



St. James Cathedral Council 12402

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

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



Dear Brothers,

Thank you all for your continued support and enthusiasm as we move into spring. March was a busy and rewarding month! We had two successful Fish Frys, a joyful Parish Pancake Breakfast, and a great turnout for our St. Patrick's Day event, not to mention our monthly business meeting! I'm especially grateful to all the volunteers who helped make these events run

smoothly (the kitchen and front of house crew were stellar!). A big shoutout to Brother Tim Regan for running the St. James Annual Free Throw Contest across six class periods—your time and effort were appreciated by the school, and we've received great feedback.

We also have an exciting opportunity to give back—Special Olympics Florida is hosting its Central Region Summer Games on Sunday, April 6, 2025, at Montverde Academy and Lake Minneola High School. Volunteers are needed for events like basketball, soccer, tennis, track & field, and awards. Check-in times range between 7:30–10:00 AM depending on the shift. You can sign up online: Montverde Academy: <https://cerv.is/0197x3184> or Lake Minneola High School: <https://cerv.is/0197x3217>. Groups of 5 or more should coordinate in advance.

Also, mark your calendars for the 25th Annual Memorial Golf McTournament, hosted by St. Joseph's Council 5958! It's happening Saturday, April 26, 2025, at Remington Golf Club in Kissimmee. The \$95 early registration includes breakfast, lunch, door prizes, and a fun day of fellowship. Flyer attached.

Finally, please take note of the slate of new officer nominations for the upcoming Columbian Year, included in this issue. If you're interested in running for a position or getting more involved, let us know soon. Elections will be held Thursday, May 8, at the membership meeting, with nominations accepted in advance or during the meeting.

God bless,

Chris Ewing
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 SK John Rice
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

Wednesday, January 1
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of
God

Thursday, May 29
Ascension of the Lord

Friday, August 15
Assumption of Mary

Saturday, November 1
Solemnity of All Saints

Monday, December 8
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed
Virgin Mary

Thursday, December 25
Nativity of the Lord—Christmas

Brothers, hope you are having a blessed Lent and preparing for Easter.

Some helpful reminders - every Friday morning TMIY meets at 6:30 AM for breakfast and program starts at 7:00 AM. This is a very good program and way to help with your Lenten journey.

In addition, every weekday from 7:30 AM to noon the Cathedral has Eucharistic Adoration. Come adore Jesus for a while in the silent prayer and meditation that this affords.

Our very own Brother (Dr.) Gil Lavoie has been studying the Shroud of Turin for several decades and had a sculptor of the Shroud of Turin developed at least 3 years ago and it has been housed at the Ava Maria campus. For the Lenten Season it is currently located at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington D.C. which is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

The CNA article is included on the next page.

That Man Is You (TMIY)

Come join us at 6:30 AM on Fridays.



SAINT JOHN PAUL II NATIONAL SHRINE TO HOST EXHIBIT ON THE SHROUD OF TURIN DURING LENT

By Francesca Pollio Fenton

CNA Staff, Feb 11, 2025 / 16:50 pm

Beginning on March 5, the first day of Lent, and running through Easter Sunday, April 20, the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C., will host an exhibit called “Lord, You Could Not Love Me More!': Saint John Paul II and the Shroud of Turin.”

The exhibit is a response to the beloved saint’s call for greater understanding of and devotion to the shroud — the burial cloth that many believe was used to wrap the body of Christ after his crucifixion.

During a visit to the shroud in 1998 in Turin, Italy, Pope John Paul II said: “The shroud does not hold people’s hearts to itself but turns them to him, at whose service the Father’s loving providence has put it. Therefore, it is right to foster an awareness of the precious value of this image, which everyone sees and no one at present can explain.”

“For every thoughtful person it is a reason for deep reflection, which can even involve one’s life,” he added.

“The shroud is thus a truly unique sign that points to

Jesus, the true word of the Father, and invites us to pattern our lives on the life of the One who gave himself for us.” The exhibit will help visitors encounter the mystery of the shroud, its movement in history, the scientific research done to prove its authenticity, and the faithful devotion to all that the shroud reveals about salvation.

The exhibit will also include a replica of the Shroud of Turin on loan from the National Shroud of Turin Exhibit, over 30 gallery panels containing images and text, and a sculpture called “The Sign,” which renders a life-size 3D image of the man of the shroud.

Dr. Gilbert Lavoie, a medical expert on the study of the shroud and author of “The Shroud of Jesus: And the Sign John Ingeniously Concealed,” collaborated with sculptor Pablo Eduardo to create the sculpture, which is based on Lavoie’s research.

