



Knightly Newsletter

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Chaplain's Column

Dear Brother Knights,

The month of October is dedicated to Respect Life. Every life is precious! Your life is precious. The life of your spouse, your children, your siblings, your parents ... are all precious. Even your enemy, his life is precious. Every single person is made in the image and likeness of God. Therefore, every life is precious. Sometimes we lose sight of the sanctity of every life, but we must do all that we can to keep every life connected to God. Because God is holy, we too are called to be holy. Treating everyone with respect and dignity is not an option, but a command. Jesus said, "Love one another as I have loved you."

Let us pray that every single life, from the moment of conception until a natural death, be cherished and respected.

God bless,
Fr. Matthew

PROGRAMS

Faith (Dea. Dan Paulus)

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

Family (Josh Blahnick)

Brothers and Families,
As we enter the month of October, we're reminded of the beauty of autumn and the deeper call to reflect on our spiritual journey. October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, a powerful devotion that unites families and strengthens our faith. Let us take time to pray together, asking for Our Lady's

GRAND KNIGHT'S NOTATIONS

Worthy Brother Knights,

October is a significant month for the Knights of Columbus, as it is often associated with the celebration of the feast of St. John Paul II on October 22, and the month of the Rosary. This time encourages reflection on faith, community service, and charitable works.

Knights are called to deepen their commitment to family, uphold the values of their faith, emphasizing the importance of prayer, especially through the Rosary.

Let this month inspire acts of kindness, support for those in need, and a renewed dedication to the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism that define the Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus!

Gabriel A Dela Riva
Grand Knight

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct 8: Council 5303 meeting: Rosary at 6:00 pm, followed by dinner with the meeting starting at 7:00pm.
- Oct. 12: Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, 7:30 am
- Oct. 12: Parish Living Rosary at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, 4:00 pm
- Oct. 12: Bingo in the Family Life Center
- Oct. 20: Couples' Bible Study (*Date with the Word*)
- Oct. 25: Second Harvest food distribution
- Oct. 26: Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, 7:30 am
- Oct. 26: Wine and cheese after 5:00 pm Mass
- Oct. 27: Donuts, coffee & hot chocolate after all Masses

intercession for our loved ones and our Knights of Columbus community. Looking ahead, we prepare our hearts for **All Saints Day** on November 1st, honoring the countless saints who have gone before us as examples of faith, hope, and charity. May their lives inspire us to live boldly as disciples of Christ, striving to grow in holiness within our own families.

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. The next food distribution event will be October 25th, and we will need volunteers to be in the parking lot no later than 8:30 a.m. Also, the Couples' Bible Study (*Date with the Word*) will be on October 20th from 12:00 to 1:00pm in the Parish Center. For more information about the Couples' Bible Study, ask Grand Knight Gabriel or Deacon Dan. May God continue to richly bless you and your families.

Knight Life (Robert Poncini)

Worthy Brothers in Christ,
Every October the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning to the end of their lives, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life. Additional materials can be found at www.respectlife.org/respect-life-month. As well, to help us form our Catholic conscience on Life and Family issues that are at the forefront of our lives, visit the [Diocese of Stockton's "Did you know...?"](http://Diocese of Stockton's 'Did you know...?') to grow in your knowledge of the Church's Teachings united to Jesus through the Eucharist or visit directly: <https://stocktondiocese.org/forming-catholic-conscience-did-you-know>.

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.

Anyone who needs a new badge should email Augie Beltran at Augb67@gmail.com or call or text him at 209-493-9100.

CHANCELLOR'S COLUMN

Continue to keep Shirley DuVal, Lou Gervais and Frank Bianchi in your prayers.

For additions, deletions, corrections, or updating current status, please contact our Chancellor, Danny Costello.

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Council website: <https://kofcchap6ca.org/council-5303/>

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

Royce Flores, 11th; GK Gabriel Dela Riva, 17th;

Don Costa, 21st;

Paul Fogarty and Jose Aceves, 27th

