



Knightly Newsletter

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Charity-Unity-Fraternity-Patriotism



Chaplain's Column

Dear Brother Knights,

I pray that all of you are having a good Lent. If you have struggled with your promises or sacrifices - don't give up. Persevere in running the race and fighting the good fight!

Fr. Matthew

PROGRAMS

Faith (Dea. Dan Paulus)

In March, 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 you to all the brother knights that were able to assist in the February food distribution. We were able to feed over 200 people, thank God, and had over 50 volunteers! The next food distribution will be on March 22nd, and we ask that all volunteers be in the parking lot no later than 8:30 a.m. Also, we will be having the *Date with the Word* Lenten couples Bible study every Sunday during Lent, following the 10:30 am Mass, from 12-1pm, if you and your spouse would like to join us. May God continue to richly bless you and your families.

Information on Couples' Bible Study

Date with the Word each Sunday during Lent, from noon to 1:00 pm in the Family Life Center

GRAND KNIGHT'S NOTATIONS

Worthy Brother Knights,

Lent is a blessed time for reflection, prayer, and spiritual growth as we prepare our hearts to commemorate the death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Let us continue to uphold our faith, support one another in our spiritual journeys, and keep our focus on the ultimate sacrifice and triumph of our Savior. May this season of Lent bring us closer to God and deepen our commitment to living out His teachings in our daily lives. God bless you all, and may we emerge from this season renewed and strengthened in our faith.

May everyone have a blessed and joyous Easter, celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ! Wishing you all peace, love, and happiness during this special season. God bless you and your loved ones. He has risen! HAPPY EASTER!

God Bless you all.

Vivat Jesus!

Gabriel A. Dela Riva

Grand Knight



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Knight Life (Robert Poncini)

Brother Knights,

Do you know when the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord is this year in 2024? If you said, "Yes, it's 9 months before Christmas, December 25th. Therefore, it is March 25th," it's a swing and miss. Good try, but not this year! So here is your liturgical trivia for the month regarding the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord where the Angel Gabriel visited the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Solemnity of the Annunciation is generally celebrated on March 25. However, depending on how this date falls within Lent, (this year on Monday of Holy Week) its observance is sometimes transferred to another day or even to the Easter season. As a matter of fact, it will be during the Easter season, this year, on April 8th. Nevertheless, it's a great opportunity to read the encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*) written by Pope St. John Paul II in Rome on March 25, 1995. This short document highlights the Church's teaching on the value and inviolability of every human life. Furthermore, it highlights the importance of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Annunciation of the Lord in the Church's efforts to promote and defend human life, especially during these times, to help us reflect and recognize the gift of new life from its very beginning and how we are to care for, protect, and welcome new life as Mother Mary did for the Christ Child.



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

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.

For those of you who have not yet paid your dues, please do so as soon as possible.

Those who want to become **4th Degree Knights** are invited to a 4th Degree Exemplification on Saturday, March 23rd, at Sacred Heart Parish in Patterson, CA. Registration is from 10:00 am to 11:00 am, with lunch at 11:00 am. The candidates will assemble at noon followed by a two-hour (+/-) exemplification starting at 1:00 pm.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Mar 9: Men's Breakfast and Bible Study
- Mar 12: Council 5303 monthly meeting (Rosary at 6:00 pm, dinner, meeting at 7:00 pm)
- Mar 22: Second Harvest food distribution
- Mar 23: Men's Breakfast and Bible Study
- Mar 23: 4th Degree Exemplification in Patterson
- Mar 23: Wine and cheese after 5:00 pm Mass
- Mar 24: Donuts after all Masses (Palm Sunday)
- Mar 28-30: Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday)
- Mar 31: Easter Sunday and Council 5303 will Provide greeters at the 10:30 am Mass.

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.

February BIRTHDAYS:

March 1: Lou Gervais; March 4: Paul Vandenberg;
 March 16: Eddie Machado; March 29: Anthony Martinez

