

The Knightly News



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Christmas Ends on 1/12/2025

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Happy New Year!!!
January 1, 2025



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, and in 2025 it falls on January 29th.

Notes From the Top: Grand Knights Message



Dear Brothers,

Happy New Year! I hope the Christmas season brought you peace and hope in remembering that God sent his only Son to save us.

Reflecting on the past six months, we continue to demonstrate our strength as a council. The following are just a few of the ways.

- We continue to recognize the importance of bringing faith to our youth with baptismal roses, rosaries, confirmation medals and a vastly expanded youth poster contest under the leadership of Brother Terry Koressel.

- Service to our parish through participation in multiple ministries, Oktoberfest and the Saint Kilian golf tournament.

- Strong fundraising from recycling, pancake breakfasts and a previously treasured Christmas wreath program succeeded by a poinsettia program under the leadership of Brother Dave Bertrando.

- Ongoing commitment to our blood drives and presence with the Lord during Eucharistic adoration.

- Membership growth ahead of plan

Our council has 231 members, but it is a much smaller number that makes all the above possible. To those whom we rarely or never see, you are missing out on two things that could make a difference in your life. One is our brotherhood. We are all a resource for you. The second is something I found quite unexpectedly in my first three years as a Knight – a friendship with our parishioners. If you are burdened with the weight of career and family, or physically unable to contribute as before, there is still an endless list of ways you can participate. We are your brothers in Christ and would love to hear from you!

Fraternally,
Brother Jim

Notes From the Top: Chancellor's Message:



Dear Brothers,

There is no chancellor's message for January. Please stay tuned for our next newsletter for words of wisdom from Br. Mario.

Fraternally,
The Editor

Notes From the Top Deputy Grand Knight's Message:



Dear Brothers,

As 2024 comes to a close, let's look forward to a healthy, safe and prosperous 2025 ! Let's work together , let's get more brothers involved in our events. Introduce yourself to new and existing members that you might not know. Let's have pride in what we have accomplished and work to keep our Council strong.

God Speed in 2025.
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 12 for more details and to sign up.

Fraternally,
Dan Hoffman
District Deputy 138
Vivat Jesus.

Notes From the Top: From the Editor:



Dear Brothers,

Wishing you a very Blessed Christmas Season and a Happy New Year!

Fraternally,
Brother Tracy Higuchi

Notes From the Top: Financial Secretary's Message



Dear Brother Knights,

I want to wish all our Knights and their families a blessed and prosperous New Year. New Years is the time that many of us make resolutions and try to make a fresh start. Unfortunately, many of the resolutions don't even make it past the second Friday of the year. According to a study produced in 2019, 80% of people who make New Year's resolutions have already given up by this date. The second Friday of the year is also known as Quitter's Day. I am asking all those Knights who have not been as active recently in our Council activities to make a New Year's resolution to commit to just a few hours a month to volunteer and help provide charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism to our parish. With the help of God's grace, carry your resolutions beyond Quitters Day and throughout the entire year.

God Bless You,
Steven Shekerlian



Recycle Drive News



Dear Brothers,

December was our second highest month of the year for collection, netting \$514. We filled all six bins. For the calendar year we collected \$4,618, exceeding 2023 by \$398! Thanks to all brothers who helped out in December and all year long, and to those who contributed with recycle.

The next recycle drive is January 18. 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, and don't forget to bring your own recycle on Saturday or leave at the shed if you can't make it on the 18th.

Fraternally,
Brother Jim Messmer

Trustee's Corner



My Dear Brother Knights,

As the saying goes, Out with the old and in with the new. BUT, before we can move forward into 2025 we need to clean up our paperwork for 2024. If you were involved in any function where knights were participating and are a director this message is for you. Our Grand Knight needs your help, the Fraternal Programs Report Form 10784, (if it has not been submitted) needs to be submitted to close out 2024.

Please take care of this at your earliest convenience, Thank you in advance for your help.

Blessings to all for 2025.
Michael William

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.

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

Knights in Action: Advent, Poinsettia and Keep Christ in Christmas Sales

Dear Brothers,

Thank you to Br Dave Bertrando for contributing photos from the Knights booth showing our Advent, Poinsettia and Keep Christ in Christmas sales items!

