

# The Knightly News



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## St. Patrick's Day March 17, 2025



St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. He was born in Roman Britain and when he was about 14, he was captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. For 6 years, Patrick was a slave in Ireland. Patrick had just enough food to live on, and lived in a tiny hut that was damp and cold.

But something strange and wonderful happened in Ireland. All alone, frightened for his life, and among people who worshiped trees and stones, Patrick opened his heart to God. Patrick started to pray. He thought about God all the time, and it gave him peace of mind. He knew that no matter how much he was suffering, God loved him.

Eventually, Patrick escaped from slavery and traveled to Gaul. We're not sure exactly how much time Patrick spent in Gaul. But it was enough time for him to draw closer to God as he prayed and studied in a monastery. One night, he had a vision, Patrick heard voices. He heard many voices, pleading with him. "Come back," the voices cried, "come back and walk once more among us." St. Patrick knew it was the Irish people calling him.

He returned to the very people who had stolen him from his family, and worked him mercilessly as a slave. Before he left Gaul, Patrick was made the bishop of Ireland. He then traveled across the sea to teach Ireland about Jesus Christ. He preached using simple examples, for instance, he used the Irish Shamrock, a type of three-leaf clover to show people how there could be three persons in one God. He is the author of the prayer called St. Patrick's Breastplate: "Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ within me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ at my right, Christ at my left." He died on March 17th, 461.

## Notes From the Top:

### Grand Knights Message



Dear Brothers,

First, I'd like to welcome Cesar Yepes to the counsel who was exemplified last Thursday. We now have eleven new members this Columbian year and two more will be voted on this month!

Upcoming, we expect high participation from Saint Kilian and Serra Catholic youth in our poster contest themed the Glory of Easter. We will judge the entries at our next potluck. Also, our annual Intellectual Disabilities Drive was rescheduled to the weekend of March 8th and 9th. Your help for a few minutes after the Mass of your choice will be much appreciated.

While fund raising activities provide opportunities to bond with parishioners and each other, there is also a prayerful side to the Knights. Our parish and council provide several opportunities, including holy hour, 24-hour adoration, Stations of the Cross, Rosaries, 40 Days for Life at La Paz and Crisanta, bible study groups, Small Faith Groups(new) and This Man Is You men's ministry and formation, which meets every Saturday morning at 7:00 am. In particular, This Man Is You very much aligns with the Knights of Columbus Cor program. Lent is a good time to examine our prayer life, whether praying alone or gathered as one.

Fraternally,  
Brother Jim

## Notes From the Top:

### Chancellor's Message:



Worthy Brothers Knights,

"Congratulations and Welcome Aboard!" to our new Third Degree Knights. Their exemplification took place on Thursday, February 27, 2025, which was preceded with a beautiful special Mass and veneration with the relic of Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney. It was a busy, memorable week, which culminated into the 125th Anniversary of the Fourth Degree Exemplification, held at Christ Cathedral. Over 165 brother knights throughout the district attained Fourth Degree, the highest degree in the Knights of Columbus with its focus on Patriotism. Becoming Fourth Degree also includes the recognition of earning the official title as a Sir Knight! I am looking forward to seeing fresh faces to help us complete the mission. Thank you to those who attended and supported the events!

As we begin Lent, I learned about old traditions and devotions within our Catholic Church, which I was never aware. As a result, I have taken up the Holy Face devotion and participated in a special Shrove Tuesday Mass at Saints Peter and Paul Church in Wilmington. The Holy Face devo-

tion, an old devotion related to Veronica's Veil, and which also includes the Shroud of Turin (thanks to modern technology), is reparation to the Holy Face of Jesus as God's Remedy for modernism, moral relativism, communism, socialism and freemasonry. This devotion is especially relevant in today's times as we continue our spiritual battle against evil. Please consider becoming a member of the Archconfraternity of the Holy Face. All it requires are your daily prayers and love for Jesus. The Confraternity Prayer Group meets monthly (every third Wednesday) from 5:30 pm to 6:45 pm in St. Kilian's Pieta Prayer Room. You're always welcome to come by and pray with us. Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions. Check out <https://www.martinians.org/> for more information regarding the Holy Face devotion.

Fraternally,  
Brother Mario

## Notes From the Top

### Deputy Grand Knight's Message:



Worthy Brother Knights,

What is Lent? In a thought it's Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Let's support each other and St. Kilian Catholic Church this Lenten Season.

May God bless you all. Vivat Jesus!  
Brother Mike Urratio

## Notes From the Top:

### Blessed Michael McGivney Relic Veneration:



Dear Brothers,

We had the good fortune of being selected as the first counsel in Orange County to host the relic of Blessed Michael McGivney as it made its way through California. Our counsel provided ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, a lector, a ceremonial officer, Fourth Degree honor guards, food handlers, hall set up and take down. Hosting a relic of our Order's founder was truly a blessing. The day's events went off well and our Council's hosting of the event was appreciated by all in attendance, including Chapter, State and Supreme officers. Please enjoy the great photos from this Blessed event on pages 6-8 of the newsletter

Fraternally,  
Brother Jim

## Notes From the Top:

### District Deputy's Message

Worthy Knights.

Please schedule your calendars for the April 26th Chapter hosted event: Day of Sharing. A carnival for the intellectually disabled in Buena Park. More details can be found on the Chapter Website. Knights are asked to come from councils and host a booth for the event or other set up efforts and take down efforts.

