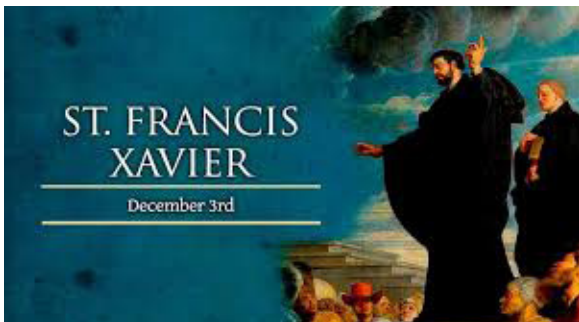
First Sunday of Advent December 1, 2024



Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas. The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. The final days of Advent, from December 15 to December 22, focus particularly on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas). Advent devotions including the Advent wreath, remind us of the meaning of the season.

The first candle, which we will light this Sunday is purple, and it symbolizes hope. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

St. Francis Xavier, December 3, 2024



Saint Francis Xavier's Story

Jesus asked, "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" (Matthew 16:26a). The words were repeated to a young teacher of philosophy who had a highly promising career in academics, with success and a life of prestige and honor before him.

Francis Xavier, 24 at the time, and living and teaching in Paris, did not heed these words at once. They came from a good friend, Ignatius of Loyola, whose tireless persuasion finally won the young man to Christ. Francis then made the spiritual exercises under the direction of Ignatius, and in 1534, joined his little community, the infant Society of Jesus. Together at Montmartre they vowed poverty, chastity, obedience, and apostolic service according to the directions of the pope.

From Venice, where he was ordained a priest in 1537, Xavier went on to Lisbon and from there sailed to the East Indies, landing at Goa, on the west coast of India. For the next 10 years he labored to bring the faith to such widely scattered peoples as the Hindus, the Malaysians, and the

Japanese. He spent much of that time in India, and served as provincial of the newly established Jesuit province of India.

Wherever he went, Xavier lived with the poorest people, sharing their food and rough accommodations. He spent countless hours ministering to the sick and the poor, particularly to lepers. Very often he had no time to sleep or even to say his breviary but, as we know from his letters, he was filled always with joy.

Xavier went through the islands of Malaysia, then up to Japan. He learned enough Japanese to preach to simple folk, to instruct, and to baptize, and to establish missions for those who were to follow him. From Japan he had dreams of going to China, but this plan was never realized. Before reaching the mainland, he died. His remains are enshrined in the Church of Good Jesus in Goa. He and Saint Thérèse of Lisieux were declared co-patrons of the missions in 1925.

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary December 9, 2024



On December 8, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which references Mary's conception in her mother's womb without the stain of Original Sin: An essential part of God's plan for the mother of his Son was that she be conceived free from Original Sin. "Through the centuries the Church became ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception" (CCC, no 491)

In anticipation that she was to bear the Son of God, Mary was preserved from the time of her conception from Original Sin. We call this the Immaculate Conception. No sin would touch her, so that she would be a fitting and worthy vessel of the Son of God. The Immaculate Conception does not refer to the virginal conception and birth of Christ, but rather to Mary's being conceived without inheriting Original Sin.

A feast called the Conception of Mary arose in the Eastern Church in the seventh century. It came to the West in the eighth century. In the 11th century it received its present name, the Immaculate Conception. In the 18th century it became a feast of the universal Church. It is now recognized as a solemnity.

In 1854, Pius IX solemnly proclaimed: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin." Our Mother Mary is full of beauty because she is full of grace. - Pope Francis via twitter on December 30, 2013

This year December 8th is the 2nd Sunday of Advent so we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on December 9th, 2024.

Feast Days-December 2024

Second Sunday of Advent December 8, 2024



On the December 8th, the Second Sunday of Advent, we light another purple candle, which represents faith. It is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

Our Lady of Guadalupe December 12, 2024



The feast in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe goes back to the 16th century. Chronicles of that period tell us the story.

