



Knights of Columbus

Msgr. Martin B. Power Council 14573



April 2026

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From the Grand Knight



Worthy Brothers and Sisters,

This month has been truly inspiring with our amazing charitable fundraising efforts! The American Wheelchair Program and the 2026 Brevard Laps for Life, both of which support important causes, made a wonderful impact. Plus, our own 40 Cans for Lent Food Drive and Lenten Fish Fry fundraiser brought everyone together to help grow our benevolent fund. It's heartwarming to see our community come together for such meaningful initiatives!

The Council hosted our annual American Wheelchair Program fundraising event over the weekend of February 28 and March 1, gathering donations at all our weekend masses. A heartfelt thank you to our caring brothers and sisters and the generous Ascension parishioners for contributing \$4,525. Thanks to your kindness, the AWP can now provide approximately 30 wheelchairs to individuals with mobility needs who might not otherwise be able to afford one. Special appreciation goes to DGK John Pechar for leading this wonderful program for the council, and to everyone who helped collect donations at the church — your support makes a real difference!

We had a wonderful Laps for Life on Saturday, March 7th, 2026, at Melbourne Central Catholic High School Track. Our brother and insurance agent, SK John Barfield, along with council members, managed the food and beverage activities, ensuring everyone was well taken care of. His lovely family—wife Cinthia and children Matthew, Elena, and Nicholas—joined in the fun as walkers for the 2026 Brevard Laps for Life. Thanks to the generosity of Brevard County donors, we raised an impressive \$18,100. These funds will go directly toward the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative Program, helping to purchase ultrasound machines for pro-life pregnancy centers—possibly even another one right here in Brevard!

On March 26th, in the Knights' Room, DGK John Pechar and PGK Jose Montes proudly led a heartfelt exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity for five candidates. Let's warmly welcome our new Council Brothers: Hamp "Dot" Dotson, Lenin Rodriguez, Jose "Joey" Sevilla, Tommy Gorman, and John Goyak. We're excited to have them join our Council.

Our Council's 40 Cans for Lent Food Drive is ending with an impressive total of 5,553 donations to Ascension's Social Concerns Food Pantry. We sincerely thank SK Dwight Collins for his leadership in this meaningful event, as well as all the brothers, sisters, and parishioners whose generous contributions made this remarkable donation possible.



GK Rich Passarella (continued)

The Council's Lenten Friday Fish Dinner at the Ascension School Cafetorium is also coming to an end. A big thank you to SK Jose Montes and his dedicated team of about 40 Knights and Ladies Auxiliary members who successfully hosted six Fish Frys. This year's event was a success thanks to the improvements Jose and his team made, such as creating a detailed volunteer list on SignUpGenius, extending serving hours, adding a more affordable children's meal, offering takeout options, and accepting credit card payments. These changes increased sales, making it the council's biggest fundraiser, raising \$8,400 for our benevolent fund.

This week, Holy Week, is the most sacred time of year as we enter into the passion of Christ—His Crucifixion, death, and Resurrection. Let us come together in prayer and thanksgiving on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and during the Easter liturgical celebrations at Ascension. May the Risen Christ bring you closer to His eternal promise. Thank you, Jesus.

Our next Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 16th, at 7 PM in the Knights Room, with a Power Rosary taking place at 6:15 PM. God Bless You.

God Bless You.

SK Rich Passarella
Grand Knight
Council I4573

Council Notes

Council Website. We continue to add new features to our Council and Assembly website — the place to find the latest information and activities — [HERE](#)

Prayer Requests – Prayer requests can be sent via email to ascension14573@gmail.com, and can now also be submitted from the [council's website](#). Just [click here for Prayer Requests](#) on the home page and you will be directed to a form where you can enter your request. An email will be sent to the Council and The Ladies Auxiliary to ask them to unite in prayer with you and your request will be also included in the monthly Power Rosary.

40 Cans for Lent. The Knights of Columbus Martin B. Power Council I4573 challenged all parishioners to join them in their 40 CANS FOR LENT Annual food drive. The plan was simple: pledge, purchase and donate one can of food per day for the 40 days during the Lenten season starting Ash Wednesday and ending Good Friday. As of last count, 117 parishioners have pledged 5,115 cans.

Florida State Council Charity Raffle. We are selling the FL State Charity Raffle tickets. They are \$10 per book - Please see raffle committee chair SK Brian Ellerhorst for your book of tickets.

Flag Retirement Ceremony scheduled with the Ascension Middle School for Friday, April 24 at 10AM in the Church (Parish Hall). Color Guard will be present for Flag folding (13 folds). All of the ceremony will be performed in the Church (Parish Hall). POC: Bob Richmond

Flags for Heroes. The 2026 Flag for Heroes Program is coming up in July. This year, there will be a big emphasis on corporate sponsorship and flag sponsorship should be even bigger in 2026 due to the 250 year anniversary of this country. Planning is on schedule. POC: John Pechar

The next monthly Council meeting will be held on April 16 at 7PM in the Knights Room. Power Rosary at 6:15 in the Ministry Building, Room 313.



Council Notes

- **Renew Your Dues Now.** July 1st marks the start of a new Fraternal Year. Our membership dues for the K of C Council 14573 are due at the beginning of the Fraternal Year. Regular dues are \$40 per year. If you have any questions about your dues, email Richard Becker at rit3722@gmail.com. Below are two options to pay our dues:

1. Pay by check payable to “K of C Council 14573” and hand the check to Richard Becker (Financial Secretary) or Randy Lascody (Treasurer) at the next council meeting or mail it to: “K of C Council 14573, Attention: Richard Becker, 4825 Tiverton Court, Melbourne, FL 32934



2. Pay electronically using a Credit Card, Debit Card, PayPal, or Venmo. This can be done from the Council’s website Dues page by [clicking on this link](#). If that URL link does not take you to the dues page, visit the main page here — [Council Website](#).
3. Please remember that your membership dues support Council sponsored charitable contributions, operations, and per-capita assessments from Supreme and the Florida State Council. The combined annual Supreme and Florida State Council assessments must be paid by the Council for all members on the roster, even if the member did not pay his dues. Paying your dues avoids the Council from having to use someone else's dues or funds targeted towards charitable contributions to cover members who do not pay, therefore we ask that you please stay current with your membership dues.

- **Assembly Dues** were due on January 1. Please pay your annual dues of \$25 at your earliest convenience. Followup notices will sent to all members who have not paid their dues — you can pay in person at the next meeting or bring your check to the Parish office. Dues are the main funding for the Assembly so please pay promptly.

