

Knights of Columbus

Goleta Valley Council 5300
St. Raphael's Church, Goleta, California
Newsletter
December 2021– January 2022

December 6, 2021	4 th Degree Officer's Meeting	Zoom Meeting - 7:00 pm
December 6, 2021	3 rd Degree Officer's Meeting	Zoom Meeting - 7:30 pm
December 13, 2021	3 rd Degree Business Meeting	Parish Hall - 7:00 pm
December 18, 2021	Christmas Party	Parish Hall - 7:00 pm
December 25, 2021	Christmas Day	
January 1, 2022	New Years Day	
January 3, 2022	4 th Degree Officer's Meeting	Zoom Meeting - 7:00 pm
January 3, 2022	3 rd Degree Officer's Meeting	Zoom Meeting - 7:30 pm
January 9, 2022	Pancake Breakfast	Parish Hall-8:00-11:00 am
January 10, 2022	3 rd Degree Business Meeting	Parish Hall - 7:00 pm
January 17, 2022	4 th Degree Dinner Meeting	Parish Hall - 7:00 pm

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Christmas Party - Save the date!! Our Christmas party this year will be held Saturday, December 18th in St. Raphael's Parish Hall. Members, guests and potential new members for Councils 1684 and 5300 are invited. Social hour will begin at 6:30 pm and dinner will be served between 7:00 to 7:30 pm. The menu this year will be prime rib, baked potato, asparagus and all the condiments normally associated with that kind of meal. The cost will be \$25 per person. Reservations are a MUST as planning for the amount of meat required is needed to avoid a potential shortage of servings. Reservations may be made with Jack Turney, 805 967 9473, or Grand Knight Bill Fuhrer, 805 683 4238. December 15th is the last day to make a reservation.

Officer Meetings - Note on the calendar above the Officer meetings will continue to be conducted using the Zoom application on using your computer, smart phone, or tablet. Business meetings will be held "in-person" using the standard COVID guidelines in practice at the time.

Pancake Breakfast - The pancake breakfast for December has been canceled due to the Parish Hall being used for Our Lady of Guadalupe celebrations that day. Our next pancake breakfast will be on January 9, 2022.

Insurance Agent - Please note that we now have a new insurance agent. His contact information is: Wilfrid Romero - 805 522 1916.

P5th Sunday Months - In the past, Council 5300 Knights and their families have celebrated Mass on the 5th Sunday, of those months, at 9:00 am. Members are encouraged to wear their Council polo shirts, or tuxedo (if you are a 4th Degree). The Council banner would be processed in and placed at the front of the Church. October 31st is the last 5th Sunday month for 2021.

Up Coming Birthdays:

December		January	
John Tenevan	1	Jim Neary	1
Msgr. Stephen Downes	8	Dr. Anthony Mendesh	2
Paul Coyne	9	Jose Meza	2
Scott Rothdeutsch	18	David Wright	2
Joseph Bauer	22	Rev. Jeffery Newell	3
Ruben Perez	24	Jerry Nespor	6
Ramon San Vincente	25	Solomon Sanchez	13
		Frank Diani	16
		James McCann	25
		John Meagher	29
		Jose Borrayo	31

Saint for December, *Juan Diego, Catechist, December 9*

Thousands of people gathered in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe July 31, 2002, for the canonization of Juan Diego, to whom the Blessed Mother appeared in the sixteenth century. Pope John Paul II celebrated the ceremony at which the Indian peasant became the Church's first saint indigenous to the Americas.

The Holy Father called the new saint "a simple, humble Indian" who accepted Christianity without giving up his identity as an Indian. In praising the Indian Juan Diego, I want to express to all of you the closeness of the Church and pope, embracing you with love and encouraging you to overcome with hope the difficult times you are going through," John Paul said. Among the thousands present for the event were members of Mexico's sixty-four indigenous groups.

