



Knightly Newsletter

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Chaplain's Column

Dear Brother Knights,
We are members of the Knights of Columbus, but our greatest membership is being a part of the Body of Christ. We speak of belonging to the Knights or to the Country Club or to countless other affiliations, but ultimately, we belong to Christ. Thus, we are brothers in Christ. We are family. Our love for one another must be real. Let us seek to be one in Christ.

God bless you,

Fr. Matthew

Faith (Dea. Dan Paulus)

In May, the men's Bible study and breakfast will meet on **May 9th and May 23rd, 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 **May 22nd**, and we will need volunteers to be in the parking lot no later than 8:30 a.m. **The new distribution time is 9:30 am.** Also, the *Date with the Word* couple's Bible study will be on May 24th at the Parish Center from 12-1:00 pm. Free babysitting will be provided. May God continue to richly bless you and your families.

Grand Knight's Notations

Worthy Brother Knights,
May honors Mary, the Mother of God, and St. Mary's of the Annunciation stands as a beacon of faith and obedience. Let this month guide our council to pair Marian devotion—prayers, May crowns, and communal prayer—with tangible acts of charity for families, the unborn, and seniors, rooted in the Knights' charisms of faith, unity, and charity.

Brothers, please remember all council leadership positions are open except for the financial secretary and recorder. So, if you feel you are being called to take over any other officer's position, please call me. Pray on it, and God bless.
Vivat Jesus!

Gabriel Dela Riva

Grand Knight

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 9: Men's Bible Study and Breakfast
May 9: Living Rosary at 4:00 pm at the Shrine
May 10: Mothers' Day
May 12: Monthly Council Meeting, 6:00-8:00 pm
May 17: The Feast of the Ascension
May 22: Second Harvest food distribution
May 23: Men's Bible Study and Breakfast
May 24: Pentecost Sunday
May 24: *Date with the Word*, Noon-1:00 pm
May 23-24: Wine/Cheese/Donut distribution
May 31: Provide ushers and greeters for 10:30 am Mass

CHANCELLOR'S COLUMN

Continue to keep Brian Tacke, Patti Liekhus, 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)

Mother's Day is a wonderful opportunity to highlight the beautiful vocation of motherhood and the gift of life. Also, May has traditionally been observed as a month dedicated to Mary, Mother of God. It is also the month in which we celebrate our earthly mothers through the observance of Mother's Day. Mother's Day provides a beautiful opportunity to pray for all mothers, including those who are unexpectedly pregnant in difficult circumstances. It can be a difficult holiday for many, including those struggling with infertility, those who have lost children, and those who have lost their own mothers. Be sure this Mother's Day to seek the intercession of Our Blessed Mother for all the intentions brought to our hearts by the observance of Mother's Day, as well as to thank her for her motherly love for us.

Family (Robert Poncini)

What will you do to celebrate Mother's Day? If your mom lives close by, then a visit is a great way to celebrate. If not close, then definitely a phone call to share your love and appreciation for all she has done. If your mother has passed on, then definitely a prayer for her soul and a prayer of thanksgiving that God gave you such a marvelous mom. In addition to your mom, if your kids are at home or grown up and have kids of their own, the day can be spent honoring all moms within your life in many simple ways. First, start Mother's Day by going to Mass altogether- begin in the presence of God. Second, have everyone pitch-in and make mom that "special" breakfast meal she's been craving for all year. Third, make time for family activities and games during the day. Finally, spend time together praying the Rosary and honoring the Blessed Mother, our Mother who cares and constantly intercedes on our behalf to her Son, Jesus. One way to do this is on Saturday, May 9th at 4:00 pm at the Grotto of Our Lady of Fatima. Join the Legion of Mary and fellow parishioners to pray the Living Rosary.

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.

Trustee John Milsap thanks all those who came to the Family Life Center on April 18th and helped make the Bingo fundraiser a great success.

Click here for the [Chapter Newsletter](#)

Council website: <https://www.kofcchap6ca.org/5303-2/>

MAY BIRTHDAYS:

Steven Aguilar, 3rd; Frank Branco, 6th;
Ted Hartman, 11th; Scott Lucas, 17th