- **Ascension Thrift Store.** The store continues to fall short in having enough volunteers to support all the hours necessary to bring in the revenue needed to support the Social Concerns Ministry and the Ascension Catholic School. The store is a key source of revenue for these ministries. If you can spare a few hours, please consider volunteering. You can contact the Thrift Store to [volunteer here](#).

ASCENSION THRIFT STORE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Below are QR code links to sign up to volunteer. Please consider joining this amazing group of people, for it is in giving that we receive. Feel free to pass this along to anyone who may be interested in helping out. Thank you for your time and consideration. May the peace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.



WEEKDAY VOLUNTEER



SATURDAY WAREHOUSE

**Ascension Thrift Shop is in need of
TENTS AND SLEEPING BAGS**

Please bring donations to the Thrift Shop during hours of operation.

Thank you for your generosity.

For more information on volunteering, please call: 321-610-8742 or email: info@AscensionThriftShop.com



Council Notes

- **Daily Bread.** In the past, the Knights have supported the Daily Bread facility on the fourth Sunday of the month with volunteers who served the noon meal. This is no longer provided at the Melbourne location. The future plans are to build Providence Place — a permanent, affordable multi-family apartment community with on-site resident services and amenities, prioritized for individuals and families facing homelessness in Melbourne. Currently, the staff at Daily Bread are organizing a mobile outreach program which we hope to support in the future. POC: SK Ric Robinson

- For more information on Daily Bread or to volunteer — [click here](#)

- **Council and Assembly Shirts.** We now have a new project officer who is our single point of contact for all things shirts and hats for the The Council and Assembly — SK Bill Quinn. We also have a new patriotic hat for \$20 that is available for both the Council or Assembly. Contact Bill for all of your Council and Assembly attire needs.

- SK Bill now has both Council and Assembly hats for sale — \$20. Contact Bill if you want a hat.

- **Bartman.** We will continue to use Bartman as a source for Council and Assembly attire. This company is owned and operated by a brother Knight and has proven to be very reliable in the past. Any Knight shirt, hat, or other item or clothing can be ordered from Bartman and can also be embroidered to your specifications. You can order the shirt to your specifications yourself by visiting their website, calling, or visiting their shop — or just see Bill.

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April 2026

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Monsignor Martin B. Power Council #14573
Council Email: ascension14573@gmail.com



Council #14573 – 2009/10/11/12/19 Florida State Council of the Year

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CHAIR
Tues 7 th	6:00 PM	Meal Packing for The Children's Hunger Project	WGK R Passarella
	6:45 PM	Prep Baby Bottles for BB Campaign	SK R. Autio
Thu 9 th	6:30 PM	Council Officer's Meeting (Knights Room – 312)	WGK R Passarella
	7:30 PM	Council Meeting (Knights Room – 312)	
Sat 11 th	7:15 AM	Pray for Life (In Orlando, Meet at North Melbourne Home Depot)	SK R. Sepulveda
	8:00 AM	Highway Cleanup (Meet at the Knight's House)	SK R. Lascody
Sat 11 th Sun 12 th	All Masses	Food for the Poor/ Red/Assembly Shirt	SK J. Kelly
Sun 12 th	1:30 PM	Life Chain (Corner of Pineda and Wickham)	SK B. Sullivan
Wed 15 th	6:30 PM	Meeting with District Deputy & Other councils	WGK R. Passarella
Tues 16 th	6:15 PM	Power Rosary (LA Room – 313)	SK B. Sullivan
	7:00 PM	Council Meeting (Knights Room – 312)	WGK R. Passarella
Thu 23 rd	7:00 PM	Charity, Unity, Fraternity Exemplification (Note 1)	PGK J. Montes
Fri 24 th	10:00 AM	Flag Retirement Ceremony with Middle School	SK B. Richmond

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CHAIR
Sun 26 th	11:30 AM	Brother Al Adorizzi Memorial Mass	N/A
Thu 30 th	6:30 PM	Flags for Heroes Planning Meeting	SK J. Pechar

LOOK AHEAD

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CHAIR
May 1 st	7:30 AM	Brother J. Duggan Memorial Mass	N/A
May 2 nd – May 3 rd	All Masses	Baby Bottle Campaign - Bottle Distribution	SK R. Autio
May 9 th – May 10 th	All Masses	Baby Bottle Campaign - Bottle Collection	SK R. Autio
May 22 nd – May 24 th		K of C State Convention	N/A
Sat 23 rd Sun 31 st	All Masses	Flags for Heroes Sales	SK J. Pechar

[Click here](#) to subscribe to the Council and Assembly Calendar.

*** Please provide input for the monthly council events to DGK John Pechar jpechar68@gmail.com

Near Term Important Dates at Ascension Parish:

- Each Wednesday: Holy Hour (1700-1800)

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✦ THE 4TH DEGREE ✦



✦ PATRIOTISM ✦

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From the Faithful Navigator

Sir Knights

The Concept of Catholic Knighthood – Part II (excerpt from *The Knights of Columbus: An Illustrated History*, pg. 25, by Andrew T. and Maureen H. Walther, SquareOne, 2020):

[“The concept of knighthood enjoyed a resurgent popularity in the Victorian Era, which extolled its code of chivalric conduct, its defense of others, and its fraternal brotherhood. As Nigel Saul wrote in *Chivalry in Medieval England*, ‘its roots lay in an idealized view of the medieval past which grew up in reaction to the horrors of the grim industrialization of the time.’ But while other groups adopted knightly themes or names devoid of faith, the founders of the Knights of Columbus placed the Catholic faith and Christian values and virtue at the center of its conception of knighthood. At the same time, the Order did away with the requirements of social status, money, and physical ability that had been a part of knighthood historically. Writing in his 1898 *Columbiad* article ‘True Knighthood,’ future supreme knight Edward Hearn explicitly embraced the idea of the Knights recapturing knighthood for the modern day. ‘... it was to bring back into our hurried and restless American life some of the characteristics of ancient knighthood that the society of the Knights of Columbus was established.’”]

Much appreciation for those Sir Knights who led a Stations of the Cross prayer session to include Deacon Sir Knight Bill Terneus (20 Feb), Deacon Sir Knight Sergio Colon (27 Feb), Acolyte Sir Knight Rob Light (6 Mar), and Father Sir Knight John Triolo (13 Mar). Yes, there are clergy and a deacon candidate who are 4th Degree Knights of Columbus at our parish and serve a multitude of liturgies throughout the year!

A sincere thank you to the Color Corps for their participation in the Saint Patrick’s Day parade, 14 March, as well as the funerals of Sir Knight Bill Lansing, OLG (3 March 2026), Brother Knight Robert “Bob” Caldo, Ascension (10 March 2026), and Sir Knight Geoffrey Schmits, Ascension (24 March 2026) – much honor given! Also, a great thanks to those who participated in the Silver Rose Prayer Service, on 1 March 2026, presided by Deacon Sir Knight Chris Meehan.



