



St. James Cathedral Council 12402

February 2026
Bimonthly Newsletter
Serving the Chancery & St. James Cathedral

FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Dear Brothers,

I would like to begin by sincerely thanking each of you for your continued dedication to our council and to the timeless principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Your steady commitment, often carried out quietly and without recognition, truly makes a difference. Through your service, our council remains strong, visible, and faithful in its mission, not only within our parish, but also in the wider community we are called to serve.

As we look ahead, we do so with the season of Lent just before us. Lent is a sacred time of reflection, sacrifice, repentance, and renewed commitment to our relationship with Christ. It invites each of us to slow down, examine our hearts, and recommit ourselves to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. For us as Knights, Lent is also a season when our witness becomes especially visible through our actions, our service, and our example to others.

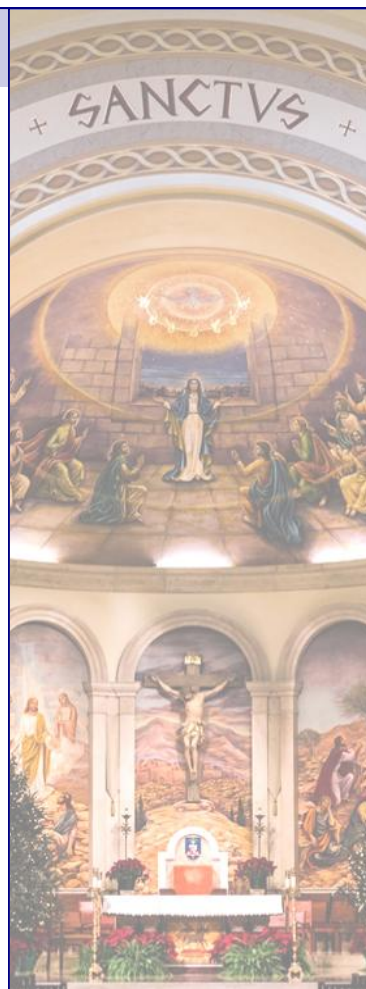
During this time, our council will have several opportunities to support parish Lenten initiatives and charitable works. Whether it is assisting with parish activities, supporting those in need, or simply being present where help is required, I encourage each of you to participate as you are able. Not every contribution has to be large or public. Even small, consistent acts of service, generosity, and prayer can have a powerful impact, especially during this sacred season.

I also encourage each of us to support one another spiritually throughout Lent. A kind word, a shared prayer, or an offer of encouragement can strengthen our fraternity and remind us that we do not walk this journey alone. As Knights, we are called not only to serve, but to walk together in faith.

Once again, thank you for all that you do for our council and for answering the call to serve with humility and dedication. It is an honor to serve alongside you, and I look forward to continuing our work together as we prepare our hearts and minds for Lent and, ultimately, for the joy of Easter.

Vivat Jesus,

Phil Perfito
Grand Knight
Council 12402



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Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism

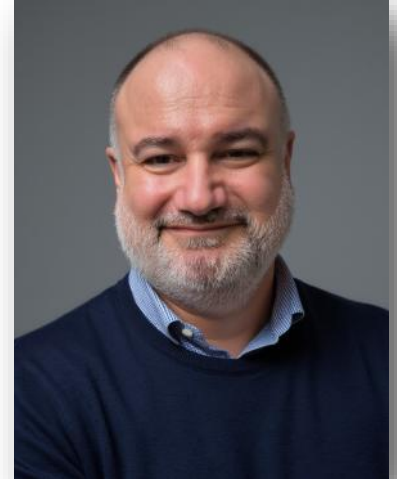
Business meetings on 2nd Thursday of the month at 7pm in the Social Center



OUR PARISH AND FAITH



*Our Chaplain:
Very Reverend
Miguel González*



*PGK Chris Ewing
Faith Director*

Mass Schedule

Vigil (Saturday) 4:00PM
Sunday 7:00, 9:00, 11:00AM & 5:00PM

Daily Mass

Monday-Friday 7:00AM & 12:10PM
Saturday 8:00AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday-Friday 11:30AM
Saturday: 9:00AM