A poor Indian named Cuauhtlatohuac was baptized and given the name Juan Diego. He was a 57-year-old widower, and lived in a small village near Mexico City. On Saturday morning December 9, 1531, he was on his way to a nearby barrio to attend Mass in honor of Our Lady.

Juan was walking by a hill called Tepeyac when he heard beautiful music like the warbling of birds. A radiant cloud appeared, and within it stood an Indian maiden dressed like an Aztec princess. The lady spoke to him in his own language and sent him to the bishop of Mexico, a Franciscan named Juan de Zumarraga. The bishop was to build a chapel in the place where the lady appeared.

Eventually the bishop told Juan to have the lady give him a sign. About this same time Juan's uncle became seriously ill. This led poor Juan to try to avoid the lady. Nevertheless the lady found Juan, assured him that his uncle would recover, and provided roses for Juan to carry to the bishop in his cape or tilma.

On December 12, when Juan Diego opened his tilma in the bishop's presence, the roses fell to the ground, and the bishop sank to his knees. On the tilma where the roses had been appeared an image of Mary exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac.

Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr December 13, 2024



Do you remember the parable of the ten bridesmaids who waited for the bridegroom? Only five of them had brought flasks of oil to keep their oil lamps burning. These were permitted to enter the wedding banquet; the others were not. Lucy, whose name means "light" kept the light of her loyal faith burning through the experience of death. Now she is enjoying the eternal wedding banquet.

Like many of the early martyrs, little is known about Lucy. She was born in Sicily and died during the persecution of Diocletian. The fact that she is still mentioned in the first Eucharistic Prayer of the Mass shows the great respect that the Church has for her.

One story about Lucy is that she is said to have made a vow to remain unmarried. When the man to whom she was engaged found out, he turned her in as a Christian. She was tortured but remained faithful to Jesus Christ.

Lucy's feast comes during Advent, when we wait for the coming of Christ, the Light of the World. The Scandinavian countries have a special way of celebrating this feast. A young girl is dressed in a white dress and a red sash (as the symbol of martyrdom). She carries palms and wears a crown of candles on her head. In Sweden, girls dressed as Lucy carry rolls and cookies in procession as songs are sung.

A Hungarian custom is to plant wheat in a small pot on St. Lucy's feast. By Christmas green sprouts appear, signs of life coming from death. This symbolizes Lucy's new life, an eternal wedding feast, and ours. The wheat is then carried to the manger scene as the symbol of Christ in the Eucharist.

St. Lucy, pray that we may be the light of the world!

Feast Days And Important Dates -December 2024

St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church December 14, 2024



On December 14th we celebrate the Feast Day of Saint John of the Cross. John is a saint because his life was a heroic effort to live up to his name: “of the Cross.” The folly of the cross came to full realization in time. “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me” (Mark 8:34b) is the story of John’s life. The Paschal Mystery—through death to life—strongly marks John as reformer, mystic-poet, and theologian-priest.

Ordained a Carmelite priest in 1567 at age 25, John met Teresa of Avila and like her, vowed himself to the primitive Rule of the Carmelites. As partner with Teresa and in his own right, John engaged in the work of reform, and came to experience the price of reform: increasing opposition, misunderstanding, persecution, imprisonment. He came to know the cross acutely—to experience the dying of Jesus—as he sat month after month in his dark, damp, narrow cell with only his God.

Yet, the paradox! In this dying of imprisonment John came to life, uttering poetry. In the darkness of the dungeon, John’s spirit came into the Light. There are many mystics, many poets; John is unique as mystic-poet, expressing in his prison-cross the ecstasy of mystical union with God in the *Spiritual Canticle*.

But as agony leads to ecstasy, so John had his Ascent to Mt. Carmel, as he named it in his prose masterpiece. As man-Christian-Carmelite, he experienced in himself this purifying ascent; as spiritual director, he sensed it in others; as psychologist-theologian, he described and analyzed it in his prose writings. His prose works are outstanding in underscoring the cost of discipleship, the path of union with God: rigorous discipline, abandonment, purification. Uniquely and strongly John underlines the gospel paradox: The cross leads to resurrection, agony to ecstasy, darkness to light, abandonment to possession, denial to self to union with God. If you want to save your life, you must lose it. John is truly “of the Cross.” He died at 49—a life short, but full.