First called Cuauhtlatohuac ("The eagle who speaks"), Juan Diego's name is forever linked with Our Lady of Guadalupe because it was to him that she first appeared at Tepeyac Hill on December 9, 1531. The most famous part of his story is told in connection with the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12). After the roses gathered in his tilma were transformed into the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, however, little more is said about Juan Diego.

In time he lived near the shrine constructed at Tepeyac, revered as a holy, unselfish and compassionate catechist who taught by word and especially by example

Saint for January: *Marianne Cope, Religious, January 23*

Though leprosy scared off most people in nineteenth-century Hawaii, the disease sparked great generosity in the woman who came to be known as Mother Marianne of Molokai. Her courage helped tremendously to improve the lives of its victims in Hawaii, a territory annexed to the United States during her lifetime (1898).

Mother Marianne's generosity and courage were celebrated at her beatification in Rome on May 14, 2005. She was a woman who spoke "the language of truth and love" to the world, said Cardinal José Saraiva Martins, prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. Cardinal

Martins, who presided at the beatification Mass in St. Peter's Basilica, called her life "a wonderful work of divine grace." Speaking of her special love for persons suffering from leprosy, he said, "She saw in them the suffering face of Jesus. Like the Good Samaritan, she became their mother."

On January 23, 1838, a daughter was born to Peter and Barbara Cope of Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany. The girl was named after her mother. Two years later, the Cope family emigrated to the United States and settled in Utica, New York. Young Barbara worked in a factory until August 1862, when she went to the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis in Syracuse, New York. After profession in November of the next year, she began teaching at Assumption parish school.

Marianne held the post of superior in several places and was twice the novice mistress of her congregation. A natural leader, three different times she was superior of St. Joseph Hospital in Syracuse, where she learned much that would be useful during her years in Hawaii.

Elected provincial in 1877, Mother Marianne was unanimously reelected in 1881. Two years later the Hawaiian government was searching for someone to run the Kakaako Receiving Station for people suspected of having leprosy. More than fifty religious communities in the United States and Canada were asked. When the request was put to the Syracuse sisters, thirty-five of them volunteered immediately. On October 22, Mother Marianne and six other sisters left for Hawaii, where they took charge of the receiving station outside of Honolulu. On the island of Maui they also opened a hospital and school for girls.

In 1888, Mother Marianne and two sisters went to Molokai to open a home for "unprotected women and girls" there. The Hawaiian government was quite hesitate to send women to this difficult assignment; they need not to have worried about Mother Marianne! On Molokai she took charge of the home that Damien de Veuster had established for men and boys. Mother Marianne changed life on Molokai by introducing cleanliness, pride, and fun to the colony. Bright scarves and pretty dresses for the women were part of her approach.

Awarded the Royal Order of Kapiolani by the Hawaiian government and celebrated in a poem by Robert Louis Stevenson, Mother Marianne continued to work faithfully. Her sisters have attracted vocations among the Hawaiian people and still work on Molokai. Mother Marianne died on August 9, 1918, and was canonized in 2012.

The above are excerpts taken from *Saint of the Day: the Definitive Guide to the Saints*, by Leonard Foley

Please keep in your prayers the following:

Jose Meza

Bob Marks

John Kestel

Katherine DiMauro, sister of Charlie DiMauro

Helen Mudugno (wife of Ralph Mudugno)

Earl Pugh

Bob Montgomery

Carol McLafferty (widow of PGK Bill McLafferty)

Teresa Barrier, wife of SK Ed Barrier

Lee Alfano (widow of Sam Alfano)

SK Al Meckelborg

Sr. Teresa Meza, sister of SK Jose Meza
 SK Jose Meza's wife, Maria
 Anita Pullens, sister-in-law of SK Felix Sanchez
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Editor's Note:

This Newsletter is a work in progress and will be limited to text (black and white) only to keep the cost down. Pictures of events can be found on the K of C website, www.kc5300.org.

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