



# Knights of Columbus

Msgr. Martin B. Power Council 14573



November 2025

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## From the Grand Knight



### Worthy Brothers and Sisters,

We are truly grateful for the many activities our Knights and Ladies have accomplished in October, culminating in our fantastic annual SK Chuck Mitchell Memorial **Trunk or Treat**. We enjoyed beautiful weather for the event, had over 1400 attendees, 36 "Trunks" gave out thousands of pieces of candy, 400 S'mores, 900 hotdogs and hamburgers, 1,000 bottles of water and cans of soda, 30 best costume prizes, numerous game prizes, and two best trunk awards. We also collected about 400 pounds of canned food to donate to Ascension Social Concerns. It was a blast. See the article and pictures in the newsletter.

Thanks to the Knights who volunteered to install a new light pole on the south end of the field at the Knights' House: Brothers Carl Cioci, Joe Ameigh, Malachy McGuinness, Jack Duggan, Randy Lascody, and John Pechar.

We concluded our Novena for Life after morning mass on Sunday, October 5th, and want to thank Jose Montes for organizing this program, along with the volunteers who attended morning mass and led the novena prayers: Jose Montes, Rich Passarella, Paul Klein, Joseph Brian Luby, Frank Conley, Dave AmRhein, and John Pechar. We offered the option to pray the novena from home using last year's videos. That afternoon, brothers and Ladies joined about 45 Ascension parishioners in standing in solidarity for respect for life during the National Life Chain Day outside Ascension Church along US-1. Thank you, Father John Bosco, Bill Quinn, Malachy McGuinness, Dave and Kathy AmRhein, John and Janet Autio, Lan Duong, Olga Kelly, Bobby and Angela Sullivan, and Jim and Joanne Voltaire.

Our Advocate, Mike Marzac, is leading a team of knights and ladies for the **Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest** with Ascension 8th graders, where evaluations and scoring are currently underway. This year, we received donations to increase the awards from one \$50 prize for the best essay to the top three essays: \$125, \$75, and \$50. The interesting topic this year is: "Out of the 267 popes that have led the Catholic Church, who are your three favorite popes and why?" We plan to present the awards at the school mass on November 12th.

At the October council meeting, the Grand Knight awarded the September **Family of the Month** Award to SK Bobby Sullivan and Lady Angela Sullivan.

The next monthly Council meeting will be held on November 20 at 7PM in the Knights Room. Power Rosary at 6:15 in the Ministry Building, Room 313.



## **GK Rich Passarella (continued)**

We held the Council Soccer Challenge on October 6, 7, and 8, at the Ascension School gym, with about 300 students participating during their PE classes. Eight students advanced to compete against other councils in our district. Nine Knights volunteered to help with this activity, all of whom followed safety protocols and underwent background checks. Thanks to Bob Richmond and Jose Montes for co-chairing this event, along with brothers Mike Marzec, Carl Ciocchi, Wayne Hosburgh, Jose Rodriguez, Dave Amrhein, Randy Lascody, and Chet Poeta. The District 30 competition will be on Saturday, November 15, starting at 9 AM at Melbourne Central Catholic High School. Come out to volunteer and support our Ascension athletes.

We are grateful for many years of service and support to the Knights of Columbus for two of our beloved Sir Knights who passed away this month, SK John Loft and SK Dan Brinkmann. We thank our brothers and ladies who attended the two funerals and our Assembly Honor Guard who were present at the services. I also want to thank the knights and ladies who participated in the hospitality team for the reception after Dan Brinkmann's funeral: John & Cathy Pechar, Rick Robinson, Tom Giiblin, Paul Klein, Lan Duong, Lyn Becker, Chris DeStefon, Becky Richard, Bobby & Angela Sullivan, Joanne Voltaire, Malachy McGinness, Jack Duggan, and Kathy Harris. Let us continue to pray for the Loft and Brinkmann families, that the Holy Spirit will comfort them in their time of loss.

On October 24th, several Knights assisted at the Ascension 8th-grade School Halloween Party by grilling hamburgers and hot dogs and serving food to attendees—thanks to brothers Bob Richmond, Joe Ameigh, Jack Duggan, and Carl Cioci.

We have ordered and received Keep Christ In Christmas car magnets and will make them available to parishioners starting the weekend of the first Sunday of Advent, November 29 and 30. We plan to organize mass captains and ask brothers attending each mass to assist them.

Thank you to WDGK John Pechar, WPGK Jose Montes, and all the Knights who attended the Charity, Unity, Fraternity **Exemplification** to welcome our new member, Brad Yemm.

Thanks to Dave Amrhein for chairing and organizing the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest at Ascension School, which is currently underway and will have its poster judging meeting on Friday, December 12th.

I want to mention a few upcoming save-the-date activities: the Veterans' Day Parade on Saturday, November 8, from 10:00 to 11:00 am in Palm Bay, the Veterans Flag Ceremony at Shady Oaks on November 11th (wear your Council or Assembly shirts), and the Council Christmas Party on Saturday, December 13, after the Corporate Communion at 4:30 pm vigil mass.

We have much to be thankful for, and many of us continue to need prayers, so let's do what Jesus asks of us: to pray and to pray without ceasing especially for those on our council prayer list. Please keep reaching out to me or use the Council website for prayer requests. Thank you, Council and Ladies Auxiliary "Prayer Warriors"

As Thanksgiving approaches later this month, let us be grateful for the blessings we have received, both individually and fraternally, and recognize how fortunate our council is, with members contributing in many ways to our Ascension community. Wishing you a blessed Thanksgiving filled with family, friends, good food, and good cheer. Thank you, Jesus!

Our next Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 20th, at 7 PM in the Knights Room, with a Power Rosary taking place at 6:15 PM. I will be cruising at that time, celebrating my 80th birthday, so PGK Jose Montes will lead the meeting. Vivat Jesus,

**SK Rich Passarella**  
**Grand Knight**  
**Council 14573**



## **Council Notes**

**Essay Contest.** We have our field of judges to evaluate 36 essays for the annual KOC Citizenship Essay Contest. Our Council invited 8th-grade students from Ascension Catholic School to participate in the 2025 Knights of Columbus Citizenship Essay Contest. This event encourages young people to become citizens grounded in their faith through creative writing. Essay details are included in the school newsletter. The essay topic is "Out of the 267 popes that have led the Catholic Church, who are your three favorite popes and why?" and the required word count is 500 to 750. We asked judges to review and score the entries — as many of the entries as they can read. Judges met on November 4 to compile scores and select winners. Winners will be announced soon and will be listed here next month along with their essays. This was a wonderful subject for the Essay Contest this year and the students had well thought out essays on their favorite popes.

