

Knights of Columbus

Goleta Valley Council 5300
St. Raphael's Church, Goleta, California
Newsletter
October/November 2025

October 6, 2025	3 rd & 4th Degree Officer's Mtg.	Conference Rm. - 7:00 pm
October 12, 2025	Pancake Breakfast/Blood Drive	Parish Hall-8:00-11:00 am
October 13, 2025	3rd Degree Business Meeting	Parish Hall - 7:00 pm
October 20, 2025	4 th Degree "Ladies Night In"	Parish Hall - 6:00 pm See Below
November 3, 2025	3 rd & 4th Degree Officer's Mtg	Conference Rm. - 7:00 pm
November 10, 2025	Pancake Breakfast/Blood Drive	Parish Hall-8:00-11:00 am
November 10, 2025	3rd Degree Business Meeting	Parish Hall - 7:00 pm
November 17, 2025	4th Degree Business Meeting	Parish Hall - 7:00 pm
November 27, 2025	THANKSGIVING	

From Mother Teresa's book *Do Something Beautiful for God*, November 12

Never get discouraged. The good you do today often will be forgotten by tomorrow. Do good anyway. Discouragement doesn't come from God. He is there always at our side encouraging us.

Welcome New Members: Welcome to the recently joined members of Council 5300, Everett Brando, Mark Chambers, Marvin Giron, Albert Gregson, John Dutcher, James Renick, Deacon Antonio Reyes. Congratulations to our older members that have advanced to full membership in the Council through the exemplification process of the new members, Deacon Sergio Lopez, Glenn Schiferl, Nicholas Vitalari.

Pancake Breakfast - The Council 5300 pancake breakfasts are typically held on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Sunday, October 12th will be our next breakfast in the Parish Hall from 8:00 to 11:00 am. These are one of our major fund raisers, helping to support our philanthropic efforts to the ministries of the Parish. Come and join the other parishioners and have a nice chat. Sunday, November 9th, is the pancake breakfast for November.

The October 12th pancake breakfast will include a Blood Drive. Blood Drive donors will receive a free breakfast, courtesy of the Knights. Blood Drive Coordinator, Bill Finck (805-967-6286), will need some help signing up potential donors after all Masses on September 28 and October

5th. If you can spare a moment after the Mass that you attend to lend a hand, stop by the table in front of the church.

“Ladies Night In” Monday, October 20st. – The 4th Degree is having a “Ladies Night In” in the place of our regularly scheduled business/dinner meeting beginning at 6:00 pm. The Council 5300 and Assembly 44 Members, wives and widows are invited to join us. The chef for the evening will be Rich Scholl providing one of his “authentic German meals with salad and dessert. The cost will be \$10.00 for the men and free for the women attendees. RSVP’s are a **MUST** in order to make sure we prepare enough. You can call Jack Turney, 805-252-1985, or Mark Vampola, 805-708-2631, to let us know if you are coming. We strongly urge the newest Knights, and wives, to attend and get acquainted with the group. This also will be an opportunity to learn more about the 4th Degree.

Planned Parent Prayer Vigils - A Catholic group of people, organized by Cindy Hagen, are having prayer vigils on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 10:00 to 11:00 am across the street from Planned Parenthood, 518 Garden Street, Santa Barbara. If you can spend an hour on one of those days praying the Holy Rosary and the Devine Mercy Chaplet, plan to spend it in the company of other parishioners in front of Planned Parenthood. For more information please call Cindy Hagen at 805-636-5950.

Insurance Agent – The Ron Sandoval Insurance Agency is currently the agency covering the Santa Barbara/Goleta area. The latest field agent servicing this area is: Jehan Fernando, FICF, telephone number 805-231-3675. His email address is Jehan.fernando@kofc.org.

