



St. James Cathedral Council 12402

December 2025
Bimonthly Newsletter
Serving the Chancery & St. James Cathedral

FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Dear Brothers,

It is hard to believe, but Advent is here. My how time flies. Advent means a “coming” in Latin. Of course, what is coming is the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. The season is meant to renew the sense of waiting for Jesus Christ, not just for his birth, but also for his future second coming. It is a time for spiritual preparation through prayer, reflection, and scripture.

Over the past 2 months our council has been involved with a number of parish and community activities. We held our annual All Hallows Eve event in the social hall on Oct 25 th and entertained ~30 children and their families with food, games, a costume contest, and plenty of candy. The proceeds from the October homemade baked goods sale went towards a donation (\$240 each) to the Gary Sinise Foundation and Tunnels To Towers in honor of Veteran’s Day. We then helped coordinate the presentation of colors at St. James School by the 4 th degree color guard on Veteran’s Day.

We had a table at the Parish Ministry Showcase and followed up with 9 new prospects interested in joining our council. Several have already joined. Our November breakfast and pie sales were very successful and will allow us to make a generous donation to the needy children at the Coalition of the Homeless and to Toys 4 Tots. On Dec 11 th we will be having our annual Parish Christmas Party and Santa will make a showing. Bring your children, bring your grandchildren and enjoy the evening.

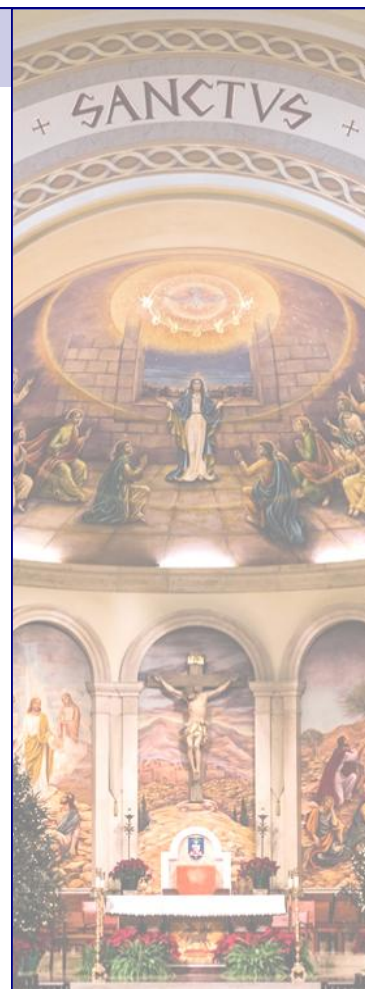
As we look forward, we would love to see some of our new Brothers help with the pancake breakfasts. All we need is an hour or two of your time. Over the next 2 weeks we will be selling Keep Christ in Christmas cards and magnets and in mid-Jan we will have a membership drive.

I personally would like to thank all of our volunteers for their time, talent, and treasure. You are helping to make this council one of the best in the state of Florida. We hope and pray that the Advent Season is a special time for you and your families. Christmas and Santa often become the priority, but do remind your children and grandchildren that we all need to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas Day.

Jesus is the Reason for the Season.

Vivat Jesus,

Phil Perfito
Grand Knight, Council 12402



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Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism

Business meetings on 2nd Thursday of the month at 7pm in the Bishop Noonan Room



OUR PARISH AND FAITH



*Our Chaplain:
Very Reverend
Miguel González*



*PGK Chris Ewing
Faith Director*

Mass Schedule

Vigil (Saturday) 4:00PM

Sunday 7:00, 9:00, 11:00AM & 5:00PM

Daily Mass

Monday-Friday 7:00AM & 12:10PM

Saturday 8:00AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday-Friday 11:30AM

Saturday: 9:00AM

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday-Friday 7:30AM-12:00PM

Holy Days of Obligation, 2025

Monday, December 8
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed
Virgin Mary

Thursday, December 25
Nativity of the Lord—Christmas

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MEMBERSHIP




PGK George Olson
Membership Director

Brothers,

As of 30 November, we have brought in 11 new members whose average age is 33.6. Several have already volunteered for activities. We have 2 additional prospects waiting to make their degrees. Let's continue to bring new members onboard and let's make sure that we have meaningful tasks for them when they show up. The Ministry Showcase was a success as we have already brought in 3 new members from that event. In January, we are planning a membership drive the weekend of Jan 17/18 and help will be needed. Since the October newsletter the following candidates have joined our council: Chris Glisson, Artie McCormick, Christopher Morales, and Otniel Echagarruga. Welcome Aboard!

