

# Knights of Columbus

Goleta Valley Council 5300  
 St. Raphael's Church, Goleta, California  
 Newsletter  
 February 2026/March 2026

February 2, 2026	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4th Degree Officer's Mtg.	Conference Rm. - 7:00 pm
February 8, 2026	Pancake Breakfast/Blood Drive	Parish Hall - 9:00-11:00 am
February 9, 2026	3rd Degree Business Meeting	Parish Hall - 7:00 pm
February 16, 2026	"Ladies Night In" Dinner	Parish Hall - 6:00-9:00 pm
February 20, 2026	Fish Fry	Parish Hall - 6:00 pm
February 27, 2026	Fish Fry	Parish Hall - 6:00 pm
March 2, 2026	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4th Degree Officer's Mtg.	Conference Rm. - 7:00 pm
March 6, 2026	Fish Fry	Parish Hall - 6:00 pm
March 8, 2026	Pancake Breakfast	Parish Hall - 9:00-11:00 am
March 9, 2026	3rd Degree Business Meeting	Parish Hall - 7:00 pm
March 13, 2026	Fish Fry	Parish Hall - 6:00 pm
March 16, 2026	4th Degree Business Meeting	Parish Hall - 7:00 pm
March 20, 2026	Fish Fry	Parish Hall - 6:00 pm
March 29, 2026	Fish Fry	Parish Hall - 6:00 pm

**From Mother Teresa's book *Do Something Beautiful for God, March 26***

God is always speaking to us. Listen to Him. He wants from us deep love and compassion. Feel often during the day the need for prayer. Love to pray.

**Welcome to our new members** – A warm welcome to the latest members to join Council 5300 on January 12<sup>th</sup> of this year. Their names are Bruce Schumikowski, Jonny Reitingger, William Fittipaldi, Martin Leon. Welcome aboard!

On January 17<sup>th</sup>, the Junipero Serra Assembly 044 of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree welcomed new members, Matt Najera, Michael Mina, Nicholas Mina, James Renick, Tom Tomansini, Marion Grassi and Bruce Shumanikowski to their membership. A very warm welcome indeed!!

Congratulations to all those that have chosen to become an integral part of the good works of the Knights of Columbus.

**Pancake Breakfast** - The Council 5300 pancake breakfasts are typically held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month and the next one is on February 8<sup>th</sup>. The February 8<sup>th</sup> breakfast will include a Blood Drive. Blood Drive Coordinator Bill Finck (805 705 7737) will be signing up donors the weekends before at most Masses. Bill would like some help signing up donors at the side door

and would appreciate having somebody there to do that. If you would give consideration to helping at the Mass you attend, please give Bill a call (805 705 7737) for more information. The pancakes breakfasts are one of our major fund raisers, helping to support our philanthropic efforts to the ministries of the Parish.

**Ladies Night In** – Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, the meeting night for the Junipero Serra Assembly of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree dinner meeting night, will be a “Ladies Night In” for the wives and widows in celebration of St. Valentine’s Day. Chef Charlie Di Mauro is planning to feature the favorite dish of a past president, in honor of the President’s Day holiday. The festivities will start at 6:00 pm. This event is open to Council 5300 and 1684 members, as well wives and widows of members. You **must RSVP** to Mark Vampola (805 708 2631), or Jack Turney (805 252 1985).by February 14<sup>th</sup> to make sure there is a plate for you and your date.

**Fish Fries** – Council 5300’s Famous Fish Fries will resume on Friday, February 20, the Friday after Ash Wednesday. This event is the one of the main sources of monies that are used to support our philanthropic efforts to the ministries of the Parish and your help is needed. If you have not been contacted to help and would like to contribute to this effort, call Chris Arnoult at 805 252 0971. This is our MAJOR money raising event and YOUR help is needed.