The Editor



Sickness, Distress and Gratitude Prayer List

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sponsored By</u>	<u>For</u>
Regina Hrad Schnell	Bob Hrad	Healing for cancer
Zoe Lou	Fernando Lozada	Healing stage 4 Lung Cancer
Sonja Lindsay-Smith	Dave Bertrando	Healing and recovery ovarian Cancer
Fran Lus	Dave Bertrando	Repose of the Soul
Elaine Davies	Norm Abbod	Healing Bone and Blood Cancer
Sharon Pfister	Norm Abbod	Healing
Patty Hrad	Tracy Higuchi	Repose 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	Repose of the Soul
Nobue Puchalski	Raymond Trebels	Repose of the Soul
Julie Orozco	Dan Hoffman	Repose of the Soul
Joe Paulicivic	Mike Ensley	Health
Maria Corona	Jake Huluna	Repose of the Soul
Diane Contreras	David Hoffman	Repose of the Soul
Burt Susunka	Bill DeLuca	Repose of the Soulk
Baby Eilla	Bob Hrad	Cancer
Hank Berry	Matt Woods	Cancer
Kyla Schmidt	Danny Reed	Paralyzed
Roopa Gopal Guttal	Matt Woods	Passed due to stroke, Repose of the Soul
Patrick Gawne	Sean Gawne	Healing for Spine Injury, Alchoholism
Mike Schnell	Bob Hrad	Cancer
Grace Dunn	Bob Hrad	Healing, heart
Mariella Stie	Michael Urratio	Cancer
Val Deamonte	Michael Urratio	Repose of the soul for her husband
Pricilla Anderson	Norm Abbod	Passed due to cancer, Repose 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	Repose 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	Repose of the Soul
John Schuster	Bill DeLuca	Repose of the Soul
Raymond Toal	Council 6332	Repose of the Soul
Wojciech Henry Zakrzewski	Council 6332	Repose of the Soul
Patrick Mansfield	Council 6332	Repose of the Soul
James C Russ	Council 6332	Repose of the Soul
Michael Scialabba	Bill DeLuca	Repose 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	Repose of the Soul
Vince Martin	Michael Urratio	Repose of the Soul
Jack Anderson	Ron White	Cancer
Ron White	Council 6332	Surgery
David Weathers	Council 6332	Repose of the Soul
Rob Heller	Dave Bertrando	Back Surgery
John Rette	Sean Gawne	Repose of the Soul
Earl Santy	Council 6332	Repose 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	Repose 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	Repose 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
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

Feast Days-January 2025

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God January 1, 2025



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.

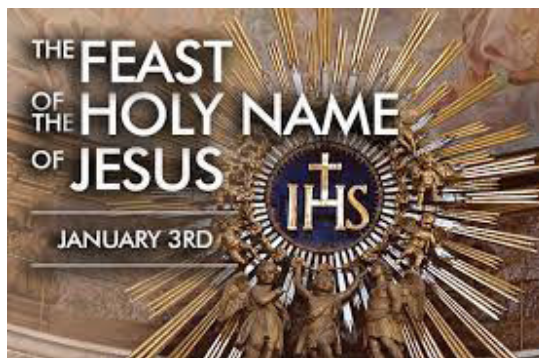
The oldest Christian greeting of Mary was proclaimed when Elizabeth welcomed Mary in Luke 1:42-43 she recognized both the great privilege God had given Mary and Mary's great faith in accepting it. Elizabeth proclaims: *"Most blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does 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, 2025



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 5, 2025



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 which is January 5th. The visit of the Magi is emphasized on Epiphany Day, and Christ's baptism is celebrated the first Sunday that follows, in 2025 it falls on January 12th.

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The Baptism of the Lord January 12, 2025



On January 12th, 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.

Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr January 21, 2025



"A new kind of martyrdom!" exclaimed St. Ambrose, bishop of Milan. The assembly cheered and applauded. He was celebrating St. Agnes because she was a virgin, a martyr—and a child. She was executed at Rome in 304 during the Emperor Diocletian's vicious persecution. Here are Ambrose's observations on her death:

St. Agnes is said to have suffered martyrdom at age 12. The cruelty that did not spare so young a child was hateful, but the power of faith in the child was greater. Was there room for a wound in that small body? The sword could barely strike her, yet she had the inner strength to strike back. Girls of her age usually can't even bear a parent's angry glance. They cry at needles' pricks as though they were wounds. Agnes, however, faced her persecutors fearlessly. When they attempted to force her to worship at the pagan altars, she stretched out her hands and made the sign of the cross over the sacrificial fires. She was not fazed by the heavy weight of the chains they wrapped around her. And she freely offered her body to the executioner's sword.

The executioner used both threats and allurements to try to change her mind. He encouraged young men to beg her to marry them. But

she answered, "I already have a spouse, and I will not offend him by pretending that another might please me. I will give myself only to him who first chose me. So, executioner, what are you waiting for? Destroy this body that unwanted eyes desire."

Agnes stood and prayed. Then she bent down her neck. The executioner trembled as though he himself had been condemned. His right hand shook and his face grew pale, but the virgin showed no fear at all.

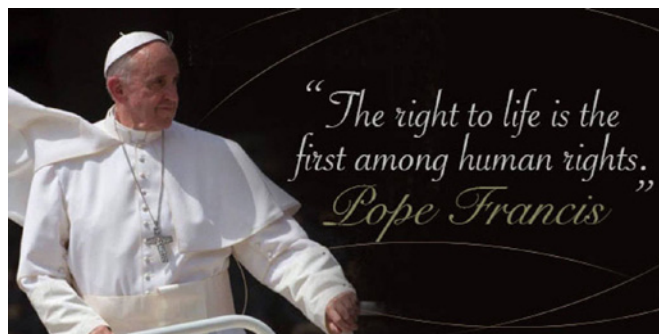
So in one victim we have a twofold martyrdom of purity and faith, for Agnes both remained a virgin and also obtained martyrdom. Historians say that legends have embroidered the few facts we know about Agnes. But the stories are rooted in actual events and convey kernels of truth about her. These legends tell that Agnes was a beautiful and soon-to-be-marriageable young woman. Many eager young men pursued her, but she rebuffed them because she had consecrated her virginity to Christ.

One spurned suitor took revenge by reporting to the authorities that Agnes was a Christian. She was brought before a judge who tried to persuade her to recant. He threatened her with fire and torture, but she did not flinch. Then he had her stripped at a brothel and urged young men to seduce her. "You may stain your sword with my blood," she said, "but you will never profane my body that I have consecrated to Christ." All were so stunned by her presence that only one boy tried to touch her. Legend says he was struck blind, and that Agnes healed him.

Exasperated and egged on by her first accuser, the governor ordered her execution. Agnes was taken to the Stadium of Domitian, where she courageously faced a nervous soldier who hacked her to death with his sword. Over the centuries the little virgin martyr became one of the most popular saints in Christian history.

St. Agnes's death was "a new kind of martyrdom!" She taught us adults the meaning of valor while she was still a child. Agnes hurried to the place of her execution more joyfully than a bride goes to her wedding. And she was adorned not with plaited hair, but with Christ himself.

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children January 22, 2025



"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

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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, designates 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.

St. Francis De Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church January 24, 2025



Saint Francis de Sales' Story

St. Francis was destined by his father to be a lawyer so that the young man could eventually take his elder’s place as a senator from the province of Savoy in France. For this reason Francis was sent to Padua to study law. After receiving his doctorate, he returned home and, in due time, told his parents he wished to enter the priesthood. His father strongly opposed Francis in this, and only after much patient persuasiveness on the part of the gentle Francis did his father finally consent. Francis was ordained and elected provost of the Diocese of Geneva, then a center for the Calvinists. Francis set out to convert them, especially in the district of Chablais. By preaching and distributing the little pamphlets he wrote to explain true Catholic doctrine, he had remarkable success.

At 35, he became bishop of Geneva. While administering his diocese he continued to preach, hear confessions, and catechize the children. His gentle character was a great asset in winning souls. He practiced his own axiom, “A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar.”

