



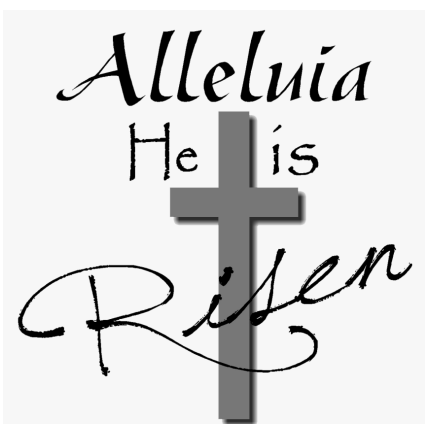
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FATHER THOMAS G LORIGAN COUNCIL 7027

WE ARE KNIGHTS, WE ARE PRO-LIFE!



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20			EASTER SUNDAY	Parish Hall		
20	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	Easter Mass in the Church	St Rose of Lima Church		
20	8:05 AM	9:05 AM	Easter Mass in the Parish Hall	Parish Hall		
20	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Easter Mass in the Church	St Rose of Lima Church		
20	10:35 AM	10:35 AM	Easter Mass in the Parish Hall	Parish Hall		
20	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Easter Mass in Spanish	St Rose of Lima Church		
24	6:00 AM	8:00 PM	KoC Special Needs Dance (Easter Theme)	Parish Hall		
25			Newsletter Articles Dues			
26	4:00 PM	6:00 PM	Corporate Communion	St Rose of Lima Church		
27			DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY			
27	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	Divine Mercy Chaplet	St Rose of Lima Church		





Grand Knight's Report

James Gaus

It's hard to believe that Holy Week is already upon us! How has your Lenten journey been so far? Have you discovered any areas in your life that need change to draw you closer to God? Holy Week is an excellent time to reflect on your spiritual life and commit to fully engaging in the events of this sacred time.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday and leads into the Easter Triduum, starting on Holy Thursday. The Triduum encompasses three of the most significant days in the Liturgical year: Holy Thursday with the Mass of Our Lord's Supper, Good Friday with the Lord's Passion, and Holy Saturday with the Easter Vigil Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord.

While participation in the Triduum is not obligatory, it offers a profound way to immerse ourselves in the journey of Jesus Christ for our salvation. From His triumphant entrance into Jerusalem, the institution of the Eucharist and the Holy Priesthood at the Last Supper, His commandment to love as He has loved, His agony in the garden, His betrayal by Judas, His unjust condemnation and

scourging, His crucifixion, death, and burial, to His glorious Resurrection—all these events are a testament to His love and sacrifice for us, sinners that we are.

As we enter this Holy Week, let's take the opportunity to deepen our faith and participate fully in these sacred events, remembering the immense love and sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Also, in addition to the many important events happening at Saint Rose this Easter season, please note that the monthly officer's/planning meeting has been cancelled. The council meeting has been rescheduled to April 3, 2025, due to the Lenten Penance Service on April 10th. Please be sure to check the monthly calendar for updates.

Wishing you all a blessed and holy Easter!

St Joseph, pray for us!
Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us!
Vivat Jesus!

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Kolbe Prison Ministries

"Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them...." (Hebrews 13: 3)

Sacrificial responses come in many forms. Money to buy the books on the Catholic Faith, hours spent in the kitchen cooking delicious meals for the inmates and prayers for return of the lost sheep. Without the sacrifice of the clergy and those volunteers who enter the prison to serve, no retreat would happen. From the first Kolbe retreat in 2023 to three in 2024, we plan to have at least six Kolbe Retreats during 2025 in the PT Diocese. We have already had Century #4 in

February, with 3 Kolbe Retreats planned for this summer:

Santa Rosa #2 Retreat	June 12-14
Holmes Mission Retreat	July 17-19
Century #5 Retreat	August 13-15.

To pull this off, we need about 20 male volunteers to enter the prison for each retreat. We do not expect volunteers to make all three retreats. So, here is the plan: recruit and mentor more volunteers. If you are interested contact

Tom Kubalewski (tomkubby@gmail.com) for more information.



