

Knights of Columbus

Goleta Valley Council 5300
St. Raphael's Church, Goleta, California
Newsletter
April/May 2024

He has Risen – Have a Blessed Easter

April 1, 2024	4th Degree Officer's Meeting	Conference Rm. - 7:00 pm
April 1, 2024	3rd Degree Officer's Meeting	Conference Rm. - 7:30 pm
April 8, 2024	3rd Degree Business Meeting	Parish Hall - 7:00 pm
April 14, 2024	Pancake Breakfast/Blood Drive	Parish Hall-8:00-11:00 am
April 15, 2024	4 th Degree Business/Dinner Mtg.	Parish Hall - 7:00 pm
April 19, 2024	Wm. McLafferty Golf Tournament	Santa Barbara Golf Club Check-in 11:00 am
May 6, 2024	4th Degree Officer's Meeting	Conference Rm. - 7:00 pm
May 6, 2024	3rd Degree Officer's Meeting	Conference Rm. - 7:30 pm
May 12, 2024	Pancake Breakfast	Parish Hall-8:00-11:00 am
May 13, 2024	3rd Degree Business Meeting	Parish Hall - 7:00 pm
May 20, 2024	4th Degree Business Meeting	Parish Hall - 7:00 pm

From Mother Teresa's book *Do Something Beautiful for God*, April 5

We have been created to love and to be loved, and God has become man to make it possible for us to love as he has loved us. He makes Himself the hungry one, the naked one, the homeless one, the sick one, the one in prison, the lonely one, the unwanted one.....

Pancake Breakfast - The Council 5300 pancake breakfasts are typically held on the 2nd Sunday of each month and the next one is on April 14th. These are one of our major fund raisers, helping to support our philanthropic efforts to the ministries of the Parish.

It should be mentioned here that the Santa Cruz Market, the major contributor of food for the pancake breakfasts, Fish Frys and dinners for many decades has been sold. Santa Cruz Market has been selling to us at a substantial discount, or no charge, for which we are praying will continue with the new owners. Many heartfelt thanks to the Modugno family for their support over the years. Their contribution of the years has been immense.

Santa Barbara County Vietnam Veterans Association, Santa Barbara Chapter, Raffle – The Junipero Serra Assembly 044 of the Knights of Columbus, 4th Degree, raffle that was held at the first Fish Fry dinner netted \$2350 for the local Santa Barbara chapter of the Vietnam Veterans. Good job, Charlie, for organizing this event.

Bill McLafferty Memorial Golf Tournament – Mark your calendar, the Bill McLafferty Golf Tournament is being planned to happen on Friday, April 19th. The monies for this tournament is for the benefit of the St. Raphael’s School Scholarship program. All monies collected will go directly to the school. Your help is needed for the planning and execution of this important event. For more information and offer of help, contact DGK Ron Guilliams at 951-522-4999.

Polling Place Workers – The Knights of Columbus, Council 5300 and Assembly 044, worked the recent primary election at the St. Raphael’s Parish Hall and kudos are in order for those that participated to make it go smooth without any glitches. The monies we receive from the Santa Barbara County Elections Office will be used for our charitable donations.

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 – The Ron Sandoval Insurance Agency is currently the agency covering the Santa Barbara/Goleta area. Until a Field Agent is assigned to our area, the contact is Ron Sandoval, (626) 510 6262). I have just learned that our former Field Agent, Anthony Rodriguez has offered his services until a Field Agent is assigned. He can be contacted at 805-328-9788, or AnthonyG.Rodriguez@kofc.org

Up Coming Birthdays:

April		May	
Raymond Hussey	2	Sergio Lopez	2
Rev. Juan Ruiz	4	Thomas Hanson	2
Nicholas Vitalari	4	Kevin Daniels	5
Frank Castelo	12	Albert Moriarty	8
Richard Bilski	19	Ricardo Roberto	12
James Bradbury	21	Frank Pineda	13
William Finck	22	Bradford Gosney	17
David De Ponce	28	Frank Donohoe	18
Augusto Pravia	28	Juan Navarro	24
		Artemio Garcia	25

Saint for February, *Vincent Ferrer, Priest, (1350?-1419), April 5*

The polarization in the Church today is a mild breeze compared with the tornado that ripped the Church apart during the lifetime of this saint. If any saint is a patron of reconciliation, Vincent Ferrer is.