Besides his two well-known books, the Introduction to the Devout Life and A Treatise on the Love of God, he wrote many pamphlets and carried on a vast correspondence. For his writings, he has been named patron of the Catholic Press. His writings, filled with his characteristic gentle spirit, are addressed to lay people. He wants to make them understand that they too are called to be saints. As he wrote in The Introduction to the Devout Life: “It is an error, or rather a heresy, to say

devotion is incompatible with the life of a soldier, a tradesman, a prince, or a married woman.... It has happened that many have lost perfection in the desert who had preserved it in the world.”

In spite of his busy and comparatively short life, he had time to collaborate with another saint, Jane Frances de Chantal, in the work of establishing the Sisters of the Visitation. These women were to practice the virtues exemplified in Mary’s visit to Elizabeth: humility, piety, and mutual charity. They at first engaged to a limited degree in works of mercy for the poor and the sick. Today, while some communities conduct schools, others live a strictly contemplative life.

The Conversion of St. Paul, The Apostle January 25, 2025



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).

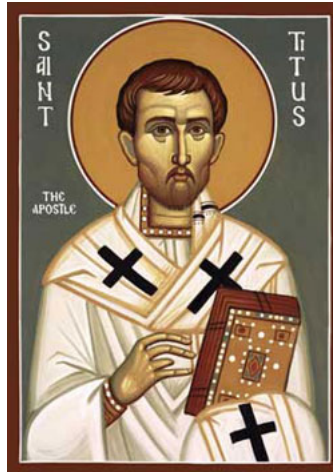
Paul then traveled to Damascus to further persecute early Christians. On the road to Damascus Saul had an encounter with the Risen Jesus Christ (Acts of the Apostles 9:1–19, Galatians 1: 13–14). Jesus asked, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” Paul replied, “Who are you, sir?” Jesus responded, “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.

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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, 2025



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).

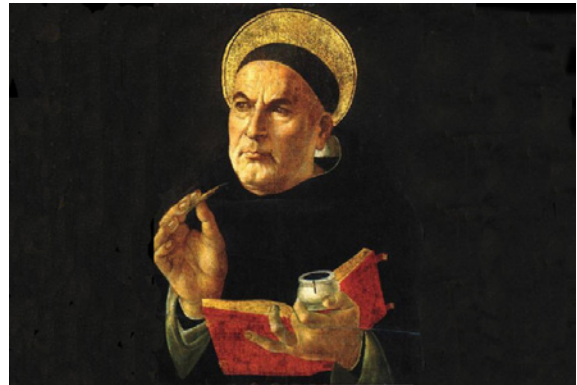
Titus has the distinction of being a close friend and disciple of Paul as well as a fellow missionary. He was Greek, apparently from Antioch. Even though Titus was a Gentile, Paul would not let him be forced to undergo circumcision at Jerusalem. Titus is seen as a peacemaker, administrator, great friend. Paul's second letter to Corinth affords an insight into the depth of his friendship with Titus, and the great fellow-

ship 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, 2025



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.



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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, 3	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious 4
Epiphany of the Lord 5		Officer Meeting 7 p.m. 7		Business Meeting 7:00 p.m. 9		
The Baptism of the Lord Welcome Ministry & Pancake B'fst ticket sales after morning Masses 12	St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the 13				St Anthony, Abbot 17	Recycle 7 - 12 Noon 18
2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Pancake Breakfast 19	Martin Luther King Holiday 20	St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr 21	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children Blood Drive 10:00 - 4:00 pm 22		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		St. Thomas Aquinas, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 28	St. Catherine of Sienna 29	Officer Meeting 7 p.m. 30	St. John Bosco, Priest 31	



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Presentation of the Lord 2	St Blaise, Bishop & Martyr 3		St Agatha, Virgin and Martyr 5	Business Meeting 7:00 p.m. 6	Adoration 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. 7	
5th Sunday of Ordinary Time Welcome and Recruitment after AM masses 9		Our Lady of Lourdes 11		4th Degree Meeting 7:00 p. m. 13	St. Valentine's Day 14	Recycle 7:00 a.m. - Noon 15
6th Sunday of Ordinary Time Donut Ministry after AM masses 16	President's Day 17				St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 21	Chair of St. Peter, the Apostle, Tootsie Roll Sales After Sunday Masses 22
7th Sunday of Ordinary Time Donut Ministry after AM masses. Tootsie Roll Sales after Masses 23				Officer Meeting 7 p.m. 27		

