

Knights of Columbus

Goleta Valley Council 5300
St. Raphael's Church, Goleta, California
Newsletter
April/May 2025

He has Risen – Have a Blessed Easter

April 4, 2025	Fish Fry Dinner	Parish Hall – 6 - 8 pm
April 7, 2025	3 rd & 4th Degree Officer's Mtg.	Conference Rm. - 7:00 pm
April 11, 2025	Fish Fry Dinner	Parish Hall – 6 - 8 pm
April 14, 2025	3rd Degree Business Meeting	Parish Hall - 7:00 pm
April 13, 2025	Pancake Breakfast/CANCELED	
April 20, 2025	<u>Easter</u>	
April 21, 2025	4 th Degree Business/Dinner Mtg.	Parish Hall - 7:00 pm
May 5, 2025	3 rd & 4th Degree Officer's Mtg.	Conference Rm. - 7:00 pm
May 11, 2025	Pancake Breakfast/Blood Drive	Parish Hall-8:00-11:00 am
May 12, 2025	3rd Degree Business Meeting	Parish Hall - 7:00 pm
May 19, 2025	4th Deg. Bus. Mtg. Canceled	Parish Hall - 7:00 pm
May 19, 2025	Potential Member Dinner	Parish Hall – 6 – 8 pm

From Mother Teresa's book *Do Something Beautiful for God*, April 19

My secret is very simple: I pray. Through prayer I become one in the love of Christ. I realize that praying to Him is loving Him.

New Member Welcome – Michael Mina has recently joined the Knights of Columbus and our Council. He is the father of our Lecturer, Nicholas Mina, and we are very pleased to have him join our merry band of brothers.

Pancake Breakfast - The Council 5300 pancake breakfasts are typically held on the 2nd Sunday of each month. The one for April has been canceled. The pancake breakfast for May will be on May 11th. These are one of our major fund raisers, helping to support our philanthropic efforts to the ministries of the Parish.

The May 11th pancake breakfast will include a Blood Drive. Blood Drive donors will receive a free breakfast, courtesy of the Knights. Blood Drive Coordinator, Bill Finck (805 705-7737), will need some help signing up potential donors after all Masses on May 4/5. If you can spare a moment after the Mass that you attend to lend a hand, stop by table in front of the church

Potential Member Information Dinner -Council 5300 is sponsoring a informational dinner for potential Knights of Columbus members, and spouses, on Monday, May 19th. The purpose of the dinner/meeting is to explain what the benefits of being a Knight is to the family. The dinner will include talks from our Insurance Agent, a video of Maria and Francisco Cabrera, in Spanish, telling how they have benefitted from being part of the Knights, a talk from inspirational speaker, Jose Pulido. If you know of somebody that would be a good fit for the Knights, please suggest to them to attend this dinner/meeting. The cost to them would be zero \$'s. More details will be found in bulletins stuffed in to the parish bulletin for 3 weeks prior to the event.

The 4th Degree dinner meeting will be canceled and replaced with this important function.

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:

April		May	
Raymond Hussey	2	Sergio Lopez	2
Rev. Juan Ruiz	4	Thomas Hanson	2
Nicholas Vitalari	4	Ron Tomasini	3
Frank Castelo	12	Kevin Daniels	5
Richard Bilski	19	Albert Moriarty	8
James Bradbury	21	Ricardo Roberto	12
William Finck	22	Frank Pineda	13
David De Ponce	28	Bradford Gosney	17
Augusto Pravia	28	Frank Donohoe	18
		Juan Navarro	24

Saint for April, *Anselm, Bishop and Doctor (1033-1109) April 21*

Indifferent toward religion as a young man, Anselm became one of the Church's greatest theologians and leaders. He received the title of "Father of Scholasticism" for attempt to analyze and illumine the truths of faith through the aid of reason.

At fifteen, Anselm wanted to enter a monastery, but was refused acceptance because of his father's opposition. Twelve years later, after years of disinterest in religion and years of worldly living, he finally fulfilled his desire to become a monk. He entered the monastery of Bec in Normandy, three years later was elected prior, and fifteen years later was unanimously chosen abbot.

Considered an original and independent thinker, Anselm was admired for his patience, gentleness, and teaching skill. Under his leadership, the abbey of Bec became a monastic school, influential in philosophical and theological studies.

During these years, at the community's request, Anselm began publishing his theological works, comparable to those of St. Augustine (August 28). Anselm's best known work is the book *Cur Deus Homo* ("Why God Became Man").

At sixty, against his will, Anselm was appointed archbishop of Canterbury in 1093. His appointment was opposed at first by England's King William Rufus and later accepted. Rufus persistently refused to cooperate with efforts to reform the Church.

Anselm finally went into voluntary exile until Rufus died in 1100. He was then recalled England by Rufus's brother and successor, Henry I. Disagreeing fearlessly with Henry over the King's insistence on investing England's bishops, Anselm spent another three years in exile in Rome.

His care and concern extended to the very poorest people; he opposed the slave trade. Anselm obtained from the national council at Westminster the passage of a resolution prohibiting the sale of human beings.

Saint for May : *Rita of Cascia, Wife, Mother, Religious (1381-1457), May 22*

Like Elizabeth Ann Seton (January 4), Rita of Cascia was a wife, mother, and member of a religious community. Her holiness was reflected in each phase of her life.

Born at Roccaporena in central Italy, Rita wanted to become a nun but was pressured at a young age into marrying a harsh and cruel man. During her eighteen-year marriage, she bore and raised two sons. After her husband was killed in a brawl and her sons had died, Rita tried to join the Augustinian nuns in Cascia. Unsuccessful at first because she was a widow, Rita eventually succeeded.

Over the years, her austerity, prayerfulness, and charity became famous. When she developed wounds on her forehead, people quickly associated them with the wounds from Christ's crown of thorns. She meditated frequently on Christ's passion. Her care for the sick nuns was legendary. She also counseled laypeople who came to her monastery.

Beatified in 1626, Rita was not canonized until 1900. She has acquired the reputation, together with St. Jude, as a saint of impossible cases. Many people visit her tomb each year.

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:

Repose of the soul of Robert Shull who passed on to his Eternal Reward last June.

Repose of the soul of Refugio Cabrera, brother of Francisco Cabrera, who recently passed on to his Eternal Reward

Patrick Donohoe

Richard David Cabrera, nephew of Francisco Cabrera

Frank and Fran Diani

Jose Meza and wife Maria

Bob Marks

Ginny Scholl, spouse of Rich Scholl

Ricg Scholl's daughter, Erin, who is having some medical issues.

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
 Elaine McNamara, recovering from a recent fall
 Longtime Sacristan Marie Lundfeldt

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Editor's Note – Sorry for the delay in publishing..."a senior moment"