Due to the generosity of our Knights, we are able to increase the cash awards for the competition this year. The Council budgeted for \$50 for the best essay. We now have an additional \$200 in awards thanks to individual donations and are now able to have these awards:

- First Place — \$125
- Second Place — \$75
- Third Place — \$50

**Prayer Requests** – Prayer requests can be sent via email to [ascension14573@gmail.com](mailto:ascension14573@gmail.com), and can now also be submitted from the [council's website](#). Just [click here for Prayer Requests](#) on the home page and you will be directed to a form where you can enter your request. An email will be sent to the Council and The Ladies Auxiliary to ask them to unite in prayer with you and your request will be also included in the monthly Power Rosary

**Council Website.** We continue to add new features to our Council and Assembly website — the place to find the latest information and activities — [HERE](#)



SK Rob Light With Father SK John Bosco  
Maison and Lady Christina Light



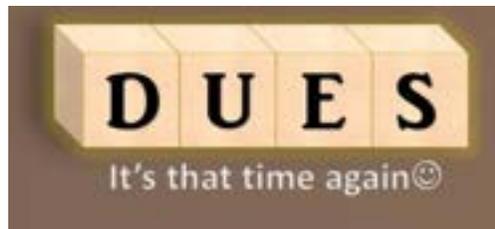
Faithful Navigator SK Rob Light is instituted as  
an Acolyte by Bishop Noonan



## Council Notes

- **Renew Your Dues Now.** July 1st marks the start of a new Fraternal Year. Our membership dues for the K of C Council 14573 are due at the beginning of the Fraternal Year. Regular dues are \$40 per year. If you have any questions about your dues, email Richard Becker at [rit3722@gmail.com](mailto:rit3722@gmail.com). Below are two options to pay our dues:

1. Pay by check payable to “K of C Council 14573” and hand the check to Richard Becker (Financial Secretary) or Randy Lascody (Treasurer) at the next council meeting or mail it to: “K of C Council 14573, Attention: Richard Becker, 4825 Tiverton Court, Melbourne, FL 32934



2. Pay electronically using a Credit Card, Debit Card, PayPal, or Venmo. This can be done from the Council’s website Dues page by [clicking on this link](#). If that URL link does not take you to the dues page, visit the main page here — [Council Website](#).
3. Please remember that your membership dues support Council sponsored charitable contributions, operations, and per-capita assessments from Supreme and the Florida State Council. The combined annual Supreme and Florida State Council assessments must be paid by the Council for all members on the roster, even if the member did not pay his dues. Paying your dues avoids the Council from having to use someone else's dues or funds targeted towards charitable contributions to cover members who do not pay, therefore we ask that you please stay current with your membership dues.

- **Assembly Dues** were due on January 1. Please pay your annual dues of \$25 at your earliest convenience. Followup notices will sent to all members who have not paid their dues — you can pay in person or through the mail. Dues are the main funding for the Assembly so please pay promptly.

- **Ascension Thrift Store.** The store continues to fall short in having enough volunteers to support all the hours necessary to bring in the revenue needed to support the Social Concerns Ministry and the Ascension Catholic School. The store is a key source of revenue for these ministries. If you can spare a few hours, please consider volunteering. The Thrift Store is also looking for a number two person to help out John Casco. You can contact the Thrift Store to [volunteer here](#).

**ASCENSION THRIFT STORE  
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Below are QR code links to sign up to volunteer. Please consider joining this amazing group of people, for it is in giving that we receive. Feel free to pass this along to anyone who may be interested in helping out. Thank you for your time and consideration. May the peace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.



WEDNESDAY VOLUNTEER



SATURDAY WAREHOUSE

**Ascension Thrift Shop is in need of  
TENTS AND SLEEPING BAGS**

Please bring donations to the Thrift Shop during hours of operation.  
Thank you for your generosity.

For more information on volunteering, please call: 321-610-8742 or email: [info@AscensionThriftShop.com](mailto:info@AscensionThriftShop.com)



## Council Notes

- **Daily Bread.** In the past, the Knights have supported the Daily Bread facility on the fourth Sunday of the month with volunteers who served the noon meal. This is no longer provided at the Melbourne location. The future plans are to build Providence Place — a permanent, affordable multi-family apartment community with on-site resident services and amenities, prioritized for individuals and families facing homelessness in Melbourne. Currently, the staff at Daily Bread are organizing a mobile outreach program which we hope to support in the future. POC: SK Ric Robinson

- [Daily Bread Mobile Outreach](#)
- [When is Daily Bread closing, and why?](#)
- For more information on Daily Bread or to volunteer — [click here](#)



- **Council and Assembly Shirts.** We now have a new project officer who is our single point of contact for all things shirts and hats for the The Council and Assembly — SK Bill Quinn. We also have a new patriotic hat for \$20 that is available for both the Council or Assembly. Contact Bill for all of your Council and Assembly attire needs.

- SK Bill now has both Council and Assembly hats for sale — \$20. Contact Bill if you want a hat.



- **Bartman.** We will continue to use Bartman as a source for Council and Assembly attire. This company is owned and operated by a brother Knight and has proven to be very reliable in the past. Any Knight shirt, hat, or other item or clothing can be ordered from Bartman and can also be embroidered to your specifications. You can order the shirt to your specifications yourself by visiting their website, calling, or visiting their shop — or just see Bill.

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COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Monsignor Martin B. Power Council #14573
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Council #14573 - 2009/10/11/12/19 Florida State Council of the Year

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Click here to subscribe to the Council and Assembly Calendar.

