



The Navigator

Knights of Columbus - Fourth Degree

Junipero Serra Assembly 0044

February 2017

Siempre Adelanto (Always Forward) Fr Serra's Motto

CALENDAR

February's Dinner Meeting	19 Feb
March's Officer's Mtg.	05 Mar
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FEBRUARY'S DINNER MEETING

On MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY, we will have our February Dinner Meeting beginning with a "social hour" at 6:30 PM and a dinner will be served a little after 7:00 PM.

BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY

The following Sir Knights will celebrate a birthday during the month of February.

Rev Anthony Cacciapuoti	2 Feb
Edward Corral	8 Feb
Joseph R. Darga	11 Feb
Gerald N Liponi	14 Feb
Max F. Keller	18 Feb
Rev Cyril I Nnadi	19 Feb
Brian Klinge	25 Feb

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Thank-you for all the prayers while I was dealing with pneumonia for 3 months, they do work. I am better, but still resting a lot for the last 7 weeks.

LENTEN FISH FRY

Goleta Council 5300 is having their annual Fish Fries every Friday during Lent at the Parish Hall. Doors open at 6:00 PM. The cost is \$10 per person.

COLOR GUARD CALL OUT

Confirmation

FRIDAY APRIL 13 AT 7PM at St Raphael

SATURDAY APRIL 14 AT 10AM at St Raphael

(Lunch provided need reservation. Need to RSVP to Brother John Vasellina, Youth Director)

SATURDAY APRIL 14 AT 2PM at St Raphael

FRIDAY APRIL 20 AT 7 PM at Our Lady of Sorrow

SATURDAY APRIL 21 AT 4:30PM at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

SUNDAY APRIL 29 AT 5:30PM at St Joseph

SUNDAY MAY 6 AT 3PM at Holy Cross

¿SUNDAY MAY 6 AT 4:30PM at Our Lady of Guadalupe?

Bishop Diego High School Graduation

SATURDAY JUNE 2 AT 9:30 AM SB Courthouse Sunken Garden

Spirit of 76 Parade

TUESDAY JULY 4 AT 1P Downtown SB Meet at State St and Micheltorena St

Blue Mass

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 17 at 6PM at St. Raphael

Members of the Color Corp contact PFN Ed Barrier if you are able to be part of the Color Corp for any of these celebrations.

DUES REMINDER

For those of you who did not have E-mail and as a reminder for those who have E-mail, Paul Coyne reminds us that dues to the 4th Degree Assembly are due in January each year. Dues are \$30 PER YEAR the same as it was in 1996. Please send your check payable only this way **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS JUNIPERO SERRA ASSEMBLY** to Paul Coyne, 5451 Toltec Dr, SB 93111-1609



KEEP in YOUR PRAYERS

SK Mark Vampola, SK Ken Kuether, Frank Donohoe PFN, Sharon Donohoe, daughter of PFN Frank and Cay Donohoe and sister of FN Patrick Donohoe, Manual Cabrera and his spouse, brother and sister-in-law of SK Francisco Cabrera, Miguel Cabrera, father of SK Francisco Cabrera, SK Ed Barrier, Bradley Stephens, son-in-law of Jack Turney who has with a Stage IV melanoma cancer, Lee Alfano widow of SK Sam Alfano, SK Brian Klinge, Terry Pugh, wife of SK Earl Pugh; SK Larry Torres, SK Bill McNamara, SK Felix Sanchez, Ruben Sanchez, brother of SK Felix Sanchez, Camille Moynihan, widow of SK John Moynihan, Anita Pullens sisters-in-law to SK Felix Sanchez, Sr. Teresa Meza, Sister of SK José Meza, Maria Sanchez, wife of José Meza, Christian Franzen, nephew of SK Dn Wayne, Hannah Fay Salupen, Fr Lucio Juarez's mother, Rosa, Fr. Bruce, who is having some medical issues, Fr. James, who is having some medical issues, Fr. David Velasquez who is dealing with many medical issues, Fr. Frank Colburn, and Fr. Tomas Elis.

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

POPE FRANCIS' LENTEN MESSAGE FOR 2018

"Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold" (Mt 24: 12)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Once again, the Pasch of the Lord draws near! In our preparation for Easter, God in His providence offers us each year the season of Lent as a *"sacramental sign of our conversion"*. Lent summons us, and enables us, to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life.

With this message, I would like again this year to help the entire Church experience this time of grace anew, with joy and in truth. I will take my cue from the words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew:

"Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold" (24:12).

These words appear in Christ's preaching about the end of time. They were spoken in Jerusalem, on the Mount of Olives, where the Lord's passion would begin. In reply to a question of the disciples, Jesus foretells a great tribulation and describes a situation in which the community of believers might well find itself: amid great trials, false prophets would lead people astray and the love that is the core of the Gospel would grow cold in the hearts of many.

False prophets

Let us listen to the Gospel passage and try to understand the guise such false prophets can assume. They can appear as *"snake charmers"*, who manipulate human emotions in order to enslave others and lead them where they would have them go. How many of God's children are mesmerized by momentary pleasures, mistaking them for true happiness! How many men and women live entranced by the dream of wealth, which only makes them slaves to profit and petty interests! How many go through life believing that they are sufficient unto themselves, and end up entrapped by loneliness!