As a reminder, the next Assembly meeting will be held on Thursday, **9 April**, at **7:30pm** in Rm 312 of the Ministry Center. The date/time change is due to Holy Thursday, 2 April, and the Council Officers' Meeting on 9 April at 6:30pm. Some other upcoming activities include:

- SK Glenn Albert's Funeral, Holy Name of Jesus Parish, 8 April, 1100 (with Color Corps)
- SK Jack Duggan's Funeral, Ascension Parish, TBD (with Color Corps)
- Flag Retirement Ceremony with Ascension School, 24 April, 1000

If you are not already a member of the Assembly or Color Corps and interested in learning more, please contact Membership Director, SK John Miller, Color Corps Commander, SK Eddy Merlet, or myself about joining (contact info listed on the KofC newsletter front page and Assembly page). Please keep an eye out for upcoming events in the monthly activity sheet and God Bless!

Vivat Jesus

SK Rob Light Faithful Navigator

2025-2026 ASSEMBLY 3482 PLAN OF ACTIVITIES

Date/Time	Event	Chairman
July 15 1500	Roundtable with Fr. John Bosco	Parish Office, WGK, FN, MP
August 10	Veteran Presentation Purple Heart Recognition	FC Ralph Carestia CCC Eddie Merlet
August 10 1130	Quarterly Council/Assembly Corporate Communion, Color Corps CCC Eddie Merlet	WGK/PFN Rich Passarella FN Rob Light
Sept 11 1200	911 Patriotic Rosary Ascension Catholic Church	WDGK/PFN John Pechar SK John Autio
Sept 11 1800	911 Ceremony at Veteran's Center Merritt Island	SK Bobby Sullivan
Sep 18	Vietnam Disabled Veterans Fundraiser Dinner	SK Be Duong SK Bobby Sullivan
Oct 30 1500	Roundtable with Fr. John Bosco	Parish Office, WGK, FN, MP
Nov 1 Sun Mass	All Souls' Day Service	WGK/PFN Rich Passarella CCC Eddie Merlet
Nov 8 1000	Veterans' Day Parade – Color Corps Assembly / Council / LA	CCC Eddie Merlet SK Bobby Sullivan
Nov 11	Veterans Flag Ceremony at Shady Oaks Cemetery following Veterans' Day Parade	SK John Autio SK Bobby Sullivan
Nov 17	Flag Folding Event with Cub Scouts	SK John Autio
Dec 13 1630	Quarterly Council/Assembly Corporate Communion, Color Corps CCC Eddie Merlet	WGK/PFN Rich Passarella FN Rob Light
Dec 13 0930	Wreaths Across America at Shady Oaks and JS Sloan Cemeteries	FN Rob Light WDGK/PFN John Pechar CCC Eddie Merlet
Jan 3-14	Prepare Form 1728 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities Report – Due Jan 31	FN Rob Light FC Ralph Carestia
Jan 12-18	Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon w/Color Corps	WGN/PFN Rich Passarella CCC Eddie Merlet
Jan 21 1500	Roundtable with Fr. John Bosco	Parish Office, WGK, FN, MP

March	Prepare Form 2321 Civic Award Application	FC Ralph Carestia FN Rob Light FC Ralph Carestia
April ???	Ascension School Flag Retirement Ceremony	SK Bob Richmond
Mid-April 1500	Roundtable with Fr. John Bosco	Parish Office, WGK, FN, MP
May 4	Color Corps Marching of the Colors	FP Malashy MaGuinness
May 4 TBD	Quarterly Council/Assembly Corporate Communion, Color Corps CCC Eddie Merlet	WGK/PFN Rich Passarella FN Rob Light
May TBD	Vietnam Travelling Wall & Laying of Wreaths (Assembly/Council/LA) – Color Corps	CCC Eddie Merlet
May TBD	May Crowning (ACCW) Color Corps	CCC Eddie Merlet
May 25 TBD	Memorial Day Ceremony at Shady Oaks	SK Bobby Sullivan
June 27 1800	Flags for Heroes Flag Display Knight's House Lawn Area	WDGK/PFN John Pechar PGK Dave AmRhein
July 4 1000	Independence Day Parade Assembly / Council / LA	CCC Eddie Merlet SK Bobby Sullivan

Our next Assembly meeting is scheduled for April 9, 7:30 PM in the Knights Room. This is a change from normal first Thursday of the month due to Holy Thursday. Chaplet of the Divine Mercy immediately preceding the meeting at 6:30 in Room 313 (Ladies Auxiliary Meeting Room).



Dear Brother Knights,

This is an invitation to Third Degree Knights in Council 14573 for advancement to the highest level of membership in the Knights of Columbus, the Fourth Degree. KOC Assembly #3482 serves the Ascension Catholic Community and is named in memory of former Orlando bishop Bishop Norbert M. Dorsey, CP.

Additional assembly information is available on our website. Please select the video titled "Fourth Degree Exemplification on US Battleship" at <https://kofc14573.weebly.com/assembly.html> for further details.

Also, attached is a flyer for the next Florida State Fourth Degree Exemplification on Saturday, June 27th, in Davie, FL. We usually carpool to the exemplification. If you are interested in advancing to the Fourth Degree, we will need to process your application before April 30th and mail it to the Florida State Assembly. Please get in touch with me at 321-626-9641 (email: roblight8@gmail.com) or John Miller at 321-794-6620.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Sir Knight Rob Light,
Faithful Navigator, Assembly 3482

THE FOURTH DEGREE OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 126 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE

SOUTH EAST FLORIDA SPECIAL EXEMPLIFICATION COMMEMORATING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

June 27, 2026

St. Bonaventure Catholic Church

1301 SW 136th Avenue, Davie, FL 33325

Registration 9:30-10:30 AM

Exemplification: 11:00 AM

Holy Mass: 1:00 PM

Luncheon: 2:00 PM

Adjournment: 3:45 PM

To register, visit the Florida state council website at: www.floridakofc.org

- From the landing page menu, select Fourth Degree
- Select Fourth Degree Forms
- Select Exemplification Candidate Registration Form (complete and print)
- Select Candidate Appropriate Dress Form (print and sign)
- Select Fillable Form 4 – complete and print out

The completed forms should be brought to your council Financial Secretary along with your payment. The FS will submit the forms and your payment to the appropriate Assembly Comptroller for processing.



Who are Fourth Degree “Sir Knights” of the Knights of Columbus?

Catholic Citizens who have demonstrated outstanding service and dedication to the virtues of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Members of the Knights of Columbus who have pledged to dedicate their lives to promoting patriotism enlightened by their Catholic faith. These Knights, distinguished by exemplary deeds for God, for country, and for the Order, are united by the bonds of the Fourth Degree to support religious, civic, and charitable causes.

