

# The Cross and Compass

Knights of Columbus St. Joseph Council #7528



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## From The Grand Knight

Dear Brother Knights,

Tempus fugit continues.

The Lenten season is nearing its spectacular conclusion. Our preparation for the commemoration of the death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ continues. Spring is here. Day length is increasing, but we are yet to feel spring's warmly inviting "breath" that can reinvigorate those of us not able to escape to warmer climes.

Our Lenten Fish-Fry Fridays are almost finished for 2023. As I write this, Tuesday, March 28th, our fifth fish fry is in the books. The Knights will need your assistance for the sixth and final Lenten Fish Fry, this Friday, March 31st. Prep work starts at 1pm, food service volunteers are needed from about 4:30 pm, and everybody's favorite job: clean-up, from about 7pm until we're done.

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## From Your Lecturer

### A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS Part 1 of 3

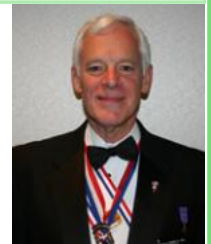
I have been fortunate this Lent to attend the parish's Bible Study "No Greater Love – A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion" which is a product of Ascension Press presented by Dr. Edward Sri. I was so impressed by Dr. Sri's approach and presentation style that I sought other works by him. This led me to his course titled "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass". In his words Dr. Sri says, "Examining the main parts of the Mass through a biblical lens will give you a whole new perspective on the Liturgy that we celebrate each Sunday". I think many of us do not appreciate what a gift we have in the mass. We need no greater proof of this that the diminished attendance at Sunday mass even though the dispensation from attending was lifted many months ago. Over the remaining three months of the Cross and Compass this council year, I want to highlight key reflections from this course with the hope that many of you will first of all want to obtain the course yourselves, but more to the point as the subtitle to the



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## FS Notes

Nothing to report for this month.



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Other upcoming activities will include: a 40 Days for Life Vigil, at S. 348th St, starting Saturday, April 1st at 10 am. Help at the Nativity House on Saturday, April 15th. We have an additional parish activity, the "Spring Fling," coming up on Friday, April 28th. We will need help preparing and serving hot dogs, hamburgers and the requisite side dishes. This is a parish event and, therefore, will be a chance to show the parish and potential new Knights, what we are all about... service.

There are still a few of you who have neglected to pay your annual dues for the Knights. Thank you to all who have, and, hopefully, everyone else will pay up soon. Those who haven't paid may be contacted again... to help jog your memory.

Holy Week and Easter are on the way. Let's help make this a lasting memory of how great our parish is for everyone. Don't give up your Lenten practices: prayer, fasting and alms-giving are all focal points of our faith, especially during the 40 Days of Lent, but not only then. It is always a time to acknowledge who is the Creator of our universe and everything in it, and who is the Sustainer of that Creation... and who is not. Our daily reflection ought to include recognizing the fundamental fact that sin is the rejection of God's will, of God's plan, and God's love for us and for the rest of His Creation. We sin when we substitute our will, our plan, our self-love for God's. Good Friday and Easter are the price paid by God for our rejection of Him, for our rejection of the truth that we cannot become god. We are not the center of our own creation. We learn to trust in God's love for our world, and for us by loving him, and by loving our neighbor as ourselves.

As I asked last month, what are you doing to make God more directly, specifically, and passionately important in your life? How will you show your family, your parish, your community... your neighbors, that they, as well as you, are made in God's image? The Knights can help to make the "narrow way" even more meaningful if you help us help others. Volunteer for one of our upcoming activities.

Don't forget that our April general meeting will be Tuesday, April 4th, starting at 7:30PM. A Rosary,

starting at 7 pm, will precede the general meeting. Our monthly planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 18st starting at 7 pm.

We need to help bring our parish back to the old normal, mixed with some new normal as well. This can only happen with the help of more of our members. We will reach out to you, please respond. Don't wait for us to beg, please show up whenever and wherever you can to help bring our parish family back together. They need you, and so do we. We have some changes coming in the Archdiocese and at St. Vincent. The Partners in the Gospel program is coming. We need to listen to each other about this. There will be changes in our area, and feedback from our fellow parishioners is important, even if we don't have many specifics yet.

I will sound the clarion call once again! Come to our meetings. Bring someone new to an event. Let them see what we can do to make a difference. Pray for St. Joseph to intercede on our behalf. Bring your enthusiasm, your time, your talent, and your treasure in service of others. Share yourself as a gift to others... because you are willing to answer that call.

