



# The Navigator

Knights of Columbus - Fourth Degree

Junipero Serra Assembly 0044

January 2019

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

## CALENDAR

OneLife LA	19 Jan
Ladies Night Out	21 Jan
Clergy Appreciation Dinner	23 Jan
February's Officers Meeting	04 Feb
February's Dinner Meeting	18 Feb

### February's Dinner Meeting

On **Monday 18 February**, 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 January

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

Dr. Anthony N. Mendesh	2 Jan
José J Meza	2 Jan
Jerry J Nespor	6 Jan
Raymond D. Jarrard	11 Jan
Solomon G Sanchez	13 Jan
Richard A Rink	14 Jan
Most Rev Thomas J. Curry	17 Jan
James T. Garland	18 Jan
Rev Edward C Nowak	19 Jan
Mark Wietstock	19 Jan
Rev John F Provenza	20 Jan

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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.

Please send your check payable only this way **Knights of Columbus Junipero Serra Assembly** to Paul Coyne, 5451 Toltec Dr, SB 93111-1609



OneLife LA invites all people on **Saturday 19 January** 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.org/event/>. Call Rich Scholl at 805-964-6384 to set up carpooling.

## JANUARY'S LADIES NIGHT OUT

On **JANUARY 21**, there will be a Lady's Night Out in the banquet room at the **FLIGHTLINE 521 FIRESTONE RD** at **6:30 PM** starting with a "SOCIAL HOUR". A buffet dinner of chicken and beef fajitas with rice, beans, salad and non-alcoholic drinks along with tip and tax included in the cost of **\$27 per person**. Alcoholic drinks extra. Call Rich Scholl at 805-964-6384 to **RSVP by 18 JANUARY**. Bring cash or check to **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS JUNIPERO SERRA ASSEMBLY**.



## 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**.

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

### CHAPTER THREE IN THE LIGHT OF THE MASTER

#### **"BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN, FOR THEY WILL BE COMFORTED"**

75. The world tells us exactly the opposite: entertainment, pleasure, diversion and escape make for the good life. The worldly person ignores problems of sickness or sorrow in the family or all around him; he averts his gaze. The world has no desire to mourn; it would rather disregard painful situations, cover them up or hide them. Much energy is expended on fleeing from situations of suffering in the belief that reality can be concealed. But the cross can never be absent.

76. A person who sees things as they truly are and sympathizes with pain and sorrow is capable of touching life's depths and finding authentic happiness. *"From the patristic era, the Church has valued the gift of tears, as seen in the fine prayer "Ad petendam compunctionem cordis". It reads: "Almighty and most merciful God, who brought forth from the rock a spring of living water for your thirsting people: bring forth tears of compunction from our hardness of heart, that we may grieve for our sins, and, by your mercy, obtain their forgiveness" ~ Missale Romanum, ed. typ. 1962* He or she is consoled, not by the world but by Jesus. Such persons are unafraid to share in the suffering of others; they do not flee from painful situations. They discover the meaning of life by coming to the aid of those who suffer, understanding their anguish and bringing relief. They sense that the other is flesh of our flesh, and are not afraid to draw near, even to touch their wounds. They feel compassion for others in such a way that all distance vanishes. In this way, they can embrace Saint Paul's exhortation: *"Weep with those who weep" (Rom 12:15)*. Knowing how to mourn with others: that is holiness.

#### **"BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS, FOR THEY WILL BE FILLED"**

77. Hunger and thirst are intense experiences, since they involve basic needs and our instinct for survival. There are those who desire justice and yearn for righteousness with similar intensity. Jesus says that they will be satisfied, for sooner or later justice will come. We can cooperate to make that possible, even if we may not always see the fruit of our efforts.

78. Jesus offers a justice other than that of the world, so often marred by petty interests and manipulated in various ways. Experience shows how easy it is to become mired in corruption, ensnared in the daily politics of *quid pro quo*, where everything becomes business. How many people suffer injustice, standing by powerlessly while others divvy up the good things of this life. Some give up fighting for real justice and opt to follow in the train of the winners. This has nothing to do with the hunger and thirst for justice that Jesus praises.

79. True justice comes about in people's lives when they themselves are just in their decisions; it is expressed in their pursuit of justice for the poor and the weak. While it is true that the word *"justice"* can be a synonym for faithfulness to God's will in every aspect of our life, if we give the word too general a meaning, we forget that it is shown especially in justice towards those who are most vulnerable: *"Seek justice, correct oppression; defend the fatherless, plead for the widow" (Is 1:17)*. Hungering and thirsting for righteousness: that is holiness.



## **“BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL, FOR THEY WILL RECEIVE MERCY”**

80. Mercy has two aspects. It involves giving, helping and serving others, but it also includes forgiveness and understanding. Matthew sums it up in one golden rule: *“In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you”* (7:12). The Catechism reminds us that this law is to be applied *“in every case”*, **-CCC ¶1789; cf. 1970** especially when we are *“confronted by situations that make moral judgments less assured and decision difficult”*. **-CCC ¶1787**

81. Giving and forgiving means reproducing in our lives some small measure of God’s perfection, which gives and forgives superabundantly. For this reason, in the Gospel of Luke we do not hear the words, *“Be perfect”* (Mt 5:48), but rather, *“Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you”* (6:36-38).