Vivat Jesus!
Brother George Olson

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Membership Document

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1	NEW/RECEIVING COUNCIL NUMBER 12402	COUNCIL LOCATION (CITY, ST/PROV) ORLANDO, FL	MEMBERSHIP NUMBER	DATE READ	DATE ELECTED	1ST. DEG. DATE
2	TRANSACTION <input type="checkbox"/> NEW MEMBER <input type="checkbox"/> JUVENILE TO ADULT <input type="checkbox"/> REINSTATEMENT (up to 3 months) <input type="checkbox"/> REACTIVATION (inactive insurance)		<input type="checkbox"/> READMISSION (up to 7 years) <input type="checkbox"/> REAPPLICATION (over 7 years) <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSFER IN <input type="checkbox"/> DATA CHANGE <input type="checkbox"/> SUSPENSION	PROVIDE SURVIVOR INFORMATION BELOW <input type="checkbox"/> DEATH RELATIONSHIP STREET CITY ST/PROV POSTAL CODE		
3	LAST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE INITIAL TITLE		STREET CITY ST/PROV POSTAL CODE COUNTRY (OUTSIDE US)			
4	DATE OF BIRTH MO DAY YR	MARITAL STATUS	HOME PHONE	BUSINESS PHONE	CELL PHONE	E-MAIL ADDRESS
5	OCCUPATION/EMPLOYER		LAST FOUR DIGITS OF TAX ID (e.g., SSN, SIN) XXXXX-			
6	ARE YOU A PRACTICAL OR PRACTICING CATHOLIC IN UNION WITH THE HOLY SEE? YES NO		PARISH NAME, LOCATION (CITY, ST/PROV)		FORMER COLUMBIAN SQUIRE? YES NO	
7	DID YOU APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP PREVIOUSLY? YES NO	INITIATION DATES 1. FIRST 2. SECOND 3. THIRD 4. FOURTH	DATE OF TERMINATION REASON NUMBER OF LAST COUNCIL COUNCIL LOCATION (CITY, ST/PROV)			
8	I HEREBY RECOMMEND THE ABOVE APPLICANT FOR MEMBERSHIP. PRINTED NAME OF PROPOSER PROPOSER'S MEMBER NUMBER (required)		I HEREBY DECLARE AND AGREE THAT (a) THE ABOVE IS TRUE AND CORRECT, (b) I WILL UPHOLD THE CHARTER, CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND ANY OF ITS COUNCILS IN WHICH I HOLD MEMBERSHIP, (c) THE DECISIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL CONTROL IN ALL MATTERS, (d) I ACCEPT THE PRIVACY POLICY WHICH CAN BE FOUND AT https://www.kofc.org/en/policies/index.html , and (e) THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MAY VERIFY THE INFORMATION PROVIDED. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT			
9	DATE		SIGNATURE OF FINANCIAL SECRETARY		SIGNATURE OF GRAND KNIGHT	

READ IMPORTANT TERMS ON REVERSE. NEW MEMBERS CAN ALSO JOIN THROUGH www.KOFC.ORG/JOIN. *DOES NOT APPLY TO PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS.

A copy of this form should be sent to the council agent for his records

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FRATERNAL YEAR 2025-2026

Position	Name	E-mail
Grand Knight	Phil Perfito	pperfito@gmail.com
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"In following Jesus, like St James, we know that even in difficulties we are on the right path."

