

Knights of Columbus

Goleta Valley Council 5300
St. Raphael's Church, Goleta, California
Newsletter
June 2026/July 2026

June 1, 2026	3 rd & 4th Degree Officer's Mtg.	Conference Rm. - 7:00 pm
June 7, 2026	Pancake Breakfast	Parish Hall - 9:00-11:00 am
June 8, 2026	3rd Degree Business Meeting	Parish Hall - 7:00 pm
June 15, 2026	4 th Degree Dinner Meeting	Parish Hall - 7:00 pm
July 6, 2026	3 rd & 4th Degree Officer's Mtg.	Conference Rm. - 7:00 pm
July 12, 2026	Pancake Breakfast	Parish Hall - 9:00-11:00 am
July 13, 2026	3rd Degree Business Meeting	Parish Hall - 7:00 pm
July 18, 2026	Pre-Fiesta Dinner	Parish Hall - 7:00 pm
July 20, 2026	4th Degree Business Meeting	Parish Hall - 7:00 pm

From Mother Teresa's book *Do Something Beautiful for God, July 22*

Be kind and merciful. Let no one ever come to you without coming away better and happier. Be a living expression of God's kindness.

Pancake Breakfast - The Council 5300 pancake breakfasts are typically held on the 2nd Sunday of each month and the next ones are on June 7th and July 12th. The pancake breakfasts are one of our major fund raisers, helping to support our philanthropic efforts to the ministries of the Parish.

Pre Fiesta Dinner - This year the annual Pre Fiesta dinner will be on Saturday, July 18th, in the Parish Hall. Be sure to mark your calendar to attend this very popular event. Seating will be limited, as in the past, the Parish Hall has been filled to capacity. The menu at this writing will be the same as last year, chicken enchiladas and all the trimmings. The cost will be \$25 and tickets will be available from Mark Vampola (805 708 2631) and Ron Williams (951 522 4999). You must have a ticket to attend and have a meal. For entertainment there will be the Junior and Senior Spirits to perform and other dancing groups to round out the evening. Be sure to get your ticket before coming, insuring that there will be a meal for you.

Planned Parent Prayer Vigils - A Catholic group of people, organized by Cindy Hagon, are having prayer vigils on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 10:00 to 11:00 am across the street from Planned Parenthood, 518 Garden Street, Santa Barbara. If you can spend an hour on one of those days praying the Holy Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, plan to spend it in the

company of other parishioners in front of Planned Parenthood. For more information please call Cindy Hagen at 805-636-5950.

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:

June		July	
James Renick	1	David Fedorko	5
Ronald Guilliams	3	Joe Kovach	8
Fredrick Lopez	5	Chris Arnoult	10
Terrence Bonham	8	Robert Marks	15
Wilbur Barry	10	Mauricio Cuevas	18
Mark Vampola	10	James Bonsell	20
Martin Leon	11	Rev. Tomas Elis	22
Michael Symanski	15	Paul Schlinginseipen	24
Rev. John Stoeger	19	Patrick Donohoe	24
William Thorpe	20	John Dutcher	29
Angel Silva	28		
Michael Mina	28		

Saint for June: *Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor, (1195-1231) June 13*

The Gospel call to leave everything and follow Christ was the rule of Anthony's life. Over and over again God called him to do something new in his plan. Every time, Anthony responded with renewed zeal and self-sacrificing to serve his Lord Jesus more completely.

His journey began when as a young man he decided to join the Augustinians in Lisbon, giving up a future of wealth and power to be a servant of God. Later, when the bodies of the first Franciscan martyrs went through the Portuguese city where he was stationed, he was again filled an intense longing to be one of those closest to Jesus himself: those who die for the Good news.

So Anthony entered the Franciscan Order and set out to preach to the Moors. But an illness prevented him achieving that goal. He went to Italy and was stationed in a small hermitage where he spent most of his time praying, reading the Scriptures, and doing menial tasks.