Third Sunday of Advent December 15, 2024



December 15th, 2024 is the third Sunday of Advent/Gaudete Sunday and we light the rose colored candle, and it’s meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

4th Sunday of Advent December 22, 2024



On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This final candle, the “Angel’s Candle,” symbolizes peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels: “Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men.”

St. Stephen, The First Martyr December 26, 2024



One of the first deacons of the Church was a man named Stephen, a man filled with the Holy Spirit and with faith. Besides his job of overseeing the distribution of the poor, he also preached. A group of Jewish Hellenists strongly resented Stephen’s preaching of salvation through Jesus. The situation became so tense that they found witnesses to falsely testify that Stephen had committed blasphemy.

Stephen was arrested and brought to the court. The odds were against him and Jesus said, “When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your father speaking through you (Mathew 10:19–20). Stephen knew he would be helped by the Holy Spirit, and he wasn’t afraid.

When Stephen testified in court, he made two major points. First he believed that God could be found everywhere, not just in a single place like temple or a single person like Abraham. Second he demonstrated how from the beginning, the Israelites had consistently rejected God’s messengers, prophet’s, and chosen servants. And now they rejected and killed God’s Son who had been sent to them.

Those who had been listening to Stephen were blinded by anger so strong that they didn’t even wait for normal court proceedings. They rushed toward him, dragged him out of town, and stoned him. Stephen was the first person killed for Christ. His last words were “Lord, do not hold this sin against them” (Acts 7:60)

Feast Days And Important Dates -December 2024

St. John, Apostle and Evangelist December 27, 2024



St. John the Evangelist had the experience of living with Jesus—walking at his side, watching him perform miracles, listening to his teaching, and receiving signs of personal love.

Much of what we know about John's life comes through the Gospels. According to Matthew's Gospel, John was in a boat mending nets with his older brother James and his father Zebedee when Jesus called them to follow him. Their "Yes!" led to a great adventure.

John and James were called Sons of Thunder, possibly because of their fiery tempers. One example was when people in a Samaritan town would not accept Jesus. James and John wanted to call down fire to destroy the town. At another time the brothers secretly asked Jesus to have the highest place in his kingdom. Jesus explained that real greatness comes to those who serve.

John had the special privilege of being with Jesus at crucial times. With Peter and James, John was permitted to watch the miracle of Jairus's daughter coming back to life. The three witnessed the glory of Jesus' transfiguration. They were also the three invited to be with Jesus during his agony in the garden. John was also favored when he was the only apostle standing at the foot of the cross. Jesus entrusted to him his mother, Mary.

After Jesus had sent the Holy Spirit upon the apostles, John continued to respond to Jesus' call. One day he and Peter cured a lame beggar in the name of Jesus and were arrested and jailed for the night. The next day religious leaders listened to their message about Jesus' resurrection and were amazed that these fishermen could speak so convincingly.

It is said that when St. John was very old, people had to carry him to where the Christians assembled to worship. Each time he preached, he gave the same homily: "Little children, love one another." When people asked if he would talk on a different topic, he said that this is the Lord's word and if they really did this, they would do enough.

The symbol for John as a Gospel writer is the eagle. An eagle soars higher than other birds, and John's ideas reach heights that the other Gospels do not. Tradition holds that John is also the author of three letters and the Book of Revelation. He was exiled to the isle of Patmos, where he died.

St. John, pray that we may understand the mysteries of our faith more and more.

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs December 28, 2024



The Story of the Holy Innocents: Herod "the Great," king of Judea, was unpopular with his people because of his connections with the Romans and his religious indifference. Hence he was insecure and fearful of any threat to his throne. He was a master politician and a tyrant capable of extreme brutality. He killed his wife, his brother, and his sister's two husbands, to name only a few.