Fourth Degree members are called “Sir Knights” and in addition to their local councils they belong to a local unit called an assembly. Each assembly is comprised of Sir Knights from area local councils. The assembly is involved in a wide range of patriotic public activities. Assemblies also maintain a Fourth Degree Color Corp – made up of uniformed members who drill together for ceremonial purposes and provide a visible honor guard for many events including: Corporate Communion, special Masses, funerals, parades, and other religious ceremonies.

ELIGIBILITY:

To qualify for the Fourth Degree, one must:

1. Be a man over the age of 18-years at the time of his last birthday.
2. Be a 3rd Degree member of the Knights of Columbus in good standing.
3. Be a Practical Catholic, that is a Catholic that is in communion with the Holy See

CLERGY:

The Honoree for this Exemplification is Most Reverend Thomas Wenski, Archbishop of Miami. The archbishop will be the Principal Celebrant of the Mass, which will immediately follow the Exemplification Ceremony. Joining Archbishop Wenski as Concelebrants will be Most Reverend Patrick Pinder, Archbishop of Nassau, Bahamas; Very Reverend Thomas Skindeleski, State Chaplain Emeritus (Florida); Reverend Martin Dunn, Diocesan Chaplain Diocese of Palm Beach; Reverend Christopher Hoffmann, Florida District Friar; Reverend Wilfredo Contreras, Diocesan Chaplain Archdiocese of Miami and more...

SPECIAL GUESTS:

- The Miami/Dade Sheriff’s Department will be providing the Color Guard to present and retire the Colors
- The Supreme Master of the Fourth Degree of the Order, Sir Knight Michael McCusker along with other Supreme Representatives and many other distinguished guests who will be available for meet and greet, following the Mass.
- Joseph McGivney, a Blessed Michael McGivney relative will be on site to sign copies of his book “You’re a miracle”.
- Scott A. O’Connor, Past State Deputy (Florida) Supreme Director will be signing his book “One Knights Journey” – proceeds to go to the Marybeth O’Connor Holy Angels Fund for Vocations support.
- Christopher Lewis, President of the American Wheelchair Mission and son of the late entertainer Jerry Lewis will be offering his book “Jerry Lewis on Being a Person”.
- Other special guests will be announced at the Exemplification.

EVERYONE IS INVITED:

The Exemplification Ceremonial, Mass and Banquet are open to all families, friends and prospective candidates. We encourage local councils and assemblies to consider taking out an advertisement in the Exemplification commemorative Program Guide. The cost of a full-page advertisement is only \$250.00 and will include your Assembly or Council name, number, current officers, and your message. Pre-designed templates are available no design skills are needed. Half-page ads cost \$150.00 each. The deadline for advertisement submission is April 17, 2026.

FRIDAY NIGHT ICE-BREAKER RECEPTION:

To commemorate this special event, St. Mark Council No. 13045 will be hosting a reception on Friday, June 26, 2026, from 5:00PM-7:00PM at the Parish Center – St. Mark Catholic Church, 5601 S. Flamingo Road, Southwest Ranches, FL 33330. All are welcome to come and meet fellow Sir Knights and their families as well as many of our “Special” guests. Light-Refreshments will be served.

Discover your mission.
Become a Knight.

Empowering men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work and in their communities.

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April Birthdays

Heavenly Father, We praise You for all Your gifts to us. In a special way,, we thank You for our brothers as they celebrate their birthday. Bless them always in Your love. Bless us too, Holy Father, Help us all to praise You and give You glory Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Shea O'connor	April, 2
Patrick O'Dea	April, 5
Richard Robinson	April, 5
James Haines	April, 7
Patrick Neve	April, 8
Michael Connors	April, 9
Jeffrey Bauman	April, 11
Hector Diaz	April, 11
Devin Barela	April, 12
Joseph Ameigh	April, 15
Steven O'neal	April, 15
Philip Webster	April, 16
Joseph Greco	April, 19
Steven Kaercher	April, 23
Joshua Porche	April, 25
Elmer Rivera	April, 25
Zachary Baird	April, 26
Michael Gramke	April, 28

Be sure to [let us know](#) if we miss any monthly birthdays

[You can find the Ascension 14573 Monthly Newsletters -- HERE](#)



Chaplains Corner

A Presentation on Saint Joseph by Deacon SK Chris Meehan

Go To Joseph by Fr Richard W. Gilsdorf

(excerpts from Go-To-Joseph by FrRichardGilsdorf.docx)

The Just Man: Who is He? {Matthew 1:19}

- Little is known with historical certainty
- What we know
 - o His name is an abbreviation of *Jehoseph*: Hebrew for, “May Yahweh give an increase.”
 - o He was *probably* born in Bethlehem
 - o He *probably* had family and family property there
 - o Joseph is “of the house of David.”
 - o Joseph worked with wood (Greek Scripture word *tekton* == craftsman); St Justin Martyr, who was born in Palestine around 100 AD, writes that Jesus was considered to be the son of Joseph the carpenter.

The Testing

- Being “just” expresses the height of sanctity, a most perfect relationship of the soul with God and man.
- Joseph portrayed as old man with gray or white hair or decrepit old man. (apocryphal writings) However . . .
- Contemporary Jewish custom would place Joseph at 18 or 19 years of age at the time of his espousal.
- *It in no way contradicts the Faith (and is even proper and probable) to assert the youth of Joseph at the time of his marriage. After all, his mission required youthful vigor, not the loss of faculties associated with old age. | Furthermore, if we look at Scripture, the whole pattern of divine action in the Holy Family is that of a normal Palestinian family, thereby cloaking the Incarnation until Jesus Christ later decides to reveal it. If Mary and Joseph were not of normal age for marriage, this exception would have aroused speculation, if not scornful wonderment. (Gilsdorf,18)*
- It seems we doubt that a young Joseph would have been able to remain celibate within a chaste marriage; does this not deny God’s action to provide for each party the graces needed to remain within the plan God had arranged?



VII The Earthly Trinity

Pope Leo XIII encyclical *Quamquam Pluries* points to the Holy Family as the kernel of the Church. "... Joseph continues to do for all times what he did for his family during those years in Bethlehem, Egypt, and Nazareth.

- He provided by the industry of his hands
- He governed the household with humble prudence
- Oblivious of his own advantage, he cherished Jesus and Mary and sacrificed for them
- He protected and defended the sacred persons of Jesus and Mary with constant vigilance, instant response, and courageous action, with utter disregard for his own inclination and safety.