Get ready for Florida State Council Charity Raffle

- Ticket Sales proceeds - 60% to State and 40% to Council
Donation is \$3.00 per ticket, or \$10 per book (4 Tickets)
Council 14573 required to sell 112 raffle books
Solicitors/Sellers Prizes:
1st prize winning ticket gets \$500
2nd prize winning ticket gets \$250
3rd prize winning ticket wins \$100



- One ticket solicitor wins:
\$250 in the Quick Start, drawing to be December 16
\$400 in the Early Bird drawing on March 13, 2026.
All raffle ticket distribution ends May 1st, 2026
All tickets and donations in by May 10th, 2026.
Final drawing at the FSC-Annual Convention May 23rd, 2026
Prizes:
1st Prize \$25,000
2nd Prize \$5,000
3rd Prizes (2) \$1,000 each

Send inputs to John Pechar at jpechar68@gmail.com

Near Term Important Dates at Ascension Parish:

- Each Wednesday: Holy Hour (1700-1800)

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+ PATRIOTISM +

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### From the Faithful Navigator

#### Sir Knights

History of the Pledge of Allegiance – Part I (excerpt from *The Knights of Columbus: An Illustrated History*, pg. 139, by Andrew T. and Maureen H. Walther, SquareOne, 2020):

[During the early 1950s, the Knights of Columbus played a key role in adding the words “under God” to the Pledge of Allegiance. This addition had both historical precedent and a growing base of support. The original pledge, written in 1892 by Francis Bellamy, was first published in *The Youth’s Companion* magazine: “I pledge allegiance to my flag and [to] the Republic for which it stands – one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

With the approval of the National Education Association, the pledge was then printed out and distributed to schools throughout the nation. Later that year, millions of students recited the pledge on Columbus Day to commemorate the 400-year anniversary of the historic voyage. The Pledge of Allegiance remained as originally written until 1923, when it received its first change. Fearing that the children of immigrants might mistakenly consider the words “my flag” for the flag of their homeland, the words were changed to “the flag of the United States of America.” Adding the words “under God” to the pledge was the second stage – one in which the Knights would play a key role. (To be Continued)]

Our Color Corps and Assembly members were well represented at two funerals this last month honoring Sir Knights John Loft and Dan Brinkmann. Thank you and great job, Sir Knights!

As a reminder, the next Assembly meetings will be held on Thursdays, 6 Nov and 4 Dec, at 7pm in Rm 312 of the Ministry Center which is preceded by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 6:30pm and led by Faithful Captain SK Ralph Carestia. Some other upcoming activities include:

- Flag Retirement Ceremonies with the Trail Life Boys (TBD)
- Veterans’ Day Parade in Melbourne on 11 November ... details to follow
- Veterans Flag Ceremony at Shady Oaks Cemetery following the parade (11 Nov)
- Flag Folding event with Cub Scouts Pack 3373, Parish Hall, 17 Nov, 6pm

If you are not already a member of the Assembly or Color Corps and interested in learning more, please contact Membership Director, SK John Miller, Color Corps Commander, SK Eddy Merlet, or myself about joining (contact info listed on the KofC newsletter front page and Assembly page). Please keep an eye out for upcoming events in the monthly activity sheet and God Bless!

Vivat Jesus

**SK Rob Light**  
**Faithful Navigator**

Next meeting is November 6 at 7PM in the Knights Room. Immediately before the meeting at 6:30 we will pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.



## 2025-2026 ASSEMBLY 3482 PLAN OF ACTIVITIES

Date/Time	Event	Chairman
July 15 1500	Roundtable with Fr. John Bosco	Parish Office, WGK, FN, MP
August 10	Veteran Presentation Purple Heart Recognition	FC Ralph Carestia CCC Eddie Merlet
August 10 1130	Quarterly Council/Assembly Corporate Communion, Color Corps CCC Eddie Merlet	WGK/PFN Rich Passarella FN Rob Light
Sept 11 1200	911 Patriotic Rosary Ascension Catholic Church	WDGK/PFN John Pechar SK John Autio
Sept 11 1800	911 Ceremony at Veteran's Center Merritt Island	SK Bobby Sullivan
Sep 18	Vietnam Disabled Veterans Fundraiser Dinner	SK Be Duong SK Bobby Sullivan
Oct 30 1500	Roundtable with Fr. John Bosco	Parish Office, WGK, FN, MP
Nov 1 Sun Mass	All Souls' Day Service	WGK/PFN Rich Passarella CCC Eddie Merlet
Nov 8 1000	Veterans' Day Parade – Color Corps Assembly / Council / LA	CCC Eddie Merlet SK Bobby Sullivan
Nov 11	Veterans Flag Ceremony at Shady Oaks Cemetery following Veterans' Day Parade	SK John Autio SK Bobby Sullivan
Nov 17	Flag Folding Event with Cub Scouts	SK John Autio
Dec 13 1630	Quarterly Council/Assembly Corporate Communion, Color Corps CCC Eddie Merlet	WGK/PFN Rich Passarella FN Rob Light
Dec 13 0930	Wreaths Across America at Shady Oaks and JS Sloan Cemeteries	FN Rob Light WDGK/PFN John Pechar CCC Eddie Merlet
Jan 3-14	Prepare Form 1728 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities Report – Due Jan 31	FN Rob Light FC Ralph Carestia
Jan 12-18	Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon w/Color Corps	WGN/PFN Rich Passarella CCC Eddie Merlet
Jan 21 1500	Roundtable with Fr. John Bosco	Parish Office, WGK, FN, MP
March	Prepare Form 2321 Civic Award Application	FN Rob Light FC Ralph Carestia
April ???	Ascension School Flag Retirement Ceremony	SK Bob Richmond
Mid-April 1500	Roundtable with Fr. John Bosco	Parish Office, WGK, FN, MP
May 4	Color Corps Marching of the Colors	FP Malachy MaGuinness
May 4 TBD	Quarterly Council/Assembly Corporate Communion, Color Corps CCC Eddie Merlet	WGK/PFN Rich Passarella FN Rob Light
May TBD	Vietnam Travelling Wall & Laying of Wreaths (Assembly/Council/LA) – Color Corps	CCC Eddie Merlet
May TBD	May Crowning (ACCW) Color Corps	CCC Eddie Merlet
May 25 TBD	Memorial Day Ceremony at Shady Oaks	SK Bobby Sullivan
June 27 1800	Flags for Heroes Flag Display Knight's House Lawn Area	WDGK/PFN John Pechar PGK Dave AmRhein
July 4 1000	Independence Day Parade Assembly / Council / LA	CCC Eddie Merlet SK Bobby Sullivan



## Funeral Support by our Assembly Color Corps





## November Birthdays

Heavenly Father, We praise You for all Your gifts to us. In a special way,, we thank You for our brothers as they celebrate their birthday. Bless them always in Your love. Bless us too, Holy Father, Help us all to praise You and give You glory Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eric Montes	November, 1
Raymond Palubin	November, 2
Chet Poeta	November, 2
John Barfield	November, 7
David Conroe	November, 9
Ralph Turingan	November, 9
William Rich	November, 10
Jose Rodriguez	November, 12
William Hampton	November, 13
Richard Passarella	November, 15
Carl Cioci	November, 17
Tom Giblin	November, 18
James Mac Davitt	November, 18
Michael Marzec	November, 18
Mauricio Medina	November, 18
Rex Gibson	November, 21
Miguel Opacic Lopez	November, 21
Earl Miller	November, 22
Daniel Dang	November, 23
Joseph Schuerger	November, 29

\*\*Be sure to [let us know](#) if we miss any monthly birthdays\*\*

[You can find the Ascension 14573 Monthly Newsletters -- HERE](#)



## Chaplain's Corner Deacon SK Bill Ternaus

### The History of All Souls' Day

**All Souls' Day**, celebrated on **November 2**, is the day the Church sets aside to pray for all the faithful departed — especially those who are in **Purgatory**, still being purified before entering Heaven.