Matthew 2:1-18 tells this story: Herod was "greatly troubled" when astrologers from the east came asking the whereabouts of "the newborn king of the Jews," whose star they had seen. They were told that the Jewish Scriptures named Bethlehem as the place where the Messiah would be born. Herod cunningly told them to report back to him so that he could also "do him homage." They found Jesus, offered him their gifts, and warned by an angel, avoided Herod on their way home. Jesus escaped to Egypt. Herod became furious and "ordered the massacre of all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity two years old and under." The horror of the massacre and the devastation of the mothers and fathers led Matthew to quote Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, sobbing and loud lamentation; Rachel weeping for her children..." (Matthew 2:18). Rachel was the wife of Jacob (Israel). She is pictured as weeping at the place where the Israelites were herded together by the conquering Assyrians for their march into captivity.

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 29,2024



On December 29th we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. The Gospel reading is from Luke 2:41-52. In his Gospel, Luke has been answering the question “Who is Jesus?” through his stories of the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. Today’s Gospel reading continues this theme. It has no parallel in the other Gospels and is the conclusion of Luke’s Infancy Narrative.

Mary, Joseph, and Jesus are presented in this Gospel as a faithful Jewish family. They are participating in the annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, an event shared each year with family and friends. When Jesus is found, Luke describes him as seated in the Temple in the midst of the Jewish teachers. Although he is young, Jesus seems not to need teaching about his Jewish tradition. In his dialogue with these learned teachers, Jesus astounds them with his insight and understanding. Jesus is a child of Israel. His Father is God.

The dialogue between Mary and Jesus contains many references to family relationships. In fact, in this Gospel reading Mary and Joseph are never identified by name. Instead they are referred to by their relationship to Jesus. Ultimately, this emphasizes Luke’s point about the identity of Jesus. When Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the Temple, they question Jesus and express their anxiety. Jesus replies in words that many have thought to be disrespectful. Jesus says that he was never lost; he was at home. Jesus is God’s Son, and he is in his Father’s house. Luke will continue to suggest that faith in Jesus establishes new family relationships as he describes Jesus’ public ministry.

The Feast of the Holy Family is a liturgical celebration in the Catholic Church in honor of Jesus, his mother, and his legal father, Saint Joseph, as a family. The primary purpose of this feast is to present the Holy Family as a model for Christian families. Veneration of the Holy Family was formally begun in the 17th century by Saint François de Laval, the first bishop of New France, who founded a Confraternity. We should remember that Jesus came to us from within a family, as the ultimate good of Mary and Joseph’s marriage. With them, He formed a union of divine and human hearts, and established an earthly trinity to help us better comprehend the mystery of the heavenly Trinity. And He gave us not just a means of contemplating the heavenly Trinity, but a living example for us all -- from the very start of His life on earth, He gave us a family in which “all men might behold a perfect model of domestic life, and of all virtue and holiness.” (Pope Leo XIII)

“God wanted to be born and to grow up in a human family. In this way he consecrated the family as the first and ordinary means of his encounter with humanity.” (Pope Benedict XVI)

Knights, Men of Faith Praying the Rosary with Scripture

THE FIRST JOYFUL MYSTERY: THE ANNUNCIATION



Pray Our Father

"The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a virgin, and the virgin's name was Mary." (Luke 1: 26,27)

Pray Hail Mary

"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women." (Luke 1:28)

PRAY Hail Mary

"When she heard him she was troubled at his word, and kept pondering what manner of greeting this might be." (Luke 1:29)

Pray Hail Mary

"And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid Mary for you have found grace with God." (Luke 1:30)

Pray Hail Mary

"Behold, you shall conceive in your womb and shall bring forth a son, and you shall call His name Jesus." (Luke 1:31)

Pray Hail Mary

"He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Most High: and of His kingdom there shall be no end." (Luke 1:32-33)

Pray Hail Mary

"But Mary said to the angel, "How shall this happen, since I do not know man?" (Luke 1:34)

Pray Hail Mary

"The Holy Spirit shall come upon you and the power of the Most High shall overshadow you." (Luke 1:35)

Pray Hail Mary

"And therefore the Holy One to be born shall be called the Son of God." (Luke 1:35)

Pray Hail Mary

"Behold the handmaid of the Lord: be it done to me according to your word." (Luke 1:38)

Pray Hail Mary

Pray Glory Be

Pray "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins; save us from the fires of Hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy!"

