

Knights of Columbus

Goleta Valley Council 5300
St. Raphael's Church, Goleta, California
Newsletter
April 2023– May 2023

April 3, 2023	4th Degree Officer's Meeting	Conference Rm. - 7:00 pm
April 3, 2023	3rd Degree Officer's Meeting	Conference Rm. - 7:30 pm
April 9, 2023	Pancake Breakfast- Canceled	
April 9, 2023	Easter	
April 10, 2023	3rd Degree Business Meeting	Parish Hall - 7:00 pm
April 17, 2023	4th Degree Dinner Meeting	Parish Hall - 7:00 pm
May 1, 2023	4th Degree Officer's Meeting	Conference Rm. - 7:00 pm
May 1, 2023	3rd Degree Officer's Meeting	Conference Rm. - 7:30 pm
May 8, 2022	3rd Degree Business Meeting	Parish Hall - 7:00 pm
May 14, 2023	Pancake Breakfast	Parish Hall-8:00-11:00 am
May 15, 2023	4th Degree Dinner Meeting	Parish Hall - 7:00 pm
May 27-28, 2023	Membership Meet and Greet	All Masses - Church

Pancake Breakfast - The pancake breakfast for April has been canceled because that Sunday is Easter.

Fish Fries – Council 5300's Famous Fish Fries have been somewhat successful, despite the setbacks that were experienced due to the rainy weather that always seemed to occur on Friday, discouraging some from attending. Those that did attend had a good time and came away with a full stomach and a smile on their face. Many thanks to the crew that made this event a pleasure to attend. Stayed tuned for our next Fish Fry scheduled to be in October.

Membership Meet and Greet – A membership meet and greet will be after all the Masses on the weekend of May 27th and 28th. A table will be set up in front of the Church and we need fellow Knights to help answer any questions and encourage non-members to join and help us continue the legacy that we have built up for the last 60 years. If you can spare a few minutes after the Mass you attend and help Jack Turney it would be greatly appreciated.

Planned Parent Prayer Vigils - Prayer vigils are still being held most weekday mornings across the street from Planned Parenthood, 518 Garden Street, Santa Barbara. If you can spend an hour on one of those days, plan to spend it in peaceful prayer in front of Planned Parenthood. For more information please call Gisela Cooper at 805 886 3732.

Insurance Agent - Please note that our insurance agent is Anthony G. Rodriguez, 805 328 9788, AnthonyG.Rodriguez@kofc.org.

Up Coming Birthdays:

April		May	
Raymond Hussey	2	Dec. Sergio Lopez	2
Rev. Juan Ruiz	4	Thomas Hanson	2
Nicholas Vitalari	4	Isidro Muro	6
Frank Castelo	12	Albert Moriarty	8
Richard Bilski	19	Ricardo Roberto	12
James Bradbury	21	Frank Pineda	13
David De Ponce	28	Bradford Gosney	17
Augusto Pravia	28	Frank Donohoe	18
		Juan Navarro	24
		Artemio Garcia	25

Saint for April, Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor (1347-1380)

The value Catherine makes central in her short life and which sounds clearly and consistently through her experience is complete surrender to Christ. What is most impressive about her is that she learns to view her surrender to her Lord as a goal to be reached through time.

She was the twenty-third child of Jacopo and Lapa Benincasa and grew up as an intelligent, cheerful, and intensely religious person. Catherine disappointed her mother by cutting off her hair as a protest against being overly encouraged to improve her appearance in order to attract a husband. Her father ordered to be left in peace and she was given a room of her own for prayer and meditation.

She entered the Dominican Third Order at eighteen and spent the next three years in seclusion, prayer, and austerity. Gradually a group of followers gathered around her – men and women, priests, and religious. An active public apostolate grew out of her contemplative life. Her letters, mostly for spiritual instruction and encouragement of her followers, began to take more and more note of public affairs. Opposition and slander resulted from her mixing fearlessly with the world and speaking with the candor and authority of one completely committed to Christ. She was cleared of all charges at the Dominican General Chapter of 1374.

Her public influence reached great heights because of her evident holiness, her membership in the Dominican Third Order, and the deep impression she made on the pope. She worked tirelessly for the crusade against the Turks and for peace between Florence and the pope.

In 1378, the Great Schism began, splitting the allegiance of Christendom between two, then three popes and putting even saints on opposing sides. Catherine spent the last two years of her life in Rome, in prayer and pleading on behalf of the cause of Urban VI and the unity of the Church. She offered herself as a victim for the Church in its agony. She died surrounded by her “children” and was canonized in 1461.

Catherine ranks high among the mystics and spiritual writers of the Church. In 1939 she and Francis of Assisi were declared co-patrons of Italy. Paul VI named her and Teresa of Avila as Doctors of the Church in 1970. Her spiritual testament is found in *The Dialogue*.

Saint for May: *Damien de Veuster of Molokai. Priest (1840-1889)*

When Joseph de Veuster was born in Tremelo, Belgium, in 1840, few people in Europe had any firsthand knowledge of leprosy (Hansen's disease). By the time he died at the age of forty-nine, people all over the world knew about this disease because of him. They knew that human compassion could soften the ravages of this disease.

Forced to quit school at the age of thirteen to work on the family farm, six years later Joseph entered the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, taking the name of a fourth-century physician and martyr. When his brother Pamphile, a priest in the same congregation, fell ill and was unable to go to the Hawaiian Islands as assigned, Damien quickly volunteered to go in his place. In May 1864, two months after arriving in his new mission, Damien was ordained a priest in Honolulu and assigned to the island of Hawaii.

In 1873, he went to the Hawaiian government's leper colony on the island of Molokai, set up seven years earlier. Part of the team of four chaplains taking that assignment for three months each year, Damien soon volunteered to remain permanently, caring for the people's physical, medical and spiritual needs. In time, he became their most effective advocate to obtain promised government support.

Soon the settlement had new houses and a new church, school and orphanage. Morale improved considerable. A few years later he succeeded in getting the Franciscan Sisters of Syracuse, led by Blessed Marianne Cope (January 23) to help staff this colony in Kalaupapa.

Damien contracted Hansen's disease and died of its complications. As requested, he was buried in Kalaupapa, but in 1936 the Belgian government succeeded in having his body buried in Belgium. Part of Damien's body was returned to his beloved Hawaiian brothers and sisters after his beatification in 1995. He was canonized in 2009.

When Hawaii became a state in 1959, it selected Damien's image as one of the two representatives in the Statuary Hall at the U.S. Capital.

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:

The repose of the soul of John Kestel

Dan Feeney

Richard David Cabrera, nephew of Francisco Cabrera

Frank and Fran Diani

Jose Meza

Bob Marks

Paul Coyne

Ginny Scholl, spouse of Rich Scholl

Katherine DiMauro, sister of Charlie DiMauro

Helen Mudugno (wife of Ralph Mudugno)

Earl Pugh

Carol McLafferty (widow of PGK Bill McLafferty)
 Teresa Barrier, wife of SK Ed Barrier
 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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