The following, then, are those he fulfills daily for the Church:

- He provides for us, thus preserving the Eucharist for our souls' nourishment and answering the prayers of the faithful with powerful intercession.
- He governs us, for Christ has made him "Lord of his house and ruler of his possessions."
- He cherishes all of us, as he loved Jesus and Mary.
- He protects us, for one of his greatest titles is "Protector and Defender of Holy Mother Church." As he assiduously guarded the body of Jesus, he now guards the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church.

Keep in mind the two-fold foundation on which his privileges and duties rest, marriage and fatherhood, again remembering he is true husband of Mary and true father of Jesus.

"Therefore, in Joseph heads of the household are blessed with the unsurpassed model of fatherly watchfulness and care." (74)

From Pope Pius XII:

Day after day, at home and in the carpenter's shop, his eyes rested on Jesus; he protected Him against the dangers of childhood; he guided His advancing years, and by hard work and with religious devotedness he provided for the increasing needs of the Mother and the Son . . . And there was Joseph, modest, self-effacing, yet exercising authority over that family. How holy he must have been! Under his fatherly protection and ceaseless, tireless care the young Boy grew into manhood . . . Don't you think that now in heaven he is the same loving father and guardian of the whole Church, of all its members as he was of its Head on earth? . . . and Joseph turns to Jesus . . . and at once graces flow abundantly for the souls of men (Pope Pius XII as quoted by Gilsdorf, 74-75).

We can conclude this about Joseph's mission:

1. God gives all necessary preparations and dispositions to those whom He calls to exalted missions. The prime example of this fact is Mary.
2. God enlightens those He calls in a manner sufficient for them to understand and carry out the mission. As the saying goes, "He doesn't call the equipped, He equips the called." (75)



Third Degree Exemplification March 26



Third Degree Exemplification Ceremony where we welcomed our newest Knights into the Council
Tommy Gorman, Jose (joey) Sevilla, Hamp (dot) Dotson and Lenin Rodriquez



Highway Cleanup — March 6

The Historian's Corner Deacon SK Chris Meehan

Deacon Chris gave a very interesting and informative talk at the March Assembly meeting on **The Story of Lena Richard — The Talented Chef who Put Travis House on the Map**. You can view the talk — [HERE](#) — and also read more about Lena Richard — [HERE](#).



In Memory of Sir Knight Geoffrey Schmits

Geoffrey David Schmits, born on March 15, 1962, in Princeton, Indiana, to Henry and Faye Schmits, passed away on February 25, 2026, in Melbourne, Florida.



Geoffrey was a proud graduate of Princeton Community High School, Class of 1980. He continued his education at Vincennes University, earning a degree in Laser Optics in 1984. He later furthered his academic achievements at LaGrange College, earning both an MBA and a Bachelor of Science in Physics. His commitment to education and excellence led to a successful career as an engineer with Leonardo DRS, where he worked on state-of-the-art defense technology. His dedication to learning and professional growth reflected his strong work ethic and intellectual curiosity.

A man of many passions, Geoffrey enjoyed deep-sea fishing and cherished time on the water. He was a devoted fan of Indiana University athletics, as well as the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Los Angeles Rams, loyally supporting his favorite teams through every season. His enthusiasm for sports was matched only by his strong faith and dedication to his church community at Ascension Catholic Church, where he was an active and faithful member. Geoff was

committed to Christ Renews His Parish Men's Retreats, serving on many retreat teams. Geoff was a member of KOC Council 14573 and Assembly 3482. He became a Knight of Columbus in 1980 and has served continuously for 45 years. He became a Fourth-degree Sir Knight in 2002, with 23 years of continuous service.

Geoffrey is survived by his loving wife of 14 years, Rhonda Schmits; his three brothers; and eight sisters. He also leaves behind many cherished nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews who will fondly remember his warmth and presence. He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Faye Schmits, and his first wife, Peggy.

Sir Knight Geoff Schmits will be remembered for his brotherly faith, his love of family, his loyalty to his teams, and the steady, caring spirit he brought to all who knew him. His memory will live on in the hearts of those who loved



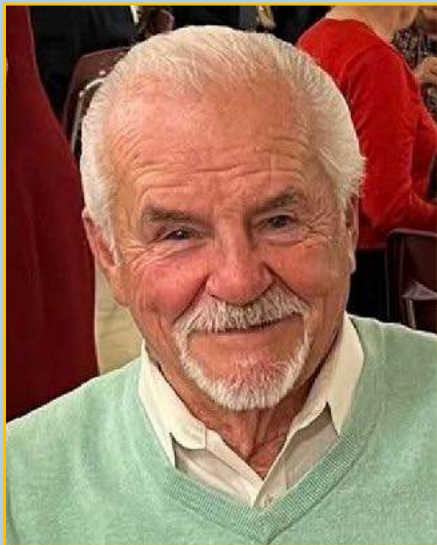
Color Corps Support for Funeral of SK Geoff Schmits



In Memory of Sir Knight Jack Duggan

John "Jack" Patrick Duggan, 81, of Melbourne, passed away on March 17, 2026. He died very suddenly at home with his wife, Kathy, at the age of 81.

Jack was born in Hartford, Connecticut to Loretta and Joseph Duggan. Jack was working as a Master Carpenter at the state capital in Hartford, Connecticut, where he met Kathy in 1990. Jack and Kathy married in 2009, joining the Duggan and Corbett clans. Many admired his Irish pride, deep voice, and dedication to service in the US Navy,



Knights of Columbus, and Ascension Catholic Church. Jack volunteered at Ascension Social Concerns food drives, Daily Bread food kitchen, Ascension Thrift Store, Family Promise set up and clean up, CRHP (Christ Renews His Parish) meals and clean up. Jack could be found every Sunday serving donuts, coffee, bagels and smiles. He also served all Parish functions, trunk or treat, Friday Lenten fish fries, School teacher appreciation lunch, dinners and more. He could often be seen manning the grills and fryers, and most importantly, he assisted in cleaning the grills and fryers early the morning after the events. Jack was a very active member of Ascension's KOC Council 14573 and Assembly 3482. He became a Knight of Columbus in 2020 and a Fourth-degree Sir Knight in 2001. Jack was recognized as Knight of the Month in 2021, and Jack and Kathy were honored as the Family of the Year in 2024.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Loretta Duggan; mother-in-Law, Mary Corbett and sister, Bridgette.

Jack is survived by his cherished wife, Kathy Harris. He also leaves his daughters, Natalie and Jessica; son John and stepson, Matthew; two grandsons, Dante and Andrew and one granddaughter, Genevieve. He leaves behind brothers, Joseph, Edward "Charlie", Danny, Tom, Michael and sister, Patricia. He has many loved in-laws and several nieces and nephews.