THE SECOND JOYFUL MYSTERY: THE VISITATION



Pray Our Father

"Now Mary went into the hill country. And she entered the house of Zachary and saluted Elizabeth." (Luke 1:39-40)

Pray Hail Mary

"When Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe in her womb leapt. And she was filled with the Holy Spirit." (Luke 1:41)

Pray Hail Mary

"And she cried out, "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb!" (Luke 1:42)

Pray Hail Mary

"And blessed is she who has believed, because the things promised her by the Lord shall be accomplished." (Luke 1:45)

Pray Hail Mary

"And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my savior; for He has regarded the low estate of His handmaid-en." (Luke 1:46-48)

Pray Hail Mary

"For behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed; for He who is mighty has done great things for me." (Luke 1:48-49)

Pray Hail Mary

"and Holy is his name. And His mercy is from generation to generation on those who fear Him." (Luke 1:49-50)

Pray Hail Mary

"He has shown might with His arm, He has scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart." (Luke 1:51)

Pray Hail Mary

"He has put down the mighty from their thrones, and has exalted the lowly." (Luke 1:52)

Pray Hail Mary

"He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty." (Luke 1:53)

Pray Hail Mary

Pray Glory Be

Pray "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins; save us from the fires of Hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy!"

THE THIRD JOYFUL MYSTERY: THE NATIVITY



Pray Our Father

"It came to pass while they were in Bethlehem, that the days for her to be delivered were fulfilled." (Luke 2:6)

Pray Hail Mary

"And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes." (Luke 2:7)

Pray Hail Mary

"And she laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." (Luke 2:7)

Pray Hail Mary

"And there were shepherds in the same district. And behold an angel of the Lord stood by them." (Luke 2:8-9)

Pray Hail Mary

"Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be to all the people." (Luke 2:10)

Pray Hail Mary

"For today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you, who is Christ, the Lord." (Luke 2:11)

Pray Hail Mary

"Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace to men of good will." (Luke 2:14)

Pray Hail Mary

"And behold, Magi came from the East, and entering they found the child with Mary His mother." (Matt. 2:11)

Pray Hail Mary

"And falling down they worshipped Him and they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." (Matt. 2:11)

Pray Hail Mary

"And Mary kept in mind all these things, pondering them in her heart." (Luke 2:19)

Pray Hail Mary

Pray Glory Be

Pray "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins; save us from the fires of Hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy!"

Knights, Men of Faith Praying the Rosary with Scripture

THE FOURTH JOYFUL MYSTERY: THE PRESENTATION



Pray Our Father

"According to the Law of Moses, they took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord." (Luke 2:32)

Pray Hail Mary

"Now there was in Jerusalem a man named Simeon, and this man was just and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel." (Luke 2:25)

Pray Hail Mary

"And it had been revealed to him that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord" (Luke 2:26)

Pray Hail Mary

"And when they brought in the child Jesus, he received Him into his arms and blessed God." (Luke 2:27-28)

Pray Hail Mary

"Now You can dismiss Your servant, O Lord, according to Your word, in peace." (Luke 2:29)

Pray Hail Mary

"Because my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all peoples." (Luke 2:30-31)

Pray Hail Mary

"A light of revelation to the Gentiles, and a glory for Your people, Israel." (Luke 2:32)

Pray Hail Mary

"And he said to Mary, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and for the rise of many in Israel, and for a sign that shall be contradicted." (Luke 2:34)

Pray Hail Mary

"And your own soul a sword shall pierce, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." (Luke 2:35)

Pray Hail Mary

"And they returned to Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, and the grace of God was upon Him." (Luke 2:39)

Pray Hail Mary

Pray "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins; save us from the fires of Hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy!"