The call of God came again at an ordination where no one was prepared to speak. The humble and obedient Anthony hesitantly accepted the task. The years of searching for Jesus in prayer, of reading sacred Scripture, and of serving him in poverty, chastity, and obedience had prepared Anthony to allow the Spirit to use his talents. Anthony's sermon was astounding to those who expected an unprepared speech and knew not the Spirit's power to give people words.

Recognized as a great man of prayer and a great Scripture and theology scholar, Anthony became the first friar to teach theology to other friars. Soon he was called from that post to preach to the Albigensians in France, using his profound knowledge of Scripture and theology to convert and reassure those who had been misled by their denial of Christ's humanity and of the sacraments.

After he had led the friars in northern Italy for three years, Anthony made his headquarters in the city of Padua. He resumed his preaching and began writing sermon notes to help other preachers. In the spring of 1231, Anthony withdrew to a friary at Composampiero where he had sort of a treehouse built as a hermitage. There he prayed and prepared for his death. On June 13 he became very ill and asked to be taken back to Padua. He was canonized less than a year later and named a Doctor of the Church in 1946.

Saint for July, Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin (1656-1680), July 14

The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church. Nine years after Jesuits Isaac Jogues and Jean de Brébeuf (October 19) were killed by Iroquois warriors, a baby girl was born near the place of their martyrdom, Auriesville, New York. Her mother was a Christian Algonquin, taken captive by the Iroquois and given as a wife to the chief of the Mohawk clan, the boldest and fiercest of the Five Nations. Kateri lost her parents and little brother in a smallpox epidemic that left her disfigured and half blind. She was adopted by an uncle, who succeeded her father as chief. He hated the coming of the Blackrobes (Jesuit missionaries), but could do nothing against them because a peace treaty with the French required their presence in villages with Christian captives. She was moved by the words of three Blackrobes who lodged with her uncle, but fear of him kept her from seeking instruction. She refused to marry a Mohawk man and at nineteen finally had the courage to take the step of converting. She was baptized with the name Kateri (Catherine) on Easter Sunday.

Now she would be treated as a slave. Because she would not work on Sunday, she received no food that day. Her life in grace grew rapidly. She told a missionary that she often meditated on the great dignity of being baptized. She was powerfully moved by God's love for human beings and saw the dignity of each of her people. She was always in danger, for her conversion and holy life created great opposition. On the advice of a priest, she stole away one night and began a two-hundred-mile walking journey to a Christian Native American village at Sault St. Louis, near Montreal.

For three years she grew in holiness under the direction of a priest and an older Iroquois woman, giving herself totally to God in long hours of prayer, in charity, and in strenuous penance. At twenty-three, she took the vow of virginity, an un-precedented act for a Native American woman, whose future depended upon being married. She found a place in the woods where she could pray an hour a day---and was accused of meeting a man there! Her dedication to virginity was instinctive: She did not know about religious life for women until she visited Montreal. Inspired by this, she and two friends wanted to start a community, but the local priest dissuaded her. She humbly accepted an "ordinary" life. She practiced severe fasting as penance for the conversion of her nation. She died the afternoon before Holy Thursday. Witnesses said her emaciated face changed color and became like that of healthy child. The lines of suffering, even the pockmarks, disappeared, and the hint of a smile came upon her lips. She was beatified in 1980 and canonized in 2012.

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:

Frank and Cay Donohoe
Michael Mina and his wife Diana Mina
Jose Meza and wife Maria
Bob and Cecelia Marks
Rich Scholl's wife, Ginny
Rich Scholl's daughter, Erin, who is receiving treatment for Stage 4 Lymphoma cancer.
Catherine DiMauro, sister of Charlie DiMauro
Marie DiMauro, mother of Charlie DiMauro
Troy Hill, brother-in-law of Ron Guilliams
Earl Pugh
Paul Coyne
Sr. Teresa Meza, sister of SK Jose Meza
Marie Lundfelt
Paul Curzan
Catalino Valenzuela
Charlie Mohammed's brother Steve and wife Nuchie and niece Rochelle Vasquez
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