Jack led a life of adventure and fun with many dear friends and those who rode alongside him on their Harleys. Jack had a heart of gold and was loved by all. He will be truly missed.

A celebration of life will be announced at a later date. Please consider a donation to Ascension Social Concerns.







Monthly Council Meeting



**Knight of the Month – February
SK Jose Montes**

**Family of the Month – February
SK Jerry and Lady Olga Kelly**

**SK Jose Was Also Selected for Knight of the Year
This Award Will Be Presented at the State Convention**

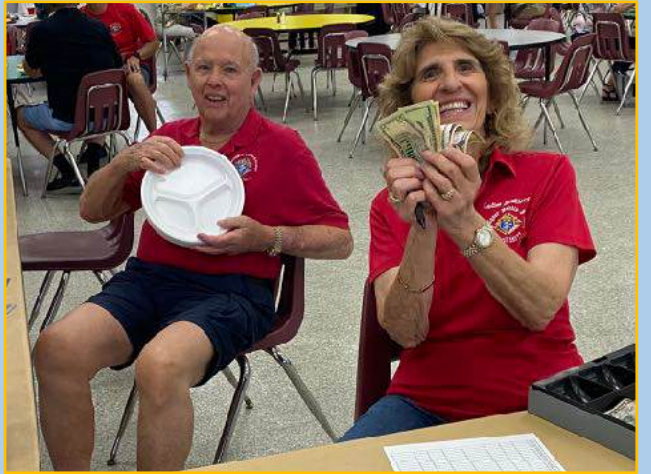


Lenten Fish Fry's

A HUGETHANKYOU to all who participated in the fish frys this season of Lent, either by attending and providing your support, or by volunteering. This was a great way to contribute to our council's benevolent fund while also having some time for fellowship. We had 6 busy Fridays with a group of over 50 volunteers overall, many of those coming every single Friday to help set up, cook, serve, and clean up. We also had several knights and ladies repeatedly coming to join us, purchasing dinners, and bringing family and friends. The cumulative net income from the 6 Fish Frys was \$8168, which is a big help to our benevolent fund and should allow us to be generous again in what we do for the parish, school, and community. The total number of volunteer hours that this took was approximately 1,260. Thank you!

(From PGK Jose Montes)







Free Throw Championship

The Knights of Columbus Regional Free Throw Championship is history for 2026. The only thing left is the awards presentation which will be held in the Church (Parish Hall) after school Mass on March 25. At the presentation all winning competitors will receive a certificate and a Walmart gift card for \$25. Those who advanced beyond the District level will receive a gift card for \$50.

As a review of the competition, these were the winners — and once again congratulations to all those who participated in the Free Throw Championship. We really enjoyed working with the students and look forward to our next competition — Soccer Challenge in the fall.

Ascension Competition Winners, January 12 & 13, Ascension Gym

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| 9 Year-Old Girls | Maggie Jerome |
| 9 Year-Old Boys | Ricky Vogel |
| 10 Year-Old Girls | Addison Moyles |
| 10 Year-Old Boys | Kayden Lewis |
| 11 Year-Old Girls | Isabella Walters |
| 11 Year-Old Boys | Carson McCurdy |
| 12 Year-Old Girls | Liana Roeder |
| 12 Year-Old Boys | Brayden Dunham |
| 13 Year-Old Boys | Emanuel Montoya |

State Competition, March 7 at MCC

Second Place

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| 10 Year-Old Boys | Kayden Lewis |
| 12 Year-Old Girls | Liana Roeder |

Third Place

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| 11 Year-Old Girls | Isabella Walters |
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Regional Competition, February 28 at MCC

First Place

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| 10 Year-Old Boys | Kayden Lewis |
| 11 Year-Old Girls | Isabella Walters |
| 12 Year-Old Girls | Liana Roeder |

Second Place

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| 12 Year-Old Boys | Brayden Dunham |
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Third Place

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| 10 Year-Old Girls | Addison Moyles |
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District Competition, January 24 at MCC

First Place

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| 10 Year-Old Boys | Kayden Lewis |
| 10 Year-Old Girls | Addison Moyles |
| 11 Year-Old Girls | Isabella Walters |
| 12 Year-Old Boys | Brayden Dunham |
| 12 Year-Old Girls | Liana Roeder |

Second Place

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| 9 Year-Old Boys | Ricky Vogel |
| 9 Year-Old Girls | Maggie Jerome |
| 11 Year-Old Boys | Carson McCurdy |



Knights of Columbus Silver Rose Program

SUNDAY, MARCH 1st, at 2 PM



Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners, and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

There are eight Silver Roses on eight pilgrimage routes throughout the US. This year, our Council will have the opportunity and privilege of a Silver Rose visiting our area. This Silver Rose is identified as the Route 5 Silver Rose starting here in Florida on February 14 for a month, visiting many Councils in Florida, then traveling through 10 states. Eventually, arriving in Mexico on December 9 and staying until December 12, the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, all the Silver Roses will meet at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We are scheduled to receive it at Ascension Catholic Community on Sunday, March 1st, and are planning an afternoon prayer service similar to the pilgrim ICON Holy Hour.

You can share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life by participating in this meaningful pilgrimage. The Silver Rose program demonstrates the unity among Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States, and Mexico through a series of prayer services that promote the dignity of all human life and honor Our Lady.





From the Ladies Auxiliary



It is hard to separate the seasons, living in FL, but much of the world is coming through a long, cold winter, about now, into the new life of flowers blossoming and the greening of grass that had been long hidden in various shades of brown, and some even coated in white. The sun is peeking through the gray skies of winter to encourage all creatures to go out and explore this newness of life revealed. I pray that this Lent has brought newness to your life in Christ as you have been preparing yourself for the Easter season by avoiding things that steal your time with the Lord and adding in practices that draw you closer. As I write this, we are already into the Triduum, and the joy of Christ's resurrection will soon be upon us. I pray that each and every one of you carries that joy into the days to come.

We were very busy in March assisting our Knights with the Fish Fry Fridays. All of the help was so appreciated, and our community showed up to support our efforts, and really seemed to enjoy the food and socializing. I am already looking forward to next year, and pray that it grows to be even bigger and better! As several of our annual bigger events had to be cancelled due to the renovations, these Fish Fry Fridays have gone a long way to help the KoC make up some of their fundraising that would have been lost, yet already worked into their budget. Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who helped make them a great success!

Last month we named Terry Nicolette our Lady of the Month. Terry exemplifies what it is to be the backbone of our Auxiliary. She is dedicated, hard working, and involved in multiple ministries. She has served as an officer in the Auxiliary, and she also sees to the care of her parents. Congratulations to Terry, and a big thank you, too. We are blessed to have you as a member!

We have a few important dates to celebrate this month...