THE FIFTH JOYFUL MYSTERY: THE FINDING OF JESUS



Pray Our Father

"When Jesus was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast." (Luke 2:42)

Pray Hail Mary

"And when they were returning, the boy Jesus remained in Jerusalem, and His parents did not know it." (Luke 2:43)

Pray Hail Mary

"They returned to Jerusalem in search of Him. And after three days, they found Him in the temple." (Luke 2:45-46)

Pray Hail Mary

"He was sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions." (Luke 2:46)

Pray Hail Mary

"And all who were listening to Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers." (Luke 2:47)

Pray Hail Mary

"Son, why have You done this to us? Behold, in sorrow Your father and I have been seeking You." (Luke 2:48)

Pray Hail Mary

"How is it that you sought Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" (Luke 2:49)

Pray Hail Mary

"And they did not understand the word that He spoke to them." (Luke 2:51)

Pray Hail Mary

"And He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them." (Luke 2:51)

Pray Hail Mary

"And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and grace before God and man." (Luke 2:52)

Pray Hail Mary

Pray Glory Be

Pray "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins; save us from the fires of Hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy!"

Pray "HAIL HOLY QUEEN, Mother of mercy, Our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us. And after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary."

V. Pray for us oh holy mother of God.

(This line is read by one person when the Hail Holy Queen is being recited in a group setting.)

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

(This line is the response given by the group.)

"LET US PRAY: O God, whose only begotten Son, by his life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech thee, that meditating upon these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen."



Save the Date: Fraternal Benefit Event Catholic Stewardship & Estate Planning

Tue, Dec 10, 2024 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM PST

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Join us for a webinar on Dec 10, 2024 at 7:00 PM PST.

Link to Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7938851528237783645>

The Knights of Columbus California Agencies invite you to learn more about the importance of Catholic stewardship and its significant impact on developing your family's estate plan to enhance wealth transfer results for your loved ones and organization you care about the most. You will have the opportunity to hear from SK Carlos Gutierrez, General Sales Manager/ Financial Advisor and SK Luis Contreras, Fraternal Insurance Agent. We look forward to seeing you then. Vivat Jesus!

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

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Special Olympics

FEED THE ATHLETES

**Saturday, February 1, 2025
from 8am—2pm**

**The Rinks Irvine Inline
3150 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, CA 92606**

10 Knights needed to prep, cook, and serve
300 athletes, coaches, staff, and volunteers

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**Knights of Columbus
Cardinal McIntyre Council No. 6332
December, 2024**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1st Sunday of Advent Christmas Card and Poinsettia Sales after Masses 1	2	Officer's Meeting 7:00 pm 3	4	Business Meeting 7:00 p.m. 5	Adoration 10:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m. 6	Christmas Card and Poinsettia Sales after Sunday Masses 7
2nd Sunday of Advent, Welcome Ministry and Recruiting after morning masses, Christmas Card & Poinsettia Sales 8	Immaculate Conception of Virgin Mary 9	10	11	Our Lady of Guadalupe 4th degree Meeting 7:30 p.m. 12	St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr 13	St John of the Cross, Dr of the Church, Christmas Card and Poinsettia Sales after Sunday Masses 14
3rd Sunday Advent, Donut Ministry after AM masses, Corporate Communion-8:30 Mass, Christmas Card & Poinsettia Sales after Masses 15	16	17	18	19	20	Recycle 7 a.m. to Noon 21
4th Sunday of Advent, Donut Ministry after AM masses 22	23	24	Christmas: The Nativity of the Lord 25	St Stephen, the First Martyr 26	St John, Apostle & Evangelist 27	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs 28
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Donut Ministry after AM masses 29	30	31				