The Saturday night May 3rd will be a Chapter sponsored "Texas Hold-em" tournament fundraiser for the Day of Sharing. Location: Santiago De Compostela Church in Lakewood.

Dan Hoffman  
District Deputy  
Vivat Jesus



## Notes From the Top:

### Financial Secretary's Message

Dear Fellow Knights,

This coming weekend, March 8th and 9th, is our annual Intellectual Disability (ID) Drive. This event is also known as the Tootsie Roll Drive. Donations are used to help people with intellectual disabilities. As of March 1st, Councils throughout California have raised over \$330,000 for this cause. One of our goals is to collect \$4,000 or more in donations, which makes us eligible for the Frank Negro Columbian Foundation Benefactor's Award. In addition, all donations count as a Faith in Action activity under the Life section of the Columbian Award Program. Please consider coming out after mass this weekend and help collect donations so that we can make a successful 2025 campaign. Also, remember your own personnel donations are greatly appreciated.

Here is an update on 2025 dues collection. We still have approximately 50 individuals who have not paid. If you have not paid, please get your checks in as soon as possible. Make the checks out to Knights of Columbus Council 6332 and mail them to Steven Shekerlian at 26872 Estanciero Drive, Mission Viejo, CA 92691.

God Bless Our Council,  
Steven Shekerlian  
Financial Secretary



### Recycle Drive News

Dear Brothers,

February had a low result, again last month, netting \$292. We filled 4 ½ out of six bins and less than a full bin of aluminum. The good news is that the state of California has increased the reimbursement rates. PET 1 is up 24%, aluminum is up 2%, HDPE 2 is up 41% and glass is up 161% (equal to our local recycle station Ponce).

Thanks to all brothers who helped out and to those who contributed with recycle. The next recycle drive is March 15. 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 15th.

Fraternally,  
Brother Jim Messmer



### Blood Drive Update



Dear Brothers,

Greetings Wonderful Supporters of our Knight-Sponsored Blood Drives!

Brothers, we have a rather critical shortage of blood days, given the amount of demands due to disasters of one kind and another, coupled with unfortunately a shrinking pool of generous donors: Please remember, one pint donated can save up to 3 lives!

Our next drive is scheduled for April 24th from 11- 5 pm. Please sign up to give the gift of life! Please stay tuned for announcements and sign up information within our St. Kilian Church Community - from the weekly parish bulletin

Many Thanks & Blessings!  
Bob, Nik, Aaron and ALL!

## Notes From the Top:

### Field Agent's Message

Dear Brothers,



Tax Day, April 15, will be here before you know it. Do you know if your tax rate or bracket has changed? If so, are you aware of the implications?

Your income throughout life can fluctuate, causing you to potentially end up in a higher tax bracket than anticipated. And following an election year, each new administration can change tax brackets and tax rates. As a result, you may not have as much disposable income or as much money to leave to family as you planned. This can be true earlier in life, or in retirement when your income sources may change.

You can protect yourself against these potential losses and build dependable cash value through permanent life insurance with the Knights of Columbus. Permanent life insurance allows you to build cash value that you can access tax-free while you're alive. You can also create an income tax-free inheritance for your loved ones after you pass.

Of course, we always recommend that you work with a qualified tax advisor or CPA. But permanent life insurance can be a useful tool for tax planning in a range of situations.

In partnering with you to secure your financial future and legacy, we're fulfilling the mission of Blessed Michael McGivney, who founded our Order 143 years ago this month.

I'd love to share how permanent life insurance may be able to help you prepare for the unexpected. If you have any questions, please come chat with me and we can schedule a time to meet.

Thank you!  
Mark Yubeta  
949-322-7266  
Financial Advisor  
Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors

## Notes From the Top:

### Trustee's Corner:



My Dear Brother Knights,

The little prayer booklet, Vivat Jesus 2025 is in house and will be available at our council meeting Thursday evening. I have found it to be an excellent way to supplement my prayers especially for the start of lent. Also just in will be our red shirts with the colored knights logo in sizes large and medium. These shirts do run larger in size and hope the large size will fit some of our more robust brothers. We can order larger sizes as needed. Vivat Jesus!

Br. Mike

### Lecturer's Corner: Norm Abbod



Dear Brothers,

**Corporate Communion** for this quarter is on Sunday, March 9, 2025 at the 08:30 morning Mass here at St. Kilian.

"Corporate" Communion is a tradition of the **Knights of Columbus** where all our brother Knights receive Communion as "**One Body**". Our families and widows of our departed brother knights are invited and included.

Seating for us and our families is reserved at the left front quarter of the center section of St. Kilian. Bert Munoz and I will reserve the seating and install the Council 6332 Flag near our National Flag at the Altar.

If anyone is interested in breakfast after Mass, please contact me.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for attending. My youngest son, Brother Joe, and I are looking forward to seeing all of you.

Brother Norm Abbod  
Lecturer

## Notes From the Top:

### From the Editor:



Dear Brothers,

This March is a full month for our RCIA Elect and Candidates both adults and children as they journey towards the Easter Vigil. Today we had the Rite of Sending and next weekend they will be at Christ Cathedral where they will be presented to the Bishop at the Rite of Election and Continuing Conversion. Then the Elect (unbaptized) will go through the Scrutinies on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sunday's of Lent at the 8:30 Mass. The Scrutinies use Year A readings not Year C so the Lector and Father did not make a mistake if you are at the 8:30 Mass expecting the Gospel of Luke and you hear the Gospel of John.