Please wish a "Happy Birthday" to...

April 9 Irene Hallquist
 April 11 Eileen Greco
 April 19 Becky Richard

Please wish a "Happy Anniversary" to...

April 8 Carol and Allen Allebach
 April 8 Irene and David Hallquist
 April 15 Carol and Phillip Gaeta

We have formed a Scholarship Committee and will all be voting on our annual donation recipients at our April meeting.

The Baby Bottle distribution and collection are just around the corner, the first two weekends in May, respectively. Please plan to help with this collection, if you are able.

Our next Ladies Auxiliary meeting will be held on April 16 at 7pm, or following the Power Rosary, which begins at 6:15pm. I hope to see you all there!

I pray each of you has a beautiful and blessed Easter, celebrating the resurrection of Our Lord with friends and/or family. Always remember that you are His Beloved, and He would give His life all over again for love of you.

Your Sister in Christ,

Becky Richard
 President, Ladies Auxiliary





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Trying to achieve financial strength and stability can feel overwhelming, especially when life is already full.

This month, I want to share a simpler way to think about it: holistic financial wellness. You can work toward this goal by developing an overall financial strategy and determining how Knights of Columbus products can be a part of that foundation. This includes more than insurance. We also offer annuities with guaranteed retirement income as well as mutual funds from our affiliate Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors.

A good place to start is protecting your family through life insurance. Term life coverage can help with temporary needs, while whole life coverage can last your entire lifetime and build guaranteed cash value over time.

Next, let's think about retirement. Whether it's years away or right around the corner, having a strategy for income in retirement matters. The Knights of Columbus offers solutions that can be part of an overall plan you feel confident about.

It's also important to prepare for the unexpected. Thinking ahead about how your family would handle an extended care need or a disruption in income due to disability is part of protecting what you have worked hard to build. The Knights has products to help ensure your family's life will not be financially disrupted in either case.

I imagine many of you joined the Knights because you want to give back, and for many of you, that includes charitable giving. Did you know that a donor-advised fund can be a tax-efficient strategy for charitable giving? Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund, an independent 501(c)(3) charity helps donors align their giving with their faith, and you don't need to be a member of the Knights to open an account.

Finally, consider investments. If you're seeking competitive returns without compromising on Catholic moral principles, Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors (KoCAA) can help. KoCAA screens companies for compliance with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Socially Responsible Investment Guidelines, so you never have to wonder if your investments conflict with your morals. Investing with KoCAA is also open to all, regardless of whether you're a Knight.

Attaining financial wellness doesn't need to feel overwhelming. You can start right away by simply using our life insurance calculator at www.kofc.org/calculator. With a few key details, it will help you assess your insurance needs. Then, I can help you find the right coverage. No matter where you are on your financial journey, I'm here to help. Please come see me after the meeting, and I would be glad to schedule a time to sit down and talk about your needs.

Thank you!

Vivat Jesus!

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Prayer Requests

Recently Deceased

SK Jack Duggan
SK Geoff Schmits
Brother Bob Caldo

Healthcare Providers and First Responders Worldwide
Service Men and Women serving our Country Worldwide
Victims of Hurricanes, Tornadoes, Fires and other Natural Disasters

All those suffering from terrorist attacks, invasions by foreign governments, and loss of life and oppression in all war-torn areas

All those in need of prayers for health issues

ARA SK Gerry Grillo
SK Randy Lascody
SK Doug Blair
SK John Miller
SK Marc Worchel
SK Werner Schulz
SK Allen Allebach
SK John Kisiel
PGK David Sullivan
SK John Autio
SK Ric and Jan Robinson
SK Norm Boudreau
SK Rey Sepulveda
Brother Phillip State
Brother Bill and Betsy Hampton
Lady Jan O'Bryan-Wilson
Duane, Son of SK Tony Cortes
Jim Richmond, Brother of SK Bob Richmond
Rowena Carenen, Niece of SK Mike Marzec
Parker, Grandson of Lady Lan Duong
Clara, Daughter of Lady Lan Duong
Genevieve Harris, granddaughter of Lady Kathy Harris and SK Jack Duggan

All Those Men in Formation for the Sacrament of Holy Orders — Priest and Deacon

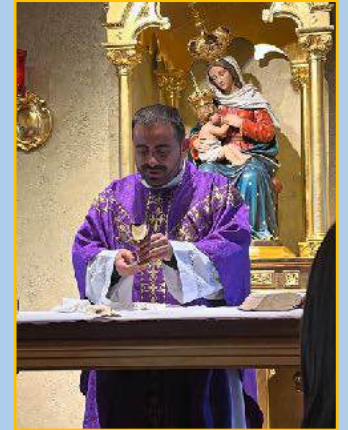
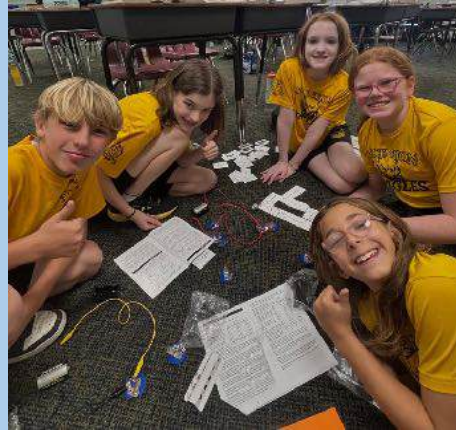
Michael Anctil
Jonathan Amgott
Gavin Foreman
SK Rob Light

Prayer for Blessed Michael McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael 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 Blessed Michael 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.



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Chesterton Academy of Mary Star of the Sea

At the March Council meeting we had a presentation on Chesterton Academy of Mary Star of the Sea. This is an ongoing initiative to establish a high school campus in the Melbourne area. More information about Chesterton is available – [HERE](#).


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Prayers for the Easter Season

Continue to celebrate Easter with Holy Mother Church through all of the fifty days ordained for this joyous feast. Here are some brief and simple Prayers that may be said in the family each day until Pentecost.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (or Divine Mercy Sunday)

Prayers for the Sunday are continued during the week with the regular family prayers.

Family:

The Lord is truly risen, Alleluia.

Father:

Let us pray. Grant, we beseech Thee, O Almighty God, that we who have observed the paschal mystery, may by Thy favor manifest its power by lives of virtue. Through Christ our Lord.

Family:

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Father:

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and divinity and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing.

Family:

Alleluia.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Family:

Alleluia.

Father:

Let us pray. O God, who dost manifest to those in error the light of Thy Truth that they may return to the way of holiness, grant that all who profess themselves Christians may spurn whatever is hostile to that name and embrace whatever is in harmony with it. Through Christ our Lord.

