



Knightly Newsletter

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Charity-Unity-Fraternity-Patriotism



Chaplain's Column

Dear Brother Knights,

May the peace of our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ, be with you!

Jesus suffered, died, and rose to life, in order to save us from sin and death. This Easter Season lets us truly live as grateful sons of God, who fully realize that eternal life is a gift. It is a gift of love that should be cherished every day. Offer that gift of love to those you meet on the journey of life.

I say, "Christ is Risen!" And you respond, "Truly, He is Risen!"

Fr. Matthew

PROGRAMS

Faith (Dea. Dan Paulus)

In April, the men's breakfast will meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 7:30 AM in the Parish Center and engage in Bible study. Come yourself and invite another man-- this is a very Catholic program, but *all men* are welcome.

Community (Louie Rodriguez & Anthony Martinez)

Thank God and all the volunteers, it was another day of blessings for the community this last food distribution event. Beginning in April, Second Harvest will be dropping off between 4-6 pallets every month on the day of the food distribution so we will be needing more volunteers to organize and disperse the food. The next food distribution event will be April 26th and we will need volunteers to be in the parking lot no later than 9:00 a.m. and food distribution will begin now at

GRAND KNIGHT'S NOTATIONS

Worthy Brother Knights,

As we continue to uphold the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism, let us reflect on our good works and our commitment to serving our communities and those in need. May we continue to thrive as we welcome new members who share our values and dedication to service. Recruitment efforts have been successful, and I encourage all members to continue inviting men of faith and integrity to join our Fraternity. Let us strengthen our brotherhood through unity and camaraderie. God Bless you all!

Vivat Jesus!

Gabriel A. Dela Riva
Grand Knight

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Apr 6: Bingo in the Family Life Center
- Apr 9: Council 5303 monthly meeting (Rosary at 6:00 pm, dinner, meeting at 7:00 pm)
- Apr 13: Men's Breakfast and Bible Study
- Apr 26: Second Harvest food distribution
- Apr 27: Men's Breakfast and Bible Study
- Apr 27: Wine and cheese after 5:00 pm Mass
- Apr 28: Donuts after all Masses

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10:00 a.m. Also, the couples Bible study (Date with the Word) will continue meeting once a month for all the brother knights and wives that are interested in joining. The next one will be on April 14th from 12:00 to 1:00pm, followed with a BBQ. Everything will be at the parish center. For more information about the barbecue and the couple's Bible study, ask Grand Knight Gabriel or Deacon Dan. May God continue to richly bless you and your families.

Knight Life (Robert Poncini)

Brother Knights,

This month of April brings us the celebration of Divine Mercy on the Second Sunday of Easter, April 7th. Our society is in dire need of this message to hear that through the heart of Jesus, God forgives every sin of a repentant heart. This need extends to the urgency of understanding the sanctity and inherent dignity of every human life since humanity began to lose its sense of direction and purpose from the 20th century until even today. Since the legalization of abortion in our country, millions of women, men, and families have been hurt by abortion. Christ's mercy, love and forgiveness awaits those who have been wounded by abortion and this Divine Mercy Sunday offers this opportunity for those harmed to find comfort, solitude and forgiveness especially through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Other resources, retreats and help are available through the Diocese of Stockton Life & Dignity website by [clicking here](#), or by calling the Diocesan Project Rachel Confidential Post Abortion Healing Line at: 209-465-5433.

To get involved with any of your council programs, please contact the Program Director or Mark Tomlinson.

CHANCELLOR'S COLUMN

Continue to keep Paul Fogarty and Frank Bianchi in your prayers.

For additions, deletions, corrections, or updating current status, please call your Chancellor, Danny Costello.

KNIGHTS CORNER

Here is a link to our diocesan Prayer for Vocations: <https://s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/flocknote-files/prayerforvocationsenglish3.pdf>

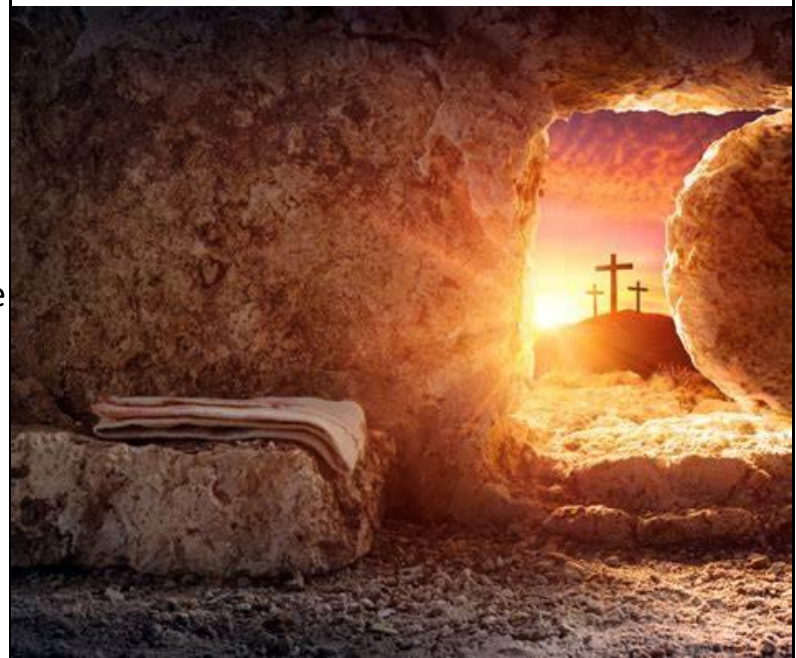
We ask that you recite this prayer as often as you can.

Please come out and lend a hand at Bingo (April 6), wine and cheese distribution (April 27) and donut distribution (April 28).

The next Council 5303 Exemplification is scheduled during the May monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 14th in the church. Come and join in welcoming our new brothers.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

April 2: Greg Liekhus; April 5: David Colombo;
April 7: Manuel Machado; April 11: Jeff Dykzeul;
April 14: Dave Herbers; April 20: Fernando Magdaleno;
April 24: Bruce Lilly; April 26: Ray Jackson



A Blessed Easter to each of you and your families.