Pope Benedict XVI at his General Audience on June 21, 2006



EVENTS

DECEMBER

Mon, Dec 1 – Feed the Homeless – Christian Service Center, 11:30 am
Thurs, Dec 4 thru Sun, Dec 7 – Men's Silent Retreat @ San Pedro
Sun, Dec 7 – Retreat Breakfast with families – Social Hall, 10:00 am
Sun, Dec 7, 14 – Keep Christ in Christmas card and magnet sales
Mon, Dec 8 – Immaculate Conception
Mon, Dec 8 – Assembly Meeting, Monsignor Bishop, 7 pm
Thurs, Dec 11 – Parish Christmas Party, Social Hall, 6 pm
Sun, Dec 14 – Pancake Breakfast & Cookie Sale, Social Hall, 9 & 11 AM masses
Wed, Dec 17 – Essay Winners, St James School, after 8 AM mass
Thurs, Dec 25 – Christmas Day
Sat, Dec 27 & Sun, Dec 28 – Consecration to the Holy Family, all masses

JANUARY

Thurs, Jan 1 - New Year's Day
Thurs, Jan 8 – Membership Meeting, Social Hall, 7 pm
Mon, Jan 12 – Assembly Meeting, Monsignor Bishop, 7 pm
Fri, Jan 16 thru Sat, Jan 24 – USCCB 9 Days for Life
Sun, Jan 18 – Pancake Breakfast, Social Hall, 9 & 11 AM masses
Thurs, Jan 22 - Miracles of the Eucharist, Social Hall, 6:30 PM
Fri, Jan 23 – National March for Life, Wash DC

FEBRUARY

Mon, Feb 2 – Feed the Homeless – Christian Service Center, 11:30 am
Mon, Feb 9 – Assembly Meeting, Monsignor Bishop, 7 pm
Thurs, Feb 12 – Membership Meeting, Social Hall, 7 pm
Sat, Feb 14 – Valentine's Day
Wed, Feb 18 – Ash Wednesday
Fri, Feb 20 – Lenten Fish Fry, Social Hall, dinner served at 6 PM
Sun, Feb 22 – Pancake Breakfast, Social Hall, 9 & 11 AM masses

*Note: 1st Monday of the even months Feed the Homeless

**Note: Patriotic Rosary: 2nd Monday of the month at the Assembly Hall at 5:30 or use this weblink to join online:

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/84824714923?pwd=VFp1amRKZUlhUktpNnpCTWdoMVNWQT09>

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DIOCESE EVENTS



<https://www.orlandodiocese.org/events-calendar/>



FROM THE LIFE DIRECTOR



*SK Les Castro
Life Director*

Brothers,
Medically assisted dying is now legal in 11 states and D.C with more having proposals for approval on their legislative dockets or waiting for governor's signatures. In addition, the laws in those states are constantly expanding their scope to include more situations that qualify a person to end their lives in this matter. More and more are those with disabilities, depression, loneliness, and mental disorders targeted for death. Pray this "movement" ends and euthanasia not become "medical care" in the same way many look at abortion.

From the USCCB Respect Life Novena we read:

"We live in a culture that idolizes


productivity, efficiency, and independence, often measuring a person by what he or she can do. These and other false standards are used to determine whether someone's life is considered worth living. But God's love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our dignity. Because His love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives.

The Gospels recount that Jesus constantly drew close to those who were ill or had a disability. He calls us to care for others, especially those who are in need – material or otherwise—and reminds us, "Whatever you did for one of these... you did for me" (Mt 25:40). Looking through the eyes of His love, we can see "in every person his living image" (Evangelium vitae 83). Every person is a wonder of God's creation, reflects God Himself, and has been created for eternal life with Him. Every person, every life is a gift. Let us bear witness to this truth in our words and actions."


In 2020, the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith released the letter Samaritanus bonus, "on the care of persons in the critical and terminal phases of life." The letter reaffirms the Church's teaching on care for those who are critically ill or dying and offers additional pastoral guidance for increasingly complex situations at the end of life.



abortion drug mifepristone. The lawsuit was originally filed by Missouri, Kansas and Idaho. The FDA's action made it easy to receive the drug through mail order delivery. These deliveries are occurring even in states with total abortion bans resulting in criminal charges filed by those states to the prescribing physicians. It is estimated that of all abortions today are chemically induced using mifepristone.