The roots of this commemoration go back to the **early Church**. From the first centuries, Christians gathered at the graves of loved ones to pray for their souls and to celebrate the Eucharist in their memory. The belief that prayer can help the dead is ancient — it's mentioned in **2 Maccabees 12:46**, where Judas Maccabeus prays for fallen soldiers, saying "it is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from their sins."

The formal observance of **All Souls' Day** began in the **10th century**. Around the year **998**, **St. Odilo**, the abbot of the great Benedictine monastery of **Cluny in France**, ordered that all the monasteries under his care offer special prayers for the dead on the day after All Saints' Day. The custom spread quickly throughout Europe, and by the 13th century, it became a universal feast in the Catholic Church.

By placing it on **November 2**, right after **All Saints' Day (November 1)**, the Church teaches a beautiful truth: the **Communion of Saints** — that all of us, the saints in heaven, the souls in purgatory, and the faithful on earth, are united in one great family of faith and love.

In the early 20th century, **Pope Benedict XV** extended the privilege of celebrating **three Masses** on All Souls' Day to all priests — one for the faithful departed, one for the priest's intentions, and one for the Holy Father's intentions — a tradition that continues today.

All Souls' Day reminds us of our duty to **pray for the dead**, to visit cemeteries, and to offer Masses for loved ones who have gone before us. It is not a day of sadness, but of **hope** — hope in God's mercy and the promise of eternal life.



## Pray to Saint Gertrude

How many of you have heard of or have prayed the prayer of St Gertrude

**St. Gertrude the Great** was a 13th-century German Benedictine nun and mystic, known for her deep spirituality and devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

- She is known as "*the Great*" because of the depth and influence of her mystical writings.

Gertrude experienced profound mystical visions of Christ and the Virgin Mary. Her writings express a tender and intimate love for Jesus, especially emphasizing His **Sacred Heart**—centuries before this devotion became widespread.

### Feast Day

**November 16** (in the Roman Calendar)

According to tradition, Our Lord revealed to St. Gertrude that each time this prayer is devoutly recited, **a thousand souls** are released from purgatory (though this is not an official Church doctrine, it reflects the spirit of mercy and intercession she lived by).

St. Gertrude's prayer beautifully expresses her love for Jesus and her compassion for all souls, reminding us of our call to pray for the departed—especially during November, the **month of All Souls**.

### Prayer of St. Gertrude the Great

**Eternal Father,**

I offer You the **Most Precious Blood** of Your Divine Son, Jesus,  
in union with the Masses said throughout the world today,  
for all the **holy souls in purgatory**,  
for sinners everywhere,  
for sinners in the Universal Church,  
those in my own home and within my family.

**Amen**



## 11th Annual “Sir Knight Chuck Mitchell Memorial Trunk or Treat” October 17



**You can view all of the pictures from Trunk or Treat — [HERE](#)**  
*(Courtesy of Lady Lyn Becker)*

The 2025 Trunk or Treat planning committee sincerely wants to thank all our Council brothers and Ladies Auxiliary sisters who volunteered their time, skills, and donations to make our 11th Annual “Sir Knight Chuck Mitchell Memorial Trunk or Treat” event at Ascension’s Knights House field on October 17th a huge success.

We had 36 decorated trunks that helped create a fun evening for over 1400 people who joined us to celebrate our parish community activity. Along with all the candy, the event featured the MFD Fire Truck and crew from Engine 76, music by Merlet Productions DJs Eddy & Harry, a S’mores fire pit, games, engaging activity tables, and plenty of kids’ prizes thanks to our sponsors, plus delicious hot dogs, burgers, chips, and beverages. The costumes and trunks were truly amazing and creative; we gave out over 30 awards across various age groups for the best costumes and two awards for the best trunks. We also collected about 400 pounds of canned goods donated to the Food Pantry at Ascension Social Concerns.

We especially want to thank the members of the planning team: Lady Karen Mitchell, Lady Ginny Reeder, Bill Quinn, Eddy Merlet, Bill Churchill, and Rex Gibson. Also, Jose Montes for handling all the website publishing, and John Pechar and Jack Duggan for food shopping. Special thanks to Maureen Jarrell for her assistance with the bulletin announcements, our favorite Pastor, Father John Bosco, for his support of our council’s family and community activities, and Father John Triolo for his opening blessings and prayer.

Also, thanks to the Brothers and Ladies who arrived early to set up the event and then worked with a specialty team for the rest of the evening: Bill Rich, Carl Cioci, Dave Amhein, Malachy McGuinness, John Pechar, Jose Rodriguez, Rex Gibson, Jereme Wyrick, Karen Mitchell, Bill Quinn, Harry Merlet, Bobby Sullivan, Ginny Reeder, and Becky Richard.

Thank you, Prizes Team, for putting together all the kids’ handouts, kids’ costume prizes, game prizes, and trunk prize packages: Karen Mitchell, Ginny Reeder, Angela Sullivan, and Karen’s friend, Mary O’Malley.

Thank you, Photo Booth Team, for adding the KOC banner, our decorations, and lights to the Pumpkin Patch photo booth: Cathy Pechar, Ginny Reeder, Beth Engel, Jereme Wyrick, and Jose Rodriguez.

Thank you, Trunk Parking Team: Rex Gibson and Bill Churchill.



Thanks to Knights and families who brought their decorated 'trunk': Malachy McGuinness, Paul and Susan Kuracz, Jose and Becky Montes, Bill and Jan Churchill, Bob and Shirley Holby, Deacon Bill and Christy Terneus, Jereme and Misty Wyrick, Bill Quinn and Liz Rodriguez, Tony and Jackie LaManna, Jim and Gerry Peek, and Pat and Becka O'Dea.

Thank you to the Welcoming Team for staffing the entrance and greeting table, handing out kids' packages, counting attendees, and caring for food donations: Jim and Joann Voltaire, Kathy Ameigh, and Jan Obrien-Wilson.