Lavoie’s current research on the sculpture will also be profiled in the exhibit.

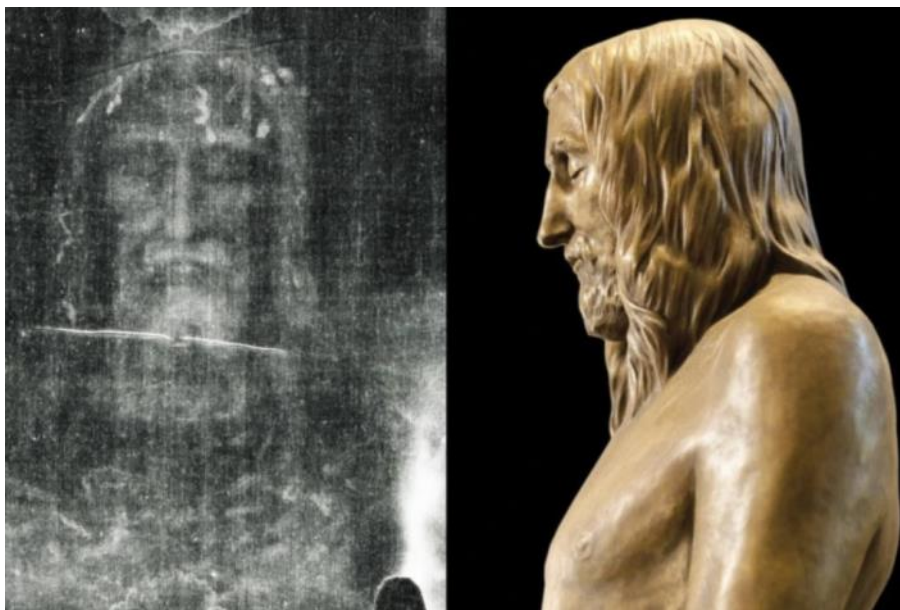
Opening the exhibit during Lent is meant to encourage visitors to more fully participate in the repentance and conversion associated with the penitential season, which John Paul II touched on during his 1998 visit.

“Contemplation of that tortured body helps contemporary man to free himself from the superficiality of the selfishness with which he frequently treats love and sin. Echoing the word of God and centuries of Christian consciousness, the shroud whispers: Believe in God’s love, the greatest treasure given to humanity, and flee from sin, the greatest misfortune in history,” the saint said.

In a press release, Anthony Picarello, executive director of the shrine, said the exhibit “resonates so deeply” with St. John Paul II’s legacy.

“It illustrates how human beings can approach the deepest mysteries fruitfully with faith and reason together, how the human body can express the most radical love, and — especially during Lent — the power of redemptive suffering.”

The shrine’s director of mission and ministry, Grattan Brown, added: “In his pilgrimages to shrines around the world, St. John Paul II often observed that shrines are places where people can step away from their busy lives to deepen their spiritual connection to God. The Shroud of Turin, which may be the burial cloth of Jesus, connects us with Jesus’ crucifixion and resurrection, God’s most loving gift for humanity. It is a joy for the St. John Paul II National Shrine to offer this exhibit so that our pilgrims may experience God’s mercy during Lent.”



Negative photo of the frontal image of the man of the Shroud of Turin (left), and a side view of the sculpture “The Sign,” which depicts the man of the shroud. | Credit: Copyright 1978, Vernon Miller / Copyright Collection of Gilbert Lavoie

[Link to article](#)



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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

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.



SLATE OF COUNCIL OFFICERS & NOTABLES FRATERNAL YEAR 2025-2026

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FEEDING THE HOMELESS

Camille & Les Castro
Ron Gulasa
Gilberto Martins
David Bessette





COMMUNITY DIRECTOR TEXT FROM BOB WILSON



SK Ralph Briscoe

One of our Council's ongoing service projects has been feeding the homeless at The Christian Service Center's West Central Blvd. campus. While our Council's involvement dates back over twenty years, the St. James Cathedral parish has been involved with the Center for over fifty years.

In 1971, St. James and four other downtown churches pooled their resources to better serve the hungry, homeless and hurting in our community by forming the Christian Service Center for Central Florida. Since that time, the parishioners of St. James have actively supported the Center's programs.

