



Knightly Newsletter



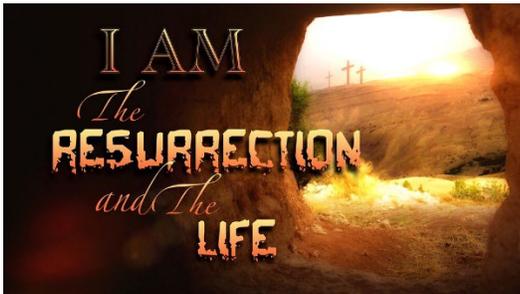
Dr Thomas A Dooley, Council 5303 St Mary's Catholic Church Oakdale, CA

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Chaplain's Column

Dear Brother Knights,
 May the peace of the Resurrected Jesus be with you always!
 Keep the Easter peace and joy alive in your hearts. Let His light shine through you. The darkness of the world has no power over those who live in the light of Christ. Be in Christ.
 The Easter message is simple: Christ is Risen! Truly, He is Risen! Alleluia!
 Blessings to you and your families,

Fr. Matthew



Faith (Dea. Dan Paulus)

In April, the men's Bible study and breakfast will meet on April 11th and April 25th, at 7:30 AM in the Parish Center to engage in a study of the Catholic *Catechism* and its relationship to Holy Scripture. All men are welcome.

Community (Louie Rodriguez)

Thank God and all the volunteers! It was another day of blessings for the community this last food distribution event. The next food distribution event will be on April 24th, and we will need volunteers to be in the parking lot no later than 8:30 a.m. *Date with the Word* couple's Bible study will be on April 19th from 12-1pm. Free babysitting provided. May God continue to bless you and your families.

Grand Knight's Notations

Worthy Brother Knights,
 Happy Easter! He has truly risen! The spiritual theme of April is often centered on the **Blessed Sacrament**. As the guardians of the Holy Eucharist, we are called to show deep honor to this "treasure of the Church". I encourage each of you to spend an extra hour in Adoration this month. Our God is a God of community—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—and He instituted the Eucharist to unite us in one body. Let us use this time to pray for our parish, our families, and our brother Knights who may be struggling. God Bless you all!

Vivat Jesus!

Gabriel Dela Riva

Grand Knight

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Apr 2-4: Easter *Triduum*
- Apr 5: EASTER SUNDAY-- *Truly He is Risen!*
- Apr 11: Men's Bible Study and Breakfast
- Apr 14: Monthly Council Meeting, 6:00-8:00 pm
- Apr 18: Bingo fundraiser, 6:00-9:00 pm
- Apr 19: *Date with the Word*, Noon-1:00 pm
- Apr 24: Second Harvest food distribution
- Apr 25-26: Wine/Cheese/Donut distribution
- Apr 25: Men's Bible Study and Breakfast

CHANCELLOR'S COLUMN

Continue to keep Father Matthew O'Donnell, Steve Gervais, Dominic Carmelich, and Danny Costello in your prayers. For additions, deletions, corrections, or updating status, please contact our Chancellor, Robert Poncini.

Knight Life (Robert Poncini)

During Easter, the Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred, inviolable, and redeemed by Christ's resurrection, making every person inherently valuable from conception to natural death. Easter affirms that Christ's victory over death gives humanity an infinite dignity (*Dignitas Infinita*), ensuring that every person is a "friend of God" who is never disposable, regardless of weakness, age, or sin. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, human life is recognized as precious, not destined for destruction, but for eternal life with God. The Church emphasizes that protecting innocent human life—especially the unborn—is central to its moral vision, advocating against abortion, euthanasia, and the death penalty. Easter is a call to move from a "culture of death" to a culture of life and solidarity, defending the marginalized and upholding the sanctity of every person.

Family (Robert Poncini)

Easter Sunday is so great that instead of one day of Easter, Catholics enjoy eight octave days of feasting! The Liturgy of Easter Week indicates that every day within the Octave is treated the same as the original solemnity of Easter. This means sustained partying requires careful planning. What will your family do to make these eight days of Easter special and alive (since the Lord has indeed risen!) within your household? Perhaps a special prayer or song during grace before meals with verses taken from the prayers of the Church. Maybe create an Easter musical playlist of joyful songs or have special meals and prayer times with the family that mark this Easter season as a very special time that we as Catholic Christians hold near and dear to our hearts and the way we live our lives. For we are Easter people and Christ must reign within our homes, the domestic church, our family.

Anyone who needs a new badge should email Augie Beltran at Augb67@gmail.com or call or text him at 209-493-9100.

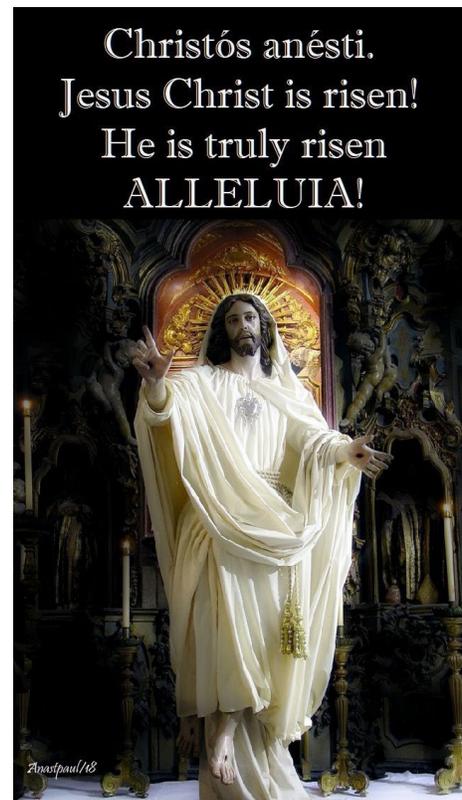
Please also contact Augie if your address or your financial situation has changed. Your information will be kept confidential.

KNIGHTS CORNER

Here is a link to our diocesan Prayer for Vocations: <https://s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/flocknote-files/prayerforvocationsenglish3.pdf>

We ask that you recite this prayer as often as you can.

Click here for the [Chapter Newsletter](#)
Council website: <https://www.kofcchap6ca.org/5303-2/>

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS:**

Greg Liekhus, 2; David Colombo, 5;
Manuel Machado, 7; Jeff Dykzeul, 11;
Dominic Carmelich, 12; Dave Herbers, 14;
Rick Murphy 16; Fernando Magdaleno, 20;
Carlos Arias, 21; Ricardo Garcia, 23;
Bruce Lilly, 24; Ray Jackson, 26