Thank you, Candy Team, for handing out two and a half large bins of bagged candy, collected from our generous parishioners: Lenny Cloud, Virginia Merlet, Doreen Boudreau, and Christopher & Jonathan Faulkner (Bill's nephews).

Thank you, Membership and FL State Raffle Table Team: Richard and Lyn Becker. We sold a few raffle tickets and generated interest from one prospective member.

Thank you to the Grilling and Beverage Team, who grilled and served over 900 burgers and hot dogs, provided over 1,000 bottles of water, and soft drinks: Bobby Sullivan, Bob Richmond, Norm Boudreau, John Pechar, John Miller, Ric Robinson, Jack Duggan, Carl Cicero, and Joe Ameigh.

Thank you, Smores Team, for building the fire in the fire pit and for preparing and serving over 400 tasty treats: Dave and Kathy AmRhein, Paul and Barbara Klein, Cecilia Lascody, Karen Soyk, John and Chris Destefon, and Rick and Regina Wilson.

Thank you, Costume/Trunk Judging and Prizes Team, who, with the help of anonymous judges, were able to select the best costumes and trunks: Karen Mitchell, Ginny Reeder, Angela Sullivan, and the kids' conga line leader, Fr. John Triolo.

Thank you, Activity Table team, for helping the kids assemble several Saints and Halloween Crafts and Activities packets: The American Heritage Girls.

Thank you, Clean-Up Team: everyone who worked their specialty team and then stayed late to clean up and store all the equipment—special thanks to the grilling team who came in on Saturday to clean the grills and utensils and finish storing equipment.

We especially thank our anonymous supporters and sponsors who donated over \$900 to cover expenses, along with more than \$30,000 in in-kind donations used to make 400 kids' packages handed out at the welcoming table, as well as for the 30 costume prizes, numerous game prizes, and best trunk prizes.

We kindly ask everyone to consider supporting our generous sponsors who made the children's and adults evening a blast: Texas Roadhouse Melbourne, McKune Team with Keller Williams, Chick-Fil-A (Wickham & 95), Galaxy Skateway, Ascension Family Ministry, Harbor City Hearing Solutions, Allstate Insurance - John Clarkson, Sam's Club Melbourne, Gators Dockside, Cracker Barrel, Publix Super Markets Inc., Sky Zone Trampoline Park, Route 7 Karting & Entertainment, Urban Air Adventure Park, Jeremiah's Italian Ice, Italian Tavern, Bella Italia Restaurant, 321 Popcorn, and Promotional Plus.

Thank you, thank you, and thank you. May God bless us with His grace and blessings. Thank you, Ascension Community.





## Soccer Challenge

The local challenge was held in the Ascension School Gym during regular PE classes on Monday, October 6 and Tuesday, October 7. We also had a makeup day the following Monday to accommodate the afternoon 6th grade class who could not make it over to the gym due to lightening in the area. The students who have the best scores at the local event will be eligible to compete at the District Level. Thanks to Bob Richmond and Jose Montes for co-chairing this event, along with brothers Mike Marzec, Carl Ciocci, Wayne Hosburgh, Jose Rodriguez, Dave AmRhein, Randy Lascody, and Chet Poeta. The District 30 competition will be on Saturday, November 15, starting at 9 AM at Melbourne Central Catholic High School. It was fun couple of days for the volunteers and the students. We are still finalizing the results and will be announcing the winners soon so you can expect more on this in next month's newsletter.

- District Challenge — November 15 at MCC
- Regional Challenge — December 6 at MCC
- State Challenge — January 3 at MCC

This is an official Knights event but it does have specific requirements in order to volunteer — volunteers must take the Diocese Safe Environment Training and go through the background check process including fingerprinting. The next event with the school with these volunteer requirements will be Free Throw in January. So consider fulfilling these safe environment requirements if you would like to volunteer..







## Monthly Council Meeting



**PGK SK Jose Montes Receives Star Award for the Council for Fraternal Year 24/25 From District Deputy SK Eddy Merlet**



**Family of the Month SK Bobby and Lady Angela Sullivan**



**Our Newest Knight — Brad Yemm with Deputy Grand Knight SK John Pechar**



Highway CleanUp — October 3

New flags of the United States and all branches of the Armed Services installed at J.N. Tucker Memorial Cemetery



Knights and Ladies Auxiliary participate in the National Life Chain on October 5 in front of Ascension Church



## SAVE THE DATE — January 9-11 2026

### Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center Men's Weekend Retreat 2026



Brothers, our annual retreat at OLFSC is scheduled earlier in January than in previous years; it begins on Friday evening, January 9th, and continues through Sunday, January 11th, 2026. The retreat theme is “Prayer Is The Answer! - Encounter The Divine.” The Retreat Team includes Fr. Curtis Kiddy, Deanna Bartalin, and Deacon Jim Parrilli.

About 50 men attend the weekend retreat, where Ascension is one of roughly twelve parishes and other Councils, mainly from South Florida, that participate in this annual event. Car pools are arranged to travel to the retreat center; we arrived late Friday afternoon to check in, pick up our retreat packages, and receive our room assignments. Afterwards, we enjoyed a light dinner in the dining room before the opening session of the retreat. The retreat is not a silent retreat; however, there is designated time for personal reflection and quiet on a beautifully landscaped campus on the western edge of the

northern end of Lake Worth Lagoon. The program offers morning, afternoon, and evening theme presentations by Spiritual Center staff, along with an option to attend 2 of 4 workshops on Saturday afternoon. During free time, there are also several 20-minute slots to meet privately with Spiritual Center staff. The days begin with Morning Prayer in the chapel before breakfast and include evening prayers, adoration, and benediction on Saturday night. On Saturday, there is a mid-morning Reconciliation service and Mass Saturday evening before dinner, as well as on Sunday morning. There is no fasting unless you choose to fast, which may be difficult because they serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner generously, along with fresh fruit and homemade cookies for snacks.

You can register at [Men's Events | The Passionist Spiritual Places](#)

When you register, select NEXT for 2026 Retreats, then choose Fri, January 09, 2026:View Details. Then click REGISTER and select Room.

Rooms are available in the St. Gabriel Building on the Lower and Upper Levels, as well as in the St. Paul Building on the Lower and Upper Levels and along the Back Wall. The Retreat Center is located at 1300 U.S. Highway 1, North, Palm Beach, Florida 33408.

