

# THE MARTYR



Lorenzo Ruiz is a Filipino saint venerated in the Catholic Church. A Chinese Filipino, he became his country's protomartyr after his execution in Japan.



### Grand Knight's Message

My Fellow Knights,

Brothers, it was once again a very successful year for our

council. It never would have happened without the help of each of you. Our fundraising is the core of what we do, leading to helping our priest and parish with Faith, Community, Family and Life. Of course, without our program director (Brother Jeff) the coordination would never have happened.

All that said, we have an election coming up and are looking for some new people to step into leadership roles. We have new members to help with each of the new leaders as well. Let's give some serious thought into how each of us can help this coming year, God bless you all and Happy Easter! Vivat Jesus!



## Deputy Grand Knight & Program Director Update

We had a very good year this past year, setting Council personal records in a number of categories. One huge one was the Special

Olympics where we participated in 17 events and performed over 600 hours of volunteer time. As we begin this new reporting year, look for opportunities to assist in the many programs we will be involved in.

### Supreme Chaplain's Challenge By Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles." (Gospel for March 2, Lk 6:43-44)

Scripture often reminds us that our faith must be made evident through our works, through the good that we do. If we are truly prayerful and holy in an interior way, we will also be productive in the world. Like a tree, we will be known by the fruit we produce. May we always be mindful that faith calls us to lead lives of virtue in service to God and neighbor.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to prayerfully identify at least one area of your life where you could bear better fruit. Then, guided by the Holy Spirit, undertake at least one concrete resolution to improve.

#### Questions for Reflection:

To borrow an old question: If you were accused of being a Christian, would there be sufficient evidence to convict you? Where do you see room for improvement in turning your faith into action? What opportunities does the Knights of Columbus provide to help you bear good fruit?

### Faith Resource: Lord, Teach Us To Pray

In the booklet Lord, Teach Us To Pray: The What, Why and How of Prayer (#304) by Dominican Father Peter John Cameron, prayer is defined as "the devout offering of the whole of ourselves in the Holy Spirit to the Father through Jesus Christ." Part of the Building the Domestic Church Series, it provides guidance on developing and deepening our prayer at Mass, in our families and in daily contemplation. To order this and other Catholic resources from Order's Catholic Information Service, visit kofc.org/shopcis.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Apr 26: Car Wash Fundraiser
- May 9:FHSAA Track & Field State Championships University of North Florida, Hodges Stadium, 1 UNF Dr. Jacksonville
- May 10: BINGO 6-9pm
- May 11: Mother's Day Breakfast by Knights
- May 18th: Fish Fry After 9am and 11 am Masses
- May 24: Car Wash Fundraiser
- May 22: Flag Placement at the National Cemetery
   3pm with Show Time @ 2:15pm
- May 13:: Officer Meeting
- Every Tuesday Food for Families and Helping Hands Food Distribution 2pm to 4pm
- Every Thursday Pro-Life Demonstration at "A Woman's Choice" (4131 University Blvd. S) 9:00am to 10am - See Mike Anderson for details
- Every Wednesday Rosary 6pm to 7pm
- Every Wednesday Habitat for Humanity 8am to 12pm (POC Mike McPherson 904-631-3670)
- Every Friday 8:30-10am Silent Adoration in The Marian Chapel

Visit our <u>Calendar Online</u> for Event Details and the Latest Updates

**Upcoming Council Meetings** 

Tuesday, May 27 @ 6:30 pm In the Parish Hall

Visit our website online at:

https://uknight.org/CouncilSite/index.asp?CNO=14866

Visit the State Website at:

https://www.floridakofc.org/

Visit the Supreme Website at:

www.kofc.org



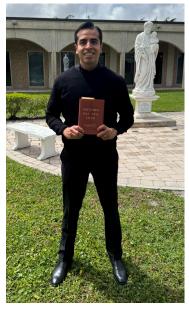
Food for Families Clothes Giveaways



Special Olympics Race for Inclusion



Seminarian Justino Moreno's Ordination as a Transitional Deacon



Seminarian Justino Moreno Receiving a Book by Bishop Barron



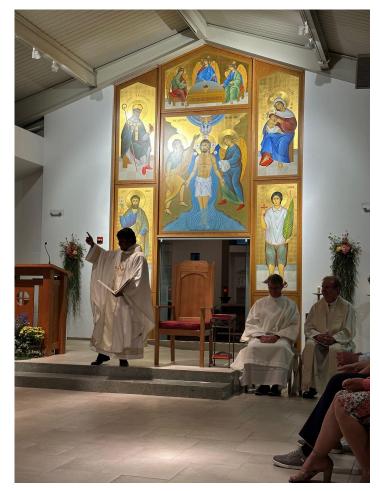
March for Life Event



Special Olympics Equestrian Event Awards Ceremony



Shoes Obtained at Special Olympics Gate River Run Given to Homeless



Icons on Display During the Easter Vigil