Luke then adds something not to be overlooked: *“The measure you give will be the measure you get back”* (6:38). The yardstick we use for understanding and forgiving others will measure the forgiveness we receive. The yardstick we use for giving will measure what we receive. We should never forget this.

82. Jesus does not say, *“Blessed are those who plot revenge”*. He calls *“blessed”* those who forgive and do so *“seventy times seven”* (Mt 18:22). We need to think of ourselves as an army of the forgiven. All of us have been looked upon with divine compassion. If we approach the Lord with sincerity and listen carefully, there may well be times when we hear his reproach: *“Should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?”* (Mt 18:33).

Seeing and acting with mercy: that is holiness.

## **“BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART, FOR THEY WILL SEE GOD”**

83. This Beatitude speaks of those whose hearts are simple, pure and undefiled, for a heart capable of love admits nothing that might harm, weaken or endanger that love. The Bible uses the heart to describe our real intentions, the things we truly seek and desire, apart from all appearances. *“Man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart”* (1Sam 16:7). God wants to speak to our hearts (cf. Hos 2:16); there he desires to write his law (cf. Jer 31:33). In a word, he wants to give us a new heart (cf. Ezek 36:26).

84. *“Guard your heart with all vigilance”* (Prov 4:23). Nothing stained by falsehood has any real worth in the Lord’s eyes. He *“flees from deceit, and rises and departs from foolish thoughts”* (Wis 1:5). The Father, *“who sees in secret”* (Mt 6:6), recognizes what is impure and insincere, mere display or appearance, as does the Son, who knows *“what is in man”* (cf. Jn 2:25).

85. Certainly, there can be no love without works of love, but this Beatitude reminds us that the Lord expects a commitment to our brothers and sisters that comes from the heart. For *“if I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have no love, I gain nothing”* (1 Cor 13:3). In Matthew’s Gospel too, we see that what proceeds from the heart is what defiles a person (cf. 15:18), for from the heart come murder, theft, false witness, and other evil deeds (cf. 15:19). From the heart’s intentions come the desires and the deepest decisions that determine our actions.

86. A heart that loves God and neighbor (cf. Mt 22:36-40), genuinely and not merely in words, is a pure heart; it can see God. In his hymn to charity, Saint Paul says that *“now we see in a mirror, dimly”* (1 Cor 13:12), but to the extent that truth and love prevail, we will then be able to see *“face to face”*. Jesus promises that those who are pure in heart *“will see God”*.

Keeping a heart free of all that tarnishes love: that is holiness.

## **“BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS, FOR THEY WILL BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD”**

87. This Beatitude makes us think of the many endless situations of war in our world. Yet we ourselves are often a cause of conflict or at least of misunderstanding. For example, I may hear something about someone and I go off and repeat it. I may even embellish it the second time around and keep spreading it... And the more harm it does, the more satisfaction I seem to derive from it. The world of gossip, inhabited by negative and destructive people, does not bring peace. Such people are really the enemies of peace; in no way are they *“blessed”*. *(Detraction and calumny are acts of terrorism: a bomb is thrown, it explodes and the attacker walks away calm and contented. This is completely different from the nobility of those who speak to others face to face, serenely and frankly, out of genuine concern for their good.)*

88. Peacemakers truly *“make”* peace; they build peace and friendship in society. To those who sow peace Jesus makes this magnificent promise: *“They will be called children of God”* (Mt 5:9). He told his disciples that, wherever they went, they were to say: *“Peace to this house!”* (Lk 10:5). The word of God exhorts every believer to work for peace, *“along with all who call upon the Lord with a pure heart”* (cf. 2 Tim 2:22), for *“the harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace”* (Jas 3:18). And if there are times in our community when we question what ought to be done, *“let us pursue what makes for peace”* (Rom 14:19), for unity is preferable to conflict. *(At times, it may be necessary to speak of the difficulties of a particular brother or sister. In such cases, it can happen that an interpretation is passed on in place of an objective fact. Emotions can misconstrue and alter the facts of a matter, and end up passing them on laced with subjective elements. In this way, neither the facts themselves nor the truth of the other person are respected.)*

89. It is not easy to *“make”* this evangelical peace, which excludes no one but embraces even those who are a bit odd, troublesome or difficult, demanding, different, beaten down by life or simply uninterested. It is hard work; it calls for great openness of mind and heart, since it is not about creating *“a consensus on paper or a transient peace for a contented minority”*, or a project *“by a few for the few”*. Nor can it attempt to ignore or disregard conflict; instead, it must *“face conflict head on, resolve it and make it a link in the chain of a new process”*. **-Pope Francis** We need to be artisans of peace, for building peace is a craft that demands serenity, creativity, sensitivity and skill.

Sowing peace all around us: 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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