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday-Friday 7:30AM-12:00PM

Holy Days of Obligation, 2026

Easter Sunday — April 5
Ascension of the Lord — May 17
Pentecost Sunday — May 24
Corpus Christi — June 7
Solemnity of All Saints — November 1
First Sunday of Advent — November 29
Solemnity of the Immaculate
Conception — December 8
Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord
Jesus Christ (Christmas) — December

25

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FAITH DIRECTOR

Brothers,

As we gather tonight, I want to reflect briefly on the recent liturgical highlights, significant developments in the life of the Church, and important intention-worthy needs in our world since our last meeting.

Recent Feasts and Liturgical Celebrations - In the first few days of January we have celebrated beautiful mysteries of our Catholic faith:

- January 1 — Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, recognizing Mary's role in the life of Christ and the life of the Church, and marking the beginning of the year under her protection.
- Epiphany and the Christmas Season continued into early January, culminating in profound reflections on God revealed to the nations and the journey of faith.
- 2. **Major World & Church Developments In the universal Church:**
 - The Catholic Holy Year (Jubilee 2025) recently concluded at St. Peter's, drawing a record 33.5 million pilgrims from around the world and underscoring our global call to forgiveness, peace, and spiritual renewal.
 - Pope Leo XIV met with cardinals in the first major consistory of his papacy, urging the Church toward unity, evangelization, and synodality, while setting priorities for the next two years of Church life.
 - Thousands of young Catholics and protestants gathered in Paris in an ecumenical pilgrimage, committing to shared prayer, reconciliation, and hope in a fractured world.
 - In Gaza, Cardinal Pizzaballa visited the Holy Family Parish shortly before Christmas, offering pastoral presence to families and children amid the ongoing humanitarian crisis.
- 3. **Prayer Intentions & Needs** Our Holy Father has called us to prayer in concrete ways:
 - For Christians living amid war and conflict, especially in the Middle East, that they may be "seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope." This intention remains urgent as violence and displacement continue to impact innocent lives.
 - For the Church's mission of evangelization and unity, that the Spirit guide our leaders and faithful to deepen communion and witness Christ's love in our communities.
- 4. **Specific World & U.S. Concerns** as Catholics and Knights, we turn our prayerful attention to:
 - Peace in Ukraine, the Holy Land, and regions of persistent conflict.
 - The dignity of the unborn and the ongoing need for a culture of life and legal protection.
 - Those suffering poverty and displacement, including migrants arriving at our borders and communities in need here at home.
 - Our local parishes, families, and especially those facing illness, isolation, or economic hardship in our own communities.

In Closing,

As we begin this new year, let us draw strength from the feasts we have celebrated, from the witness of our global Catholic family, and from the Holy Father's call to live faith that is active in hope, love, and peace. May the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother, guide us to greater fidelity to Christ in 2026.

Vivat Jesus,

SK Chris Ewing, PGK

St. James Cathedral
CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL
Iglesia Catedral de Santiago



MEMBERSHIP



*PGK George Olson
Membership Director*

Brothers,


Over the past 2 months Brian Rivera and Anthony McCarthy joined the Knight of Columbus bringing us to 14 new members thus far. In addition, we have 3 candidates planning to make their degrees at the live exemplification on Feb 11th at Monsignor Bishop and have 2 additional e-members that we are looking to get scheduled. We have 4 other candidates who expressed an interest in joining the Knights of Columbus and will continue to follow-up with them.

A special thanks to Brothers Brian Lazusky (spoke at 4 masses), PGK Wilson Ariza, and GK Phil Perfito for speaking at the weekend masses. Over the course of the 6 masses we had 10 candidates and 2 Brothers interested in transferring into St. James Council.. Brother James Graham has already transferred into our council from council 5730 in New Hampshire.