Family:

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Father:

I heard a voice from heaven as the voice of mighty thunders, Alleluia. Our God shall reign forever, Alleluia, for now has come the salvation and the power and the authority of His Christ, Alleluia.

Family:

And a voice came forth from the throne saying: Praise our God, all you His servants, and you who fear Him, the small and the great! Alleluia.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER OR GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Father:

Alleluia. Risen is the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for His sheep and who deigned to die for His flock, Alleluia.

Family:

Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Father:

Let us pray. O God, by the humility of Thy Son, Thou hast raised up a fallen world; to Thy faithful people give a lasting joy so that those whom Thou hast rescued from the danger of eternal death may enjoy endless happiness because of Thee. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Family:

Alleluia, Alleluia.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Family:

The Lord is truly risen, Alleluia.

Father:

Let us pray. O God, who makest the minds of the faithful to be of one will, grant that Thy people may love whatever Thou commandest and desire whatever Thou dost promise; then in spite of the changing fortunes of this world, our hearts will be set where true joys are to be found. Through Christ our Lord.

Family:

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Father:

I am the true vine, you are the branches! He who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Family:

As the Father has loved Me, I also have loved you, alleluia.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Family:

The Lord is truly risen, Alleluia.

Father:

Let us pray. O God, all good things come from Thee; by Thy holy inspiration grant unto Thy humble servants to think correctly and by Thy merciful guidance to act accordingly. Through Christ our Lord.

Family:

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Father:

Ask, and you shall receive that your joy may be full.

Family:

For the Father Himself loves you because you have loved Me, and believed, Alleluia, Alleluia.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Family:

God has raised up His Son and has enthroned Him in glory, Alleluia.

Father:

Let us pray. Loving Father, hear our prayers and grant that the Savior of mankind, who now dwells with You in equal majesty, may continue His presence with us, as He promised, to the end of time. Through Christ our Lord.

Family:

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Father:

Father, I have glorified You on earth.

Family:

I have finished the work You gave Me to do, Alleluia.

Prayer Source: *Family Customs: Easter to Pentecost* by Helen McLoughlin, The Liturgical Press, Collegeville, Minnesota, 1956

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Knights Take The Polar Plunge

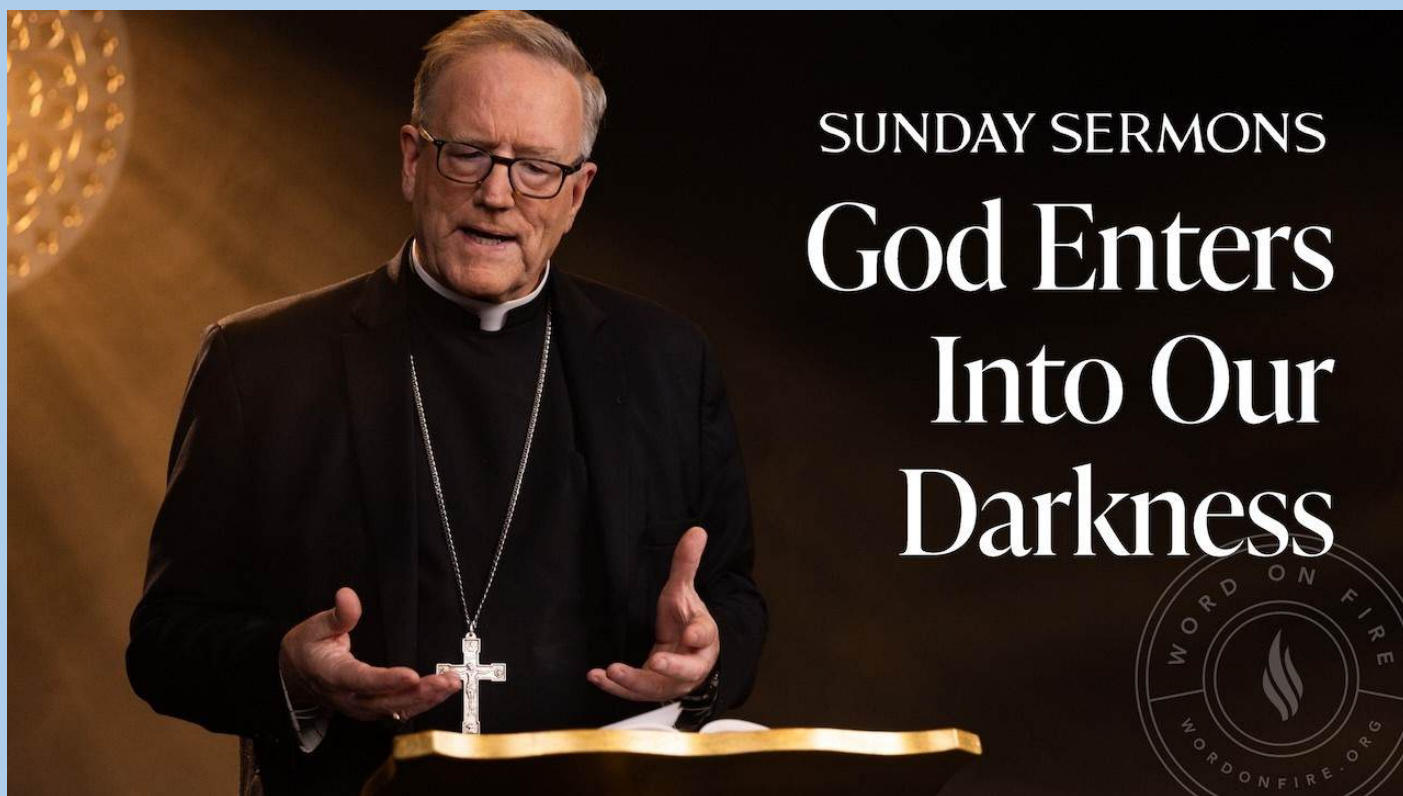


Bishop Robert Barron



SUNDAY SERMONS

The Earthquake of the Resurrection



SUNDAY SERMONS

God Enters Into Our Darkness



Videos of the Month





Power Rosary



My Brothers and Sisters,

Monthly Power Rosary — Power Rosary every 3rd Thursday with SK Bobby Sullivan and SK Ralph Carestia — immediately before the membership meeting in the Ministry Building, Room 313 — 6:15 PM.

They sought strength in solidarity, and security through unity of purpose and devotion to a holy cause: they vowed to be defenders of their country, their families and their faith.

These men were bound together by the ideal of Christopher Columbus, the discoverer of the Americas, the one whose hand brought Christianity to the New World. Their efforts came to fruition with the incorporation of the Knights of Columbus on March 29, 1882

We are the Knights of Columbus

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity! (Psalm 133:1)



Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (1 Peter 1:3)



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