

The Cross and Compass

Knights of Columbus St. Joseph Council #7528



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From The Grand Knight

Brothers,

We are celebrating the season of Thanksgiving. We have much to be thankful for. As a Council, we have united to achieve many of the charitable goals that we normally set for ourselves. Through a GoFundMe page, Christmas greenery, car wash, Coats-For-Kids, and a remarkable amount of personal donations, we should be able to meet our financial obligations.

I have just received a communication from Supreme. The assessments for the first half of the year have been cancelled, relieving us of this expense. Sadly, many Councils are in worse financial shape than we are.

Pertaining to financial matters, there is great news. As you know, our Worthy FS Joe Krick is starting graduate school in January, and will not be able to continue as FS. Our Brother Mike Fay has agreed to step into this role, which is one of the most critical in the Council. To both Joe and Mike, I extend my most sincere gratitude.

Pope Francis pleads with us to wear masks and maintain social distancing. We are nearing the most critical part of this terrible pandemic, and everyone is surely tired of it. But, again,



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Lecturer

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

Praying the Mass: Real Presence

This article continues to present Archbishop Etienne's pastoral letter entitled "The Work of Redemption: Eucharistic Belief and Practice in the Archdiocese of Seattle", this month dealing with the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. In the Liturgy of Eucharist, we continue our dialogue with God.



The Eucharistic Prayer is spoken by the priest on behalf of the whole community. All of us, as members of the priestly people of God, offer this prayer to the Father together. We bring before God the world and all its activity, by bringing our own lives and offering them along with the bread and the wine for transformation. In the prayer at the preparation of the bread and wine, the priest asks God to receive the "fruit of the earth and work of human hands." When we bring the work of our hands — our daily love and labor, our family joys and sorrows, our needs as communities and nations — God takes these gifts and transforms them.

The bread and wine we offer to God is given back to us, to be our heavenly food, the very Body and Blood of Christ. The sacrifice of Christ, offered once for all on the cross, is renewed in this mystery, and through our Eucharistic sharing, we participate in that same sacrifice. Christ's presence in this sacrament is not merely a

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symbolic representation of our unity as a community, or a reminder of his love. In the Eucharist, the dying and rising of Christ become tangible, and Christ is truly present in our midst: body, blood, soul, and divinity. We call this presence the "Real Presence." When we receive Holy Communion, we truly partake of the Body and Blood of the Lord, offered for our salvation. We are united with Christ, and through our sharing in this mystery, with each other.

It has never been easy to live a Eucharistic life. When Jesus first proclaimed this mystery to his disciples, some were scandalized: "As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him" (John 6:66). The time we live in poses special challenges to faith. We live in a culture that has largely forgotten God. Faith is often presented as a dusty relic of a bygone day, and the Church as just one more flawed human institution. These attitudes that pervade our culture can have an impact on our faith life, eroding the sacramental imagination and making it harder for us to recognize Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist and in the world around us.

But we know that the Eucharist is the Real Presence of Christ in our churches and in our lives, and that this mystery is the fulcrum of history. We need to nurture — or rediscover — our "Eucharistic amazement," to use the phrase of Pope St. John Paul II. (Pope St. John Paul II, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 5) The Eucharist is the cornerstone of all we do: the source from which we draw our identity as a community of believers, the summit to which all our work and service is directed.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament flows naturally from our experience of the Eucharist during Mass. As Abbot Jeremy Driscoll, OSB, has said, Exposition is like a "freeze frame" of the elevations of the consecrated elements, the Body and Blood of Christ, at Mass. The liturgy moves quite quickly. Time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament outside of Mass, whether in the tabernacle or during Exposition, allows us to absorb and take in what this mystery is all about. The Mass is God's action in creating, forming, and saving his people. Adoration places us in the presence of the accomplished fact of Christ's saving work on our behalf. The Church envisions that Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament always exists in relationship to the Eucharistic action of the Mass.

Pope Francis has emphasized the importance of time for adoration for the Church's mission: "Without prolonged moments of adoration, of prayerful encounter with the word, of sincere conversation with the Lord, our work easily becomes meaningless; we lose energy as a result of weariness and difficulties, and our fervor dies out. The Church urgently needs the deep breath of prayer." (Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, 262) These moments when we kneel before the Blessed Sacrament, just us and the Lord, are precious and important. But, as Pope Francis goes on, "There is always the risk that some moments of prayer can become an excuse for not offering one's life in mission; a privatized lifestyle can lead Christians to take refuge in some false forms of spirituality." (Ibid) Our time spent in adoration should always overflow in our lives and actions, drawing us more deeply into communion with Christ and one another. "The saints — consider the example of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta — constantly renewed their capacity for love of neighbor from their encounter with the Eucharistic