I am pleased to report that we have already exceeded the membership growth goal (10) set by Supreme and are well within reach of doubling that goal (20). Let's keep up the momentum and bring some more candidates forward.

Vivat Jesus!
Brother George Olson

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	DATE OF TERMINATION REASON		3. THIRD		4. FOURTH	
5	I HEREBY RECOMMEND THE ABOVE APPLICANT FOR MEMBERSHIP. PRINTED NAME OF PROPOSER PROPOSER'S MEMBER NUMBER (required)		I HEREBY DECLARE AND AGREE THAT (a) THE ABOVE IS TRUE AND CORRECT, (b) I WILL UPHOLD THE CHARTER, CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND ANY OF ITS COUNCILS IN WHICH I HOLD MEMBERSHIP, (c) THE DECISIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL CONTROL IN ALL MATTERS, (d) I ACCEPT THE PRIVACY POLICY WHICH CAN BE FOUND AT https://www.kofc.org/en/policies/index.html , and (e) THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MAY VERIFY THE INFORMATION PROVIDED. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT			
	DATE SIGNATURE OF FINANCIAL SECRETARY		SIGNATURE OF GRAND KNIGHT			

READ IMPORTANT TERMS ON REVERSE. NEW MEMBERS CAN ALSO JOIN THROUGH www.kofc.org/join. *DOES NOT APPLY TO PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS.

A copy of this form should be sent to the council agent for his records

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*"In following Jesus, like St James, we know that even in difficulties we
are on the right path."*

Pope Benedict XVI at his General Audience on June 21, 2006



EVENTS

February

Fri, Feb 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th - That Man Is You, Social Hall, 6:45 - 8AM
Mon, Feb 9th - Assy Meeting, Monsignor Bishop, 7PM
Wed, Feb 11th - Live Exemplification, Monsignor Bishop, 7PM
Thurs, Feb 12th - Council Membership Meeting, Social Hall, 7PM
Sat, Feb 14th - Valentine's Day
Wed, Feb 18th - Ash Wednesday
Fri, Feb 20th - Fish Fry, Social Hall, 6PM
Sun, Feb 22nd - Pancake Breakfast & Homemade Baked Goods

March

Fri, Mar 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th - That Man Is You, Social Hall, 6:45 - 8AM
Sat, Mar 7th - Laps 4 Life, Bishop Moore HS, 9 AM
Sun, Mar 8th - Daylight Savings Time
Mon, Mar 9th - Assy Meeting, Monsignor Bishop, 7PM
Thurs, Mar 12th - Council Membership Meeting, Social Hall, 7PM
Fri, Mar 13th - Free Throw Contest, St James School, 8AM - 3PM
Sat, Mar 14th - St. Patrick's Day Dinner, Social Hall, 6PM
Fri, Mar 20th - Fish Fry, Social Hall, 6PM
Sun, Mar 22nd - Pancake Breakfast & Homemade Baked Goods
Fri, Mar 27th - Fish Fry, Social Hall, 6PM
Sun, Mar 29th - Palm Sunday
Sun, Mar 29th - Founder's Day

*Note: 1st Monday of the even months Feed the Homeless

**Note: Patriotic Rosary: 2nd Monday of the month at the Assembly Hall at 5:30 or use this weblink to join online:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84824714923?pwd=VFpjamRKZUlhUktpNnpCTWdoMVNWQT09>

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DIOCESE EVENTS



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FROM THE LIFE DIRECTOR



SK Les Castro
Life Director

Brothers,
The Central Florida Laps 4 Life event will be held on March 7th at Bishop Moore HS. St. James Council has a team accepting donations. The funds are used for the purchase of ultra sound machines to be placed in crisis pregnancy centers in the area. Find the team at the Laps 4 Life website to donate.

