



# The Navigator

Knights of Columbus - Fourth Degree

Junipero Serra Assembly 0044

December 2018

Siempre Adelanto (Always Forward) Fr Serra's Motto

Christmas reminds us to prepare our hearts for Christ our Savior has come. May we share God's blessings, love, peace and joy in 2019.

## CALENDAR

Council 5300 Christmas Party	15 Dec
December's Dinner Meeting	17 Dec
January's Officers Meeting	07 Jan
OneLife LA	19 Jan
Ladies Night Out	21 Jan
Clergy Appreciation Dinner	23 Jan

### December's Dinner Meeting

On **Monday 17 December**, we will have our December 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 December

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

N. Albino Prado	02 Dec
Msgr. Stephen N. Downes	08 Dec
David Farebrother	08 Dec
Paul H. Coyne	09 Dec
John I Balster	11 Dec
Mell Hueston	23 Dec
Archbishop José Gomez	26 Dec

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## 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 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly are due in January each year. Dues are **\$30 per year** the same as it was in 1996.

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## CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR 5300

Council 5300 Christmas Party will be on **December 15** at **6:30 PM** in St Raphael's Hall. The dinner will cost only **\$20 per person**. Chefs Jim Bradbury has a splendid prime rib dinner planned with all the trimmings. Bill Fuhrer (805-683-4236) and Jack Turney (805-967-9473) have tickets to sell.



OneLife LA invites all people on **Saturday 19 January 2019** to join us in declaring a commitment to valuing and protecting all human life, particularly the most vulnerable in our community to which every Catholic and Knight needs to uphold and do whatever one can to protect the sacredness of life. This is the premier event promoting life in southern CA. It includes a short peaceful march, inspirational speakers, food and drink and camaraderie in the heart of LA. Check it out at <https://onelifela.rg/event/>. Call Rich Scholl at 805-964-6384 to set up carpooling.



## KEEP in YOUR PRAYERS

Zea Bauer who suffered a stroke, Joe Kovach, John Schlesselmann, Billy Scroggins, Roberta Coyne wife of SK Paul Coyne, SK Bob Marks, 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, Steve Armitage, Maggie Crosby, Francis Sanchez, Teresa Barrier, 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, 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. 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.

## CLERGY APPRECIATION DINNER

Clergy Appreciation Dinner will be on **WEDNESDAY JANUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>** at **SERRA HALL (2210 GARDEN)** with a “**SOCIAL HOUR**” beginning at **6:30 PM** and **DINNER** will be served at **7:00 PM**.

## 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

## APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS ON THE CALL TO HOLINESS IN TODAY'S WORLD

### CHAPTER TWO TWO SUBTLE ENEMIES OF HOLINESS

#### ***THE SUMMATION OF THE LAW***

60. To avoid this, we do well to keep reminding ourselves that there is a hierarchy of virtues that bids us seek what is essential. The primacy belongs to the theological virtues, which have God as their object and motive. At the center is charity. Saint Paul says that what truly counts is “*faith working through love*” (Gal 5:6). We are called to make every effort to preserve charity: “*The one who loves another has fulfilled the law... for love is the fulfilment of the law*” (Rom 13:8.10). “*For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself’*” (Gal 5:14).

61. In other words, amid the thicket of precepts and prescriptions, Jesus clears a way to seeing two faces, that of the Father and that of our brother and sister. He does not give us two more formulas or two more commands. He gives us two faces, or better yet, one alone: the face of God reflected in so many other faces. For in every one of our brothers and sisters, especially the least, the most vulnerable, the defenseless and those in need, God’s very image is found. Indeed, with the scraps of this frail humanity, the Lord will shape his final work of art. For “*what endures, what has value in life, what riches do not disappear? Surely these two: the Lord and our neighbor. These two riches do not disappear!*” –*Pope Francis*

62. May the Lord set the Church free from these new forms of Gnosticism and Pelagianism that weigh her down and block her progress along the path to holiness! These aberrations take various shapes, according to the temperament and character of each person. So I encourage everyone to reflect and discern before God whether they may be present in their lives.

#### **CHAPTER THREE IN THE LIGHT OF THE MASTER**

63. There can be any number of theories about what constitutes holiness, with various explanations and distinctions. Such reflection may be useful, but nothing is more enlightening than turning to Jesus’ words and seeing his way of teaching the truth. Jesus explained with great simplicity what it means to be holy when he gave us the Beatitudes (cf. Mt 5:3-12; Lk 6:20-23). The Beatitudes are like a Christian’s identity card. So if anyone asks: “*What must one do to be a good Christian?*”, the answer is clear. We have to do, each in our own way, what Jesus told us in the Sermon on the Mount.



In the Beatitudes, we find a portrait of the Master, which we are called to reflect in our daily lives. *-Pope Francis*

64. The word "happy" or "blessed" thus becomes a synonym for "holy". It expresses the fact that those faithful to God and his word, by their self-giving, gain true happiness.