Blessings in Christ,  
Brother Tracy Higuchi

## Knights Lenten Poster Contest Update



Dear Brothers,

The 2025 Catholic Youth Lenten Poster Contest is underway. The theme of this year's contest is "The Glory of Easter". This theme was inspired by the Catholic Easter Proclamation: "Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King, let all corners of the earth be glad, knowing an end to gloom and darkness." St. Serra School and St. Kilian's Family Faith Formation are both participating. We set a record with 275 art submissions for our Christmas contest. We hope to break that record during this contest. The deadline is March 25. There are prizes for the best six artists in each of two age groups: Grades 1 - 4 and Grades 5 - 8. The Knights of Columbus and their spouses will once again judge the art at a potluck dinner (tentative date: April 7, 2025)

If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Terry Koressel at [terrykoressel@gmail.com](mailto:terrykoressel@gmail.com) or 559-250-0387.

Fraternally  
Brother Terry Koressel

## Knights on GroupMe



Worthy Brothers,

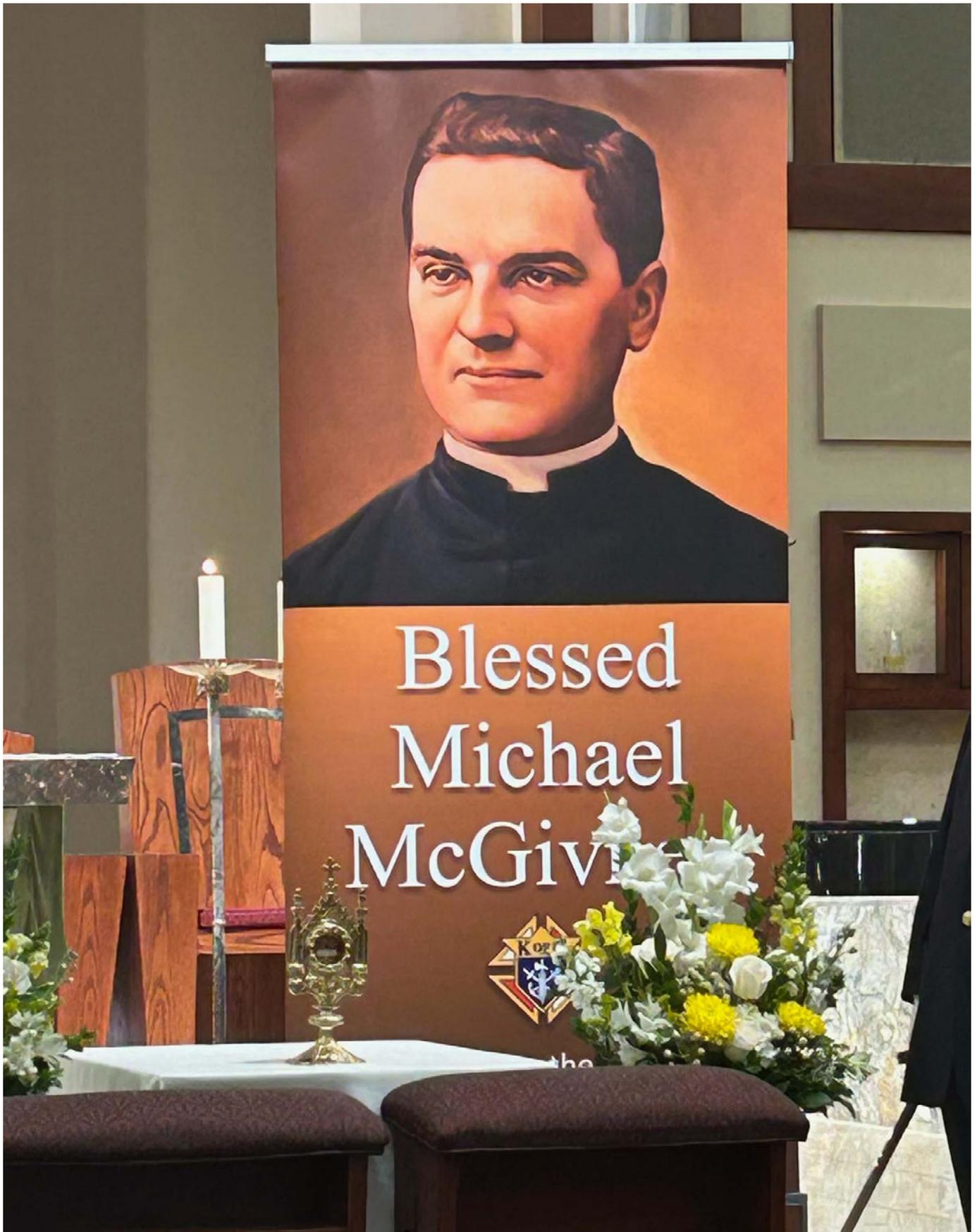
GroupMe is a social media application for mobile phones that will help improve communications within our council. We are up to (24) members. Please join, stay current and help our Council as we manage multiple events! It's as easy as 1-2-3:

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](mailto: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

Blessed Michael McGivney Mass, Veneration, Chapter Meeting, Exemplification. St. Kilian Parish 2/27/2025