False prophets can also be *"charlatans"*, who offer easy and immediate solutions to suffering that soon prove utterly useless. How many young people are taken in by the panacea of drugs, of disposable relationships, of easy but dishonest gains! How many more are ensnared in a thoroughly *"virtual"* existence, in which relationships appear quick and straightforward, only to prove meaningless! These swindlers, in peddling things that have no real value, rob people of all that is most precious: dignity, freedom and the ability to love. They appeal to our vanity, our trust in appearances, but in the end, they only make fools of us. Nor should we be surprised. In order to confound the human heart, the devil, who is *"a liar and the father of lies"* (Jn 8:44), has always presented evil as good, falsehood as truth. That is why each of us is called to peer into our heart to see if we are falling prey to the lies of these false prophets. We must learn to look closely, beneath the surface, and to recognize what leaves a good and lasting mark on our hearts, because it comes from God and is truly for our benefit.

A cold heart

In his description of hell, Dante Alighieri pictures the devil seated on a throne of ice, in frozen and loveless isolation. We might well ask ourselves how it happens that charity can turn cold within us. What are the signs that indicate that our love is beginning to cool? More than anything else, what destroys charity is greed for money, *"the root of all evil"* (1 Tim 6:10). The rejection of God and his peace soon follows; we prefer our own desolation rather than the comfort found in his word and the sacraments. All this leads to violence against anyone we think is a threat to our own *"certainties"*: the unborn child, the elderly and infirm, the migrant, the alien among us, or our neighbor who does not live up to our expectations. Creation itself becomes a silent witness to this cooling of charity. The earth is poisoned by refuse, discarded out of carelessness or for self-interest. The seas, themselves polluted, engulf the remains of countless shipwrecked victims of forced migration. The heavens, which in God's plan, were created to sing His praises, are rent by engines raining down implements of death.

Love can also grow cold in our own communities. In the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangeli Gaudium*, I sought to describe the most evident signs of this lack of love: selfishness and spiritual sloth, sterile pessimism, the temptation to self-absorption, constant warring among ourselves, and the worldly mentality that makes us concerned only for appearances, and thus lessens our missionary zeal.



What are we to do?

Perhaps we see, deep within ourselves and all about us, the signs I have just described. But the Church, our Mother and Teacher, along with the often bitter medicine of the truth, offers us in the Lenten season the soothing remedy of prayer, almsgiving and fasting.

By devoting more time to *prayer*, we enable our hearts to root out our secret lies and forms of self-deception, and then to find the consolation God offers. He is our Father and he wants us to live life well.

Almsgiving sets us free from greed and helps us to regard our neighbor as a brother or sister. What I possess is never mine alone. How I would like almsgiving to become a genuine style of life for each of us! How I would like us, as Christians, to follow the example of the Apostles and see in the sharing of our possessions a tangible witness of the communion that is ours in the Church! For this reason, I echo Saint Paul's exhortation to the Corinthians to take up a collection for the community of Jerusalem as something from which they themselves would benefit (cf. *2 Cor 8:10*). This is all the more fitting during the Lenten season, when many groups take up collections to assist Churches and peoples in need. Yet I would also hope that, even in our daily encounters with those who beg for our assistance, we would see such requests as coming from God Himself. When we give alms, we share in God's providential care for each of His children. If through me God helps someone today, will He not tomorrow provide for my own needs? For no one is more generous than God.

Fasting weakens our tendency to violence; it disarms us and becomes an important opportunity for growth. On the one hand, it allows us to experience what the destitute and the starving have to endure. On the other hand, it expresses our own spiritual hunger and thirst for life in God. Fasting wakes us up. It makes us more attentive to God and our neighbor. It revives our desire to obey God, who alone is capable of satisfying our hunger.

I would also like my invitation to extend beyond the bounds of the Catholic Church, and to reach all of you, men and women of good will, who are open to hearing God's voice. Perhaps, like ourselves, you are disturbed by the spread of iniquity in the world, you are concerned about the chill that paralyzes hearts and actions, and you see a weakening in our sense of being members of the one human family. Join us, then, in raising our plea to God, in fasting, and in offering whatever you can to our brothers and sisters in need!

The fire of Easter

Above all, I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew.

One such moment of grace will be, again this year, the *"24 Hours for the Lord"* initiative, which invites the entire Church community to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation in the context of Eucharistic adoration. In 2018, inspired by the words of Psalm 130:4, *"With you is forgiveness"*, this will take place from Friday, 9 March to Saturday, 10 March. In each diocese, at least one church will remain open for twenty-four consecutive hours, offering an opportunity for both Eucharistic adoration and sacramental confession.

During the Easter Vigil, we will celebrate once more the moving rite of the lighting of the Easter candle. Drawn from the *"new fire"*, this light will slowly overcome the darkness and illuminate the liturgical assembly. *"May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds"*, and enable all of us to relive the experience of the disciples on the way to Emmaus. By listening to God's word and drawing nourishment from the table of the Eucharist, may our hearts be ever more ardent in faith, hope and love.

With affection and the promise of my prayers for all of you, I send you my blessing. Please do not forget to pray for me.

From the Vatican, 1 November 2017

Solemnity of All Saints

FRANCIS

***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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