

Knights of Columbus

Goleta Valley Council 5300
St. Raphael's Church, Goleta, California
Newsletter
December 2022– January 2023

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| December 5, 2022 | 4th Degree Officer's Meeting | Conference Room-7:00 pm |
| December 5, 2022 | 3rd Degree Officer's Meeting | Conference Room-8:00 pm |
| December 11, 2022 | 3rd Degree Business Meeting | Parish Hall-7:00 pm |
| December 17, 2022 | Council 5300 Christmas Party | Parish Hall - 6:00–9:00 pm |
| December 25, 2022 | Christmas | |
| January 1, 2023 | Happy New Year | |
| January 2, 2023 | 4th Degree Officer's Meeting | Conference room -7:00 pm |
| January 2, 2023 | 3rd Degree Officer's Meeting | Conference room -8:00 pm |
| January 8, 2023 | Pancake Breakfast | Parish Hall-8:00-11:00 am |
| January 9, 2023 | 3rd Degree Business Meeting | Parish Hall - 7:00 pm |
| January 16, 2023 | 4th Degree Dinner Meeting | Parish Hall - 7:00 pm |
| January 21-22, 2023 | Membership Drive | After all Masses |

Have a Blessed Christmas and a Joyous New Year

Happy Birthday – A special wish to Ed Page, who celebrated his 100th Birthday in November. We pray that he can continue to show the rest of us what “clean” living can do!!! Way to go Ed!!

Pancake Breakfast is Canceled – The pancake breakfast that normally happens on the second Sunday of the month has been canceled for December. Instead, Jim Bradbury will serve pancakes, free of charge, to the parents and children attending the Children's Christmas Boutique being put on by Barbara Bonsell after the 9:00 am Mass on December 10th. This will give the children an opportunity to shop for presents for their family. Barbara is asking for new, or gently used, items that the children can get for their parents, or loved ones. Items should be adult appropriate.

Christmas Party – Mark your calendar. The Council 5300 Christmas party will be held on December 17th in the Parish Hall. The menu this year will be specially prepared prime rib from our executive chef, Jim Bradbury. Also included will be a baked potato, vegetable and dessert. Due to the increased cost of meat, an accurate head-count is required and tickets will be sold in advance with the cut-off in sales the end of the day, December 14th. The cost per person is \$25.

Tickets can be obtained from Mark Vampola (805 708 3631), Bill Fuhrer (805 683 4236) and Rich Scholl (805 683 8874). Note: Council 1684 will also be invited to attend.

Membership Drive – We will be having a membership drive after each Mass on January 21st and 22nd. Your help is needed to help give out information at the table in front of the church. Please contact Jack Turney (805 252 1985) if you can spare a few minutes after the Mass that you attend on those dates.

Planned Parent Prayer Vigils - Prayer vigils are still being held most weekday mornings across the street from Planned Parenthood, 518 Garden Street, Santa Barbara. For more information please call Gisela Cooper at 805 886 3732.

Insurance Agent - Please note that we now have a new insurance agent. His contact information is: Anthony G. Rodriguez, 805 328-9788.

Up Coming Birthdays:

| December | | January | |
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| John Tenevan | 1 | Jim Neary | 1 |
| Msgr. Stephen Downes | 8 | Dr. Anthony Mendesh | 2 |
| Paul Coyne | 9 | Jose Meza | 2 |
| Carlos Valenzuela | 10 | David Wright | 2 |
| Scott Rothdeutsch | 18 | Rev. Jeffery Newell | 3 |
| Joseph Bauer | 22 | Jerry Nespor | 6 |
| Ruben Perez | 24 | Solomon Sanchez | 13 |
| Ramon San Vincente | 25 | Frank Diani | 16 |
| Jesus | 25 | James McCann | 25 |
| | | John Meagher | 29 |
| | | Jose Borrayo | 31 |

Saint for December, *December 13, Lucy, Virgin and Martyr (d. 304)*

Every little girl named Lucy must bite her tongue in disappointment when she first tries to find out about what there is to know about her patron saint. The older books will have a lengthy paragraph detailing a small number of traditions. Newer books will have a lengthy paragraph showing that there is little basis in history for these traditions. The single fact survives that a disappointed suitor accused Lucy of being a Christian and she was executed in Syracuse (Sicily) in the year 304. But it is also true that her name is mentioned in Eucharistic Prayer I,

geographical places are named after her, a popular song has her name as its title, and down through the centuries many thousands of little girls have been proud of the name Lucy.

One can easily imagine what a young Christian woman had to contend with in pagan Sicily in the year 300. If you have trouble imagining, just glance at today's pleasure-at-all-costs world and the barriers it presents against leading a good Christian life.

Her friends must have wondered aloud about this hero of Lucy's, an obscure itinerant preacher in a far-off captive nation that had been destroyed more than two hundred years before. Once a carpenter, he had been crucified by the Roman soldiers after his own people turned him over to the Roman authorities. Lucy believed with her whole soul that this man had risen from the dead. Heaven had put a stamp on all he said and did. To give witness to her faith, she made a vow of virginity.

What a hubbub this caused among her pagan friends! The kindlier ones just thought her a little strange. To be pure before marriage was an ancient Roman ideal, rarely found but not to be condemned. To exclude marriage altogether, however, was too much. She must have something sinister to hide, the tongues wagged.

Lucy knew of the heroism of earlier virgin martyrs. She remained faithful to their example and to the example of the carpenter, whom she knew to be the Son of God.

Saint for January: *January 17, Raymond of Peñafort, Priest (1173-1275)*

Since Raymond lived into his hundredth year, he had a chance to do many things. As a member of the Spanish nobility, he had the resources and the education to get a good start in life.

By the time he was twenty, he was teaching philosophy. In his early thirties he earned a doctorate in both canon and civil law. At forty-one he became a Dominican. Pope Gregory IX called him to Rome to work for him and to be his confessor. One of the things the pope asked him to do was to gather together all the decrees of popes and councils that had been made in eighty years since a similar collection by Gratian. Raymond compiled five books called the Decretals. They were looked upon as one of the best organized collections of Church law until the 1917 codification of canon law.

Earlier, Raymond had written a book of cases for confessors. It was called *Summa de Casibus Poenitentiae*. More than simply a list of sins and penances, it discussed pertinent doctrines and laws of the Church that pertained to the problem, or case, brought to the confessor.

At the age of sixty, Raymond was appointed archbishop of Tarragona, the capital of Aragon. He didn't like the honor at all and ended up getting sick and resigning in two years.

He didn't get to enjoy his peace long, however, because when he was sixty-three, he was elected by his fellow Dominicans to be the head of the whole order, the successor of St. Dominic. Raymond worked hard, visited on foot all the Dominicans, reorganized their constitutions, and managed to put through a provision that a master general be allowed to resign. When the new constitutions were accepted, Raymond, then sixty-five, resigned.

He still had thirty-five years to oppose heresy and work for the conversion of the Moors in Spain. He convinced St. Thomas Aquinas to write his work *Against the Gentiles*.

In his hundredth year the Lord let Raymond retire.

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:

Deacon Mike Betlisky
 Jose Meza
 Paul Coyne
 Bob Marks
 John Kestel
 Katherine DiMauro, sister of Charlie DiMauro
 Earl Pugh
 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
 Manual Cabrera and his spouse, brother and sister-in-law of Francisco Cabrera

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Editor's Note:

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