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Faithful Navigator

Dear Sir Knights,

Our Honor Guards were called out twice. Once for our Bishop Cotta who celebrated the Feast of St. Anne at the St. Anne's Catholic Church in Columbia, CA. This is an historic church built by gold miners in 1856 and is the first church build using bricks. The second call out was for the Funeral of Poley Stacy at St. Anthony, in Hughson on July 30, at 10:00 am. See Photos on Website.

I am honored to announce the appointment of Fr. Marcelino Malana as our Friar. Fr. Marcelino (Fr. Butch) was ordained on 10/01/1985 at Holy Family, Modesto and is currently the Parochial Vicar at St. Mary's of the Annunciation in Oakdale, CA. Welcome Fr. Butch.

The installation of our Officers will take place at the 5:00 pm Mass on September 11, 2021 at St. Mary's of the Annunciation in Oakdale, CA. This installation will be conducted by our District Master, Dwight Wilson along with Assemblies 48, 58, 2840, & 2949. WoW! That's going to be a big event.

All Fourth Degree Exemplifications will from this point forward be held physically. See the District Masters page for the upcoming schedule.

Our Chapter 6 Officers will be installed on September 19, 2021 at the 12:00 pm Spanish Mass. This will also take place at St. Mary's of the Annunciation in Oakdale, CA.

Just FYI: Time for me to take a little R&R. I will be out of State, leaving on Aug. 6, 2021 and returning on Aug. 16, 2021. P.S. PLEASE don't elect me to any other post or position while I am away.

Our next meeting will be on August 5, 2021.

Spiritual Column

Our Pope has declared in his homily on the first World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, Pope Francis insists on the importance of young and old coming together in a covenantal sharing of life.

As the Church marked the first World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, Archbishop Rino Fisichella, celebrated Holy Mass in the Basilica of St Peter, standing in for Pope Francis, who is still recovering from surgery.

Archbishop Fisichella read the [homily prepared by Pope Francis](#), in which the Holy Father reflected on the Gospel for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, which recounts Jesus' miraculous feeding of the five thousand with just five loaves of bread and two fish.

The Holy Father reflected on "three moments" in the Gospel: "Jesus sees the crowd's hunger; Jesus shares the bread; Jesus asks that the leftovers be collected." These three moments, he said, "can be summed up in three verbs: to see, to share, to preserve."

Seeing the needs of each person

The miracle of the loaves and fishes, said Pope Francis, "begins with the gaze of Jesus, who is neither indifferent nor too busy to see the hunger felt by weary humanity." Instead, He is concerned for everyone, and "understands the needs of each person."

Our grandparents look on us the same way, the Pope said. Their love helped us to grow, and we, in turn, are called to share our love and attention. "Let us lift up our eyes and see them," Pope Francis said, "even as Jesus sees us."

Spiritual Column Continued

A covenantal sharing of life

The Holy Father pointed out that Jesus fed the people with the loaves and fish shared by a young person. “At the heart of the miracle,” he said, “we find a young person willing to share what he had.”

Pope Francis insisted that “Today we need a new covenant between young and old. We need to share the treasure of life, to dream together, to overcome conflicts between generations and prepare a future together.” He added that without this “covenantal sharing in life,” we risk dying of hunger.

“I have often mentioned the words of the prophet Joel about young and old coming together,” the Pope said. “Young people, as prophets of the future, who treasure their own history. The elderly, who continue to dream and share their experience with the young, without standing in their way. Young and old, the treasure of tradition and the freshness of the Spirit.”

Nothing meant to be cast aside

Reflecting on Jesus’ instruction to gather up the fragments of bread after the miracle, the Pope said, “This reveals the heart of God” who is concerned that “nothing be lost, not even a fragment.” This is especially true of people, he said, who must never be discarded.

“We need to make this prophetic summons heard among ourselves and in our world: gather, preserve with care, protect.”

Pope Francis emphasized the importance of “protecting” our grandparents, as they protected us as we grew. “Let us protect them, so that nothing of their lives and dreams may be lost.”

Spiritual Column Continued

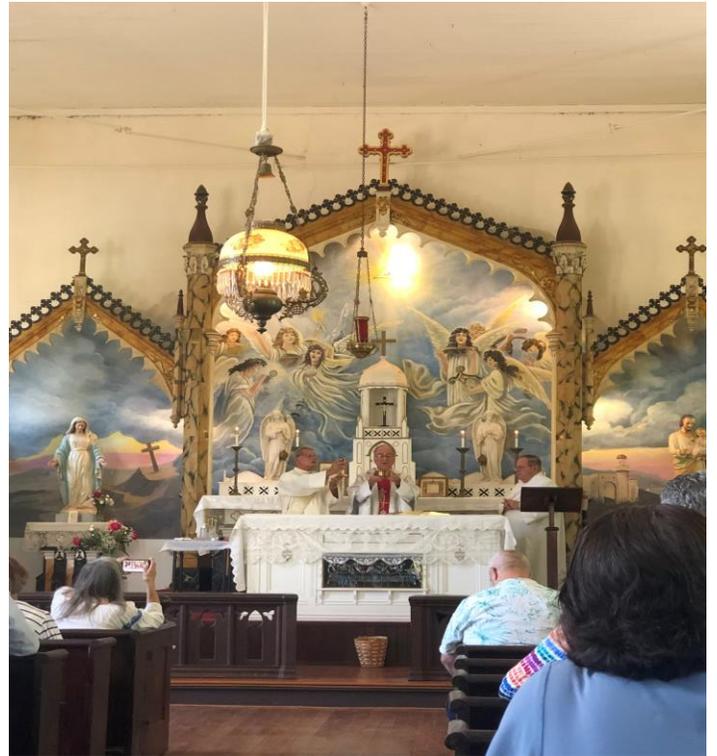
Bread of our lives

Grandparents and the elderly, said Pope Francis “are the bread that nourishes our life.” In the conclusion of his homily, he pleaded, “Let us not forget them. Let us covenant with them” so that, “together, young and old alike” might “find fulfilment at the table of sharing, blessed by God.”

At the conclusion of Mass, young people offered flowers to the elderly who were present in the Basilica for the Liturgy.

(As reported by: **Christopher Wells**)

Photos from St. Anne’s Catholic Church:



Bishop Cotta celebrating 9:00 am Mass at St. Anne in Columbia CA on July 24, 2021



Photos by Dave Nagle, Charlie Moris, and Trisha Woods, a parishioner of St. Patrick in Sonora.

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Next Meeting—August 5th

Live at St. Anthony's Hughson

**Rosary at 6:00, Dinner 6:30 pm
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To our Sir Knights celebrating in August

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Stephen Gregory	08/7	Hector A Nuno-Andrade	08/28
Julio Lucas	08/10	Joseph M Lilly	08/30
David Nagle	08/16	Trinidad Mercado	08/30
John Milsap	08/25		