**Knights of Columbus
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January , 2025**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			New Years Day 1	Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen 2	The Most Holy Name of Jesus, Adoration 10:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m. 3	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious 4
Epiphany of the Lord 5	6	7	8	Business Meeting 7:30 p.m. 4th Degree Meeting 7:30 p.m. 9	10	11
The Baptism of the Lord Welcome Ministry & Pancake B'st ticket sales after morning Masses 12	St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 13	14	15	16	St Anthony, Abbot 17	Recycle 7 - 12 Noon 18
2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Pancake Breakfast 19	Martin Luther King Holiday 20	21	Blood Drive 10:00 - 4:00 pm 22	23	St Francis De Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 24	The Conversion of St. Paul, the Apostle 25
3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Donut Ministry after AM masses 26	27	St. Thomas Aquinas, Bisho[and Doctor of the Church 28	Officer Meeting 7 p.m. 29	30	St. John Bosco, Priest 31	

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: December 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th during the morning Masses.**

NEEDS OF THE COUNCIL:

- Membership Director: Form a team to coordinate recruiting activity at Knight events, ensure processing of Form 100 membership applications and track status of candidates through Exemplification.

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. **Our next breakfast is on 1/19/2025.**

BLOOD DRIVE:

Our next Blood Drive will be January 22, 2025. Contact Brother Bob Bochinairz at (949)215-0201 or Nik Raleigh at (949)500-6615 for more information.

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 December 12, 2024 at 7 pm. The January meeting is on January 9, 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 December 6, 2024. January's Eucharistic Adoration will be on January 3, 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: December 15th, 2024 during the 8:30 Mass.**

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 sign up. **Next Drive: 12/21/2024, January's Recycle Drive is 1/18/2025**

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

The next Council Business meeting will be on 12/5/2024 at 7:00 p.m. January's meeting will be on 1/9/2025

"Congratulations!"

"St. Kilian Council 6332 Officers 2024-2025"

Name		Position
Jim Messmer		Grand Knight
Michael Urratio		Deputy Grand Knight
Fr. Brandon Lopez		Chaplain
Steven Shekerlian		Financial Secretary
Mario Alegre		Chancellor
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David Bertrando		Advocate
Thomas Real		Warden
Norm Abbod		Lecturer
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Matthew Woods		Outside Guard
Anthony DiBernardo		One Year Trustee
Mike Williams		Two Year Trustee
Jim O'Hearn		Three Year Trustee
Dan Hoffman		District Deputy
Mark Yubeta		Insurance Agent
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Mike Kelleher		Faith Director
Anthony DiBernardo		Community Director
Terry Koressel		Family Director
Vacant		Membership Director
Jim Messmer		Recycle Director

"St. Kilian Council 6332 Monthly Recognition"

For brother knights as follows:

Degree Completions

none

Transfers to our Council

None

Anniversary of Knights of Columbus Service

Father Jim Dunning	December 1	61 Years
Bob Frederisy	December 1	57 Years
John Connolly	December 1	53 Years
Richard Schwary	December 4	28 Years
Ed Nieto	December 15	14 Years
Frank Evagues	December 16	11 Years
Tony Rodeiro	December 16	11 Years
Richard Ytzen	December 16	11 Years
Ryan Peters	December 10	9 Years
Albert Ybarra	December 10	9 Years
Bill Hays	December 9	6 Years
Daniel Carmody	December 11	5 Years
Kevin Goode	December 16	5 Years
Steve Ducco	December 20	4 Years
Richard Russo Sr	December 13	2 Years

Birthdays in December

Anthony Perez	December 2
Brian Berneking	December 3
Ray Trebels	December 4
Richard Schwary	December 7
Wayne Dupre	December 8
Aaron Garcia	December 13
Bob Hrad	December 15
John Rette	December 17
Thomas Real	December 18
Gary Everson	December 20
Timothy Mahar	December 23
Jim O'Keefe	December 23
Ryan Flynn	December 25
Doug Tchang	December 27
Deacon John Siberstein	December 28
Dave Edenhofer	December 31