God Bless You.

#### SAVE THE DATE

The baseball season is just around the corner. We will be having a Knights night on Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at Cheney stadium, Tacoma with the Tacoma Rainiers. Tickets are around \$15 for general seating (no suite this year). We will be providing tickets for the clergy so the price maybe \$1-2 more depending on how many tickets we sell.

Please contact me prior to May 1.

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#### From Your Field Agent

Our new Insurance Field Agent is Stephen Fickenscher. You may reach him at [stephen.fickenscher@kofc.org](mailto:stephen.fickenscher@kofc.org) or by phone at 206-492-1014

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course describes, that you will gain greater understanding of what we say and do in the liturgy. There is much richness in the mass but before we look at the individual parts, it is important to first look at the basic foundations that mark the rites that we celebrate.

When you go mass, you are not simply "going to church". You are about to encounter God in the most profound way possible here on earth. God is to speak to you through sacred scripture. He himself on the altar becomes truly present to you as bread and wine are changed into Christ's very Body and Blood. The mass makes present the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who in his death on the cross offered His life as a total gift to the Father and redeemed the world. We recall how Jesus instituted the Eucharist which makes present the sacrificial offering of His Body and Blood. The Eucharist contains the real presence of Jesus. Though Jesus is present to us in many ways He is uniquely present in the Eucharist. He is present not symbolically, nor just spiritually present, but the bread and wine have been transformed into Christ's Body and Blood.

The climax of our Eucharistic worship is our reception in Holy Communion, the intimate union of the faithful with Christ. Holy Communion is the most profound union we can have with God this side of eternity for Our Lord joins himself to our souls. This is the time to give our Lord our fullest intention for He is within us after Holy Communion. We become like Mary who carried Jesus in her womb. What happened to Mary also happens to some degree sacramentally within us. We become living tabernacles of God himself. Receiving Holy Communion can have a tremendous effect on our lives helping us to overcome sin, guide us in our decisions, support us in our sufferings, and enable us to grow in holiness.

In the second article of this series, I will discuss The Introductory Rites and The Liturgy of the Word. The final article will present The Liturgy of the Eucharist and The Closing Rites.

### Birthdays and Anniversaries for April

#### Member Birthdays

2nd	David Szabo
4th	Reuben Morales
5th	Donald Miller
11th	Felipe Salazar
13th	Glen Knowlton
19th	Mark Czaplewski
20th	Dale Dietrich
23th	Melvin Frank
27th	Daniel Luu
29th	Millard Longley

#### Member Wife Birthdays

7th	Dona Fernando
12th	Laura Fuller
13th	Dianna Buss
21th	Shirley McArdle
 Anniversaries	
14th	Ralph and Donna Osman
16th	Anthony and Betsy Robinson
26th	Raymond and Mary Garcia

### 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, Margie wife of Gary Fredrickson, Mary Garcia wife of Ray Garcia, Ralph & Peggy Horner, Jerry and Kathy Koch, Katherine Myers mother of Dave Myers, Larry and Ann Neville, Ralph Osman, Joe Penwell, Mike Rutland Jr., Marianne Savino, Dean Smith, Fr. Tom Vandenberg, Jim Yokum

Pray for the people of Ukraine and an end to the strife.

Pray for our Brother Knights of Columbus, Church members and families that we remain strong in our faith and pray that the Holy Spirit guide and protect us during these troubling times.

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.

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### Knight of the Month - March

TBA

### Nativity House!

Come help feed the homeless Saturday April 15th. 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](mailto:nhb@kofc7528.org) for any additional information.

### Family of the Month - March

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### Pennies for Heaven

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

Contact [FS Mike Fay](mailto:FS Mike Fay)

## Upcoming Events!

### April

1st	40 Days for Life—348th
4th	General Meeting—Narthex — Rosary @7:00pm
9th	Easter Sunday
15th	Nativity House—meet in the church parking lot at 7:45am
18th	Planning Meeting—Narthex @ 7:00pm
22nd	Culture of Life Dinner—6:30pm in the hall
28th	Spring Fling—Social Hall 5-8pm

### May

2nd	General Meeting—Narthex — Rosary @7:00pm
2nd	Parish/Council Rosary—7pm in Chapel
6th	Online Auction
TBD	Mothers Day Breakfast
16th	WA State Convention
16th	Planning Meeting—Narthex @ 7:00pm
20th	Nativity House—meet in the church parking lot at 7:45am

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