

Knights of Columbus

Goleta Valley Council 5300
St. Raphael's Church, Goleta, California
Newsletter
December 2025/January 2025

December 2, 2024	3 rd & 4th Degree Officer's Mtg.	Conference Rm. - 7:00 pm
December 8, 2024	Pancake Breakfast CANCELED	
December 9, 2024	3rd Degree Business Meeting	Parish Hall - 7:00 pm
December 14, 2024	Council Christmas Dinner	Parish Hall - 6:00-9:00 pm
December 16, 2024	4 th Degree Mtg. CANCELED	
December 25, 2024	CHRISTMAS	
January 1, 2025	NEW YEARS DAY	
January 6, 2025	3 rd & 4th Degree Officer's Mtg.	Conference Rm. - 7:00 pm
January 12, 2025	Pancake Breakfast	
January 13, 2025	3rd Degree Business Meeting	Parish Hall - 7:00 pm
January 20, 2025	4th Degree Business Meeting	Parish Hall - 7:00 pm

From Mother Teresa's book *Do Something Beautiful for God, January 4*

We need to find God, and He cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence, see how nature---trees, flowers, grass---grows in silence, see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence... We need silence to be able to touch souls.

Council 5300 Website – The Council 5300 website has been newly updated to include news of upcoming events and pictures of recent events. You are encouraged to place it on your regular “To Check List” to keep up with the happenings of the Council. The connection is www.kc5300.org

NOTE: Future Dinner Events – Dinners to be held for the Parish, members and widows will require prepaid tickets, or in the case of widows and religious, complimentary tickets to be admitted. There will be no more reservations, or tickets, sold at the door. If you plan to come, you must have a ticket. No ticket, no meal.

Council 5300 Christmas Party – Council 5300 and Assy 044 (4th Degree) will have their Christmas party on December 14th, starting at 6:00 pm, in the Parish Hall. This year's event will have a band to provide the entertainment. Chefs Jim Bradbury and Ron Guilliams will have a choice of tri-tip and planked salmon for the main course. The cost is \$25 dollars per person and tickets must be purchased, or obtained (in the case of the widows) in advance. Tri-tip, or salmon, are to be selected at when the tickets are obtained. Semi-formal dressed is encouraged, 4th

degree members in “dress uniform” would be nice. Tickets are now available from Mark Vampola, 805 708 2631, Ron Guilliams 951 522 4999, and Chris Arnoult 805 252 0971.

Pancake Breakfast - The Council 5300 pancake breakfasts are typically held on the 2nd Sunday of each month and the next one is on January 12th. These are one of our major fund raisers, helping to support our philanthropic efforts to the ministries of the Parish.

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. The latest field agent servicing this area is: Jehan Fernando, FICF, telephone number 805-231-3675. His email address is Jehan.fernando@kofc.org.

Up Coming Birthdays:

December		January	
John Tevenan	1	Jim Neary	1
Msgr. Stephen Downes	8	Jose Meza	2
Paul Coyne	9	Rev. Jeffery Newell	3
Joseph Bauer	22	Daniel Johansen	3
Ruben Perez	24	Jery Nespor	6
Jesus	25	Frank Diani	16
Joseph Peña	28	James McCann	25
Roy Hapeman	29	John Meagher	29
		Jose Borrayo	31

Saint for December, Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor (1521-1597), December 21

The energetic life of Peter Canisius should demolish any stereotypes we may have of the life of a saint as dull or routine. Peter lived his 76 years at a pace which must be considered heroic, even in our time of rapid change. A man blessed with many talents, Peter is an excellent example of the scriptural man who develops his talents for the sake of the Lord’s work.

He was one of the most important figures in the Catholic Reformation in Germany. His was such a key role that he has often been called the “second apostle of Germany” in that his life parallels the earlier work of Boniface (June 5).

Although Peter once accused himself of idleness in his youth, he could not have been idle for too long, for at the age of nineteen he received a master’s degree in from the University of Cologne. Soon afterward he met Peter Faber, the first disciple of Ignatius Loyola (July 31), who influenced Peter so much that he joined the recently formed Society of Jesus.

At this early age Peter had already taken up a practice he continued throughout his life-a process of study, reflection, prayer, and writing. After his ordination in 1546, He became widely known for his editions of the writings of St. Cyril of Alexandria (June 27) and St. Leo the Great (November 10). Besides this reflective literary bent, Peter had a zeal for the apostolate. He

could often be found visiting the sick, or prisoners, even when his assigned duties in other areas were more than enough to keep most people fully occupied.

In 1547 Peter attended several sessions of the Council of Trent, whose decrees he was later assigned to implement. After a brief teaching assignment at the Jesuit college at Messina, Peter was entrusted with the mission to Germany- from that point on his life's work. He taught in several universities and was instrumental in establishing many colleges and seminaries. He wrote a catechism that explained the Catholic faith in a way that common people could understand-a great need of that age.

Renowned as a popular preacher, Peter packed churches with those eager to hear his eloquent proclamation of the Gospel. He had great diplomatic ability, often serving as a reconciler between disputing factions. In his letters (filling eight volumes), one finds words of wisdom and counsel to people in all walks of life. At times he wrote unprecedented letters of criticism to the leader of the Church= yet always in the context of a loving, sympathetic concern.

At seventy Peter suffered a paralytic seizure; but he continued to preach and write with the aid of a secretary until his death in his hometown (Nijmegen, the Netherlands) on December 21, 1597.

Saint for January : *Vincent, Deacon and Martyr (d.304), January 22*

When Jesus deliberately began his journey to death, Luke says that he "set his face" to go to Jerusalem. It is this quality of rocklike courage that distinguishes the martyrs.

Most of what we know about this saint comes from the poet Prudentius. His Acts have been rather freely colored by the imagination of their compiler. But St. Augustine, in one of his sermons on St. Vincent, speaks of having the Acts of his martyrdom before him. We are at least sure of his name, his being a deacon, and the place of his death and burial.

According to the story we have (and as with some of the other early martyrs the unusual devotion he inspired must have had a basis in a very heroic life), Vincent was ordained a deacon by his friend St. Valerius of Zaragoza in Spain. The Roman emperors had published their edicts against the clergy in 303, and the following year against the laity. Vincent and his bishop were imprisoned in Valencia. Hunger and torture failed to break them. Like the youths in the fiery furnace (Daniel 3), they seemed to thrive on suffering.

Valerius was sent into exile, and Dacian, the Roman governor, now turned the full force of his fury on Vincent. Tortures that sound very modern were tried. But their main effect was the progressive disintegration of Dacian himself. He had the torturers beaten because they failed.

Finally he suggested a compromise. Would Vincent give up the sacred books to be burned according to the emperor's edict. He would not. Torture on the gridiron continued, the prisoner remaining courageous, the torturer losing control of himself. Vincent was thrown into a filthy prison cell---and converted the jailer. Dacian wept with rage but, strangely enough, ordered the prisoner to be given some rest.

Friends among the faithful that came to visit him, but he was to have no earthly rest. When they finally settled him on a comfortable bed, he went to his Eternal rest.

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:

Patrick Donohoe who is starting on a regime of chemotherapy
 Jack Chard (friend of Nicholas Mina)
 John Giordano
 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)
 Sr. Teresa Meza, sister of SK Jose Meza
 SK Jose Meza's wife, Maria
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