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If you or someone you know has been impacted by an abortion, confidential non-judgmental help is available through the Diocese of Orlando's Project Rachel helpline. Call or text **(407) 222-8584** or email **projectrachel@cflcc.org**. This year's post-abortive healing retreats are scheduled to take place in Orlando during **September** and **October**. For more information, please visit **<https://cflcc.org/culture-of-life-2/pastoral-care/>**



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*Pope Benedict XVI at his General Au-
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HELP RECOGNIZE YOUR FELLOW KNIGHTS

Seeking all Council members help in selecting the deserving Knight and Family of the month. Below are the criteria for each Award. The more people we have observing the commendable actions of potential awardees, the more significant the awards become. If you have a nominee, write up your justification for the award and send to Grand Knight, Chris Ewing, profcewing@gmail.com.

Thanks in advance for your involvement.

Knight of the Month Factors to consider in their search for a 'Knight of the Month':

- ☐ Has the member made significant contributions to the Church, community and/or council?
- ☐ Does the member have a robust prayer-life that goes beyond weekly Mass attendance?
- ☐ Is the member a true Catholic gentleman?
- ☐ Does the member exemplify the virtues of Knighthood?
- ☐ Does he serve as a model man to his brothers?
- ☐ The 'Knight of the Month' nominated doesn't need to be a "super Knight".

The nominated member should be a Knight that lives traditional Christian values according to his state in life (single or married) and deserves recognition for doing so.

Nomination Sources

- Nominations can be made from any council member for 'Knight of the Month'.
- Sources of member nominations can come from parish priests, council members, ministry leaders with active Knights serving their ministry, etc. These sources can also be used to get additional background information on their church, community, or ministry activities.
- Provide justification for your nomination when submitting.

Family of the Month Factors to consider in their search for a 'Family of the Month':

- ☐ Has the family made significant contributions to the Church, community and/or council?
- ☐ Is the family tight knit?
- ☐ Does the family spend quality time together?
- ☐ Does the family attend weekly Mass together?
- ☐ Does the family pray together outside of Mass?
- ☐ Does the family serve as a model of Catholic family values?
- ☐ The "Family of the Month" nominated family doesn't need to be a "super family". The nominated family should be a family that lives traditional Christian family values and deserves recognition for doing so.
- ☐ It is not required that the catholic gentlemen be a Knight to be eligible for the Family of the Month.

Nomination Sources

- Nominations can be made from any council member who knows of council member families or parish families that support family life.
- Sources of nominations can come from parish priests, neighbors, council members, ministry leaders, etc. They can be used to get recommendations, references and evaluations concerning council families. They can also speak directly to the families being considered.
- Provide justification for your nomination when submitting.

Knight of the Month
Awarded to _____
For the Month of _____
Grand Knight _____
Council _____ Date _____
Faith in Action

Family of the Month
Awarded to the family of _____
who has served as an inspiration to our parish, community and council
by supporting and strengthening Catholic Family Life.
Grand Knight _____
Council Number _____ Date _____
Faith in Action Family



KNIGHT AND FAMILY OF THE MONTH



Gil and Phil



Phil and John

FEEDING THE HOMELESS—NOVEMBER



Ken Siders, Artie McCormick, Chris Glisson, Les and Camille Castro



SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE



*Archbishop William Lori
Supreme Chaplain*

DECEMBER 2025

“Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.” (Gospel for Dec. 7, Mt 3:10)

In these reflections over the past year, we have meditated on the importance of our faith bearing fruit in good works. In a way, this Gospel passage, quoting St. John the Baptist, might seem out of place during Advent. But throughout this season, we reflect not only on Christ's coming in the incarnation, but also his second coming in judgment at the end of the world.

Let us pray and work to ensure we lead truly faithful and fruitful lives as disciples of Jesus.

CHALLENGE BY SUPREME CHAPLAIN ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM E. LORI:

This month, I challenge you to spend some time reflecting on the four last things — death, judgment, heaven and hell — to better prepare yourself for eternity.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

Do I live with my sights set on heaven? Am I aware of the reality of hell? Do I live my life so as to be prepared for my death and judgment?



