

The Cross and Compass

Knights of Columbus St. Joseph Council #7528



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From The Grand Knight

Dear Brother Knights and Friends:

We are now in the second quarter of the fraternal year. This is a busy time of the year and the Chapter will be involved in many ways. On December 14, 2019 at 6pm the Chapter will be hosting our annual Christmas Potluck dinner. **THIS WILL NOT BE A MEETING.** This will simply be a place to introduce ourselves, exchange ideas, and enjoy each other's company, there will be more information forthcoming concerning what to bring.

This Holiday Season the Knights of Columbus would like to remind you to "Keep Christ in Christmas." Some things you can do are: Light an Advent wreath and hold a weekly Advent ceremony at family dinnertime each Sunday during Advent. This can include prayers, candles, songs and anything else that can make Advent a special time. Help those less fortunate by buying a gift or two through an Angel Giving tree or Toys for Tots. Pray the rosary sometime during the holiday season. One special time could be the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th. Send Christmas cards with religious themes, also try to use



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Lecturer

Facts, Myths and Maybes Part 2

As we explore further into what we know about our Catholic faith, this article continues with topics from the book by John Deedy with the subtitle Everything You Think You Know About Catholicism But Perhaps Don't. Recall that Deedy's book is divided into four topics: Doctrine, Worship, Morals & Ethics, and Culture and Tradition. This article completes the section on Doctrine.

Maybe: The God of the monotheistic Christian faith is male God only. It is true that maleness dominates in Christian theology for Jesus was a male and He continually referred to God the Father. On the other hand there is the Holy Spirit. The third person in the Blessed Trinity in the Old Testament is often alluded to in feminine terms. They are most specific in the Book of Wisdom. Moreover, it is now recognized that the fullness of God cannot be expressed in strict-



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Insurance Benefits

We seem to say it every year, "It's almost Christmas, where has the year gone?" As we look back we measure the passing of the seasons, from one holiday to the next, and see how our lives have changed over that time. Christmas and the end of the year mark a milestone for most of us. The season gives us pause to thank God for sending his only-begotten Son to redeem us and it is a time to reflect on all the gifts we've received from him. God's gift to us inspires the gift-giving so many of us enjoy at Christmastime. We certainly enjoy receiving those gifts but reflect for a moment of what the giving of gifts does for the gift-giver.

Some gift-givers aren't so good with words, so they use gifts: Remember "Say it with flowers," the slogan of FTD. Some get a sense of satisfaction in seeing the happiness of the recipient, some feel appreciation that they are able to

share what God has given them. It seems to fulfill the need to please, encourage or help someone. It makes us feel good to give.



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ly male terms. God loves in ways that are reflected equally by both forms of human loving. God is both Mother and Father.

False: Catholicism doesn't need a feminine God for Mary is a surrogate God. Although Mary has an exalted place in Catholic Christianity, her role is that of Mother of God not a surrogate god. Early Christian devotion to Mary was based on theological concepts of Mary as a counterpoint to Eve, the epitome of the new first mother. In Catholic devotional understanding God alone is adored while Mary is venerated as the angels and saints are venerated though Mary is venerated above all.

Maybe: As the successor of apostle Peter and the person in direct link to Jesus Christ, the pope is the Vicar of Christ. Although the pope has many titles - Bishop of Rome, Supreme Pontiff of the Universal Church, etc. - the title Vicar of Christ did not arise until the Middle Ages. Bishops in the early Church referred to themselves as vicars of Christ but the title was not assumed by popes exclusively until the 8th century in part so that the pope be considered above kings and emperors of the time. It was Pope Innocent III (1198-1216) who vivified the term Vicar of Christ to lay claim to the world as a surrogate Vicar of God. The alternative term Vicar of Peter was not just dropped it was forbidden but it survived though only marginally. A few theologians have called for a reexamination of the title Vicar of Christ because of the danger of religious exaggeration.

Perhaps: From the vantage point of ecumenical relations, papal infallibility is the church's "bete noir", its black beast. Indeed the doctrine of papal infallibility - the teaching that the pope cannot err when he speaks on faith and morals - belongs to a more presumptive Catholic era. The doctrine was written in 1870 at Vatican Council I and has been invoked twice. Prior to Vatican I Pius IX in 1854 declared the Immaculate Conception of Mary, and in 1950 Pius XII declared the Assumption of Mary into heaven. Despite these few invocations it represents a problem for many Protestants. While it remains a Catholic precept, it is not flaunted. When the hundredth anniversary came in 1970, it passed without official notice by the Church.

True: There is another form of infallibility besides papal infallibility. Proclamations by ecumenical councils which are general assemblies of the world's bishops are considered

infallible because they are regarded as the mind of the church in action, the *sensus ecclesiae*.