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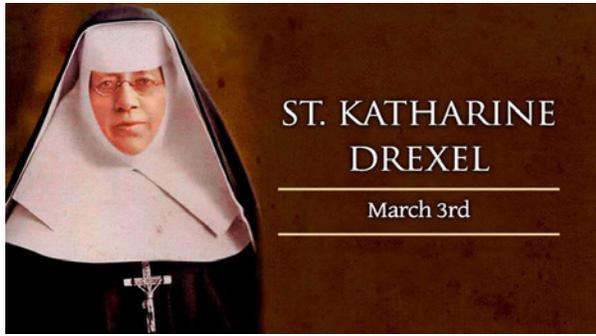
## Sickness, Distress and Gratitude Prayer List

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sponsored By</u>	<u>For</u>
Margarte Ernisse	Steve Shekerlian	Cancer
Vickie Phelps	Bob Hrad	Repose of the Soul
Barbara Lambert	Mark Lambert	Hospice for lung cancer
Tracy Higuchi	Bob Hrad	Covid and no long haul Covid
Baby Dawson	Matt Woods	Finally home after 269 days in NICU
Steve Fix	Anthony DiBernardo	RIP
Dorothy Fathauer	Norm Abbod	Cancer
Steven Healy	Vince Iorio	End stage alzheimers
Matthew Morrison	Randy Blair	Drugs
Karen Everson	Bob Hrad	Repose of the Soul
Teresa Fairell	Arnie Herrera	Cancer
Sue Barnett	Ron White	Heart Failure
Jim Letsel	Anthony DiBernardo	Minor Stroke
Melisa Patch	Dan Hoffman	Repose of the Soul
Paul Garcia	Council 6332	Repose of the Soul
Allison Bertrando	Dave Bertrando	Healing and restoration of her eyesight
Regina Hrad Schnell	Bob Hrad	Healing for cancer, recovery cancer surgery
James Tognazzini	Dave Bertrando	Successful heart evaluation and potential surgery
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
Bernie November	Matt Woods	Spine Fusion Surgery
Alex	Aaron Garcia	To start coming to church
Elaine Davies	Norm Abbod	Healing Bone and Blood Cancer
Sharon Pfister	Norm Abbod	Healing
John O'Neill	John White	
Mellisa Patch	Dan Hoffman	Repose of the Soul
Charles Schuster	Bill Delucca	16 years old, car accident
Salvador Garcia	Jake	Not doing well
Tong Dong	Michael Urratio	Illness
Paige Doyle	Michael Urratio	child cancer
Mackenzie Paulcivic	Joe Paulcivic	prayers
John Catey	Bill Catey	92 years old dying from Parkinsons
Patty Hrad	Tracy Higuchi	Repose of the Soul
Toby Renzullo	Council 6332 and RCIA	Cancer
Sonya Lindsay-Smith	Dave Bertrando	Cancer
Mary Heller	Dave Bertrando	Repose of the Soul
Philip Stroth	Tom Real	Repose of the Soul
Ron Meozwiecki	Dave Bertrando	Repose of the Soul
Jude DiBernardo	Anthony DiBernardo	Hospitalization
Kyra Schmidt	Danny Reed	Paralyzed
Lon Hopkins	Bill Deluca	
Ventura Firemen	Matt Woods	Gratitude for the tough job they do
Al Rizzo	Norm Abbod	Peace, trust in God for son
Dr. Poliski	Matt Woods	Repose of the Soul
Matthew Morrison	Randy Blair	Healing Drug Addiction
Julia Roscof	Dan Hoffman	Repose of the Soul
John O'Conner	Al Dillingham	Repose of the Soul
Thomas Oliphant	Anthony DiBernardo	Healing and recovery from Back Surgery
Vicky Lindsey	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 Paulcivic	Mike Ensley	Health
Maria Corona	Jake Huluna	Repose of the Soul
Diane Contreras	David Hoffman	Repose of the Soul
Burt Susunka	Bill Delucca	Repose of the Soul
Baby Eilla	Bob Hrad	Cancer, recovery from cancer
Carol Schuster	Bill DeLuca	Repose of the Soul
John Schuster	Bill DeLuca	Repose of the Soul
End to conflict in Middle East	Council 6332	Peace and that love of neighbor will prevail
Those impacted by the California Fires	Council 6332	Prayers for healing, recovery, support
Those impacted by the Hurrricanes	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

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

## Feast Days-March 2025

**St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin**  
**March 3, 2025**



Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in the United States of America, on November 26, 1858, Katharine Drexel was the second daughter of Francis Anthony Drexel and Hannah Langstroth. Her father was a well known banker and philanthropist. Both parents instilled in their daughters the idea that their wealth was simply loaned to them and was to be shared with others.

When the family took a trip to the Western part of the United States, Katharine, as a young woman, saw the plight and destitution of the native Indian-Americans. This experience aroused her desire to do something specific to help alleviate their condition. This was the beginning of her lifelong personal and financial support of numerous missions and missionaries in the United States. The first school she established was St. Catherine Indian School in Santa Fe, New Mexico (1887).

Later, when visiting Pope Leo XIII in Rome, and asking him for missionaries to staff some of the Indian missions that she as a lay person was financing, she was surprised to hear the Pope suggest that she become a missionary herself. After consultation with her spiritual director, Bishop James O'Connor, she made the decision to give herself totally to God, along with her inheritance, through service to American Indians and Afro-Americans.

Her wealth was now transformed into a poverty of spirit that became a daily constant in a life supported only by the bare necessities. On February 12, 1891, she professed her first vows as a religious, founding the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament whose dedication would be to share the message of the Gospel and the life of the Eucharist among American Indians and Afro-Americans.