**Planned Parent Prayer Vigils** - A Catholic group of people, organized by Cindy Hagen, 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 Devine 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:**

<b>February</b>		<b>March</b>	
Charles Di Mauro	1	Jack Turney	1
Msgr. Antonio Cacciapuoti	2	David Varesio	4
Jose Rodriguez	9	Stephen DeWalt	5
Vincent Phillipello	11	Bruce Schumikowski	8
Gerald Liponi	14	Larry Torres	14
Teodulo Nungaray	17	Fr. Rajan Sengol	15
Paul Curzan	20	Michael Macdonald	18
Richard Danduran	24	Nicholas Mina	21
Brian Fittipaldi	27	Jesse Robert	21

**Saint for February, *Scholastica, Virgin (480-542?), February 10***

Twins often share the same interests and ideas with an equal intensity. Therefore, it is no surprise that Scholastica and her twin brother, Benedict (July 11), established religious communities within a few miles of each other.

Born in 480 of wealthy parents, Scholastica and Benedict were brought up together until he left central Italy for Rome to continue his studies.

Little is known of Scholastica's early life. She founded a religious community for women near Monte Cassino at Plombariola, five miles from where her brother governed a monastery.

The twins visited each other once a year in a farmhouse because Scholastica was not permitted inside the monastery. They spent the time discussing spiritual matters.

According to the Dialogues of *Saint Gregory the Great*, the brother and sister spent their last day together in prayer and conversation. Scholastica sensed that her death was close at hand, and she begged Benedict to stay with her until the next day. He refused her request because he did not want to spend a night outside the monastery, thus breaking his own Rule. Scholastica asked God to let her brother remain, and a severe thunderstorm broke out, preventing Benedict and his monks from returning to the abbey.

Benedict cried out, "God forgive you, Sister. What have you done?" Scholastica replied, "I asked a favor of you and you refused. I asked it of God and he granted it."

Brother and sister parted the next morning after their long discussion. Three days later, Benedict was praying in his monastery and saw the soul of his sister rising heavenward in the form of a white dove. Benedict then announced the death of his sister to the monks and later buried her in the tomb he had prepared for himself.

**Saint for March: *Frances of Rome Religious (1384-1440), March 9***

Frances's life combines aspects of secular and religious life. A devoted and loving wife, she longed for a lifestyle of prayer and service, so she organized a group of women to minister to the needs of Rome's poor.

Born of wealthy parents, Frances found herself attracted to the religious life during her youth. But her parents objected, and a young nobleman was selected to be her husband.

As she became acquainted with her new relatives, Frances soon discovered that the wife of her husband's brother also wished to live a life of service and prayer. So the two, Frances and Vannoza, set out together—with their husbands' blessing—to help the poor.

Frances fell ill for a time, but this apparently only deepened her commitment to the suffering people she met. The years passed, and Frances gave birth to two sons and a daughter. With new responsibilities of family life, the young mother turned her attention more to the needs of her own household. The family flourished under Frances's care, but within a few years a great plague began to sweep across Italy. It struck Rome with devastating cruelty and left Frances's second son dead. In an effort to help alleviate some of the suffering, Frances used all her money and sold her possessions to buy whatever the sick might possibly need. When all the resources had been exhausted, Frances and Vannoza went door to door begging. Later, Frances's daughter died, and the saint opened a section of her house as a hospital.

Frances became more and more convinced that this way of life was necessary for the world, and it was not long before she requested and was given permission to found a society of women

bound by no vows, they simply offered themselves to God and to the service of the poor. Once the society was established, Frances chose not to live at the community residence, but rather at home with her husband. She did this for seven years, until her husband passed away, and then came to live the remainder of her life with the society—serving the poorest of the poor.

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  
 Glenn Schiferl  
 Richard David Cabrera, nephew of Francisco Cabrera  
 Michael Mina and his wife Diana Mina  
 Jose Meza and wife Maria  
 Bob Marks  
 Rich Scholl’s wife, Ginny, and daughter, Erin, who are having some medical issues.  
 Catherine DiMauro, sister of Charlie DiMauro  
 Repose of the soul of Norma DiMauro, grandmother of Charlie DiMauro, who has recently passed on to her Eternal Reward.  
 Earl Pugh  
 Carol McLafferty (widow of PGK Bill McLafferty)  
 Sr. Teresa Meza, sister of SK Jose Meza

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