False: Papal encyclicals are unqualifiedly binding upon Catholics. It is agreed that encyclicals are documents of weighty importance. But they are not invested with infallible authority of the promulgating pope. Rather they express the mind of the church as reflected in the thinking of the reigning pontiff.

Myth: Marian messages, such as those of Lourdes and Fatima are binding on Catholics. Marian messages from Marian apparitions are what is known as private revelation. Private revelation is not intended for all the faithful or all of history. Church approbation of a particular private revelation connotes permission to publicize the message for the edification of believers but there is no guarantee of authenticity. It does not become dogmatic teaching.

Fact: The seven sacraments are the church's channels of grace, the signs which proclaim faith. All seven sacraments (Baptism, Holy Eucharist, Confirmation, Reconciliation, Matrimony, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders) have specific purposes and effects. What they have in common is that they are external signs of something sacred. The number of sacraments was not fixed at seven until the twelfth century. Prior to then the number of sacraments ranged from 12 to 30. How come? Because for centuries all signs of sacred things were broadly called sacraments. The number of sacraments was confirmed at the Second Council of Lyon in 1274.

Two topics of special note are addressed in this book: Justification and Predestination. However, I diverge from the author's description because more recent dialog with the Lutheran Church has shed more light on them.

Justification by faith is a fundamental Protestant principal while justification by good works is a fundamental Catholic principle. Justification is the act by which God makes a person just, and the change from sin to grace. For Catholics this transformation involves good works; for Protestants (rooted in Lutheranism) it involves faith alone. The Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification by the Lutheran World Federation and the Catholic Church produced a common agreement that to summarize: all persons depend completely on the saving grace of God for their salvation and together that good works - a Christian life lived in faith, hope and love - follow justification and are its fruits.

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Predestination is rooted in Calvinism and holds that God in His infallible prescience of the future knows all events and deeds occurring in time and has eternally chosen those who will be saved and those who will not. In the document The Hope of Eternal Life Lutherans and Catholics affirmed that life does not end in death. God through Christ offers everyone the hope of eternal life. That hope can be realized by how we live our lives (good works) for God will judge us by the totality of our lives.

In Catholic Eschatology (theology of the end times), there are "four last things": Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell. Death is the separation of the soul from the body and is followed by Judgment - indeed two Judgments, one Particular and one General. Basically, Particular Judgment follows immediately after death, and General Judgment will occur at the end of the world. However, the church professes that both are essentially a mystery.

What about Heaven? The Catholic answer is that Heaven is the natural destiny for all creatures. Also, Heaven is a place but what it looks like apart of where all can experience the Beatific Vision is a mystery. In fact no one knows what exactly the Beatific Vision comprises. So it too is a mystery.

Then what about Hell. Old theology described a place where the damned suffer fire that inflicts unbelievable pain but does not consume for all eternity. But modern theology thinks that this is incongruous with an all-loving, all-forgiving God. So Hell is a mystery. My take is that I would want to bet that there are no consequences for living an evil life.

Food Handlers Card and Renewals

Brothers as we approach the holiday season and our upcoming events, I would like to remind you that when you are helping with any of our dinners, crab feed or fish fry you will need a valid food handlers' card. If you need a card or you need to renew one, you can take the test on line and pay for it (\$10.00 fee). Once you have gone through the course material and you pass the test you print your card and it is valid for 3 years. Please let me know the expiration date on your card. The link for all information and test is www.foodworkercard.wa.gov

Thanks. -----Tony

Good of The Order

Good of the Order St. Joseph Council #7528 November 24, 2019

The following is a list of those Brother Knights or family members who are sick or in distress:

- Pete Anderson, Sharon Beadle wife of GK
- Margie Fredrickson wife of Gary Fredrickson
- Mary Garcia wife of Ray Garcia
- Peggy Horner, wife of Ralph Horner
- Joe Jarrell, father of Randall Jarrell
- Kathy Koch wife of Jerry Koch
- Jeff Markwith, Romeo Mayor, Joe Martinez
- Ann Neville wife of Larry Neville, Jim Yokum
- Ralph Osman, Joe Penwell, Jim Roten, Dean Smith
- Cindi Vicars, widow of Greg Vicars, Boyd Wilton

Pray for our soldiers and first responders (Police and Fire) as they perform their duties protecting us.

Pray for the Church, Priests and religious to follow Christ's way and through the Holy Spirit bring us His true word and when we hear it keep it in our daily lives.

Pray for the widows and widowers of the Council that the Holy Spirit descend upon them and bring them comfort and healing.

Pray for Our Country and leaders that the Holy Spirit descend upon us and lead us back to One Nation Under God for without Him we will not survive as a nation.

Council 7528 Christmas Pot Luck

Brother Knights please join us this year for our annual Council Christmas Potluck on Saturday December 14th beginning at 6:15 pm.

We will provide turkey, ham, coffee, tea, beer, wine and pop. We ask each family to bring a dish to share. This is the perfect time to try out a new dish.