Founding and staffing schools for both Native Americans and Afro-Americans throughout the country became a priority for Katharine and her congregation. During her lifetime, she opened, staffed and directly supported nearly 60 schools and missions, especially in the West and Southwest United States. Her crowning educational focus was the establishment in 1925 of Xavier University of Louisiana, the only predominantly Afro-American Catholic institution of higher learning in the United States. Religious education, social service, visiting in homes, in hospitals and in prisons were also included in the ministries of Katharine and the Sisters.

She died on March 3, 1955. Katharine Drexel was canonized by Pope John Paul II on October 1, 2000.

**Ash Wednesday**  
**March 5, 2025**



Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer. Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday, and is chiefly observed by Catholics, although many other Christians observe it too. The ashes we receive on our forehead in the shape of a cross serve as an outward sign of our sinfulness and need for penance. The ashes also symbolize our mortality, a reminder that one day we will die and our bodies will return to dust.

The tradition of receiving ashes has its origins in the Old Testament, where sinners performed acts of public penance. It was Pope Urban II who in the 11th century recommended that all Catholics take part in the practice of receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday. In the 12th century it became customary that the ashes used on Ash Wednesday were made by burning the previous year's palm branches.

Ash Wednesday is also a day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. According to Church law, Catholics older than the age of 14 are supposed to abstain from meat. In addition, those between the ages of 18 and 59, not including pregnant or nursing mothers, should eat only one full meal. Smaller amounts of food—not as much as a full meal—may be eaten in the morning and either at lunchtime or dinner, depending on when you eat your full meal.

**First Sunday of Lent, March 9, 2025**  
**Second Sunday of Lent, March 16, 2025**  
**Third Sunday of Lent, March 23, 2025**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 30, 2025**



As the Easter Triduum approaches, the Church prepares to welcome the participants in Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) through the Sacraments of Initiation. RCIA is not only for those seeking full initiation into the Church, RCIA involves the whole Christian community as we participate together in the Scrutinies.

RCIA is mainly for two groups of people: the unbaptized and baptized Christians seeking full communion with the Church. For the unbaptized, RCIA prepares them to receive all three Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Baptized Christians and Catholics will receive Confirmation and/or the Eucharist. The unbaptized are called the Elect and the baptized are called Candidates.

## Feast Days-March 2025

The Scrutinies are rites of conversion and repentance. They include prayers of intercession and exorcism and are intended to deliver the elect from sin, protect them from temptation and invite them closer to Christ, who is the living water, the light of the world and the Resurrection and the Life. The three Scrutinies are celebrated on the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent during the 8:30 Sunday Mass. A section of pews are reserved for the participants, their families, sponsors, and RCIA catechists. Father Brandon or Father Angelos usually are the celebrants. During the 1st Scrutiny, participants are presented the Nicene Creed. During the 2nd Scrutiny, the anointing of the Catechumens takes place. During the 3rd Scrutiny the participants presented with the Lord's Prayer. Please keep the Elect and the Candidates in your prayers during their journey of faith to the Easter Vigil.

### Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs March 7, 2025



St. Perpetua kept a diary during her last days, while she awaited her execution. Her diary, along with an eyewitness's account of her death, is one of the oldest, most reliable histories of a martyr's sufferings. This account was passed down to encourage other Christians to witness to the world with their lives—to teach others that greater than life itself is knowing Jesus and being loyal to him.

Perpetua's account records the events that took place in Carthage, Africa, in the year 202, when the Emperor Severus issued an anti-Christian law forbidding anyone to be baptized and become a Christian. At that time twenty-two-year-old Perpetua was a catechumen, studying to become a Christian. She was also the mother of an infant son. Perpetua was arrested along with four other catechumens, including Felicity, her slave woman, who was about to give birth to a child. All were tried and sentenced to be thrown to the wild beasts in the amphitheater during a national holiday. Their deaths would be scheduled along with sports events and various games.

During the days before their execution, their teacher Saturus voluntarily joined the catechumens so that he might die for Christ with them. Perpetua's father, a wealthy pagan, pleaded with her to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods so she could be free, but she refused. She said, "Father do you see this water jar, or whatever it is, standing here? Could one call it by any other name than what it is? Well, in the same way I cannot be called by any other name than what I am—a Christian.

While they were awaiting death, Perpetua and her companions were baptized. Shortly before the scheduled execution, Felicity gave birth to a baby girl. During childbirth, she had cried out in pain. Someone hearing her asked her how she would ever endure the

suffering of martyrdom. She replied, "Now it is I who suffer what I am suffering; then, there will be another in me who will suffer for me, because I will be suffering for him."

On the day of their execution, the martyrs left their prison "joyfully as though they were on their way to heaven" and entered the arena, where they were killed before the cheering crowd. Perpetua and Felicity were beheaded; the others were killed by wild beasts. Today these women are mentioned in the first Eucharistic Prayer.

### St. John of God March 8, 2025



As a 16th-century Spanish soldier, John gave up religion and led a wild life. When he left the military at age 40, he became a shepherd. John decided to make a radical conversion—to go to Muslim North Africa and free Christian slaves. He saw himself dying as a martyr. His confessor helped John settle on a more prudent plan: to open a religious bookstore in Granada, Spain. He successfully managed this project.