Field Agent's Report

Jeff Fischer, FICF, LUTCF

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Brothers, are you on track to reach your financial goals? Are you unsure how to begin setting those goals? As your agent, I'm dedicated to helping you find the right insurance solutions, no matter your stage of life. Whether you are in your working years with young kids, living paycheck to paycheck, or knocking on the door of retirement, I'm excited to help you protect what matters most and build financial security with insurance-based solutions tailored to meet your priorities. The first thing to consider is whether your family would be financially taken care of if something happened to you. Would they struggle to meet the mortgage payments or to pay off other debts? Term life insurance can be an affordable option to give you protection in case of the unexpected. You'll also have the option to convert to a permanent plan in the future without additional underwriting. Terms and conditions may apply. Second, start preparing for retirement, no matter how far away it may seem. The Knights of

Columbus offers annuity solutions to help provide you with retirement income you can't outlive, guaranteed. Finally, disability income insurance. For many men, regardless of their phase in life, protecting their income is their greatest financial need. What would you do if you were no longer able to work? Don't overlook how disability income insurance may be able to help you. I understand that your financial needs are not just unique but change over time. I'm here to help you find the right solutions today and to walk with you as your insurance needs evolve. If you have any questions, please come chat with me and we can schedule a time to meet. Thank you! Guarantees assume all premiums are timely paid and are based on the claims-paying ability of the issuer. Any policy loans will impact the guarantees by reducing the policy's death benefit and cash values

God bless & Stay safe

May	Begin	End	Event	Location
1	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	KoC Officer's/Planning Meeting	Knights Hall
2	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	First Friday Adoration and Benediction	St Rose of Lima Church
2	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Holy Hour with Adoration/Rosary/Benediction	St Rose of Lima Church
2	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Spaghetti Dinner	Parish Hall
3	Noon	1:00 PM	Rosary for America	Park Avenue & Dogwood
7	5:30 PM	7:30 PM	First Monday Confession	St Rose of Lima Chapel
8	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Vespers	St Rose of Lima Chapel
8	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	KoC Council Meeting	Knights Hall



From the Deacon's Bench

By Deacon Jeff Massey
Holy Week



Holy Week is the **last** week of Lent before Easter, beginning on Palm Sunday and **ending** on Holy Saturday. In an older nomenclature, Holy Week is the second Sunday of Passiontide (Passiontide begins on the fifth Sunday of Lent). Holy Week is the part of the Church Year where Jesus' final moments are commemorated. The final three days of Holy week are part of the **Paschal Triduum**. (which comes from the Latin tris ("three") + dies ("day") Holy Week consists of many events which have their own liturgies but are **intimately connected**.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (the full name), Liturgical Color(s): **Red** (Scriptural References: Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-40) Blessing of the palms and a procession. First reading of the Passion. Celebrates / Symbolizes: Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem Alternate Names: Passion Sunday, Fig Sunday (Figs were often eaten memorializing the fig tree cursed by Christ after his entry into Jerusalem.)

Chrism Mass

(**Tuesday** for the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee. Usually Holy Thursday morning, but for practical reasons of travel etc. Tuesday in our Diocese) Here the bishop Blesses 2 of the oils and consecrates the third, Sacred Chrism. The Oils **Must** be Blessed / Consecrated by a Bishop! The Oils are brought in Procession, one at a time, usually by Deacons. **Oil of Catechumens OC** (oleum catechumenorum or oleum sanctorum), **Oil of the infirm OI** (oleum infirmorum) **Holy Chrism SC** (sacrum chrisma) a mixture of Olive Oil and Balsam, an aromatic resin. The **Consecration** of the Holy Chrism is **different** from that of the other oils: Bishop **breathes** over the vessel of Chrism, a gesture symbolizes **both** the Holy Spirit coming down to consecrate this oil, **and** life-giving, sanctifying nature of the Sacraments for which it is used; used in the administration of the Sacraments throughout the diocese for the year. **Renewal of Priestly Promises** is also at the Chrism Mass where the Church, through the Bishop, asks the priests if they are resolved "to be more united with the Lord Jesus and more closely conformed to Him... and to be faithful stewards of the mysteries of God...". **After** the Chrism Mass, the holy oils are distributed to the parishes of the Diocese where they are used to anoint the faithful throughout the year. Oils from the previous year are **burned** in

the Fire at the Easter Vigil.