Families with last names beginning with A – J: Side Dish

Families with last names beginning with K – O: Salad

Families with last names beginning with P – Z: Dessert

This year we are again going to have a cookie decorating table. The kids will enjoy decorating some Christmas cookies.

We hope you will bring your family and make this a joyful event during the holidays! The more people we have, the more fun we will have!! Remember Santa will be paying us a visit.

In order that we can plan for enough turkey etc., please RSVP by Monday, December 9, 2019 to Kitchen@kofc7528.org if you are coming and let me know how many adults, children or grandkids you will be bringing. If you have any questions please let me know. Thanks. -----Tony

December Birthdays and Anniversaries!

Member	Member Cont...
1st Patrick Dangelo	22th Joseph Meyer
4th Derrick Foeller	23th James Roten
4th Joseph Langlois	23th Christopher Carette
4th Larry Neville	23th David Myers
5th Derrick Sanders	24th Bradley Alley
6th Matthew Zentner	27th Eric Hemmer
6th Juan Lezcano	30th John Czaplewski
6th Gerald Delafontaine	31th Nicholas Callahan
7th Charles Lasher	
9th Edward Novak	Wives
9th Terry Lathan	1st Anna Patrick
10th Edward Ross	3rd Rita Yokum
11th Gary Fuller	11th Clara Kachman
11th Brian Cummings	12th Mary Ann Arens
11th Joseph Phillips	13th Lydia Satriawan
14th Todd Hauge	20th Trese Graddon
14th David Jacobsen	21th Jenny Rossetto
15th David Toby	24th Carol Robinson
15th Joseph McQuiston	28th Christine Andersen
16th Boyd Wilton	30th Teresa Duhamel
17th Joseph Skillman	31th Peggy Novak
18th Duane Parker	
19th Kevin Brooks	Anniversaries
19th Roberto Lopez	17th Theodore and Heidi Colby
20th J Mansanarez	18th Steven and Sue Drake
21th Fintan Richmond	23th Gary and Laura Fuller
22th John Labayen	27th Jerry and Stella Nnanabu
22th James Duran	31th Walter and Dail Anderson

Nativity House!

Come help feed the homeless Saturday December 21st. Everyone will be meeting in the church parking lot at 7:45 and leaving promptly at 8AM. From there everyone will be heading to the Tacoma Nativity House to feed the homeless pancakes and sausage! This is a great opportunity to help those in need!

Contact Ted Colby at nhb@kofc7528.org for any additional information.

To Your Good Health

How important is our health and well being to us? We don't get much done if we forget to take good care of ourselves. Having great treasure is no fun if we can't share or use our blessings. The balance we have between total healthy lives and good attitudes equals the level of life we can enjoy.

It all starts with morning prayer and thankfulness. The rest of the day follows when we ask God's help. Awareness of our Lord's help each day keeps us on track for our real mission of salvation. It's always a pleasant surprise when our prayers are answered and we accomplish what must be done, plus a little. By trying each day to keep the balance we don't notice that we could be a great example to others.

God still works through us. Merry Christmas everyone.

Vivat Jesus,

Don Miller, Past Grand Knight and Trustee 2 Years

Next Business Meeting!

Brother Knights,

Please be sure to join us for our next general meeting on Tuesday, December 3rd at 7:00 in the Narthex.

Don't see your Birthday or Anniversary? Send the dates to our FS, Joe Krick fs@kofc7528.org, he will update our database and next time, you will be included.

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religious postage stamps when possible. Resist the temptation, even when you're in a rush or short of space to abbreviate "Christmas" as "X-mas". Reducing Christ to an "X" trivializes the message of the season. May God bless you and your families during this Holy Season. The officers and members wish all our brother knights and their families a most Blessed, Healthy and Happy Holiday Season. May God's love light our way this Christmas and may that love find the spirit of true peace.

"No single act of love for God will be lost, No generous effort is meaningless, and No painful endurance is wasted." Pope Francis.

"Every person is worthy of our giving. Every human being is the object of God's infinite tenderness, and he himself is present in their lives. Every person deserves our love." Pope Francis. Garnett Beadle , GK

Knight of the Month

Fr Bill McKee

Family of the Month

Joe and Marjorie Martinez

Meeting Raffle

Each meeting, we draw a member's name for a chance to win the Meeting Raffle. We start the year with \$25.00 and add \$5.00 each month that there is no winner. You MUST be present to win.

Jim Roten—Warden

Upcoming Events!

December		January	
3rd	General Meeting, 7:00pm Narthex	7th	General Meeting, 7:00pm Narthex
14th	Council Potluck	21st	Planning Meeting/1st Degree
17th	Planning Meeting/1st Degree	18th	Nativity House
21st	Nativity House	25th	Crab Feed
20th	Christmas Tree Lights		
22nd	Christmas Baskets		
29th	Coffee and Donuts		

Please Read and Respond

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