YEARS OF SERVICE

Member	Date	Years
Michael C Laughlin	01/01/1992	34
Mr Stephen G Richardville	01/06/2011	15
Frank B Chisari	01/28/2014	12
Dr Hector M Farela	01/24/2018	8
Mr Wesley C Powell	01/05/2023	3
Mr John G Superville	12/21/2004	21
Mr Timothy J Regan	12/29/2005	20
Wilson A Ariza	12/20/2007	18
John Torres	12/10/2015	10
Mr Arik W March	12/14/2016	9
Dr Javier E Martinez	12/14/2016	9
William M Figueroa	12/18/2017	8
Christopher Groom	12/02/2018	7
Mr Christopher C Walker	12/02/2021	4
Mr James J Byrne	12/05/2021	4
Mr Christopher A Marquette	12/08/2022	3
Mr Ronald D Gulasa	12/15/2022	3
Mr Fred Grob	12/22/2022	3

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

Member	Wife	Date
Dr Gilbert R Lavoie	Bonnie Lavoie	01/08/1972
Mr George del Campo, PFN	Kim Del Campo, PGK	01/12/1985
Mr Robert Wilson, PGK	Carmen Wilson	01/13/2000
Miguel P Kaled	Claudia Kaled	01/14/1989
Timothy E Flaherty	Rita Flaherty	01/15/1999
Jacob R del Campo	Viviana del Campo	01/23/2016
Mr Ronald D Gulasa	Cheryl Gulasa	01/25/1986
Mr Alec L Sithong	Carolyn Sithong	12/12/2003
James R Fyffe	Sally Fyffe	12/16/2000
Mr John C Vasse	Lokelani Vasse	12/16/1978
Mr Jonathan C Brown	Celena Brown	12/19/2014
Michael F Pascuzzi	Liliana Ivette Pascuzzi	12/19/2015
Mr Kenneth W Siders	Tina Siders	12/19/1987
Mr John D Rice, PGK	Ruth Rice	12/21/1985
Daniel Adjei	Magdalene Adjei	12/23/2022
Fernando Pinhal	Winnie Pinhal	12/27/1997
Mr John G Superville	(wife not listed)	12/29/1988
Mr James J Byrne	Alyse DiGaetano	12/31/2018



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS—MEMBERS

Member	Date	Member	Date	Member	Date	Member	Date
Mr Jonathan C Brown	01/01	Mr Andy A Sojourner	01/15	Mr Michael R Schwartz	01/23	Mr Santos DeLeon	12/15
Mark Leitz	01/01	Mr Martin J Cone	01/16	Mr Desmond Nichols	01/25	Mr James J Byrne	12/18
James V Hutcherson	01/03	Mr John C Vasse	01/17	Rev Serge Par-do	01/25	Edward J Siegfried Jr	12/20
Mr Bill W Simpson	01/05	Vrv Miguel A Gonzalez	01/20	Mr Joshua G del Campo	12/02	Mr Ronald D Gulasa	12/21
Gary M Gagnon	01/08	Cooper Fay	01/21	Garrick Pabon	12/06	Mr Mike A Khreiche	12/22
Mr John G Superville	01/12	Mr Michael T Schwartz	01/23	Mr Craig A Greene	12/10	Mr David L Venincasa	12/22
Mr James B Bayly	01/14	Mr Desmond Nichols	01/25	Mr Albert J Yonfa	12/12	Robert Garrett Eelman	12/25
		Rev Serge Par-do	01/25			Mr Michael T Leo	12/25
						Mr Robert Wilson, PGK	12/25
						David I Larocque	12/28
						Mr Alexander C Trauger	12/29
						Mr John P Meehan	12/31

Member	Spouse	Birthday
Mr Robert R Anschuetz	Debbie A Anschuetz	01/01
Mr John G Superville	Laura Lee Roebuck Superville	01/03
Stephen F Leo	Sheron Leo	01/03
Timothy E Flaherty	Rita Flaherty	01/06
Mr Martin J Cone	Margaret (Peg) Cone	01/13
Miguel P Kaled	Claudia Kaled	01/14
Mr Fred Grob	Jacqueline Grob	01/16
Mr Cody J Pitre	Michelle Pitre	01/28
Mr Benjamin W del Campo	Nicole del Campo	01/31
Mr Stephen G Richardville	Kathleen Richardville	01/31
Mr Ian Hamilton	Megan Hamilton	12/08
Mr Leonard Romano Jr	Teresa Romano	12/12
Gary M Gagnon	Lorraine Gagnon	12/13
Mr Joshua G del Campo	Katherine del Campo	12/14
Mr Gilberto Martins	Elaine Martins	12/21
Leslie L Castro	Camille Castro	12/24
David E Bessette	Nanette Bessette	12/27
Mr Patrick J Hayes	Margaret-Jo Hayes	12/31
Mr Kenneth W Siders	Tina Siders	12/31