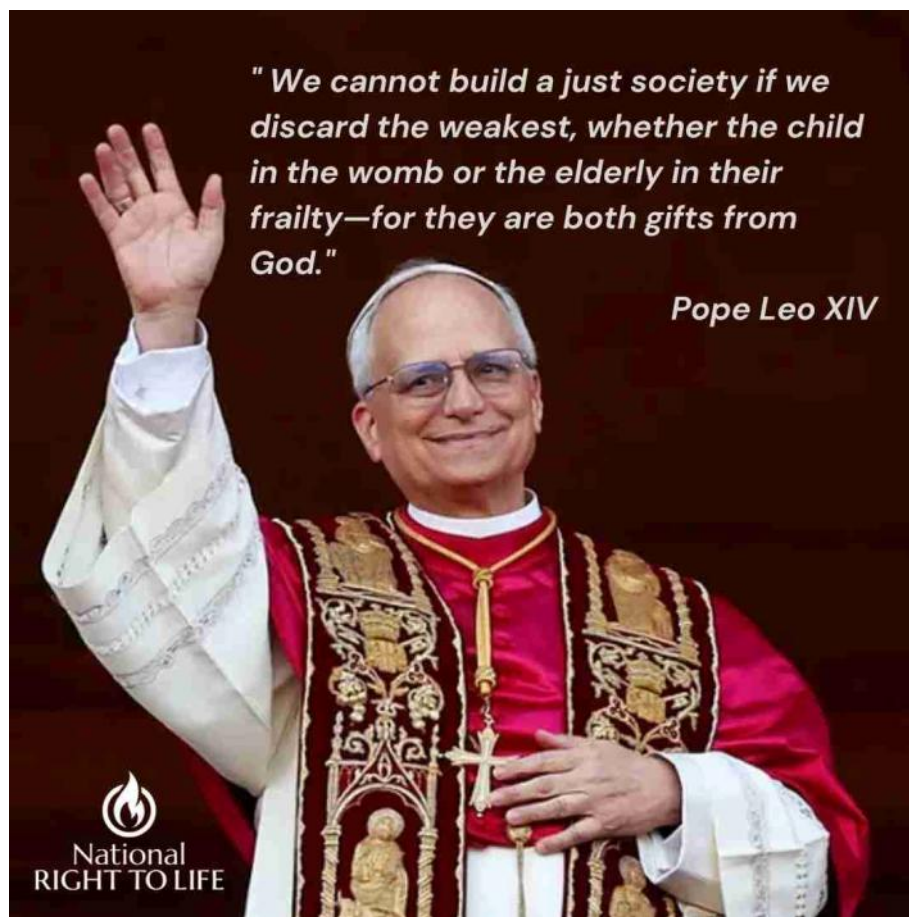
The spring 40 Days for Life campaign begins on February 18th and runs through March 29th. The 40 Days for Life organization reports over 26,000 babies have been saved through the years of campaigns.

The final tally of the JMJ Pregnancy Center baby bottle campaign at St. James this past October resulted in donations of \$4353. This includes funds from bottles returned (45%) and online donations.

The annual Orlando Diocese Mass for Life was held at Mary Queen of the Universe Shrine on January 23rd. The event included adoration, rosary and mass by Bishop Noonan. Students from several Catholic schools were in attendance as well as staff and volunteers from JMJ.

From the USCCB January Respect Life Prayer Guide we read:

"More than three years after the reversal of Roe v. Wade, the tragic effects of five decades of nation-wide abortion on demand largely remain. States reflect a patchwork of different laws defending or violating the right to life, yet abortion is legal in most of them. This fall voters in a number of states will face referendums on abortion, and the future of preborn children may be determined at the ballot box."

