

# Knights of Columbus

Goleta Valley Council 5300  
St. Raphael's Church, Goleta, California  
Newsletter  
February 2023– March 2023

February 6, 2023	4th Degree Officer's Meeting	Conference Rm. - 7:00 pm
February 6, 2023	3rd Degree Officer's Meeting	Conference Rm. - 7:30 pm
February 12, 2023	Pancake Breakfast/Blood Drive	Parish Hall-8:00-11:00 am
February 13, 2023	3rd Degree Business Meeting	Parish Hall - 7:00 pm
February 20, 2023	4th Degree Dinner Meeting	Parish Hall - 7:00 pm
February 24, 2023	Fish Fry	Parish Hall - 6:00 pm
March 6, 2023	4th Degree Officer's Meeting	Conference Rm. - 7:00 pm
March 6, 2023	3rd Degree Officer's Meeting	Conference Rm. - 7:30 pm
March 10, 2023	Fish Fry	Parish Hall - 6:00 pm
March 12, 2023	Pancake Breakfast- <b>canceled</b>	
March 13, 2023	3rd Degree Business Meeting	Parish Hall - 7:00 pm
March 17, 2023	Fish Fry	Parish Hall - 6:00 pm
March 20, 2023	4th Degree Dinner Meeting	Parish Hall - 7:00 pm
March 24, 2023	Fish Fry	Parish Hall - 6:00 pm
March 31, 2023	Fish Fry	Parish Hall - 6:00 pm

**Pancake Breakfast** - The pancake breakfast and Blood Drive will be February 12th. Brad Gosney (805 252 4505) will be coordinating getting volunteers for encouraging potential donors to sign up to give blood at each Mass on February 5th. Blood is in very short supply and if you can donate, please plan to do so at this time. Give Brad a call if you can help, after Mass, signing people up for donations on the following weekend. The pancake breakfast for March has been **canceled** because of crew availability, and time change, because of the fish fry.

**Fish Fries** – Council 5300's Famous Fish Fries will resume on Friday, February 24th, the Friday after Ash Wednesday. The monies from this event are used to support our philanthropic efforts to the ministries of the Parish and your help is needed. If you have not been contacted to help and would like to contribute to this effort, call Chris Arnoult at 805 252 0971. This is our MAJOR money raising event and YOUR help is needed.

**Planned Parent Prayer Vigils** - Prayer vigils are still being held most weekday mornings across the street from Planned Parenthood, 518 Garden Street, Santa Barbara. If you can spend an hour on one of those days, plan to spend it in peaceful prayer in front of Planned Parenthood. For more information please call Gisela Cooper at 805 886 3732.

**Insurance Agent** - Please note that our insurance agent is Anthony G. Rodriguez, 805 328 9788, AnthonyG.Rodriguez@kofc.org.

### Up Coming Birthdays:

February		March	
Charles DiMauro	1	Dennis Paulazzo	1
Rev. Antonio Cacciapuoti	2	Jack Turney	1
Jose Rodriguez	9	David Varesio	4
Vincent Fillippello	11	Stephen DeWalt	5
Gerald Liponi	14	Larry Torres	14
Teodulo Nungaray	17	Fr. Rajan Sengol	15
Paul Curzan	20	Michael Macdonald	16
Richard Danduran	24	Nicholas Mina	21
Brian Fitipaldi	27		

### **Saint for February, *Josephine Bakhita, February 8<sup>th</sup>, Virgin (1869-1947)***

For many years, Josephine Badhita was a slave, but her spirit was always free and eventually that spirit prevailed.

Born in Olgossa in the Darfur region of southern Sudan, Josephine was kidnapped at the age of seven, sold into slavery, and given the name Bakhita, which means *fortunate*. She was resold several times, finally to Callisto Legnani, Italian consul in Khartoum, Sudan.

Two years later he took Josephine to Italy and gave her to his friend Augusto Michieli. Soon Bakhita became the babysitter to Mimmina Michieli, whom she accompanied to Venice's Institute of the Catechumens, run by the Canossian Sisters. While Mimmina was being instructed, Josephine felt drawn to the Catholic Church. She was baptized and confirmed in 1890, taking the name Josephine.

When the Michielis returned from Africa and wanted to take Mimmina and Josephine back with them, the future saint refused to go. During the ensuing court case, the Canossian sisters and the patriarch of Venice intervened on Josephine's behalf. The judge concluded that since slavery was illegal in Italy, she had actually been free since 1885.

Josephine entered the Institute of St. Magdalene of Canossa in 1893 and made her profession three years later. In 1902, she was transferred to the city of Schio (northeast of Verona), where she assisted her religious community through cooking, sewing, embroidery, and welcoming visitors to the door. She soon became well loved by the children attending the sisters, school and the local citizens. She once said, "Be good, love the Lord, pray for those who do not know Him. What a great grace it is to know God".

### **Saint for March: *John of God, March 8, Religous (1495-1550)***

Having given up active Christian belief while a soldier, John was forty before the depth of his sinfulness began to dawn on him. He decided to give the rest of his life to God's service and headed at once for Africa, where he hoped to free captive Christians and, possibly, be martyred.

He was soon advised that his desire for martyrdom was not spiritually well-based and returned to Spain and the relatively prosaic activity of a religious goods store. Yet he was still not settled. Moved initially by a sermon of St. John of Avila (May 10<sup>th</sup>), he one day engaged in a public beating of himself, begging mercy and wildly repenting his past life.

Committed to a mental hospital for those actions, John was visited by St. John, who advised him to be more actively involved in tending to the needs of others rather than in enduring personal hardships. John gained peace of heart and, shortly, after left the hospital to work among the poor.

He established a house where he wisely tended to the needs of the sick poor, at first doing his own begging. But excited by the saint's great work and inspired by his own devotion, many people began to back him up with money and provisions. Among them were the archbishop and marquis of Terifa.

Behind John's outward acts of total concern and love for Christ's sick poor was a deep interior prayer life which was reflected in his spirit of humility. These qualities attracted helpers who, twenty years after John's death, formed the Brother's Hospitallers, now a worldwide religious order.

John became ill after ten years of service but tried to disguise his poor health. He began to put the hospital's administrative work into order and appointed a leader for his helpers. He died under the care of a spiritual friend and admirer, Lady Ann Ossorio.

The above are excerpts taken from *Saint of the Day: the Definitive Guide to the Saints*, by Leonard Foley

**Please keep in your prayers the following:**

Frank and Fran Diani

Jose Meza

Bob Marks

John Kestel

Paul Coyne

John Bravo

Ginny Scholl, spouse of Rich Scholl

Katherine DiMauro, sister of Charlie DiMauro

Helen Mudugno (wife of Ralph Mudugno)

Earl Pugh

Carol McLafferty (widow of PGK Bill McLafferty)

Teresa Barrier, wife of SK Ed Barrier

SK Al Meckelborg

Sr. Teresa Meza, sister of SK Jose Meza

SK Jose Meza's wife, Maria

Anita Pullens, sister-in-law of SK Felix Sanchez

Manual Cabrera and his spouse, brother and sister-in-law of Francisco Cabrera

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Editor's Note:

This Newsletter is a work in progress and will be limited to text (black and white) only to keep the cost down. Pictures of events can be found on the K of C website, [www.kc5300.org](http://www.kc5300.org).

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