INFORMATION ON THE 4TH DEGREE

Florida District 4th Degree Website: <https://www.floridakofc.org/Fourth-Degree-Officers>

Upcoming exemplifications are announced here: <https://www.floridakofc.org/Events-and-Exemplifications-Calendar>

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*SK George del Campo
4th degree representative*

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DECEMBER 17, 2025

6:00-8:00 PM



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Available for Purchase.



FAMILY AND YOUTH

We had a tremendous turnout for the All Hallows Eve party. Thanks so much to Amber and Kraig Johnson for donating the pizza and spaghetti along with the photo booth - greatly appreciated and very tasty. Thanks to Chris and Phil who did the cooking of the hotdogs and pizzas. Thanks to all the Knights and spouses that ran the games: Mike, George and JoAnne, Jay and Jannet, Gil and Elaine, Jeff, Ruth, Patrick and Maggie, and Ken and Tina. Thanks to Fathers Miguel and Philip who were the best judges. We had many saints, super heroes, animals, cowboys, and disney princess - it was a great turnout and a lot of fun for all. We are planning a Christmas party for the Parish on 11 Dec starting at 6:00 PM in the social - please join us - Santa will be there.

The Consecration to the Holy Family will be on the weekend of the 27th/28th. Will have prayer cards in the pews and be a good opportunity for each family to rededicate themselves to Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Look for opportunities to get involved -

Vivat Jesus,
John



*PGK SK John Rice
Family Director*

A big thanks to Brothers Jim Turner & Chip Russell and Ruth Ruth for helping assess the essays on Nov 19th. 8th grade students were asked to write an essay on their 3 favorite Popes and why they are their favorite. There were some excellent essays and coming up with the top 3 was a challenge. We will be presenting the essay winners after the 8AM mass at St. James School on Dec 17th. Both Jayne Hartmann (Principal) and Kelli D'Amato (Assistant Principal) were very complimentary.

Brother Tim Regan
Youth Director

SPIRITUAL CARE MINISTERS NEEDED

There is an urgent need for **Catholic Spiritual Care Ministers** at Orlando Regional Medical Center (ORMC). Deacons, men in formation, and their wives (if trained as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion) are invited to serve.

This ministry offers compassionate presence, prayer, and sacramental coordination for patients and families in a 1,700-bed hospital. Deacons are especially suited to provide hope, calm, and witness to Christ in moments of suffering. Volunteers help arrange for Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation, partnering with priests serving at ORMC.

Currently, only four Catholic volunteers serve weekly. Those called to this vital ministry are encouraged to contact **Deacon Bryan Zornik** (bzornik@orlandodiocese.org) for more information.



Ho Ho Ho! Come one and all to the
St James Cathedral Christmas Party
sponsored by the Knights of Columbus



When: Thursday 11 Dec 2025 @ 6:00 PM

Where: St James Social Hall

Why: to have a blast

What to bring: You and your children and a dish to share – Santa will be there with treats for all the kids



A Healthcare Ministry of
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Pathways to Care always welcomes volunteers and projects. Some of our volunteers provide on-site activities and games for our residents or assist with food preparation and service, building and grounds maintenance, and clerical support. Please fill out the [inquiry form here](#) or for more information about how you can help, please call **(407) 388-0245**.

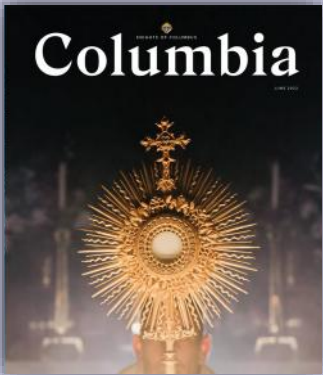
PARTNERSHIP WITH RELEVANT RADIO



Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and other K of C leaders were guests on Relevant Radio's The Drew Mariani Show on Nov. 15, speaking about men's faith, Christ-centered leadership, ethical investing and more. The show celebrated a new partnership between the Knights and [Relevant Radio](#) that aims to highlight the Order's charitable work, spiritual programs and financial services to new audiences. Listen to the episode any time at the show's [website](#) or on your favorite podcast app.



