

# Knights of Columbus

Goleta Valley Council 5300  
St. Raphael's Church, Goleta, California  
Newsletter  
June 2023– July 2023

June 5, 2023	4th Degree Officer's Meeting	Conference Rm. - 7:00 pm
June 5, 2023	3rd Degree Officer's Meeting	Conference Rm. - 7:30 pm
June 11, 2023	Pancake Breakfast	Parish Hall-8:00-11:00 am
June 12, 2023	3rd Degree Business Meeting	Parish Hall - 7:00 pm
June 19, 2023	4th Degree Dinner Meeting	Parish Hall - 7:00 pm
July 3, 2023	4th Degree Officer's Meeting	Conference Rm. - 7:00 pm
July 3, 2023	3rd Degree Officer's Meeting	Conference Rm. - 7:30 pm
July 9, 2022	Pancake Breakfast	Parish Hall-8:00-11:00 am
July 10, 2023	3rd Degree Business Meeting	Parish Hall - 7:00 pm
July 15, 2023	Pre-Fiesta Dinner	Parish Hall -6:00 –9:00 pm
July 17, 2023	4th Degree Dinner Meeting	Parish Hall - 7:00 pm
July 29-30, 2023	Membership Meet and Greet	All Masses - Church

**Pre-Fiesta Dinner** – Council 5300 will be sponsoring a pre-fiesta dinner for the Parish on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Last year's dinner was such a success that we plan to make it even better. The main dish will be chicken enchiladas with the typical side dishes and dessert. Cost has yet to be determined. Entertainment will be supplied by the Jr. and Sr. Spirits and the runner ups in this year's Spirit contest. Also, the dance group that we had last year will perform some of the traditional folk dances from Mexico. Mark your calendars for this fun event. Ticket sales will be limited due to the popularity, and as soon as they are available for purchase we will let you know. Get your Fiesta wardrobe together for this special evening!!

**Membership Meet and Greet** – A membership meet and greet will be after all the Masses on the weekend of July 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. 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:**

<b>June</b>		<b>July</b>	
Ed Liecht	1	David Fedorko	5
Ronald Guilliams	3	Joe Kovach	8
Fredrick Lopez	5	Chris Arnoult	10
Terrence Bonham	8	Robert Marks	15
Al Meckelborg	8	Mauricio Cuevas	18
Wilbur Barry	10	Juan Morales	19
Mark McClintock	10	James Bonsell	20
Mark Vampola	10	Re. Tomas Elis	22
Michael Symanski	15	Patrick Donohoe	24
Rev. John Stoeger	19		
William Thorpe	20		

**Saint for June, *Boniface, Bishop and Martyr, June 5 ( 672?-754)***

Boniface, known as the apostle of the Germans, was an English Benedictine monk who gave up being elected abbot to devote his life to the conversion of the Germanic tribes. Two characteristics stand out: his Christian orthodoxy and fidelity to the pope of Rome.

How absolutely necessary this orthodoxy and fidelity were is borne out by the conditions he found on his first missionary journey in 719 at the request of Pope Gregory II. Paganism was a way of life. What Christianity he did find had either lapsed into paganism or was mixed with error. The clergy were mainly responsible for these latter conditions since they were, in many instances, lax and questionably obedient to their bishops. In particular instances, their very ordination was questionable.

These are the conditions that Boniface was to report in 722 on his first return visit to Rome. The Holy Father instructed him to reform the German church. The pope sent letters of recommendation to religious and civil leaders. Boniface later admitted that his work would have been unsuccessful, from a human viewpoint, without a letter of safe conduct from Charles Martel, the powerful Frankish ruler, grandfather of Charlemagne. Boniface was finally made a regional bishop and authorized to organize the whole German church. He was eminently successful.

In the Frankish kingdom, he met great problems because of the lay interference in bishop elections, the worldliness of the clergy, and lack of papal control.

During the final mission to the Frisians, he and fifty-three companions were massacred while he was preparing converts for confirmation.

In order to restore the Germanic church to its fidelity to Rome and to convert the pagans, he had been guided by two principles. The first was to restore the obedience of the clergy to their bishops in union with the pope of Rome. The second was the establishment of many houses of prayer, which took the form of Benedictine monasteries. A great number of Anglo-Saxon monks and nuns followed him to the continent. He introduced Benedictine nuns to the active apostolate education.

**Saint for July: *Benedict. Abbot, July 11 (480?-543)***

It is unfortunate that no contemporary biography was written of a man who has exercised the greatest influence on monasticism in the West. Benedict is well recognized in the later Dialogues of St. Gregory (September 3), but these are sketches to illustrate miraculous elements of his career.

Benedict was born of a distinguished family in central Italy, studied at Rome, and, early in life, was drawn to monastic life. At first he became a hermit, leaving a depressing world—with pagan armies on the march, the Church torn by schism, people suffering from war, and morality at a low ebb.

He soon realized that he could not live a hidden life in a small town any better than in a large city, so he withdrew to a cave high in the mountains for three years. Some monks chose him as their leader for a while, but found his strictness not to their taste. Still, the shift from hermit to community life had begun for him. He had an idea of gathering various families of monks into one “grand monastery” to give them the benefit of unity, fraternity, permanent worship in one house. Finally he began to build what was to become one of the most famous monasteries in the world—Monte Cassino, commanding three narrow valleys running toward the mountains north of Naples,

The Rule that he gradually developed prescribed a life of liturgical prayer, study, manual labor, and living together in community under a common father (abbot). Benedictine asceticism is known for its moderation, and Benedictine charity has always shown concern for the people in the surrounding countryside. In the course of the Middle Ages, all monasticism in the West was gradually brought under the Rule of St. Benedict.

The feast of Benedict’s sister, Scholastica, is celebrated February 10.

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 Cheryl Vampola, sister-in-law of Mark Vampola

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

Norma DiMauro, grandmother 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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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](http://www.kc5300.org) .

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