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Goleta Valley Council 5300 St. Raphael's Church, Goleta, California Newsletter June/July 2025

June 2, 2025	3 rd & 4th Degree Officer's Mtg.	Conference Rm 7:00 pm
June 8, 2025	Pancake Breakfast	Parish Hall-8:00-11:00 am
June 9, 2025	3rd Degree Business Meeting	Parish Hall –7:00 pm
June 16, 2025	4 th Degree Business/Dinner Mtg	Parish Hall - 7:00 pm
July 7, 2025	3 rd & 4th Degree Officer's Mtg	Conference Rm 7:00 pm
July 13, 2025	Pancake Breakfast	Parish Hall-8:00-11:00 am
July 14, 2025	.3rd Degree Business Meeting	Parish Hall - 7:00 pm
July 19, 2025	Pre-Fiesta Dinner	Parish Hall - 6 – 9 pm
July 21, 2025	4 th Degree Business/Dinner Mtg	Parish Hall - 7:00 pm

From Mother Teresa's book Do Something Beautiful for God, June 17th

Holiness is not something extraordinary, not something for only a few. Holiness is for every one of us. It is a simple duty: the acceptance of God with a smile, at all times, anywhere and everywhere.

Congratulations – Congratulations to our Council and Assembly Chaplain, Fr. Rajan Sengol on the 40th Jubilee of his ordination. We take great pride in having him as our spiritual leader and pray that he will be with us for a long time.

Pancake Breakfast - The Council 5300 pancake breakfasts are typically held on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Sunday, June 8th will be our next breakfast in the Parish Hall from 8:00 to 11:00 am. These are one of our major fund raisers, helping to support our philanthropic efforts to the ministries of the Parish. Come and join the other parishioners' and have a nice chat. Sunday, July 13th, is the pancake breakfast for July.

Pre Fiesta Dinner -This year the annual Pre Fiesta dinner will be on Saturday, July 19th, 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 Guilliams (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.

NEW: 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:

June		July	
Ronald Guilliams	3	David Fedorko	5
Fredrick Lopez	5	Joe Kovach	8
Terrence Bonham	8	Chris Arnoult	10
Wilbur Barry	10	Robert Marks	15
Mark Vampola	10	Mauricio Cuevas	18
Michael Symanski	15	James Bonsell	20
Rev. John Stoeger	19	Rev. Tomas Elis	22
William Thorpe	20	Patrick Donohoe	24

Saint for June, Barnabas, Apostle, June 11

Barnabas, a jew of Cyprus, comes as close as anyone outside the twelve to being a full-fledged apostle. He was closely associated with St. Paul (he introduced Paul to Peter and the other apostles) and served as a kind of mediator between the former persecutor and the still-suspicious Jewish Christians.

When a Christian community developed at Anticoh, Barnabas was sent as the official representative of the church of Jerusalem to incorporate them into the fold. He and Paul instructed in Antioch for a year, after which they took relief contributions to Jerrusalem.

Later, Paul and Barnabas, now seen as charismatic leaders, were sent by Antioch officials to preach to the Gentiles. Enormous success crowned their efforts. After a miracle at Lystra, the people wanted to offer sacrifice to them as gods-Barnabas being Zues, and Paul, Hermes-but the two said, "We are of the same nature as you, human beings. We proclaim to you good news that you turn from these idols to the living God" (see Acts 14:-18).

But all was not peaceful. They were expelled from one town, they had to go to Jerusalem to clear up the ever-recurring controversy about circumcision, and even the best of friend can have differences. When Paul want to revisit the places they had evangelized, Barnabas wanted to take along John Mark (April 25), his cousin, author of the Gospel, but Paul insisted that, since Mark had deserted them once, he was not fit to take along now. The disagreement was so sharp that Barnabas and Paul separated, Barnabas taking Mark to Cyprus, Paul taking Silas to Syria. Later they were reconciled- Paul, Barnabas, and Mark.

When Paul stood up to Peter for not eating with the Gentiles for fear of his Jewish friends, we learn that "even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy" (see Galatians 2:1-13).

Saint for July: Junipero Serra, Priest (1713-1784), July 1

In 1776, when the American Revolution was beginning in the East, another part of the future Untied States was being born in California. That year a gray-robed Franciscan founded Mission San Juan Capistrano, now famous for its annually returning swallows, San Juan was the seventh of nine missions established under the direction of this indominable Spaniard.

Born in Spain's island of Mallorca, Serra entered the Franciscan Order, taking the name of St. Francis's childlike companion, Brother Junipero. Until he was thirty-five, he spent most of his time in the classroom-first as a student of theology and then as a professor. He also became famous for his preaching. Suddenly he gave it all up and followed the yearning that had begun years before when he heard about the missionary work of St. Francis Solanus in South America. Junipero's desire was to convert native peoples to the New World.

Arriving by ship at Vera Cruz, Mexico, he and a companion walked the 250 miles to Mexico City. On the way Junipero's left leg became infected by an insect bite and would remain a cross-sometimes life-threatening-the rest of his life. For eighteen years he worked in central Mexico and in the Baja Peninsula. He became president of the missions there.

Enter politics: the threat of a Russian invasion south from Alaska, Charles III of Spain ordered an expedition to beat Russia to the territory. So the last two conquistadores-one military, one spiritual-began their quest. José de Galvez persuaded Junipero to set out with him for the present-day Monterey, California. The first mission founded after the nine-hundred-nile journey was San Diego (1769). That year a shortage of food almost canceled the expedition. Vowing to stay with the local people, Junipero and another friar began a novena in preparation for St. Joseph's Day, March 19, the scheduled day of departure. On that day, the relief ship arrived. Other missions followed: Monterey/Carmel (1770), San Antonio and San Gabriel (1771); San Luis Obispo (1772); San Francisco and Juan Capistrano (1776); Santa Clara (1777); and San Buena Ventura (1782). Twelve more were founded after Serra's death.

Junipero made a long trip to Mexico City to settle great differences with the military commander. He arrived at the point of death. The outcome was substantially what Juniper sought: the famous "Regulation" protecting the Indians and the missions. It was the basis for the first significant legislation in California, a "Bill of Rights" for the Native Americans. Because the Native Americans were living a subhuman life (from the Spanish point of view), the friars were made the legal guardians. The Native Americans were kept at the missions lest they be "corrupted" in their former haunts-a move that many today recognize as unjust.

Junipero's missionary life was a long battle with cold and hunger, with unsympathetic military commanders, and even danger of death from non-Christian native peoples. Through it all, his unquenchable zeal was fed by prayer each night, often from midnight until dawn. He baptized over six thousand people and confirmed five thousand. His travels would have circled the globe. He brought the Native Americans not only the gift of faith but also a decent standard of living. He won their love, as witnessed especially by their grief at his death. He is buried at Mission San Carlo Borromeo, Carmel, California, and was beatified in 1988 and canonized in 2015.

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

Richard David Cabrera, nephew of Francisco Cabrera

Frank and Fran Diani

Jose Meza and wife Maria

Bob Marks

Rich 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

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