OPPORTUNITIES



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MORE OPPORTUNITIES

Prison Ministry Volunteers Needed

“For I was imprisoned and you visited me... I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me” (Matthew 25:36, 40).

St Peter Claver Prison Ministry is an Orlando Council St. Vincent DePaul Special Works mentorship program that encourages prisoners and newly released citizens on becoming self-sufficient. For more information contact: Carlos Benitez, Program Manager at (407) 614-2355 and see their website www.spcpmorlando.org.

St. Vincent de Paul Orlando Needs You – Great service hours!

Volunteer opportunities are available in our stores and food pantries – great for young people needing community service hours! Continues through the end of July. Check us out at svdporlando.org

Catholic Charities Needs Food Distribution Volunteers

Catholic Charities is looking for volunteers to help distribute food at its Agape Mission Markets in Orlando on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Visit cfcc.org/volunteer for more information and to sign up.

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS NEEDED

St. James continues to need volunteers to serve as Hospitality Ministers at all the English Masses. Hospitality Ministers function as ushers and greeters and will also staff the new Welcome Table. Right now, there are more open positions than there are available ushers at the English Masses. The goal is to reach a point where people need only serve two or three times a month. If you or your wife is interested in serving as an usher, please contact Billy Martinez, Liturgy Manager, at 407-563-8251 or Dan Wallace at 407-484-0550.

Ultrasound Initiative & Helping Life Fund: Building a Culture of Life

The Knights of Columbus are committed to defending life. Two key programs in Florida— the Ultrasound Initiative and the Helping Life Fund—are making a powerful difference for mothers and babies across our state.

Ultrasound Initiative

Since 2009, Knights have helped place over 1,900 ultrasound machines, valued at \$91 million, in pro-life clinics and pregnancy centers—135 of those here in Florida. Local councils fund half the cost; the Supreme Council covers the rest. For fully funded mobile units, Supreme may cover 100% of the ultrasound machine cost.

Ultrasound machines are life-saving tools. Up to 80% of abortion-minded women choose life after viewing an image of their unborn child.

Ask your local pregnancy center:

Do they need a new, or replacement machine?

Are they opening a new location?

Would a mobile unit help serve more women?

To learn more, contact Jason O'Neill at jason.c.oneill@gmail.com or 302-530-7101.



FROM THE WORTHY LECTURER

In November, we celebrated the Solemnity of the Rededication of St. James Cathedral. Were it not for a Florida Supreme Court decision almost one hundred years ago, St. James might not be here today.

The year 1881 was a busy one for Bishop John Moore, the second bishop of St. Augustine, for whom Bishop Moore High School is named. At the time, the Diocese of St. Augustine encompassed the entire Florida peninsula west to the Apalachicola River. (The Diocese of Orlando was not erected until 1968.)

On May 20, 1881, Bishop Moore purchased Block 33 on the plat of Orlando known as Robert R. Reid's Addition, Orlando's first subdivision. Block 33 is bounded by Orange, Jefferson, Main (now Magnolia) and Robinson Streets. The land was sold to Bishop Moore by Robert R. Reid, Sr., a Catholic convert who helped build the first Catholic Church in Palatka in 1858 and who began to acquire property in the Orlando area following the Civil War.

The church lots were in the center of a fast-growing part of Orlando and were described by a Philadelphia attorney in a letter to Bishop Moore as "the best location in town." Reid valued the block at \$1,200 and conveyed title to Bishop John Moore and Successors for \$1,050; \$800 in cash with the balance (including lots 1 and 2) donated by Reid and his wife.

This was not the first land purchased by Bishop Moore in the Orlando area. Three days earlier, he bought land on Lake Eulalia in Maitland from James Willcox, a Catholic builder from Philadelphia who dabbled in Central Florida real estate. Construction of the 100-seat Church of the Holy Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a two-story rectory was completed in 1882, and the parish's boundaries included most of central Florida. The church was closed and the parish dissolved in October 1887 when its records were transferred to St. James. The buildings remained vacant until 1919 when the property was sold and the buildings dismantled.