Spy Wednesday:

This is an old and uncommon name for the Wednesday of Holy Week, which commemorates Judas' agreement to betray Jesus (see Matthew 26:3-5, 14-16).

Paschal Triduum

The Paschal Triduum begins on the **evening** of Holy Thursday, which concludes with the Evening Prayer (Vespers) of Easter, on Holy Saturday. Thus, the Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Are one **continuous** Liturgy / Celebration, reaching the high point at the Great Easter Vigil.

Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday):

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Liturgical Color(s): White

No Closing Prayer

The name "Maundy Thursday" is derived from Jesus **Mandate** to love one another as he loves us. The Church bells are rung during the singing of the Gloria and then remain silent until the Vigil. This day celebrates the institution of the sacraments of: Holy Eucharist and Ordination. The Washing of the Feet also happens at this Mass. The Creed is **not** said. The Blessed Sacrament is transferred to the place of repose, at Saint Rose the Chapel. Where the faithful are encouraged to spend time in Adoration, at Saint Rose usually until midnight. The Tabernacle is left open, the Altar is stripped. The Sanctuary Lamp is extinguished, only to be relighted **after** the Easter Vigil. Also called "Mass of Pre-sanctification" or also known as "Shear Thursday."

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion:

No Mass today the liturgical color is **red** (black is optional)

No Entrance Hymn, as we are continuing from Holy Thursday

Mandatory day of **Fasting** and **Abstinence** (for those who are received in the Church)

The Church commemorates Jesus' crucifixion and death. Within the liturgy we have:

Priests and Deacons will prostrate themselves at the beginning as a sign of obedience and humility.

The singing or preaching of the Passion

Solemn Intercessions Sung / Chanted by the



Deacon. The deacon's invitation Let us kneel – Let us stand used as an invitation to the Priest's prayer.

Veneration of the Cross, (The rubric reminds us that "only **one** cross" should be used for adoration)

Communion, reserved from Maundy Thursday, will be distributed

After genuflecting to the Cross, all depart in silence

No Closing Prayer

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil

This is the final day of Holy Week. which contains The Great Easter Vigil.

The liturgical color is White / Gold

The Vigil, by its very nature, **must** take place during the night. It does not begin before nightfall and should end **before** daybreak on Easter Sunday. The celebration of the Easter Vigil takes the place of the Office of Readings and begins with the blessing of the Fire, ("blazing fire" (*rogus ardens*), The Paschal Candle is brought forward.

This candle should be made of wax, never artificial, and be renewed each year. The candle is then prepared, celebrant cuts a cross into the candle with a stylus, makes the Greek letter Alpha above the cross, the letter Omega below it, the four numerals of the current year between the arms of the cross, the priest lights the candle from the new fire and says: "May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds." The Deacon carries the Candle in procession and proclaims "The Light of Christ" three times. The **Exultet** sung by a Deacon or Cantor follows. (It was composed in part by Saint Ambrose himself.) Nine Readings with Psalms and prayers, the singing the Alleluia before the Gospel follows. The Litany of Saints, Blessing of Water, often with the Paschal Candle dipped in 3 times, Baptism of the Elect, then Confirmation and Eucharist (for some for the very first time). Then the Solemn Blessing before the sung dismissal.

I pray that all have a joyous spirit filled Holy Week.

Sick & In Need Prayer List

Pope Francis, Joey Davis' mom, Jack Arndt, Carol Waugh, family of Patrick Davey, family of John Marchal, Paul Madifila, Michael Gaus, Walter Gross, Sterling VanGrowski, Rusty Bradberry, Ron Livorno, Mike Stafford, Paul Hicks, Ian McDonald, Claudia Barrett, Gene & Martha Skalsky, Ed McCarthy, Bill Glover, Mike Kassinger, Joan Haring, MaryEtta Hinkle, David & Sharon Hinkle, Antonette Paterna and family, Dave & Donna Byers, Jim and Marianne Richardson, Jennifer & Greg Micklos, Norm Champagne, Jim Gentry, Ben Paul, The Livorno Family, Dean Dizon, The Paschal Family, John & Margo Recke, Joe Burgos, The Massey family, Heidi Massey, Thea McDonald, Linda Davis & family, Ed Horne, Beth & Bill