We have several brothers who carpool to the retreat. If you're interested in carpooling, please contact SK Rich Passarella at 321-431-0982.



# Knights of Columbus

# FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

## REACH YOUR HIGHEST POTENTIAL

The Fourth Degree is a group of outstanding Knights, dedicated to promoting patriotism enlightened by their Catholic faith. These Knights, distinguished by exemplary deeds for God, for country, and the Order, are united by the Fourth Degree to support religious, civic, and charitable causes.

Fourth Degree members belong to local units called assemblies. Each assembly is involved in a wide range of public patriotic activities.

Each assembly maintains a Fourth Degree Color Corps and Honor Guard. Uniformed members wearing the Official Uniform, and swords participate in special civic and religious ceremonies. For this reason, the Fourth Degree is often called the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus.

### ELIGIBILITY

To qualify for the Fourth Degree, one must:

1. Be over 18 years of age.
2. Be a member in good standing with your Council.
3. Be a practical Catholic.

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<https://www.floridakofc.org/Fourth-degree-Forms>

**Jan.  
31,  
2026**

St. Mark the Evangelist Church  
 9724 Cross Creek Blvd  
 Tampa, FL 33647

Registration at 9:00 AM  
 Exemplification at 11:00 AM  
 Banquet at 2:00 PM  
 Mass at 4:00 PM

\*\*\*All applications for membership for the Fourth Degree and banquet reservations must be received by January 17



## From the Ladies Auxiliary



I am finally back in FL from my time away in West Virginia this summer, and it has been so good to see, and serve, with some of you already! I look forward to all that we will do together the rest of this year.

Along with our ongoing events that occur from month to month, October had many of you helping to plan, prep, serve, and clean up Ascension's Annual Parish Picnic. It was a huge success, from what I have heard. Thank you for providing a wonderful day for our church community.

In November, the Ladies Auxiliary will be having our Annual Thanksgiving Collection for Social Concerns. Last year we were able to present Social Concerns with \$7,000 from this collection, which goes towards helping them provide many families in need with perishable items (ie turkey) for their Thanksgiving meal. These items are what cannot be collected in the brown paper bags that Social Concerns hands out to parishioners to use for their food donations during this month. We are hoping to match, or even surpass, that amount this year, as times are particularly difficult at this time, and this year. They are already seeing an uptick of families needing more help to feed their families on the daily. We will be collecting these donations at all of the church doors before and after all of the Masses on November 1-2, and November 8-9. Ladies, please be generous with your time, and offering, to help make this Annual Collection go a long way in helping these many families in need.

The Lady that our Board chose for Lady of the Month in October was not in attendance, so we will be presenting two Ladies with this honor at our November meeting.

“Happy Anniversary!” to the following...

- Nov. 3 Laurie and Jim Chatman
- Nov. 3 Joanne and Jim Votaire
- Nov. 8 Christina and Rob Light
- Nov. 25 Grace and Kevin Belfiore
- Nov. 26 Sharon and Charlie Hunton
- Nov. 29 Susan and Marc Worchel

Looking ahead...our next scheduled meeting will be Nov. 20. We will not be meeting in the month of December. In January, we will be having our “New Year” celebration.

Thank you again for all that you Ladies do to support our Knights and our community. I pray that each of you Ladies and Knights find many beautiful holy moments this month that fill you with love and gratitude, and that you are able to enjoy a delicious Thanksgiving meal with those you love.

Your Sister in Christ,

Becky Richard  
President, Ladies Auxiliary



# INSURANCE FIELD AGENT



## Knights of Columbus®

## What Care Costs – Long Term Care

This time of year, we give thanks for the many blessings in our lives. Like many of you, I became a Knight out of love for my family. I wanted to join other Catholic men in becoming a better man, husband and father. I wanted to be a better protector of my family.

One way to protect your family is to start thinking about your family’s future and how an extended care event could have a large impact. Do you know somebody that has experienced an extended care event – if so, how did that impact their family’s situation?

I want to take this opportunity to help you prepare for the possibility that you or your spouse may one day need extended care. November is Long-Term Care Awareness Month.

With that in mind, I would like to share a valuable resource available to you and your family and would encourage you to check this out.

WhatCareCosts gives you access to view the costs of Skilled Nursing Homes, Home Health Aides and Assisted Living Facilities in your area and across the country. This service is available free of charge to all our members regardless of whether or not you hold an insurance policy with Knights of Columbus. Visit [www.whatcarecosts.com/KnightsofColumbus](http://www.whatcarecosts.com/KnightsofColumbus) and enter sponsor code “KofC” to get started. We want to help families focus on their time with their loved ones – not the financial cost of caring for them.

Lastly, I’d like to remind you of your 2025 Annual Survey and the opportunity to update the Knights of Columbus on your personal financial goals and share any updates you have had over the last year. If you haven’t already filled it out, I strongly encourage you to do so.

This year, all survey respondents will be entered into a drawing for a Knights of Columbus RTIC® cooler, with several chances to win!\*

Please fill out the survey as soon as you can, either through the survey you received in the mail or online at <https://survey.kofc.org>.

Whether you have questions about the survey or want to talk about setting up an extended care plan, I’m here to help you.

**Vivat Jesus!**

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## Taking Smart Steps Now for Your Retirement Webinar

Below is a flyer to promote our upcoming/first FBE opportunity for the fraternal year. This webinar will focus on **Taking Smart Steps Now for Your Retirement**. The webinar will take a precision look at the Sources of Retirement Income, Making Sense of RMD's, and Distribution Strategies). Please begin pushing this information out to your members, their families, and the greater parish community, as this is another hot topic that was requested repeatedly on the Annual Surveys. This event will count as a FBE towards STAR council. Please see below for the pertinent information:

Who: The Knights of Columbus Subject Matter Experts on Retirement Strategies

What: Webinar focusing on Smart Steps Now for Your Retirement – this will count as a FBE towards STAR council

Where: **Council members** and **Member Eligible Men** can register at:

Nov 12th Webinar - <https://tinyurl.com/Nov12Retirement>

When: Monday, 11/5/2025 at 7PM ET **or** 11/12/2025 at 7PM PT

Why: Attend a free financial webinar to learn more about taking smart steps now that can have a positive impact well into your retirement

Below is flyer for the event to push out through your channels – please push this out to generate interest. Also attached is a guidebook that focuses on logistics and planning for Council officers/members that was created by Supreme.