One of the cornerstones of its programs, Daily Bread, began as the "Peace Meal" served from the patio of the St. James Rectory where the Parish Center now stands. As originally reported in the Orlando Sentinel Star and recalled in the Summer 1999 issue of Jubilee, a parishioner brought a hamper of food to a noonday Lenten "rap session" at the

church. "The following Thursday she did it again, the idea caught on, and really hungry people began coming," the Sentinel Star reported.

The Lenten program was expanded, and 100 to 125 people a day were served from the rectory. Father David Page, pastor at the time, approached the Christian Service Center and in July 1975, the Center assumed responsibility for the program, renaming it Daily Bread. On the occasion of the Center's 40th anniversary in 2011, then-executive director Robert Stuart remarked, "I'm sure the people of St. James when they started feeding the hungry all those years ago had no idea that their ministry would grow into a program that has served over 3.3 million meals today." The number of meals served to the hungry and homeless in our community today through Daily Bread has now grown to over five million.

Former Rector of the Cathedral Father Sean Heslin served as President of the Center in the late 1990's, and under his leadership Daily Bread served its 2 millionth meal, its hotel ministry celebrated 25 years of leading worship at Walt Disney World, and the downtown Alzheimer's Respite Care program expanded into a new facility.

Over the years, several of the Center's programs have "spun off" into their own organizations. Meals On Wheels (now Seniors First) and Alzheimer's Respite Care (now Share the Care) are among those that began under the Christian Service Center umbrella. In addition, the Center's campus has served as the initial home for other non-profit agencies, such as the local Habitat for Humanity.

Under its current Executive Director, Eric Gray, the Center is evolving into a Comprehensive Day Services Center, co-locating a number of necessary service agencies on its campus. Under this model, the Center is able to focus on those programs that it does best and act as host to local agencies that provide other specialized services.

The Christian Service Center continues to operate: Family & Emergency Services - helping families and individuals who are faced with an unexpected crisis by providing financial assistance, food, clothing and other services from facilities in Orlando and West Orange; Daily Bread - serving nourishing free meals to anyone who is hungry from kitchens in Orlando and West Orange; Unique Boutique - dignified clothing program; and Emergency Food Pantries.

Independent agencies operating at the Center's downtown campus include: S.A.L.T. Outreach -providing showers and laundry, haircuts, clothing and case management; Hope Team - a housing outreach of Orange Blossom Family Health (OBFHC); OBFHC - providing primary and urgent care, behavioral health and labs twice a week from a mobile unit at the Center; Compassion Corner - a ministry of First Presbyterian Church providing counseling services and morning daily devotions; First Step Staffing - assisting the unsheltered with immediate job placement; and Straight Street Ministries - serving lunch and dinner and conducting prayer services and bible studies daily. Since July 2024, Straight Street assumed responsibility from Daily Bread for the daily lunch that Council 12402 serves on the first Monday of each month.

Please join your fellow Knights on the first Monday of each month to serve lunch to the homeless at the Christian Service Center. For more information about the Christian Service Center's programs, visit www.christianservicecenter.org.





EVENTS

April

Fri, Apr 4, 11, 25 – That Man Is You – St. James Social Hall, 6:30 am
Mon, Apr 7 – Feed the Homeless – Christian Service Center, 11:30 am
Thurs, Apr 10 – Membership Meeting, Bishop Grady Room, 7:00 pm
Mon, Apr 14 – Assembly Meeting, Monsignor Bishop, 7:00 pm
Mon, Apr 14, 21, 28 – Serve Breakfast – Christian Service Center, 8:45 am
Fri, Apr 18 – Good Friday
Sun, Apr 20 – Easter
Sun, Apr 27 – Pancake Breakfast / Homemade Baked Goods, St. James Social Hall after 9 & 11 AM masses
Sun, Apr 27 – Divine Mercy Sunday

May

Thurs, May 1 – Feast of St. Joseph the Worker
Fri, May 2, 9, 16, 23 – That Man Is You – St. James Social Hall, 6:30 am
Mon, May 5, 12, 19 – Serve Breakfast – Christian Service Center, 8:45 am
Thurs, May 8 – Membership Meeting – Bishop Grady Room, 7:00 pm
Mon, May 12 – Assembly Meeting, Monsignor Bishop, 7:00 pm
Tues, May 13 – Feast of Our Lady of Fatima
Fri, May 23 – Sun, May 25 – State Convention, Hyatt Regency, Jacksonville
Sun, May 25 – Pancake Breakfast / Homemade Baked Goods, St. James Social Hall after 9 & 11 AM masses

Jun

Mon, Jun 2 – Feed the Homeless – Christian Service Center, 11:30 am
Mon, Jun 9 – Assembly Meeting, Monsignor Bishop, 7:00 pm
Thurs, Jun 12 – Officer Induction Ceremony & dinner – TBD
Sun, Jun 22 – Pancake Breakfast, St. James Social Hall after 9 & 11 AM masses

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

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



FROM THE LIFE DIRECTOR



SK Les Castro

The 40 Days for Life continues until April 13th in 660 cities around the world. There are 3 prayer vigils in the local area. Visit the Florida 40 Days for Life website for locations and schedules. Florida is on pace to reduce abortions by 50% in 2025.