In January 1887, the cornerstone for St. James Church was laid, and while construction was not completed until June 1891, the church was in use by February 1888. St. Joseph School was constructed in 1889 where the chancery and post office now stand.

By the beginning of the twentieth century, the St. James property included the church, a rectory, convent, and school, and the land had become very valuable. Reid died in 1900, and his wife, Mary Catherine, passed away in 1907. Bishop Moore died in 1901.

In 1924, Reid's children and heirs decided to dispute the church's ownership of the St. James property. By that time, there had been three bishops of St. Augustine since Bishop Moore's death. The Reid's lawsuit claimed that the current bishop, Bishop Patrick Barry, had no title nor interest in the property despite his being successor to Bishop Moore. The Reids claimed that the legal concept of "life estate," whose duration is limited to the life of the party holding it, applied in this case and that the church's ownership ended upon Bishop Moore's death.

It is interesting to note that Reid's children and heirs made no attempt to regain title to various other downtown parcels Reid had sold to other denominations.

This case, *Reid v Barry*, was in litigation for a long time, from 1924 until June 1927, and became a landmark case. Eventually, the Florida Supreme Court ruled that a bishop is a "corporation sole" and that a deed of property to him and his successors conveys ownership in the bishop's corporate capacity. It was the first ruling of its kind in Florida and came at a time of intense anti-Catholic sentiment. It upheld the common law concept of "corporation sole" in the State of Florida and has been cited in subsequent legal cases around the country.

The Florida Supreme Court ruling in favor of Bishop Barry and the Diocese of St. Augustine preserved the existence of St. James parish, enabled the parish to avoid financial ruin during the depression in the 1930's, and has allowed us to create the vibrant downtown parish that we celebrated last month.



*SK Dan Wallace
Worthy Lecturer*



Knights of Columbus: A Legacy of Charity and Faith

The Knights of Columbus were founded in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney with a mission of charity. The Order quickly expanded beyond the United States, and during World War I, they established welcoming huts offering free services to all. In the 1920s, the Knights advocated for anti-defamation and religious freedom. They renewed their commitment to volunteer service during the Great Depression and later focused on combating communism and fascism post-World War II. In the 1950s, they played a key role in adding "under God" to the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance. The Knights continued to support ecclesial reform and strengthen ties with the Vatican, especially during John Paul II's pontificate.

Into the new millennium, they maintained their charitable work, aiding displaced Christians in the 2010s. The beatification of Father McGivney in 2020 marked a new chapter, with the Order launching initiatives to deepen faith and fraternity. The Knights' history is a testament to their enduring dedication to charity and service.



FATHER MCGIVNEY CANONIZATION PRAYER

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church.

Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pray: Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory be



Every Knight of Columbus should be a member of the Fr McGivney Guild. There is no cost and it will keep you up to date on efforts to canonize our founder. www.fathermcgivney.org

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The Catholic month of December is primarily dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and marks the Advent season. Key feast days include the Immaculate Conception on December 8, Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12, and the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) on December 25.



The Catholic Church dedicates the month of January to the Holy Name of Jesus, celebrating the feast day on January 3. The beginning of January is still part of the Christmas season, marked by the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1, and transitions into Ordinary Time after the Baptism of the Lord.

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Every member of the Knights of Columbus in the Florida jurisdiction is listed on the Florida K of C website. Financial Secretaries update council lists on the Supreme and State websites at least quarterly.

Review the brief YouTube video at <https://youtu.be/IVS3XkgiUs> to learn how to gain initial access and log on and how to review and correct or confirm your personal information. To access the video, copy and paste the link into your browser.

All Knights are strongly encouraged to access the Supreme website at www.KofC.org and the State website at www.FloridaKofC.org.

Did you know that the State of Florida Council has a YouTube Channel? Well, they do! This is a place where we can put in videos of the all the great things that we do as Knights in the State of Florida.

The link to the YouTube page is https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoaref73b_rOdtGJXLgf4TQ Be sure to subscribe to the channel so you will be notified when new videos are added.

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