Despite parental opposition, at nineteen he entered the Dominican Order in his native Spain. After brilliant studies, he was ordained a priest Cardinal Peter de Luna-who would figure tragically in his life.

Of a very ardent nature, Vincent practiced the austerities of his order with great energy. He was chosen prior of the Dominican house in Valencia shortly after his ordination. The Western Schism divided Christianity first between two, then three, popes. Clement VII lived at Avignon in France, Urban VI in Rome. Vincent was convinced the election of Urban was invalid (though Catherine of Siena [April 29] was equally as devoted a supporter of the Roman pope). In the service of Cardinal de Luna, Vincent worked to persuade Spaniards to follow Clement. When Clement died, Cardinal de Luna was elected in Avignon in 1394 and became Benedict XIII.

Vincent worked for him as apostolic penitentiary and Master of the Sacred Palace. But the new pope did not resign as all candidates in the conclave in Avignon in 1394 had sworn to do. He remained stubborn despite being deserted by the French king and nearly all of the cardinals. Vincent became disillusioned and very ill, but finally took up the work of simply “going through the world preaching Christ,” though he felt that any renewal in the Church depended on healing the schism. An eloquent and fiery preacher, he spent the last twenty years of his life spreading the good news in Spain, France, Switzerland, and Low Countries, and Lombardy, stressing the need of repentance and the fear of coming judgement. (He became known as the “Angel of the Judgement”)

He tried, unsuccessfully, in 1408 and 1415, to persuade his former friend to resign. He finally concluded that Benedict was not the true pope. Though very ill, he mounted the pulpit before an assembly over which Benedict himself was presiding and thundered his denunciation of the man who had ordained him as a priest. Benedict fled for his life, abandoned by those who had formally supported him. Strangely, Vincent had no part in the Council of Constance, which ended the schism.

Saint for May : *Bernadine of Siena, Priest (1380-1444), May 20*

Most of the saints suffer great personal opposition, even persecution. Bernadine, by contrast, seems more like a human dynamo who simply took on the needs of the world.

He was the greatest preacher of his time, journeying across Italy, calming strife-torn cities, attacking the paganism he found rampant, attracting crowds of thirty thousand, following St. Francis’s admonition to preach about “vice and virtue, punishment and glory.”

Compared with St. Paul by the pope, Bernadine had a keen intuition of the needs of the time, along with solid holiness and boundless energy and joy. He accomplished all this despite having a very weak and hoarse voice, miraculously improved later because of his devotion to Mary.

When he was twenty, the plague was at its height in his hometown, Siena. Sometimes as many as twenty people died in one day at the hospital. Bernadine offered to run the hospital and, with the help of other young men, nursed patients there for four months. He escaped the plague but was so exhausted that a fever confined him for several months. He spent another year caring for a beloved aunt (her parents had died when he was a child) and at her death began to fast and pray to know God’s will for him.

At twenty-two, he entered the Franciscan Order and was ordained two years later. For almost a dozen years he lived in solitude and prayer, but his gifts ultimately caused him to be sent to preach. He always traveled on foot, sometimes speaking for hours in one place, then doing the same in another town.

Especially known for his devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus, Bernadine devised a symbol – HIS, the first three letters of Jesus in Greek, in Gothic letters on a blazing sun. This was to displace the superstitious symbols of the day, as well as the insignia of factions (for example, of the warring Guelphs and Ghibellines). The devotion spread, and the symbol began to appear in

churches, homes, and public buildings. Opposition arose from those who thought it a dangerous innovation. Three attempts were made to have the pope take action against him, but Bernadine's holiness, orthodoxy, and intelligence were evidence of his faithfulness.

General of the branch of the Franciscan Order, the Friars of the Strict Observance, he strongly emphasized scholarship and further study of theology and canon law. When he started there were three hundred friars in the community, when he died there were four thousand. He returned to preaching the last two years of his life, dying while traveling.

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:

Patricia Puerling, wife of Tom Puerling

John Bravo

Paul (Friend of Rich Scholl)

Jack Chard (friend of Nick Mina)

Dan Feeney with a serious medical condition

Richard David Cabrera, nephew of Francisco Cabrera

Frank and Fran Diani

Jose Meza and wife Maria

Bob Marks

Ginny Scholl, spouse of Rich Scholl

Catherine 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)

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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