One day, John heard John of Ávila preach and felt he must do something to show he had converted. John began publicly beating himself, tearing his hair, behaving wildly. He gave his books away. People threw stones at him, and he was committed to a mental institution. John of Ávila calmed John and persuaded him to spend his energy caring for people who were sick and poor. John rented a house near Granada where those who were lepers, lame, mentally ill, paralyzed, and deaf found shelter.

At first, John begged for money to support those in need, but soon people volunteered to help. John led a life of total giving and constant prayer. He found work for unemployed people. When the archbishop called John to his office because people complained that John kept immoral women in his hospital, he was silenced by John's humility. John fell on his knees, saying, "I know of no bad person in my hospital except myself, who am unworthy to eat the bread of the poor." John soon had a flourishing hospital. His helpers formed a community called the Brothers Hospitalers.

John of God died from pneumonia contracted while saving a drowning man. When John realized he was dying, he went over all the accounts, revised the rules and timetable, and appointed a new leader. He died kneeling before the altar in his hospital chapel. John is the patron saint of hospitals.

## Feast Days-March 2025

### St. Leander of Seville March 13, 2025



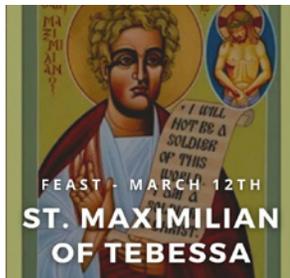
#### Saint Leander of Seville's Story

The next time you recite the Nicene Creed at Mass, think of today's saint. For it was Leander of Seville who, as bishop, introduced the practice in the sixth century. He saw it as a way to help reinforce the faith of his people and as an antidote against the heresy of Arianism, which denied the divinity of Christ. By the end of his life, Leander had helped Christianity flourish in Spain at a time of political and religious upheaval.

Leander's own family were staunch Christians: his brothers Isidore and Fulgentius were named bishops, and their sister Florentina became an abbess. Leander entered a monastery as a young man and spent three years in prayer and study. At the end of that tranquil period he was made a bishop. For the rest of his life he worked strenuously to fight against heresy. The death of the anti-Christian king in 586 helped Leander's cause. He and the new king worked hand in hand to restore orthodoxy and a renewed sense of morality. Leander succeeded in persuading many Arian bishops to change their loyalties.

Leander died around 600. In Spain, he is honored as a Doctor of the Church.

### St. Maximilian of Tebessa March 14, 2025



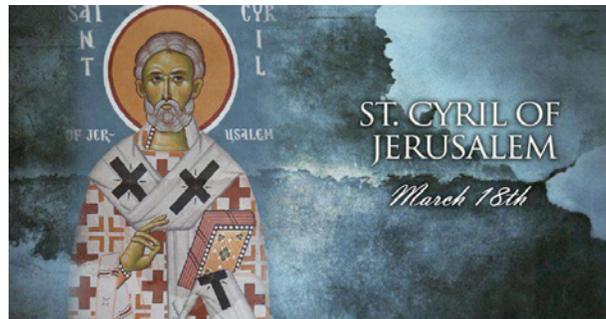
#### Saint Maximilian's Story:

We have an early, almost unembellished account of the martyrdom of Saint Maximilian in modern-day Algeria.

Brought before the proconsul Dion, Maximilian refused enlistment in the Roman army saying, "I cannot serve, I cannot do evil. I am a Christian." Dion replied: "You must serve or die." Maximilian: "I will never serve. You can cut off my head, but I will not be a soldier of this world, for I am a soldier of Christ. My army is the army of God, and I cannot fight for this world. I tell you I am a Christian." Dion: "There are Christian soldiers serving our rulers Diocletian and Maximian, Constantius and Galerius." Maximilian: "That is their business. I also am a Christian, and I cannot serve." Dion: "But what harm do soldiers do?" Maximilian: "You know well enough." Dion: "If you will not do your service I shall condemn you to death for contempt of the army." Maximilian: "I shall not die. If I go from this earth, my soul will live with Christ my Lord."

Maximilian was 21 years old when he gladly offered his life to God. His father went home from the execution site joyful, thanking God that he had been able to offer heaven such a gift. Normally St. Maximilian's liturgical feast is celebrated on March 12th, this year it is celebrated on March 14th.

### Saint Cyril of Jerusalem March 18, 2025



On March 18, the Roman Catholic Church honors St. Cyril of Jerusalem, a fourth-century bishop and Doctor of the Church whose writings are still regarded as masterful expressions of Christian faith. St. Cyril is also remembered for his exhaustive Biblical knowledge, and his endurance in the face of misunderstanding and opposition.

Cyril was most likely born in Jerusalem around the year 315, shortly after the legalization of Christianity throughout the Roman Empire. Although that legalization put a stop to many of the persecutions that threatened the Church for two centuries, it indirectly gave rise to a number of internal controversies – both in regard to theology, and the jurisdiction of bishops – in which Cyril would find himself involved.

During his early years as a bishop, most likely around 350, he delivered a series of lectures to new initiates of the Catholic Church. Twenty-four of the lectures have survived and are studied today. In a 2007 general audience, Pope Benedict XVI praised the saint for providing an "integral" form of Christian instruction, "involving body, soul, and spirit." St. Cyril's teaching, the Pope said, "remains emblematic for the catechetical formation of Christians today.

Unlike many other Eastern bishops and priests of the fourth century, Cyril did not allow his classical learning to lead him away from believing in the full humanity and divinity of Christ. However, the man who consecrated Cyril as a bishop, Archbishop Acacius of Caesarea, was an ally of the Arians – who claimed that Jesus was a creature and not God. Because of his connection to the archbishop, Cyril himself was unjustly suspected of heresy by many of his brother bishops.