A report published by the Journal of American Medicine indicates that in the 18 months after the Dobbs decision, 22,180 additional births occurred in the 14 states where strong pro life laws have been enacted.

The Central Florida Laps for Life 2025 campaign has collected (as of March 21st) \$93,380 which is 75% of their \$125,000 goal. Our council raised \$4350.

In March, the National Right to Life Communication Committee produced a 52 page report on the history and status of abortion in the US.

Here are some of the highlights.

Prior to the Supreme Court's ruling in "Dobbs v Jackson" more than half of the population of the US had always known abortion to be legal. Claims are that 25 to 33% of American women have had at least one abortion.

Surveys by the Society of Family Planning and the Guttmacher Institute show an 11% increase in abortions in 2023 over 2020 primarily from women traveling to other states and or ordering abortion pills online. Pro life groups say these numbers are inaccurate and inflated. The Journal of American Medical Assoc. and the Journal of Public Economics surveys in 2024 show an increase in births in states where abortion restrictions are in place. Due to many variables, an accurate count of abortions in the US is difficult to obtain.

Since "Dobbs" and because of the relaxing of laws governing the sale and distribution of abortion pills, the use of these has skyrocketed and now accounts for nearly two-thirds of all abortions. The danger of the pills have been downplayed by the abortion industry but even the FDA has admitted that 36 deaths and thousands of women with complications requiring ER visits have been attributed to its use.



The Laps for Life fund raiser has brought in \$94.5K. Our team brought in \$4670 which placed St James Knights in 5th place. Les Castro raised \$2370 and PGK George & Joanne Olson raised \$2300. Well done team!



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



FROM OUR INSURANCE REPRESENTATIVE

Brothers,
Are you on track to reach your financial goals? Are you unsure how to begin setting those goals?
As your agent, I'm dedicated to helping you find the right insurance solutions, no matter your stage of life. Whether you are in your working years with young kids, living paycheck to paycheck, or knocking on the door of retirement, I'm excited to help you protect what matters most and build financial security with insurance-based solutions tailored to meet your priorities.

The first thing to consider is whether your family would be financially taken care of if something happened to you. Would they struggle to meet the mortgage payments or to pay off other debts? Term life insurance can be an affordable option to give you protection in case of the unexpected. You'll also have the option to convert to a permanent plan in the future without additional underwriting. Terms and conditions may apply.

Second, start preparing for retirement, no matter how far away it may seem. The Knights of Columbus offers annuity solutions to help provide you with retirement income you can't outlive, guaranteed.

Finally, disability income insurance. For many men, regardless of their phase in life, protecting their income is their greatest financial need. What would you do if you were no longer able to work? Don't overlook how disability income insurance may be able to help you.

I understand that your financial needs are not just unique but change over time. I'm here to help you find the right solutions today and to walk with you as your insurance needs evolve. If you have any questions, please come chat with me and we can schedule a time to meet.
Thank you!

Guarantees assume all premiums are timely paid and are based on the claims-paying ability of the issuer. Any policy loans will impact the guarantees by reducing the policy's death benefit and cash values. All eligibility provisions of the Order's program of fraternal benefits are not included. Terms and conditions apply. Insurance members are those members who own a policy with a face value of \$15,000 or greater or with an annual premium of \$300 or greater. Other terms or restrictions may apply.

Vivat Jesus!

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SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE



*Archbishop William Lori
Supreme Chaplain*

March 2025

“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?



A Pilgrim Stations of the Cross

Friday April 11, 2025 at 6PM

Stations will begin inside the Cathedral and move to Court St.



