



# The Navigator

Knights of Columbus - Fourth Degree

Junipero Serra Assembly 0044

December 2012

*Siempre Adalento (Always Forward) Fr Serra's Motto*

HAVE MERRY AND BLEST CHRISTMAS!!

MAY WE CONTINUE TO GROW CLOSER TO THE LORD AND SPREAD HIS LOVE IN 2013!!

## CALENDAR

January Officer's Meeting	Jan 07
January Dinner Meeting?	Jan 21
Clergy Appreciation Dinner	Jan 23
February Officer's Meeting	Feb 04

## LOOKING FOR USHERS AT CHRISTMAS EVE

Six 4<sup>th</sup> Degree members are needed to be ushers for St. Raphael's 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass (also referred to as Midnight Mass). Dress for the Mass is your tuxedo with social baldric. Please contact PFN Bill Fuhrer, 683-4236 to sign up.

## CLERGY APPRECIATION DINNER

Clergy Appreciation Dinner meeting will be on **JANUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>** at **BISHOP DIEGO HIGH SCHOOL** 4000 La Colina Rd with a "**SOCIAL HOUR**" beginning at **6:00 PM** and **DINNER** will be served **7:00 PM**.

## NO DINNER MEETING IN DECEMBER

## KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

SK Steve Schlesselman, SK Jim Wasil, Bro. Fritz Cahill and his son Tom Cahill, Bro. Ken Riley, Judy Klinge wife of SK Brian Klinge, Terry Pugh wife of SK Earl Pugh, Denise Swiacki wife of SK Walter Swiacki, Donna Abels wife of SK Jim Abels, SK Bernie Jochum and his wife Mary, Ray Villa, Anita Pullens and Socorro Sieckmann, brother-in-law and sisters-in-law to SK Felix Sanchez, Sr. Teresa Meza, Sister of SK José Meza, Nancy Herrera, widow of SK Pablo Herrera, Maureen Lacey, widow of SK John Lacey, Alice Velasco, wife of SK Bruce Velasco, Fr. Dennis Collins of Our Lady of Sorrows and Fr. Tom Ellis.

Pray for our bishops, priests and deacons who are our spiritual leaders in our spiritual community.

## A CHRISTMAS TREE BLESSING

*Holy Lord, we come with joy to celebrate the birth of Your Son, who rescued us from the darkness of sin by making the cross a tree of life and light. May this tree, arrayed in splendor, remind us of the life-giving cross of Christ, that we may always rejoice in the new life that shines in our hearts. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*



## **POLICY CHANGE IN LADIES NIGHT OUT AND OTHER EVENTS THAT ARE PREPAID**

The assembly suffered eleven no-shows at the October 15<sup>th</sup> Ladies Night Out at the Old Mission. Our contract with the Renewal Center at the Mission required us to prepay \$20 for each dinner reservation. Consequently, those eleven no-shows cost the assembly \$220. The officers have reluctantly concluded that the assembly must require prepayment with reservations for such events in the future.

## **BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER**

The following Sir Knights will celebrate a birthday during the month of December. We will honor them with a free dinner and recognition at our February Dinner Meeting.

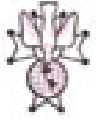
N. Albino Prado	2 Dec
Joseph W. Connolly	8 Dec
Msgr. Stephen N. Downes	8 Dec
David Farebrother	8 Dec
Paul H. Coyne	9 Dec
John I Balster	11 Dec
Roy F Schrader Jr.	18 Dec
Mell Hueston	23 Dec
John F. Corcoran	24 Dec

## **YEAR OF FAITH**

### *All Scripture heralds Good News of Christ*

This Year of Faith calls us to enrich our faith in Christ. By no coincidence, the Year of Faith comes to us upon the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council, a council dedicated to the renewal of the Church and our Christian witness in the context of the modern world. Sacred Scripture will always draw from the wellspring of new life in Christ the deepest roots of faith. In the Book of Acts, in the testimony of Stephen, our faith's first martyr, we discover something of the biblical panorama awaiting those who turn to Scripture as part of a biblical year of faith (Acts 6:8-7:60). Stephen is one of seven Greek-speaking Jewish followers of Christ whom the apostles set aside as special ministers to the Greek-speaking widows of the community. In theory, the service of these new "deacons" would free up time for the apostles to preach and teach (Acts 6:1-6). From Stephen's example, however, and Phillip's as well (Acts 8:4-8, 26-40), we quickly realize that they are as vigorous preachers, teachers and healers as the apostles themselves. When false witnesses press charges of blasphemy against Stephen before the Sanhedrin, the same religious court that heard charges against Jesus, Stephen answers the charges by summarizing the religious experience of the Jewish people. Filled with the Holy Spirit, he retells, in effect, the story of the Old Testament. Stephen is a faith-filled witness to the new life he experiences in Christ. Deeply familiar with Sacred Scripture, he knows his faith is greater than life itself. At this point in Acts the followers of Jesus are not even called Christians yet. Outsiders refer to them as Nazoreans (Acts 24:5), and they probably referred to themselves as followers of "the Way" (Acts 9:1-2). They have no Bible other than the same Sacred Scriptures revered by other Jewish people. But they are firm in their belief that these Scriptures (which we now refer to as the Old Testament) point to Christ in everything they teach. Stephen, however, nowhere actually quotes Scripture. His familiarity with Scripture combined with his faith in Christ and his faithfulness to the apostles' teaching enables him to interpret Scripture. Beginning with Abraham, and highlighting the faithfulness of the patriarchs, Moses, Joshua, David, Solomon and the prophets, he presents an understanding of Scripture that ascribes faithlessness to those who are charging Stephen with blasphemy. It would be an understatement to say Stephen's interpretation of Israel's story of faith was shocking to his audience. They respond by stoning him to death. Stephen's killers knew Scripture quite well. Even Saul of Tarsus (the future Apostle Paul), who was a well-schooled rabbi, is in complete agreement with Stephen's killing. What these pious men could not believe was that their ancient record of faith could be pointing them to a new dimension of belief, a new focus for their faith, in their present moment. The new dimension of faith that Stephen finds in Scripture is its capacity to proclaim Jesus of Nazareth as Messiah (Christ) and Lord. His ability to understand Scripture in this fashion is something Luke (author of Acts) ascribes with certainty to Jesus himself as its source (Luke 24:44-46). It was Jesus who opened the minds of the apostles to understand Scripture. This gift has never been lost to the Church, but it is also one that requires exercising through faithful study. God's word has the power to speak to the very depths of our souls. Delving deeply into both the Old and New Testaments during this Year of Faith will build our faith for years to come. As Pope Benedict XVI stated in "Verbum Domini": "I wish to encourage all the people of God, pastors, deacons, consecrated persons, and the laity, to become increasingly familiar with the Sacred Scriptures. We must never forget that all authentic and living Christian spirituality is based on the word of God proclaimed, accepted, celebrated and meditated upon in the Church."

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***INTERCESSION TO APOSTLE OF CALIFORNIA  
PADRE JUNIPERO SERRA***

*O Lord Jesus Christ, reward the apostolic zeal of Your servant, Padre Junipero Serra, who departing his native Spain, labored for the salvation of souls in Mexico and California. Graciously deign by evident signs and prodigies to glorify him, so that for the exaltation of Your Most Holy Name, he may be elevated to the honors of the altar. Through Padre's intercession kindly grant the special favor, I request.*

**Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father**



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