McDonald, Sharon Dipkin, Jerry Sciple, Nicole - sister of Justin Paul, Sylvia Mabley, Saveria Husslein, Robert Erisman, Bob Miller, Steve Gentry, Todd & Suzi Jones, Karen Lewis, Thatcher Kerzie, Mark Puno, Art Sobilo, The Ferraro family, Ann Smith and Family, Vinny Gallo, John Burkhalter, The Germain family, Larry Johnson, JP Fane, Richard & Hilda Connolly, John Juul, Tom Peck, Louise Egler, Barbara Mason, the Schnitker family, people of Ukraine, people of Israel, people of Haiti, Holy Souls in Purgatory, , Bishop Wack, Msgr Reed, Father Christian, our deacons, religious, and seminarians (especially Deacon William Gibson).

Let us pray:

O Heavenly Father, God of Love, You gave us Your Son Jesus to be not only Physician of our souls but also Healer of our bodies and minds. Lord Jesus, We turn to You in this time of illness. Please come to us now, and lay Your healing hand on us and all who are in need of your Mercy. Let the warmth, peace and healing power of Your Spirit fill all of us now with Your life and love. We receive You, Lord Jesus!

Heal us according to Your Divine Will, Lord Jesus, and enable us to serve You with a healthy body, soul, and spirit. May Your Joy, O Lord, be our strength this day. Amen.

To submit a prayer request to be included here please send an email to info@kofc7027.com



Honors of the Months

Month	Knight of the Month	Family of the Month
Year 2024-25		
July, 2024	Michael Stafford	Ray & Kim Kutch
August, 2024	Arturo Ojeda	Tom & Loretta Kubalewski
September, 2024	Ben Urnick	Nathan & Mary West
October, 2024	Walter Gross	Patty & Kenny Borne
November, 2024	Bernie Schultz	Bob and Meg Browder
December, 2024	Daniel Walker	Trevor & Jackie Walker
January, 2025	Ralph Crago	Tom & Loretta Kubalewski
February, 2025	Jerry Langille	Charlie & Melanie Rushing
March, 2025	Jeff Fischer	Joseph & Diane Seeley
April, 2025		
May, 2025		
June, 2025		

Family of the Month

Grand Knight James Gaus presented the Family of the Month for March to Joseph and Diane Seeley on March 29, 2025, at the 4:00 PM Mass. Pictured are GK James Gaus, Joseph & Diane Seeley, and Msgr Michael Reed.



Sir Knight of the Quarter

Assembly 2823 Faithful Navigator Cesar Mascardo presented the Sir Knight of the Quarter to SK Bruce Mabley on March 29, 2025, at the 4:00 PM Mass. Pictured are FN Cesar Mascardo, SK Bruce & Sylvia Mabley, and Msgr. Michael Reed.





Life

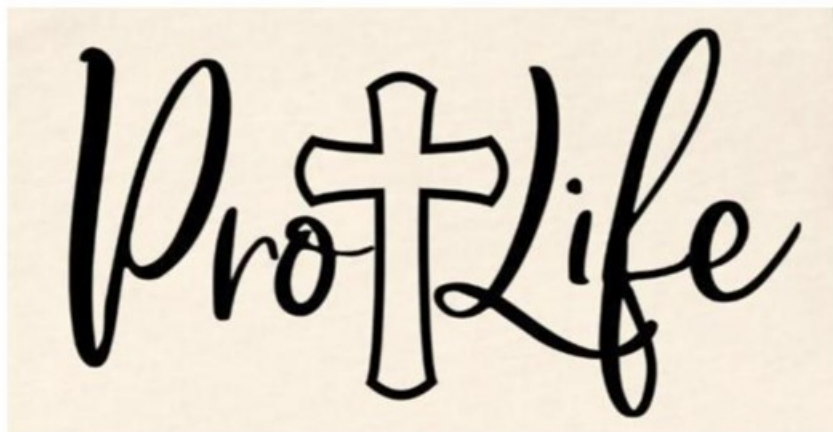
PGK Dan Arndt
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Brothers, as we continue in this time of Lent, please keep Life in your prayers and deeds. There is always an opportunity to help support Life. This month there is the Life Options banquet on April 8. If you would still like to support this event, please text Dan Arndt at 850-207-8779. We also have voted to pursue a process to acquire a new ultrasound machine for

Life Options clinic. We have started the documents needed to be filled out. Next, we need to raise half of the cost of the ultrasound machine. We then send the funds and documents to Supreme to pay the remaining funds for the purchase of the machine. Lastly, you can support Life by joining the newly formed St. Gianna Voice for Life Club at St. Rose of Lima.