## GOING AGAINST THE FLOW

65. Although Jesus' words may strike us as poetic, they clearly run counter to the way things are usually done in our world. Even if we find Jesus' message attractive, the world pushes us towards another way of living. The Beatitudes are in no way trite or undemanding, quite the opposite. We can only practice them if the Holy Spirit fills us with his power and frees us from our weakness, our selfishness, our complacency and our pride.

66. Let us listen once more to Jesus, with all the love and respect that the Master deserves. Let us allow his words to unsettle us, to challenge us and to demand a real change in the way we live. Otherwise, holiness will remain no more than an empty word. We turn now to the individual Beatitudes in the Gospel of Matthew (cf. *Mt* 5:3-12). *(The order of the second and third Beatitudes varies in accordance with the different textual traditions.)*

### **"BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT, FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN"**

67. The Gospel invites us to peer into the depths of our heart, to see where we find our security in life. Usually the rich feel secure in their wealth, and think that, if that wealth is threatened, the whole meaning of their earthly life can collapse. Jesus himself tells us this in the parable of the rich fool: he speaks of a man who was sure of himself, yet foolish, for it did not dawn on him that he might die that very day (cf. *Lk* 12:16-21).

68. Wealth ensures nothing. Indeed, once we think we are rich, we can become so self-satisfied that we leave no room for God's word, for the love of our brothers and sisters, or for the enjoyment of the most important things in life. In this way, we miss out on the greatest treasure of all. That is why Jesus calls blessed those who are poor in spirit, those who have a poor heart, for there the Lord can enter with his perennial newness.

69. This spiritual poverty is closely linked to what Saint Ignatius of Loyola calls "holy indifference", which brings us to a radiant interior freedom: *"We need to train ourselves to be indifferent in our attitude to all created things, in all that is permitted to our free will and not forbidden; so that on our part, we do not set our hearts on good health rather than bad, riches rather than poverty, honor rather than dishonor, a long life rather than a short one, and so in all the rest"*. *-Spiritual Exercises*

70. Luke does not speak of poverty "of spirit" but simply of those who are "poor" (cf. *Lk* 6:20). In this way, he too invites us to live a plain and austere life. He calls us to share in the life of those most in need, the life lived by the Apostles, and ultimately to configure ourselves to Jesus who, though rich, "made himself poor" (*2Cor* 8:9).

Being poor of heart: that is holiness.

### **"BLESSED ARE THE MEEK, FOR THEY WILL INHERIT THE EARTH"**

71. These are strong words in a world that from the beginning has been a place of conflict, disputes and enmity on all sides, where we constantly pigeonhole others on the basis of their ideas, their customs and even their way of speaking or dressing. Ultimately, it is the reign of pride and vanity, where each person thinks he or she has the right to dominate others. Nonetheless, impossible as it may seem, Jesus proposes a different way of doing things: the way of meekness. This is what we see him doing with his disciples. It is what we contemplate on his entrance to Jerusalem: *"Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey"* (*Mt* 21:5; *Zech* 9:9).

72. Christ says: *"Learn from me; for I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls"* (*Mt* 11:29). If we are constantly upset and impatient with others, we will end up drained and weary. But if we regard the faults and limitations of others with tenderness and meekness, without an air of superiority, we can actually help them and stop wasting our energy on useless complaining. Saint Thérèse of Lisieux tells us that *"perfect charity consists in putting up with others' mistakes, and not being scandalized by their faults"*.

73. Paul speaks of meekness as one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit (cf. *Gal* 5:23). He suggests that, if a wrongful action of one of our brothers or sisters troubles us, we should try to correct them, but *"with a spirit of meekness"*, since *"you too could be tempted"* (*Gal* 6:1). Even when we defend our faith and convictions, we are to do so *"with meekness"* (cf. *1 Pet* 3:16). Our enemies too are to be treated *"with meekness"* (*2 Tim* 2:25). In the Church, we have often erred by not embracing this demand of God's word.

74. Meekness is yet another expression of the interior poverty of those who put their trust in God alone. Indeed, in the Bible the same word – *anawim* – usually refers both to the poor and to the meek. Someone might object: *"If I am that meek, they will think that I am an idiot, a fool or a weakling"*. At times, they may, but so be it. It is always better to be meek, for then our deepest desires will be fulfilled. The meek *"shall inherit the earth"*, for they will see God's promises accomplished in their lives. In every situation, the meek put their hope in the Lord, and those who hope for him shall possess the land... and enjoy the fullness of peace (cf. *Pss* 37:9.11). For his part, the Lord trusts in them: *"This is the one to whom I will look, to the humble and contrite in spirit, who trembles at my word"* (*Is* 66:2).

Reacting with meekness and humility: that is holiness.

***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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