Please note the following regarding FBE's and STAR/Founders requirements:

- Councils still must promote or host **two fraternal benefits events** but there is no minimum attendance requirement for each event:

Councils striving for the Founders' Award and/or STAR Council must host / promote at least two Fraternal Benefits Events during the fraternal year. The required sum total attendance of members, or member eligible men, at these events must equal or exceed:

- 10 for councils with 99 or fewer members on their July 1, 2025 roster
- 14 for councils with 100 or more members on their July 1, 2025 roster

Councils should submit this report form within seven (7) days of each Fraternal Benefits Event – this responsibility now resides with the **Grand Knight** of the Council – the General Agent will **NO LONGER** fill out/submit FBE forms.

The form can be accessed at [#11077 Fraternal Benefits Event Council Report \(25-26\)](#)

Note: Please be advised – for the council to get credit for an attendee, the attendee **MUST** register for the webinar and complete the survey after the webinar is complete. Without both the registration and survey completed, there will be **NO** credit given.



# Free Financial Webinar!

## Smart Steps to Take Now for Your Retirement

### Learn more about:

- Sources of retirement income
- Making sense of RMDs
- Distribution strategies

November 5, 2025

7:00-7:30 PM ET

<https://tinyurl.com/Nov5Retirement>

RSVP:



**Knights of Columbus®**

November 12, 2025

7:00-7:30 PM PT

<https://tinyurl.com/Nov12Retirement>

RSVP:



### BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES IN FAITH, FINANCE AND PHILANTHROPY

No purchase is necessary. This event is for informational purposes only and does not constitute financial, tax or legal advice. Visit the registration page for important additional information.

Life insurance, annuities, long-term care insurance and disability income insurance products are offered through Knights of Columbus, One Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510. For costs, terms, conditions and complete details regarding these products, please contact your agent directly or the KofC office at 1-800-380-9995. Products may vary by state. Insurance solutions available to eligible members of the KofC in the U.S. and Canada.

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## 🙏 **Prayer Requests** 🙏

### **Recently Deceased**

SK John Loft  
 SK Dan Brinkmann  
 Eloise Webster — Mom of SK Phillip Webster  
 Garry Fox — Father-in-Law of ARA SK Gerry Grillo  
 Nancy Jean Hanna Quinn — Former wife of SK Bill Quinn

Healthcare Providers and First Responders Worldwide  
 Service Men and Women serving our Country Worldwide  
 Victims of Hurricanes, Tornadoes, Fires and other Natural Disasters  
 All those suffering from terrorist attacks, invasions by foreign governments, and loss of life and oppression in all war-torn areas

### **All those in need of prayers for health issues**

ARA SK Gerry Grillo  
 SK Doug Blair  
 SK John Miller  
 SK Marc Worchel  
 SK Werner Schulz  
 SK Allen Allebach  
 SK John Kisiel  
 SK John Autio  
 SK Tony Cortes  
 Brother Bill and Betsy Hampton  
 Brother Geoff Schmits  
 Brother Lennie Cloud and his wife  
 Lady Jan O'Bryan-Wilson  
 Genevieve Harris, granddaughter of Lady Kathy Harris and SK Jack Duggan

### **All Those Men in Formation for the Sacrament of Holy Orders — Priest and Deacon**

Michael Anctil  
 Jonathan Amgott  
 Gavin Foreman  
 SK Rob Light

### **Prayer for Blessed Michael McGivney**

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



## [From the National Catholic Register](#)

# Prayers Answered: Annunciation Shooting Survivor Sophia Forchas Finally Comes Home

'Each step she takes is a living testament to the boundless grace of God and the miraculous power of prayer.'



📷 Shooting survivor Sophia Forchas in a photo before the incident and then posing with neurosurgeon Dr. Walt Galicich at Gillette Children's Hospital on a very happy day as she goes home to be with her family. (photo: Forchas Family / Forchas Family)

Read Story – [HERE](#)



## Florida Knights support Special Olympics

By now you should have received the mailer for Special Olympics from Florida K of C Charities, Inc. We are asking each Knight to donate \$15 either by return mail or by Donating through our Online portal.

With over 50,000 members, even modest contributions make a tremendous impact.

We recognize that family, work, and health can limit active participation, but every Knight can still make a difference through charitable giving.

By contributing \$15—or whatever you are able, you help transform lives and support your council in reaching its charitable goals.

You can also extend your impact by becoming a monthly donor with a gift of just \$10 to support all Florida Knights Charitable programs.

For more information [Online Giving - Florida K of C Charities, Inc - Florida](#)

## “Go for Two” Using New Resources! Membership Incentive

**Knights who recruit two men between September 1st and December 31st, 2025, will be entered into a drawing to receive a cash prize of \$1,500!\*** Ten second-place winners will receive a customized, K of C-branded football.

*\* For insurance jurisdictions only. Cash prize is in USD. Other restrictions apply.*

Three newly released resources can help you and your brother Knights “go for two” — invite two men to join the Knights of Columbus this fall:

1. [Membership enrollment cards](#), which you and your brother Knights can hand out before Mass, give men an opportunity to fill out their information and indicate their desire to sign up for e-membership at no cost for the first year.
2. A [pulpit announcement](#) that mentions the cards and will help maximize your recruitment success.
3. The [Membership Outreach Checklist](#) can help you take all the best steps to bring the Knights of Columbus mission to more men.

These items are free and available for order on **Supplies Online** by clicking on the Membership Enrollment Card folder in Membership Recruitment.



### Catholics must build a more humble church, seeking truth together, pope says

At a Mass concluding the Jubilee of Synods Teams and Participatory Bodies, Pope Leo XIV called for humility, listening and welcoming church built on love and service, not power or profit.

"We must allow the Spirit to transform and purify the current tensions in the church: 'between unity and diversity, tradition and novelty, hierarchy and participation,' he said, so that they may be 'transformed and oriented toward a common destination.'"



By Carl Glitz

October 24, 2025

Read Full Story — [HERE](#)



### A synodal church evangelizes better, works together for justice, pope says

Pope Leo XIV met with participants in the Jubilee of Synodal Teams and Participatory Bodies, listened to regional reports on the implementation of the Synod of Bishops on synodality and answered questions, including about women in the church and about priests and bishops who hesitate embracing the synodal model of listening, dialogue and shared responsibility.



By Cindy Wooden

October 25, 2025

Read Full Story — [HERE](#)



## Wishing Everyone a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving

To look toward another bountiful year

### Another Good Year

We thank you, Lord, for food and friends  
And for all of the joy this holiday lends;  
It's Thanksgiving Day and we can see  
The blessings you've provided our family.