St. Gianna Voice for Life Club at St. Rose of Lima



The goals are (1) to defend the inviolable right to life of all human beings, preborn and born and (2) to foster a culture of life both in our homes and in the surrounding community.

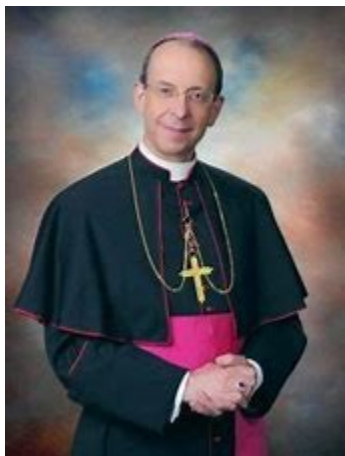
We will advocate for the right to life of the preborn through respectful, non-judgmental conversation.

At meetings, we will discuss a variety of topics relevant to the consistent ethics of life, including abortion, euthanasia, assisted reproduction, capital punishment, etc.

If you would like to join, please provide your contact information by scanning the QR code or following the link.

<https://forms.gle/u79d7ivyMGbRm8NA6>





Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

by Archbishop William E. Lori

She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." (Gospel for April 6, Jn 11:27)

These words belong to Martha, sister of Lazarus, as she and Jesus speak outside her brother's tomb. Her choice of words is important: "I have come to believe." This suggests her belief has evolved, that her previous uncertainty or ignorance about Jesus has blossomed into faith. Growing in faith is usually a process of moving from questioning or doubt to illumination and trust. How do we come to faith and then grow deeper in it? We do so through prayer, study and reflection. Let us continually deepen our faith in this manner.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to take part in a Catholic faith formation course, event or opportunity offered through your local council (such as *Cor*), your parish or diocese, or online.

Questions for Reflection:

Looking at the development of your own faith, how have you "come to believe" truths about Christ and/or the Catholic faith? What teachings do you still have questions about? What areas of your faith would you like to develop further? Where can you find resources — or whom can you ask for resources — to help you deepen your faith and understanding?

(From kofc.org select "Who We Are", "Our Faith", and "Monthly Challenge")



The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

APOSTLES[†]HIP OF PRAYER

UNITED STATES

April

For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/popes-monthly-intentions-2025>



Fourth Degree

St. Teresa of Calcutta Assembly 2823

SK Cesar Mascardo, PGK, FDD, RA1



Sir Knights,

The month of April is dedicated to The Holy Spirit. The entire month falls during the Easter season. The liturgical color is white the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence. The meaning of April is "to open". It symbolizes spring, the time when buds open and flowers appear. Along with a little rain, April ushers in some of the biggest holidays of the year, including April Fool Day, Easter, Passover, Arbor Day, and Earth Day.

Starting in the month in March, we had our Assembly meeting separate from the council meeting. Our meeting was held on March 20, 2025, at 6:30pm at the Knights Hall which is the third Thursday of the month. Food was provided by the assembly in which we had pizza from Domino's. We had invited six new fourth degree members to our assembly. Five of the six were present which were Vincent Mauro, Paul Hicks, Michael Gaus, Barry Bergschneider and Joe Pascal but Carl June was not able to make it. We welcomed them to the assembly. And we had our special guest join us, Vice Marshall, Tony Jette who addressed the assembly and addressed the new changes in the fourth degree. The next exemplification is at Our Lady of the Angels, 12905 State Road 70 East, Lakewood Ranch, FL. 34202.