But he also found himself at odds with Archbishop Acacius, who claimed to have jurisdiction over the birthplace of the Church. Altogether, these disputes led to Cyril being exiled from Jerusalem three times in the course of 20 years.

In 381, St. Cyril participated in the Second Ecumenical Council, which condemned two different forms of Arianism and added statements about the Holy Spirit to the Nicene Creed of 325. St. Cyril of Jerusalem died in 387, and was named a Doctor of the Church by Pope Leo XIII in 1883.

## Feast Days And Important Dates -March 2025

### Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary March 19, 2025



Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being an upright man and wanting to spare her disgrace, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when suddenly the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins."

A few verses in Matthew and Luke tell us all we know about St. Joseph. They provide just enough information to demonstrate why he was the divine choice to become the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus: A distant descendant of King David, he gave Christ the King his royal lineage and he was from Bethlehem, the city that Scripture predicted would produce the messiah (see Micah 5:1). And as a carpenter (see Matthew 13:55), Joseph was poor—Christ's condition of preference.

Scripture portrays Joseph as open to God, obedient, upright, and, above all, kind. The saint displayed all of these qualities in his handling of Mary's surprise pregnancy. Imagine the confusion of emotions that must have flooded him when Mary confided that she was going to have a baby by the Holy Spirit! As a devout observer of the law, Joseph knew that he might have to repudiate his betrothal. But his kindness and confidence in Mary prevented his taking such a harsh step, which would have shamed her. It may have even put her in danger of capital punishment (see Deuteronomy 22:20–21). Joseph must have agonized over his decision, praying intently about it. Finally he decided to divorce Mary quietly. But Joseph was open to God, and in a dream a divine messenger told him to take Mary home as his wife. Joseph did exactly as he was told.

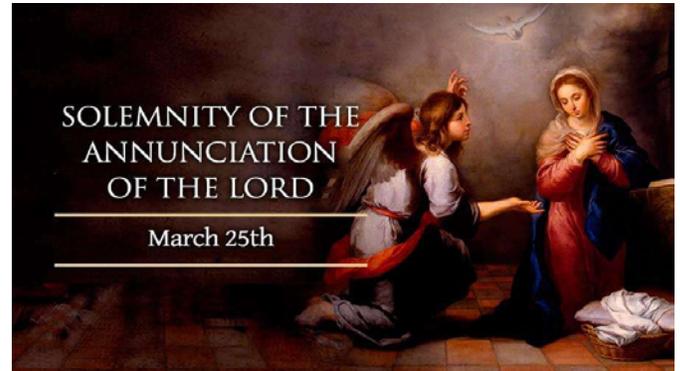
Joseph's wise dealing with Mary is a model for us when we face complex moral and personal issues. He subordinated his feelings to do what God required. He was open to whatever God wanted, and when he sensed the divine will, he obeyed.

St. Joseph is the patron saint of: Belgium, Canada, Carpenters, China, Fathers, Happy death, Peru, Russia, Social Justice, Travelers, Universal Church, Vietnam and Workers

### Prayer to St. Joseph, Protector of the Church

*Father, you entrusted our Savior to the care of Saint Joseph.  
By the help of his prayers may your Church continue to serve its Lord,  
Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.*

### The Annunciation of the Lord March 25, 2025



The feast of the Annunciation, now recognized as a solemnity, was first celebrated in the fourth or fifth century. Its central focus is the Incarnation: God has become one of us. From all eternity God had decided that the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity should become human. Now, as Luke 1:26-38 tells us, the decision is being realized. The God-Man embraces all humanity, indeed all creation, to bring it to God in one great act of love. Because human beings have rejected God, Jesus will accept a life of suffering and an agonizing death: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13).

Mary has an important role to play in God's plan. From all eternity, God destined her to be the mother of Jesus and closely related to him in the creation and redemption of the world. We could say that God's decrees of creation and redemption are joined in the decree of Incarnation. Because Mary is God's instrument in the Incarnation, she has a role to play with Jesus in creation and redemption. It is a God-given role. It is God's grace from beginning to end. Mary becomes the eminent figure she is only by God's grace. She is the empty space where God could act. Everything she is she owes to the Trinity.

Mary is the virgin-mother who fulfills Isaiah 7:14 in a way that Isaiah could not have imagined. She is united with her son in carrying out the will of God (Psalm 40:8-9; Hebrews 10:7-9; Luke 1:38).

Together with Jesus, the privileged and graced Mary is the link between heaven and earth. She is the human being who best, after Jesus, exemplifies the possibilities of human existence. She received into her lowliness the infinite love of God. She shows how an ordinary human being can reflect God in the ordinary circumstances of life. She exemplifies what the Church and every member of the Church is meant to become. She is the ultimate product of the creative and redemptive power of God. She manifests what the Incarnation is meant to accomplish for all of us.

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Orange County Chapter Presents the Annual

# Day of Sharing

A Carnival of Love and Inclusion for those with Intellectual Disabilities and Special Needs



Opening Ceremonies 9:30 AM  
**FUN**  
 Entertainment  
 Everyone Welcome  
**LOVE**  
 Games  
 Come Enjoy  
**FOOD**  
 Fun for All  
 Free Parking  
 Free Admission  
**MUSIC**  
 Soft Drinks

**April 26, 2025**  
 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM  
 A Carnival for Children and Adults  
 with Special Needs since 1978



The Day of Sharing is open to all. Come and support our efforts to support those with intellectual disabilities.



