



# Knightly Newsletter

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## Chaplain's Column

Brothers in Christ,

As many of you know, Father Matthew will be undergoing hip replacement surgery on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please keep Father and his recovery, as well as our parish in your daily prayers. This month we also kick off the 2026 Bishop's Ministry Appeal. Please pray about your gift to the BMA this year.

### Faith (Dea. Dan Paulus)

In February, the men's Bible study and breakfast will meet on February 14<sup>th</sup> and February 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 & Anthony Martinez)

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 Friday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, and we will need all volunteers to be in the parking lot between 8:45-9:00 am. The food truck will be dropping off pallets by 9:00 am and distribution time will take place from 10:00-11:00. The *Date with the Word* couples' Bible study will take place February 15<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Babysitting will be provided. May God continue to richly bless you and your families.

### Family (Robert Poncini)

Love is in the air this February. Be sure to check out the following events coming up:

St. Mary's Family Dance Night: February 6 @ 6:30PM – 8:30PM; \$20/family, [check the bulletin for details](#). (Continued on p. 2)

## Grand Knight's Notations

Worthy Brother Knights,

February invites us into Lent—a 40-day journey of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. For the Knights of Columbus, Lent is a season to deepen faith, strengthen brotherhood, and put charity into action. Lent is a holy invitation to conversion—turning toward God and growing in virtue. By praying together, fasting with purpose, and giving with impact, we answer the call with intensified mercy and service, especially during Holy Week.

Lent is a time for our brotherhood to unite in prayer, support our parish, and reach out with mercy to those in need. May this season strengthen our resolve and bring us closer to Easter.

*Vivat Jesus!*

Gabriel Dela Riva

Grand Knight

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 7-8: BMA weekend

Feb 8: Super Sunday Pancake Breakfast

Feb 10: Monthly council meeting

Feb 14: Men's Bible Study and Breakfast

Feb 15: *Date with the Word*, 12:00-1:00 pm

Feb 18: Ash Wednesday

Feb 20: Sponsor soup supper after Stations

Feb 21-22: Wine/Cheese/Donut distribution

Feb 27: Second Harvest food distribution

Feb 28: Men's Bible Study and Breakfast

### CHANCELLOR'S COLUMN

Continue to keep Father Matthew O'Donnell, Steve Gervais, Dominic Carmelich, Darryl Toepfer, Scott Lucas, and Danny Costello in your prayers.

For additions, deletions, corrections, or updating status, please contact our Chancellor, Robert Poncini.

[Fifth Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass](#), Presided by Bishop Myron J. Cotta, Saturday, February 7th at 10:00 AM - St. Luke Parish - 3847 North Sutter St., Stockton.

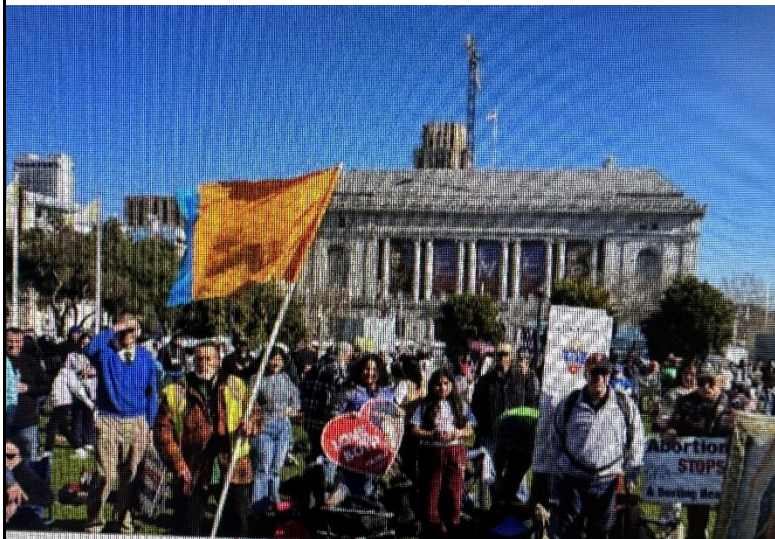
February 7–14, 2026: [National Marriage Week](#) - The upcoming observances of National Marriage Week (February 7-14, 2026) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, February 8, 2026) are opportunities to focus on building a culture of life and love by supporting and promoting marriage and the family.

Also, congratulations to the following young parishioners for placing in the “Keep Christ in Christmas” poster contest:

Emma Vandenberg, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, 4-6 Grade division; Leiny Avlet Corral-Orozco and Grace Adeline Christense, tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, 4-6 Grade division; and Amiena Torres, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade division.

#### **Life (Robert Poncini)**

Great job Knights and St. Mary’s for the organization of the Life Bus to the San Francisco Walk for Life! It was a great success with the number of participants this year from St. Mary’s with an almost full bus! Let us continue our mission to support life in all its stages from the moment of conception, to walk with those in need, and be there for those who depart from this life into life eternal.



Several brothers made the trek to San Francisco on January 24<sup>th</sup> for the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual West Coast Walk for Life. Above are some of them.

#### **From the Financial Secretary**

I'd like to begin by congratulating our Worthy Grand Knight Gabe Dela Riva. Our Grand Knight has received the prestigious Father McGivney award for growth. GK Dela Riva has been a force in recruiting new members during his tenure. Congratulations Grand Knight Dela Riva. Also, big thanks to everyone and their families that help us with all of our events, from cooking, to cleaning and everything in between. But these events happen because of Worthy Brother John Milsap. It's because of his tireless dedication and organization that we bring successful events to fruition. God has truly blessed our council with a great membership. Speaking of membership, we still have 13 brothers that haven't paid their dues. Please contact Augie Beltran by phone, 209-493-9100, or email, [augb67@gmail.com](mailto:augb67@gmail.com), if you find yourself unable to pay dues or if you no longer wish to be a knight. Every communication is confidential.

Anyone who needs a new badge should email Augie Beltran at [Augb67@gmail.com](mailto: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/>

#### **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:**

Alfred Bairos and Tony Hidalgo, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Chris Bengochea, 5<sup>th</sup>; Paul Martins, 6<sup>th</sup>; Jody Gary, 12<sup>th</sup>; Alex Jimenez, 18<sup>th</sup>