We had made a proposal and it passed that the assembly would pay for their baldric as in the past it was given at the ceremonial. This was a very successful meeting as we had 20 in attendance. There was a lot of feedback, comments

and recommendations. The general population is encouraged to buy the new uniforms. If one wants to buy a uniform the assembly should be able to assist as a principle of charity. Our goal is that our assembly grow, do more programs and increase our color guards. It is important, particularly in this day and age, that our Fourth Degree Assemblies encourage active Catholic citizenship and foster the spirit of patriotism in our members and the community at large. The Serving Those Who Served program is a major initiative of the Fourth Degree supporting Veterans Affairs facilities. The Knights of Columbus has representatives at almost every Veterans Affairs medical clinic in the United States, where they recruit and manage K of C volunteers in developing activities and programs that meet patients most essential needs. They also become part of a Fourth Degree Assembly in their area. There are more than 3,500 Fourth Degree assemblies around the world.

We were trying to establish the 3rd Thursday as our meeting day. But this April, the 3rd Thursday in April is April 17 which is Holy Thursday so let's schedule it the 3rd Tuesday which is April 15, 2025 for our next assembly meeting.

I want to thank everyone that came to the assembly meeting last month and thank you for all you do.

Vivat Jesus!



Knights of Columbus Fr. Thomas G. Lorigan Council 7027 St. Teresa of Calcutta Assembly 2823 Scholarships

The Knights of Columbus Council 7027 and Assembly 2823 of St. Rose of Lima Parish is offering scholarship opportunities for the school year 2025-2026.

Any high school senior, who is a registered and active member of St. Rose of Lima Parish, is eligible to apply for a Knights of Columbus College Scholarships with each of the three scholarships valued at \$1,500.

We are awarding three college scholarships totaling \$4,500 this year to deserving high school seniors who are active members of St. Rose of Lima Parish. Using a competitive "point system", the applicants placing first, second and third place will each be awarded a \$1,500 scholarship.

To be considered, you must complete the basic application form, preparing a written 200-250 word essay answering

this question, "Why I should be considered for one of the Knights of Columbus Scholarships" and obtaining three written personal references and meeting the submission deadline date.

The deadline date for returning the Application and Essay is Monday, 21 April 2025.

The eight-man scholarship committee will review all application materials, and using a point system, determine the winners. The winners will be notified by April 25, 2025. The scholarship certificates and checks will be presented at the 4:00 pm mass for Senior Night for the kids on Sunday, 27th April 2025. They will also be presented with a Knights of Columbus Scholarship medallion at the Awards Ceremony at their high school.

SK Cesar Mascardo, RA1/DD1/FN
KOC Council 7027/Assembly 2823
Scholarship Committee Chairman





The **Knights of Columbus Silver Rose Program** is a significant initiative that promotes **respect for life** and honors **Our Lady of Guadalupe**. The program involves a pilgrimage of silver roses across North America, including Canada, the United States, and Mexico, where prayer services are held to promote the dignity of all human life. The program began in 1960 and has expanded over the years to include various prayer services and events that unite the Knights of Columbus in their mission. Through this program, participants express their commitment to the pro-life cause and the values of the Catholic faith. The Silver Rose was presented at St. Rose of Lima during the 10:30 AM Mass on March 23.





INVOCATION

Fishers of Men

By State Chaplain Very Rev. Bob Kantor

“Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch.” - Luke 5:4

The Gospel for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the second Sunday this month, tells the story of the great catch of fish directed by Jesus (Luke 5:1-11).

Can you imagine, seasoned fishermen who have been unsuccessful all night taking fishing lessons from the son of a carpenter? It’s like me trying to give you fishing instructions. The closest I came to being an angler was running family errands as a kid to the local fish market on a Friday in Lent.

But see what happens when Jesus is directing the effort and others listen and act ... something amazing!

An abundant catch of fish results and it’s all because Peter trusts enough in Jesus to “put out into deep water” and lower their nets for a catch. The haul was so plentiful their nets were tearing, and the boats were in danger of sinking!

Now, many times are we asked to bring other men into our order when we think we have done all we can and the possibility of a “catch” is remote? Maybe we are tired of “fishing” because we have been at it for many years, not just a night. Still the call goes out to “put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch.” If we do, could it go for us as it did that day for Peter and his fishing companions?