YEARS OF SERVICE

Date	Member	Years	Date	Member	Years
15 Apr	David Miller	26	23 Apr	Stephen Puckett	7
18 Apr	Michael Leo	18	25 Apr	Fernando Hurtado	7
11 Apr	Lynn Hinson	16	8 Apr	Steve Kerestes	6
2 Apr	Paul Mylod	14	16 Apr	Patrick Furino	5
11 Apr	Ryan Koren	14	16 Apr	Jim Hutcherson	5
15 Apr	Michael Schwartz	12	30 Apr	Ivan Campos	5
11 Apr	Mark Ashman	7	27 Apr	Craig Greene	2
17 Apr	Chuck McNulty	7			
27 May	PGK George del Campo	28	17 May	James Fyffe	11
21 May	Gary Herring	23	5 May	Mark Zeitler	9
21 May	Leonard Romano Jr	23	5 May	Bidionel Jacquet	3
19 May	Deacon Pat McAvoy	21	11 May	Gilberto Martins	3
12 May	Ron Jozwiak	17			

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



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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>

Our 4th degree representative is SK George del Campo.

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Knights of Columbus

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

REACH YOUR HIGHEST POTENTIAL

The Fourth Degree is a group of outstanding Knights, dedicated to promoting patriotism enlightened by their Catholic faith. These Knights, distinguished by exemplary deeds for God, for country, and the Order, are united by the Fourth Degree to support religious, civic, and charitable causes.

Fourth Degree members belong to local units called assemblies. Each assembly is involved in a wide range of public patriotic activities.

Each assembly maintains a Fourth Degree Color Corps and Honor Guard. Uniformed members wearing the Official Uniform, and swords participate in special civic and religious ceremonies. For this reason, the Fourth Degree is often called the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus.

CHARITY★UNITY★FRATERNITY★PATRIOTISM

ELIGIBILITY

To qualify for the Fourth Degree, one must:

1. Be over 18 years of age.
2. Be a member in good standing with your Council.
3. Be a practical Catholic.

Forms link

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Registration ends April 19

April
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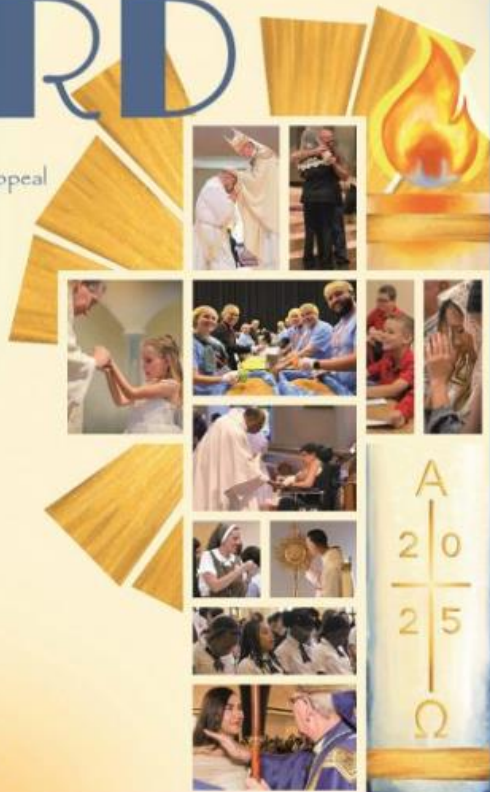
Registration at 9:30 AM
Exemplification at 11:00 AM
Banquet at 1:00 PM
Mass at 3:30 PM




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Soup Suppers

Social Hall, 6pm
March 26
April 2 & 9



— *St. James* —
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Iglesia Catedral de Santiago



ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

St. James Council 12402
Proudly Presents Our Annual
ST. PATRICK'S DAY
Celebration!

Come join us for an evening of food, fun, song, and laughter. Traditional Irish fixin's, door prizes, and libations!

15 March 2025 in the Cathedral Social Center
Bar opens 5:00 and dinner is served at 6:00 pm

Ticket prices are \$22 for adults & \$12 for kids under 10 cash or check.

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FREETHROW COMPETITION WITH TIM REGAN AT SJCS



Student prayer before gym class:

God, let me play well but fairly. Let competition make me strong but never hostile. Forbid me to rejoice in the adversity of others. See me not when I am cheered, but when I bend to help my opponent up. If I know victory, allow me to be happy; if I am denied, keep me from envy. Remind me that sports are just games. Help me to learn something that matters once the game is over. And if through athletics I set an example, let it be a good one. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS—MEMBERS