Up Coming Birthdays:

October		November	
Rev. Angel Castro	1	Ricardo Garcia	1
Thomas Puerling	3	Leroy Kwarcinski	7
Daniel Feeney	9	Anthony Vallejo	9
Francisco Cabrera	10	Charlie Mohammed	14
Pablo Cabrera	10	John Giordano	16
Deac. Antonio Reyes	11	Donald Pouliot	19
John Kirk	11	Tony Matijaca	19
Peter Martinez	19	Tim Hogan	22
Roger Uthe	19	Michael Donovan	27
Jerome Becker	21	Richard Evans	28
William Konkol	22	Richard Nordsieck	29
Joseph Waters	24	Earl Pugh	29
Bruce Andersson	25		
John Bravo	25		
Bradley Bowen	29		

Saint for October, John XXIII, *Pope (1881-1963), October 11*

Although few people had as great an impact on the twentieth century as Pope John XXIII, he avoided the limelight as much as possible. Indeed, one writer has noted that his ordinariness seems one of his most remarkable qualities.

The firstborn son of a farming family in Sotto Il Monte, near Bergamo in northern Italy, Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was always proud of his down to earth roots. In Bergamo's diocesan seminary, he joined the Secular Franciscan Order.

After his ordination in 1904, Angelo returned to Rome for canon law studies. He soon worked as his bishop's secretary, church history teacher in the seminary, and as publisher of the diocesan paper.

His service as a stretcher-bearer for the Italian army during World War I gave him firsthand knowledge of war. In 1921 he was made director of the Society for the Propagation of Faith. He still found time to teach patristics at a seminary in the Eternal City.

In 1925 he became a papal diplomat, serving first in Bulgaria, then in Turkey, and finally in France (1944-1953). During World War II, he became well acquainted with Orthodox Church leaders, and with the help of Germany's ambassador to Turkey, Archbishop Roncalli helped an estimated twenty-four thousand Jewish people.

Named a cardinal and appointed patriarch of Venice in 1953, he finally shepherded a local church. A month short of entering his seventy-eighth year, he was elected pope, taking the name John, after his father and the two patrons of Rome's cathedral, St. John Lateran. He took his work very seriously, but not himself. His wit soon became proverbial, and he began meeting with political and religious leaders from around the world. In 1962 he was deeply involved in efforts to resolve the Cuban missile crisis.

His most famous encyclicals were *Mother and Teacher* (1961) and *Peace and Earth* (1963). Pope John XXIII enlarged the membership in the College of Cardinals and made it more international. At his address at the opening of the Second Vatican Council, he criticized the "prophets of doom" who "in these modern times see nothing but prevarication and ruin." Pope John XXIII set a tone for the council when he said "The Church has always opposed...errors. Nowadays, however, the Spouse of Christ prefers to make use of the medicine of mercy rather than that of severity."

On his deathbed he said "It is not that the Gospel has changed, it is that we have begun to understand it better. Those who have lived as long as I have...enabled to compare different cultures and traditions, and know that the moment has come to discern the signs of the times, to seize the opportunity and to look far ahead".

He died on June 3, 1963. Pope John Paul II beatified him in 2000,

Saint for November: *Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr November 22*

Although Cecilia is one of the most famous of the Roman martyrs, the familiar stories about her are apparently not founded on authentic material. There is no trace of honor being paid to her in early times. A fragmentary inscription of the late fourth century to a church named after her, and her feast was celebrated at in 545.

According to legend, Cecilia was a young Christian of high rank betrothed to a Roman named Valerian. Through her influence Valerian was converted, and was martyred along with his brother. The legend about Cecilia's death says that after being struck three times on the neck with a sword, she lived for three days and asked the pope to convert her home into a Church.

Since the time of the Renaissance, she has usually been portrayed with a viola or a small organ.

COMMENT: Like any good Christian, Cecilia sang in her heart and sometimes with her voice. She has become a symbol of the Church's conviction that good music is an integral part of the liturgy, of greater value to the church than any other art.

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 Patrick Donohoe

Mark Vampola's father, Alfred, who is diagnosed with a serious cancer problem.

Richard David Cabrera, nephew of Francisco Cabrera

Frank Diani and the repose of the soul of his wife, Fran

Jose Meza and wife Maria

Bob Marks

Rich Scholl and Rich Scholl's wife, Ginny, and daughter, Erin, who are having some medical issues.

Catherine DiMauro, sister of Charlie DiMauro

Norma DiMauro, grandmother of Charlie DiMauro

Earl Pugh

Carol McLafferty (widow of PGK Bill McLafferty)

Sr. Teresa Meza, sister of SK Jose Meza

SK Jose Meza and his wife, Maria

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