First, it helps to know why we fish. Just like Jesus was preparing Peter and the others for a more meaningful catch of men who would follow

Jesus on the “the Way,” we Knights can’t stop inviting and recruiting and encouraging the men of our parishes to join us because that sets them on a journey to grow closer to Christ. Sure, there are quotas to attain and insurance opportunities to promote, but we recruit primarily because, in the comradery of being a Knight, in living more fully



*State Chaplain
Very Rev. Bob Kantor*

our call to discipleship, in engaging our baptismal call to service, the men

we “catch” become more fully alive in Christ. And as their role as Catholic husbands and fathers is strengthened, their families grow in faith with them.

Fishing for us as Knights of Columbus is not a numbers game. It is a matter of life and death. We all know the great stories of conversion and

faith enrichment that follow when Catholic men become Knights. Perhaps you represent one of them. The thing for us to remember is that it is God who will convert the heart. We only need to invite and encourage, trusting in Jesus to provide the catch. Let it begin in faithfulness and obedience as a Catholic gentleman and Knight. And let it conclude in thanksgiving to Christ for a bountiful catch beyond our expectations.





2025 Knights of Columbus Charity GOLF TOURNAMENT

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Check In 11 am/Shotgun Start 1pm
Four-Player Scramble
\$75/Player or \$300/Team

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Questions? Contact Bernie Schultz (850)396-3284 or Schultz.bernie@gmail.com



April 27 - The Feast of Divine Mercy

The following is drawn from Fr. Michael Gaitley's book *Divine Mercy Explained*:

"The Feast of Divine Mercy, also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Divine Mercy Sunday falls on the Second Sunday of Easter.

"What's so great about Divine Mercy Sunday? Well, look at it this way: What's the most important feast day of the year? Easter, right? And how many days is Easter?

"We celebrate it for eight full days, which is why we call it the Octave of Easter. But the last day is the greatest of all. The eighth day. It's the climax of the whole feast.

"Well, Divine Mercy Sunday is the eighth day of Easter, the climax of the entire Easter celebration. In a sense, it's the most important day of the most important feast!

"Now, Divine Mercy Sunday existed way before St. Faustina. In fact, it has its roots in the Easter celebrations of the early Church. When Jesus told Faustina that He wanted the feast celebrated, she asked some priests and theologians about it, and they told her, "There already is such a feast." So, Faustina went back to Jesus and told Him, "They tell me that there already is such a feast, and so why should I talk about it?" Jesus responded, "**And who knows anything about this feast? No one!**" (*Diary of St. Faustina, 341*). In other words, the great feast of mercy had been forgotten and was almost completely unknown.

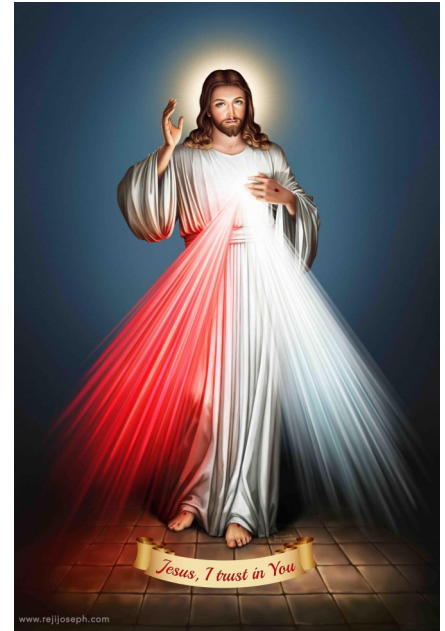
"So, you can imagine Jesus saying to Faustina, "Look, I want people to know and celebrate this feast. And to sweeten the deal, I promise to give great graces on Divine Mercy Sunday." Specifically, he told her:

"On that day [Divine Mercy Sunday], the very depths of My tender mercy are opened. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. ..."

"On that day, all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. (Diary of St. Faustina, 699)"

"Regarding Divine Mercy Sunday, Jesus told St. Faustina, ***"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment"*** (699).

"Now, that's a big deal. It means that if we were to die right after receiving this grace, then we wouldn't have to go to purgatory! In other words, our slate is wiped clean. In fact, the theologian who was assigned by the future Pope John Paul II to investigate the question "What is the grace of Mercy Sunday?" likened the grace to a second baptism. Of course, it's not the same as Baptism, but it is an extraordinary grace of being cleansed of sin and the punishment due to sin."



To read more, go to <https://marian.org/divine-mercy/what-is-it>



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