Lord, and conversely this encounter acquired its realism and depth in their service to others." (Pope Benedict XVI, *Deus Caritas Est*, 18)

Archbishop Etienne reflects: I am struck by an entry in the diary of my venerable predecessor, Bishop A.M.A. Blanchet, the first bishop of this diocese. The diocese was established on May 31, 1850, but Blanchet gives much more attention to a different date in his diary — January 23, 1851. It was on that date that the Eucharist was reserved for the first time at St. James Cathedral, then a simple wood-frame church near Fort Vancouver. Bishop Blanchet wrote: "The Blessed Sacrament is placed in the tabernacle. The church, dedicated to St. James is then, at this moment truly, the House of God, and the Gate of Heaven. We can say now, The Lord has sanctified this house which was built to establish His name here, and His eyes and His heart will always be here." Bishop Blanchet knew that the Eucharist is Christ's abiding presence in our midst. Christ is still present in our midst in the Eucharist today, and this presence continues to make possible all that we are and all that we do in this local Church.

Renew or Get Your Food Handler Card



Brothers: Although we do not at the moment have any food fundraisers on the calendar, things could change and we would once again be able to come together and do our dinners, crab feed and fish fry in order to hit the ground running, please check and make sure that your Food Worker card is current.

If not please renew and if you do plan to work with us and you don't have a food handlers' card please get one. It is easy and on line [I have included the link](#). If you renew or get a new card please e-mail me a copy so I can put it in our records. -----Tony

Good of The Order

The following is a list of those Brother Knights or family members who are sick or in distress that we have been asked to pray for:

Pete Anderson, Roland Anderson father of Chris Anderson, Sharon Beadle wife of Garnett Beadle, Jim Bianchi, Barbara Brooks wife of Kevin Brooks, Cash Burton Great Grandson of Don Miller, Sharon Connor wife of Joe Connor, Linda Doherty, Margie Fredrickson wife of Gary Fredrickson, Mary Garcia wife of Ray Garcia, Ted Gimlin, Ralph & Peggy Horner, Kathy Koch wife of Jerry Koch, Romeo Mayor, Joe Martinez, Fr. William McKee, Kristine Mallari wife of Ramon Mallari, Larry and Ann Neville, Ralph Osman, Joe & Robin Penwell, Jim Philomeno brother of Tim Philomeno, Jim Roten, Mike Rutland Jr., Dean Smith, Jim Yokum

Pray for an end to this pandemic that the Holy Spirit gives us all the strength and grace to deal with the challenges and pray for our first responders, Police, Fire and all Medical personnel who are on the front lines daily protecting us.

Pray for all priests and clergy that the Holy Spirit strengthen them and help them cope with all the changes as they minister to the faithful.

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.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for November

Member Birthday		Member Birthday cont'd	
1st	Patrick Dangelo	22th	James Duran
4th	Derrick Foeller	22th	Joseph Meyer
4th	Joseph Langlois	23th	James Roten
4th	Larry Neville	23th	Christopher Carette
5th	Derrick Sanders	23th	David Myers
6th	Matthew Zentner	24th	Bradley Alley
6th	Juan Lezcano	27th	Eric Hemmer
6th	Gerald Delafontaine	30th	John Czaplewski
7th	Charles Lasher	31th	Nicholas Callahan
9th	Edward Novak		Member Wife Birthday
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		Anniversaries
19th	Kevin Brooks	17th	Theodore and Heidi Colby
19th	Roberto Lopez	18th	Steven and Sue Drake
20th	J Mansanarez	23th	Gary and Laura Fuller
21th	Fintan Richmond	27th	Jerry and Stella Nnanabu
22th	John Labayen	31th	Walter and Dail Anderson

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.

Nativity House!

Come help feed the homeless Saturday December 19th. 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.

Pennies for Heaven

Our goal for this year, as always, is a penny a day for Vocations, \$3.65. Please support our priests!

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Knight of the Month for October

The Knight of the Month is

Tom Appleton

in recognition of his enthusiastic participation , both as treasurer and in
Council activities.

Family of the Month for October

The Family of the Month is

Tim and Beth Philomeno

for their continuing support of all that we do, but this time for the Cross
and Compass, and hundreds of gift card cases for the Wounded Warriors.

Upcoming Events!

December		January	
1st	Business Meeting (ZOOM)	5th	Business Meeting (ZOOM)
15th	Planning Meeting (ZOOM)	19th	Planning Meeting (ZOOM)
19th	Nativity House	23rd	Nativity House

Please Read and Respond

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