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 Mike Kelleher 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 12th, and 26th 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. Please contact Br. Anthony DiBernardo for more information at 949 573-3776 or via email at adibernardo25@gmail.com.. Please sign up at the business meeting or online. **Our next breakfast is on 1/19/2025.**

BLOOD DRIVE:

Our next Blood Drive will be January 22, 2025. Contact Brother Bob Bochinarz at (949)215-0201 or Nik Raleigh at (949)500-6615 for more information. You can sign up via the link in the flyer in our newsletter or in the parish bulletin.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

The next Council Business meeting will be on 1/9/2025 at 7:00 p.m. February's meeting will be on 2/6/2025

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. **The January 9, 2025 meeting is cancelled. The February meeting is on February 13th, 2025.**

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 contact Mike Kelleher if you can participate or sign up at our next business meeting or online. **February's Eucharistic Adoration will be on February 7, 2025.**

CORPORATE COMMUNION:

Corporate Communion will be at the 8:30 a.m. mass at St. Kilian every quarter. Spouses and family members are encouraged to attend. Please wear your name badge and sit with fellow Knights in the reserved seats. **Our next Corporate Communion: March 9th, 2025 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 at the meeting or online. **Next Drive: 1/18/2025, February's Recycle Drive is 2/15/2025**

Intellectual Disability Drive/ Tootsie Roll Sales:

Our Intellectual Disability Drive/Tootsie Roll Sales will be after Sunday Masses on 2/22/25-2/23/25. Please contact Br. Steven Shekerlian for more information. at (949) 215-8529 or via email at sshekerlian@gmail.com. Sign up at the Business Meeting or online.

"Congratulations!"

"St. Kilian Council 6332 Officers 2024-2025"

Name		Position
Jim Messmer		Grand Knight
Michael Urratio		Deputy Grand Knight
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Steven Shekerlian		Financial Secretary
Mario Alegre		Chancellor
Terrance Koressel		Recorder
William G Daly		Treasurer
David Bertrando		Advocate
Thomas Real		Warden
Norm Abbod		Lecturer
George Muro		Inside Guard
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
Ron Cichocki		Life Director
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"

Degree Completions

None

Transfers to our Council

None

Anniversary of Knights of Columbus Service

Jeffrey Reid	January 1	49 Years
Robert Seipp	January 16	32 Years
Gerald Taylor	January 1	30 Years
Anthony Vultaggio	January 15	24 Years
Nathan Bajorek	January 15	23 Years
Dan Reed	January 22	23 Years
Hector Hinojosa	January 3	21 Years
Scott Bryars	January 15	17 Years
Severino Guiao Jr.	January 15	17 Years
Richard Holmes	January 13	11 Years
T J Henricks	January 22	10 Years
Jom Ison	January 22	10 Years
Lawrence Patin	January 22	10 Years
John Purcell	January 22	10 Years
Chris Trujillo	January 22	10 Years
Arthur Villalovos	January 22	10 Years
Grant J Voss	January 22	10 Years
Ron White	January 22	10 Years
Don Voss	January 30	10 Years
Guy Wilson	January 22	10 Years
Father Brandon Lopez	January 19	9 Years
Trent Gribben	January 20	9 Years
Jon Raleigh	January 20	9 Years
James Renzas	January 20	9 Years
David Ball	January 6	8 Years
David Nieto	January 6	8 Years
Dalton Karsten	January 14	8 Years
Thomas Real	January 11	6 Years
John Rette	January 18	6 Years
Vincent Nunez	January 29	6 Years
Mark Lambert	January 21	5 Years
Herbert Lank	January 21	5 Years
Daniel Murillo	January 21	5 Years
Christian Nunez	January 25	5 Years
John Lawrence	January 6	2 Years

Birthdays in January

Bob Frederisy	January 1
John Purcell	January 2
Chris Trujillo	January 4
Vincent Iorio	January 7
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