Event Registration: Contact Dan Kane  
 (206) 954 - 3570, or  
 dan0043@gmail.com





**Knights of Columbus  
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March, 2025**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>8th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Rite of Sending- 8:30 Mass</b>	St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin	St Casmir	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Adoration 8:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m</b> Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs.	St. John of God, Rite of Election, Christ Cathedral 2 pm ID Drive/ Tootsie Roll Sales after Sunday Masses
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>1st Sunday of Lent</b> Welcome Ministry & Recruiting after AM Masses, ID Drive/ Tootsie Roll Sales after Sunday Masses, Corporate Communion 8:30 Mass		St. Benedict, Abbot		St Leander of Seville <b>4th Degree Meeting 7:00 pm</b>	St. Maximilian of Tebessa	<b>Recycle 7 am-12 Noon, 40 Cans for Lent after Sunday Masses</b>
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<b>2nd Sunday of Lent</b> Donut Ministry after AM masses, 40 Cans for Lent after Sunday Masses	St Patrick, Bishop	St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Dr. of the Church	St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary			<b>40 Cans for Lent after Sunday Masses</b>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<b>3rd Sunday of Lent, 1st Scrutiny, Donut Ministry after AM masses, 40 Cans for Lent after Sunday Masses</b>		<b>The Annunciation of the Lord</b>		St. Gregory of Narek, <b>Officer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</b>		<b>40 Cans for Lent after Sunday Masses</b>
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
<b>4th Sunday of Lent, 2nd Scrutiny, Donut Ministry after AM masses, 40 Cans for Lent after Sunday Masses</b>						
30	31					



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			St. Francis of Paola, Hermit	<b>Business Meeting 7 pm</b>	Saint Isidore <b>Adoration 10:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m.</b>	St. Vincent Ferrer
		1	2	3	4	5
<b>5th Sunday of Lent, 3rd Scrutiny 8:30 Mass 40 Cans for Lent,</b>	St. John the Baptist de la Salle <b>Pottuck &amp; Poster Judging 6:30 pm</b>			<b>4th Degree Meeting 7:00 p.m.</b>	Saint Stanislaus	<b>Recycle 7 am-12 Noon</b>
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b>	<b>Monday of Holy Week</b>	<b>Tuesday of Holy Week</b>	<b>Wednesday of Holy Week</b>	<b>Holy Thursday, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.</b>	<b>Friday of the Passion of the Lord, (Good Friday)</b>	<b>Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil</b>
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<b>Easter Sunday of the Ressaurrection of the Lord</b>	Saint Anselm		St George	Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, <b>Blood Drive 11-5 pm</b> <b>Officer's Mtg 7 pm</b>	<b>Saint Mark, Evangelist</b>	<b>Day of Sharing 9:30 am-3 pm Buena Park</b>
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<b>2nd Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday</b> Donut Ministry after AM masses	St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr	Saint Catherine of Siena	St. Pius V, Pope			
27	28	29	30			

# Knights of Columbus, Council 6332 Bulletin Board March 2025

## 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: March 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th 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 5/4/2025.**

## BLOOD DRIVE:

**Our next Blood Drive is scheduled for April 24th, 2025 from 11-5 pm. Contact Brother Bob Bochinairz 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 3/6/2025 at 7:00 p.m. April's meeting will be on 4/3/2025**

## 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 Mario Alegre or Arnie Herrera **The March meeting is on March 13th, 2025. The April meeting will be on 4/10/2025**

## 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. **March's Eucharistic Adoration will be on March 7, 2025. April's Adoration will be on April 4, 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: 3/15/2025, April's Recycle Drive is on 4/12/2025 due to 4/19/25 being Holy Saturday**

## Intellectual Disability Drive/ Tootsie Roll Sales:

**Our Intellectual Disability Drive/Tootsie Roll Sales will be after Sunday Masses on 3/8/25 -3/9/25. 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
Fr. Brandon Lopez		Chaplain
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"**

For brother knights as follows:

### **Degree Completions**

Cesar Yepes
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### **Transfers to our Council**

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### **Anniversary of Knights of Columbus Service**

Luis Sanchez	March 1	44 Years
James Travis	March 1	43 Years
Richard Radecki	March 1	37 Years
Jim Lynch	March 15	31 Years
Mike Banyacki	March 11	23 Years
Joe Oliva	March 21	20 Years
Paul Michelini	March 14	18 Years
Dcn Robert Kelleher	March 10	17 Years
Joe Abbod	March 24	17 Years
Norm Abbod	March 24	17 Years
Jim Nutter	March 16	16 Years
Benny Jones	March 14	12 Years
Tony Levatino	March 14	12 Years
Tony Di Bernardo	March 14	12 Years
Bob Hrad	March 13	11 Years
David Ponce	March 13	11 Years
Greg Rath	March 13	11 Years
Gabe Trebels	March 23	8 Years
Vincent McLean	March 19	7 Years
Vincent Iorio	March 26	1 Year

### **Birthdays in March**

Seth London	March 2
Joe Alber	March 5
Charlie Cassidy	March 7
Arthur Villalovos	March 7
Frank Evagues	March 8
Ed Nieto	March 9
Mike Mc Carthy	March 12
Bert Munoz	March 25
Jom Ison	March 27