

Knights of Columbus

Goleta Valley Council 5300
 St. Raphael's Church, Goleta, California
 Newsletter
 April 2026/May 2026

April 5, 2026	EASTER	
April 6, 2026	3 rd & 4 th Degree Officer's Mtg.	Conference Rm. - 7:00 pm
April 11, 2026	Confirmation	Parish Hall 9:00 & 11:00am
April 12, 2026	Pancake Breakfast	Parish Hall – 9:00-11:00 am
April 13, 2026	3 rd Degree Business Meeting	Parish Hall – 7:00 pm
April 18, 2026	Parish Clean-up Day	Parish Grounds – 9-12 am
April 20 th , 2026	4 th Degree Dinner Meeting	Parish Hall – 7:00 pm
May 4, 2026	3 rd & 4 th Degree Officer's Mtg.	Conference Rm. - 7:00 pm
May 10, 2026	Pancake Breakfast/Mother's Day	Parish Hall – 9:00-11:00 am
May 11, 2026	3 rd Degree Business Meeting	Parish Hall - 7:00 pm
May 18, 2026	4 th Degree Business Meeting	Parish Hall - 7:00 pm
May 25, 2026	Memorial Day Picnic	Parish Grounds – 12:00 am

From Mother Teresa's book *Do Something Beautiful for God, April 16*

You are a messenger of God's love, a living lamp that offers its light to all, and the salt of the earth. Take Jesus to the people and places that need Him most today.

Pancake Breakfast - The Council 5300 pancake breakfasts are typically held on the 2nd Sunday of each month and the next one is on April 12th. The pancake breakfasts are one of our major fund raisers, helping to support our philanthropic efforts to the ministries of the Parish.

Confirmation – Confirmation for the Youth Group will be on April 11th. There will be 2 Masses, one at 9:00 am and the other at 11:00 am. At each Mass the 4th Degree Honor Guard is requested. In between each Mass snacks will be made available by Council 5300 for those helping with the Confirmation group and the Honor Guard. In addition to the Honor Guard, help will be needed to shepherd the confirmandi from the parish hall to the church. Contact Ron Guilliams, 951-522-4999, if you can lend a hand. Francisco Cabrera is the Honor Guard commander and he will be contacting those members.

Parish Clean Up Day – Council 5300 is sponsoring a Parish Clean-up Day on April 18th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. A continental breakfast will be provided by the Council for those participating. Contact Ron Guilliams at 951-522-4999 to help with the set-up. Put on your gardening clothes and bring your gloves to help clean up the garden and Parish grounds.

Memorial Day Picnic – Monday, May 25th is Memorial Day and Council 5300 will be sponsoring a Memorial Day picnic for the Parish on the Parish grounds from 12:00 to 3:00 pm. The Council will be providing hamburgers, hot dogs and chili beans at very low price. Attendees are encouraged to bring a salads and desserts to be shared with everybody. There will also be games for the kids, old and young, as well as a raffle. Help will be needed to set-up the event with serving, cooking, cleanup and teardown. If you can help, call Ron Guilliams at 951-522-4999. He would love to hear from you.

Planned Parent Prayer Vigils - A Catholic group of people, organized by Cindy Hagon, 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.

NOTE - Jehan will be at our April 13th business meeting to explain some of the latest offerings that the Knights have in their insurance program. Wives are also welcome to come,

Up Coming Birthdays:

April		May	
Raymond Hussey	2	Sergio Lopez	2
Rev. Juan Ruiz	4	Thomas Hanson	2
Nicholas Vitalari	4	Tom Tomasini	3
Frank Castelo	12	Kevin Daniels	5
James Bradbury	21	Albert Moriarty	8
William Finck	22	Ricardo Roberto	12
Hunter Gomersall	23	Frank Pineda	13
David De Ponce	28	Bradford Gosney	17
Augusto Pravia	28	Frank Donohoe	18
		Juan Navarro	24

Saint for April, *Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr (1577-1622), April 24*

If a poor man needed some clothing, Fidelis would often give the man the clothes right off his back. Complete generosity to others characterized this saint’s life.

Born in 1577, Mark Rey (Fidelis was his religious name) became a lawyer who constantly upheld the causes of the poor and oppressed people. Nicknamed “the poor man’s lawyer,” Fidelis soon grew disgusted with the corruption and injustice he saw among his colleagues. He left his law career to become a priest, joining his brother George as a member of Capuchin Order. His wealth was divided between needy seminarians and the poor.

As a follower of Francis, Fidelis continued his devotion to the weak and needy. Once, during a severe epidemic in a city where he was guardian of friary, Fidelis cared for and cured many sick soldiers.

He was appointed head of a group of Capuchins sent to preach against the Calvinists and Zwinglians in Switzerland. Almost certain violence threatened. Those who observed the mission felt that success was more attributable to the prayer of Fidelis during the night than to his sermons and instructions.

He was accused of opposing the peasants' national aspirations for independence from Austria. While he was preaching at Seewis, to which he had gone against the advice of his friends, a gun was fired at him, but he escaped unharmed. A Protestant offered shelter Fidelis, but he declined, saying his life was in God's hands. On the road back, he was set upon by a group of armed men and killed.

He was canonized in 1746. Fifteen years later, the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, which was established in 1622, recognized him as its first martyr.

Saint for May: *Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor, (295?-373) May 2*

Athanasius led a tumultuous but dedicated life of service to the Church. He was the great champion of the faith against the widespread heresy of Arianism, which denied Christ's divinity. The vigor of his writings earned him the title of Doctor of the Church.

Born of a Christian family in Alexandria, Egypt, and given a classical education, Athanasius became secretary to Alexander, the bishop of Alexandria, entered the priesthood, and was eventually named bishop himself. His predecessor, Alexander, had been an outspoken critic of the new movement growing in the East--Arianism.

When Athanasius assumed his role as bishop of Alexandria, he continued the fight against Arianism. At first it seemed that the battle would be easily won and that Arianism would be condemned. Such, however, did not prove to be the case. The Council of Tyre was called and for several reasons that are still unclear, the Emperor Constantine exiled Athanasius to northern Gaul. This was to be the first in a series of travels and exiles reminiscent of the life of St. Paul.

After Constantine died, his son restored Athanasius as bishop. This lasted only a year, however, for he was deposed once again by a coalition of Arian bishops. Athanasius took his case to Rome, and Pope Julius I called a synod to review the case and other matters.

Five times Athanasius was exiled for his defense of the doctrine of Christ's divinity. During one period of his life, he enjoyed 10 years of relative peace—reading, writing, and promoting the Christian life along the lines of the monastic ideal to which he was greatly devoted. His dogmatic and historical writings are all polemic, directed against every aspect of Arianism. Among his ascetical writings, his *Life of St. Anthony* (January 17) achieved astonishing popularity and contributed greatly to the establishment of monastic life throughout the Western Christian world.

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 Cay Donohoe
Richard David Cabrera, nephew of Francisco Cabrera
Michael Mina and his wife Diana Mina
Jose Meza and wife Maria
Bob Marks
Rich Scholl's wife, Ginny, and daughter, Erin, who are having some medical issues.
Catherine DiMauro, sister of Charlie DiMauro
Marie DiMauro, mother of Charlie DiMauro
Earl Pugh
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