1 Apr	Michael Laughlin	20 Apr	Henry Skowronski
12 Apr	Jerry Richardville	21 Apr	Troy Collins
14 Apr	Dan Witucki	24 Apr	Thomas Jensen
16 Apr	Paul Mylod	26 Apr	Denney Caberto
20 Apr	Fred Jonassen	29 Apr	David Bessette
20 Apr	Ken Siders		
1 May	PGK John Rice	13 May	Jim Turner
5 May	Dr. Greg Coffman	17 May	Craig Livingston
6 May	Mike Ciappetta	24 May	Michael Batista
6 May	Wes Powell	28 May	Fernando Pinhal
7 May	Frank Terrizzi	29 May	Tim Galvin
11 May	John Forester		

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

2 Apr	Raul & Katherine Rodriguez (9 years)
25 Apr	Albert & Carolyn Yonfa (16 years)
26 Apr	Dr. Brian & Amanda Schanen (17 years)

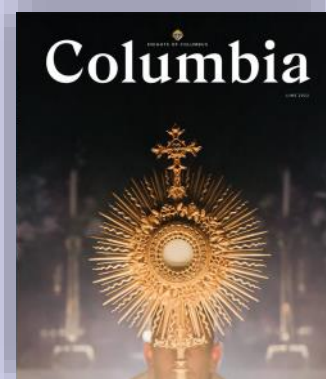
2 May	Mark & Liz Zeitler (27 years)
3 May	Les & Camille Castro (51 years)
4 May	Denney & Mariko Caberto (13 years)
13 May	Gary & Mercy Eelman (30 years)
13 May	Tim & Marsha Norton (36 years)
18 May	Mike & Lei-Lee Ciappetta (22 years)
20 May	Lynn & Evelyn Hinson (58 years)
21 May	PGK George & Joanne Olson (47 years)
25 May	Santos & Elizabeth DeLeon (25 years)
26 May	Leonard & Teresa Romano (35 years)
27 May	Mark & Irene Gumula (9 years)
28 May	Gilberto & Elaine Martins (42 years)
29 May	GK Chris & Melissa Ewing (21 years)
30 May	Ed & Becky Gold (26 years)
31 May	David & Tamara Larocque (22 years)

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS—SPOUSES

3 Apr	Alison Kerestes	2 May	Celena Brown
4 Apr	Elizabeth Simpson	9 May	Yaritza Santana-Bajana
11 Apr	Carmen Wilson	10 May	Carolyn Yonfa
15 Apr	Becky Gold	11 May	Kelli D'Amato
25 Apr	Alvida Groom	12 May	Sherry Herring
		14 May	Lokelani Vasse
		19 May	Kim del Campo
		22 May	Adriana Kirwan

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

23 May	VR Miguel Gonzalez (27 years)
30 May	Rev Philius Vilaire (16 years)



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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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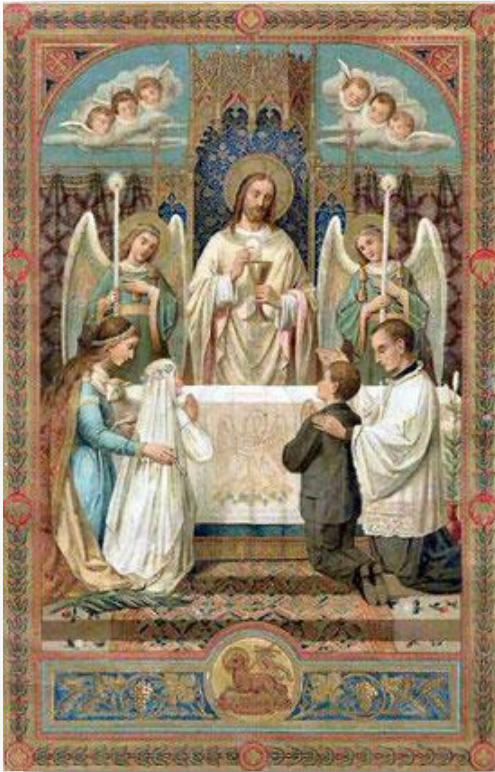
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The month of April is dedicated to The Holy Spirit. The first three days of the month fall during the season of Lent which is represented by the liturgical color purple — a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart.



May is dedicated in a special way to honoring and seeking the intercession of Mary as the Mother of God and Mother of the Church. Pope Paul VI wrote an encyclical on the Month of May, emphasizing the importance of honoring Mary during this time and seeking her intercession for the needs of the Church and the world.

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Les Castro	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Ron Gulasa					X	X	+14
John Rice	X	X	X	X	X	X	+1
Brian Schanen	X	X	X	X	X	X	



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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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