Thanks to you, Lord, for another good year;  
When you watch over us, there's nothing to fear.

— Karl Fuchs

To say a quick, encompassing thanks

### Thanksgiving Prayer

For each new morning with its light,  
For rest and shelter of the night,  
For health and food,  
For love and friends,  
For everything thy goodness sends.

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

For appreciating others

We thank you, Father, for the gift of Jesus your Son who came to our Earth and lived in a simple home. We have a greater appreciation of the value and dignity of the human family because he loved and was loved within its shelter. Bless us this day; may we grow in love for each other in our family and so give thanks to you who are the maker of all human families and our abiding peace.

— from *The Catholic Prayer Book*, compiled by Msgr. Michael Buckley

To remember those less fortunate

### Help Me Thanksgiving Day Prayer

O God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry;  
When I have work, help me to remember the jobless;  
When I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home at all;  
When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer,  
And remembering, help me to destroy my complacency;  
bestir my compassion, and be concerned enough to help;  
By word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted.  
Amen.

— Samuel F. Pugh

To acknowledge God's gifts

### Countless Blessings

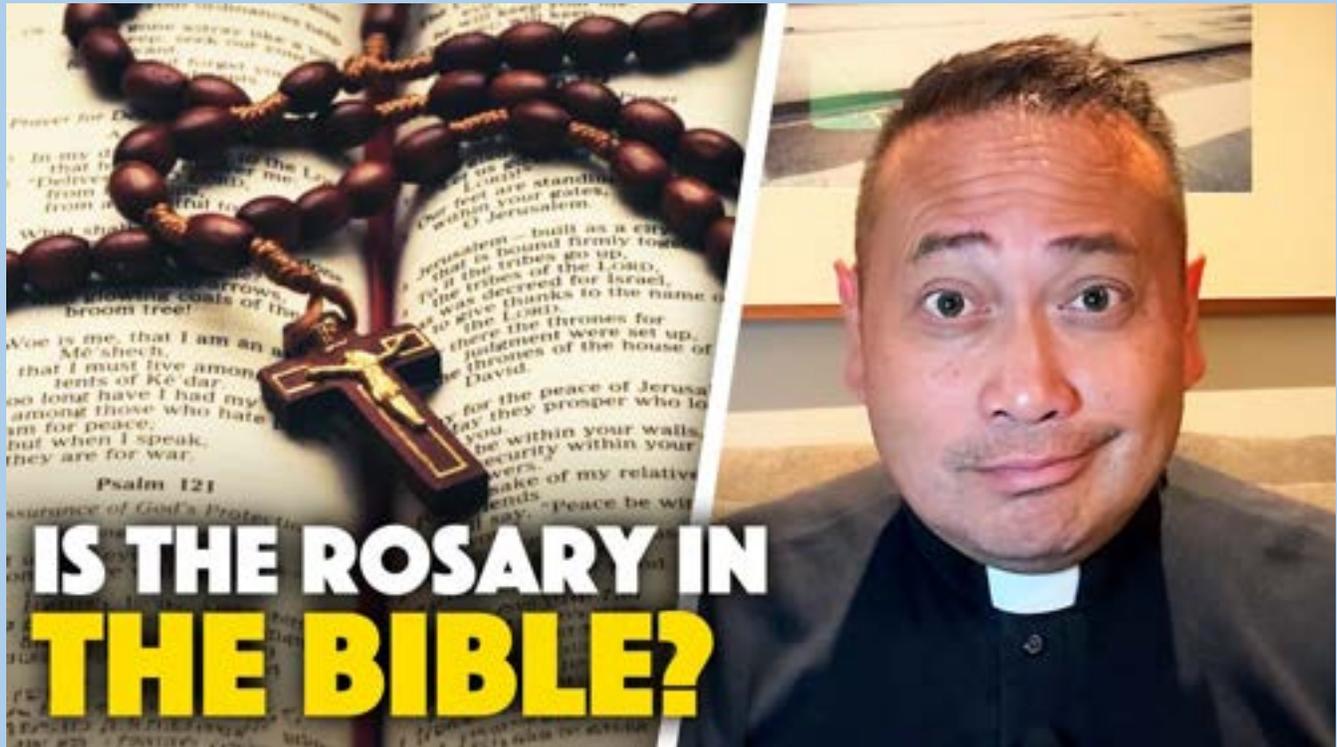
Lord, on this special day of thankfulness,  
we thank you not only for the delicious food,  
lovingly prepared and presented,  
but also for special gifts  
you've given to this family —  
loved ones we cherish dearly,  
a comfortable place to live,  
the beauty that surrounds us,  
material pleasures,  
health, spiritual wealth,  
and so much more.

How can we show our gratitude for  
the countless blessings you've provided?  
We thank you for giving us clear direction,  
through your holy word  
on how to show our appreciation,  
by obeying Your commands  
and by loving and serving our neighbors.  
Thank you, Lord.

— Joanna Fuchs



## The Father Leo Show Father Leo Patalinghug





## Bishop Robert Barron





## Power Rosary



In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. (*1 Thessalonians 5:18*)

My Brothers and Sisters,

Monthly Power Rosary — Power Rosary every 3rd Thursday with SK Bobby Sullivan and SK Ralph Carestia — immediately before the membership meeting in the Ministry Building, Room 313 — 6:15 PM. Contact Brothers Bobby or Ralph if you want to lead one of the decades.

They sought strength in solidarity, and security through unity of purpose and devotion to a holy cause: they vowed to be defenders of their country, their families and their faith.

These men were bound together by the ideal of Christopher Columbus, the discoverer of the Americas, the one whose hand brought Christianity to the New World. Their efforts came to fruition with the incorporation of the Knights of Columbus on March 29, 1882

***Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity! (Psalm 133:1)***





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Editor  
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**!!!PLEASE BE AWARE!!! EMAIL AND TEXT SCAMS CONTINUE TO CIRCULATE!!!** Please spread the word among your fellow Knights.

If you receive an email or text that appears to be from any Council or Assembly Officers, Church clergy or staff member requesting a moment of your time, need your help, asking for a favor, etc. **DO NOT REPLY!!** These scam emails continue to circulate and parishioners, out of the goodness of their hearts in trying to help, are falling victim.

We will NEVER request special favors, ask for your time, ask you to buy gift cards or make any such request via email or text, nor will any clergy or staff. PLEASE DELETE IMMEDIATELY AND DO NOT CLICK ANY LINKS. No matter how authentic it looks, it is a scam.