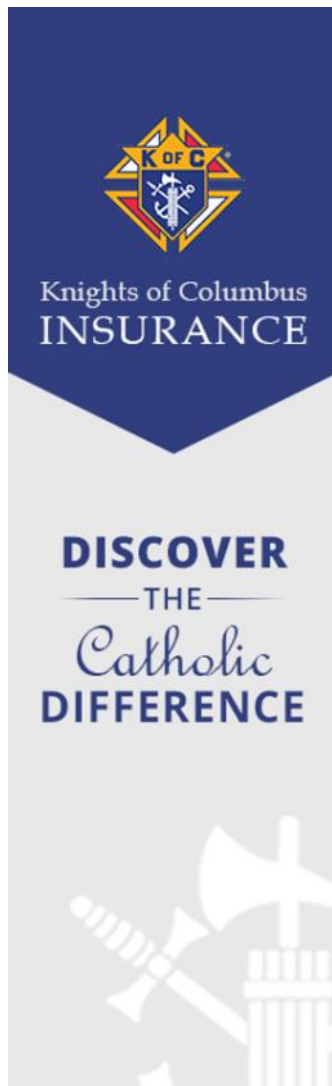




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HELP RECOGNIZE YOUR FELLOW KNIGHTS

Seeking all Council members help in selecting the deserving Knight and Family of the month. Below are the criteria for each Award. The more people we have observing the commendable actions of potential awardees, the more significant the awards become. If you have a nominee, write up your justification for the award and send to Grand Knight, Chris Ewing, profcewing@gmail.com.

Thanks in advance for your involvement.

Knight of the Month Factors to consider in their search for a 'Knight of the Month':

- ☐ Has the member made significant contributions to the Church, community and/or council?
- ☐ Does the member have a robust prayer-life that goes beyond weekly Mass attendance?
- ☐ Is the member a true Catholic gentleman?
- ☐ Does the member exemplify the virtues of Knighthood?
- ☐ Does he serve as a model man to his brothers?
- ☐ The 'Knight of the Month' nominated doesn't need to be a "super Knight".

The nominated member should be a Knight that lives traditional Christian values according to his state in life (single or married) and deserves recognition for doing so.

Nomination Sources

- Nominations can be made from any council member for 'Knight of the Month'.
- Sources of member nominations can come from parish priests, council members, ministry leaders with active Knights serving their ministry, etc. These sources can also be used to get additional background information on their church, community, or ministry activities.
- Provide justification for your nomination when submitting.

Family of the Month Factors to consider in their search for a 'Family of the Month':

- ☐ Has the family made significant contributions to the Church, community and/or council?
- ☐ Is the family tight knit?
- ☐ Does the family spend quality time together?
- ☐ Does the family attend weekly Mass together?
- ☐ Does the family pray together outside of Mass?
- ☐ Does the family serve as a model of Catholic family values?
- ☐ The "Family of the Month" nominated family doesn't need to be a "super family". The nominated family should be a family that lives traditional Christian family values and deserves recognition for doing so.
- ☐ It is not required that the catholic gentlemen be a Knight to be eligible for the Family of the Month.

Nomination Sources

- Nominations can be made from any council member who knows of council member families or parish families that support family life.
- Sources of nominations can come from parish priests, neighbors, council members, ministry leaders, etc. They can be used to get recommendations, references and evaluations concerning council families. They can also speak directly to the families being considered.
- Provide justification for your nomination when submitting.

The top certificate is for 'Knight of the Month'. It features a photo of a hand holding a cross. The text reads: 'Knights of Columbus', 'Knight of the Month', 'Awarded to', followed by a blank line for the name. Below that are fields for 'For the Month of', 'Given Knight', 'Council', and 'Date'. The bottom of the certificate has the 'Faith in Action' logo and the text 'Faith in Action'.

The bottom certificate is for 'Family of the Month'. It features a photo of a family sitting on a hill. The text reads: 'Knights of Columbus', 'Family of the Month', 'Awarded to the family of', followed by a blank line for the name. Below that is a line for 'who has served as an inspiration to our parish, community and council by supporting and strengthening Catholic Family Life'. At the bottom are fields for 'Given Knight', 'Council Number', and 'Date'. The bottom of the certificate has the 'Faith in Action' logo and the text 'Faith in Action'.



SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE



*Archbishop William Lori
Supreme Chaplain*

FEBRUARY 2026

“Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you [falsely] because of me.” (Gospel for Feb. 1, Mt 5:11)

In the next verse, Jesus continues, “Thus they persecuted the prophets who were before you” (Mt 5:12b). His words imply that his disciples are prophets in their own right, following after the prophets of old. Indeed, as his disciples, we become priests, prophets and kings by virtue of our baptism. In our prophetic role, we are called to speak God’s truth even when it is unpopular in the eyes of the world.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to learn more about the Church’s teachings on one or two contemporary issues that you are concerned about, so that you can better defend the truth when an opportunity arises. Look to the Catechism of the Catholic Church and booklets from the Order’s Catholic Information Service (kofc.org/cis) as resources.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you shy away from speaking the truth because you fear opposition or repercussions? Does your silence on issues of faith or morals sometimes give others the false impression of agreement? How do you make sure you are being respectful and charitable to others when speaking the truth?



YEARS OF SERVICE

Member	Date	Years
Most Rev. John G Noonan	2/1/1984	42
Jacob R del Campo	2/9/2008	18
Mr Carlos Ignacio Bajana Jr	2/14/2009	17
Jonathan F Glancy	2/11/2014	12
Dr Gilbert R Lavoie	2/7/2015	11
Rev Serge Pardo	2/20/2016	10
Jonathan R Rivera	2/20/2016	10
Philip D Perfito	2/11/2017	9
Daniel Adjei	2/10/2018	8
Mr Nicholas P Cotroneo	2/10/2018	8
Mr Santos DeLeon	2/10/2018	8
Mr Mark L Gumula II	2/10/2018	8
Mr David L Venincasa	2/10/2018	8
Fernando Pinhal	2/4/2019	7
Mr Carmine J Bonacci	2/8/2019	7
Mr Frank Bucco	2/18/2024	2
Mark Leitz	2/13/2025	1
George R Olson PGK	3/1/1987	39
Mr Robert E Kalakauskis	3/24/1999	27
Mr Daniel W Wallace	3/24/1999	27
Mr V Edward Gold Jr	3/30/2004	22
Mr Joshua G del Campo	3/23/2006	20
Mr Michael T Ciappetta	3/6/2008	18
Mr Stephen J Palvisak	3/24/2009	17
2lt Daniel Rios Doria	3/25/2015	11
Luis F Prada	3/27/2016	10
Gerrit A Lemmen	3/8/2017	9
Mr Marvin Jay Lemmen	3/10/2017	9
Mr Frederick B Jonassen	3/11/2020	6
Mr James B Coward	3/1/2021	5
Richard A Paolo	3/10/2022	4



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS—MEMBERS

Member	Date	Member	Date	Member	Date
Mr Lynn J Hinson	10-Feb	Mr Timothy J Regan	2-Mar	Mr Raul Rodriguez	21-Mar
Mr Brian Kirwan	10-Feb	Mr Daniel R Almaguer	4-Mar	Mr Robert R Anschuetz	23-Mar
Daniel Adjei	12-Feb	Mr Mark D Ashman	6-Mar	Mr Carmine J Bonacci	23-Mar
Mr Daniel E Coombs	14-Feb	Mr John A Mc Intosh	8-Mar	Mr Eligio R Colon	24-Mar
Mr Timothy X Phan	14-Feb	Wilson A Ariza	16-Mar	Mr Christopher Engel	25-Mar
Dr Gilbert R Lavoie	19-Feb	John T Griffin III	18-Mar	Christopher Groom	25-Mar
Mr Louis Adams	20-Feb	Mr Florencio E Hernandez	19-Mar	Mr Mark T Zeitler	25-Mar
George R Olson PGK	22-Feb	Miguel P Kaled	19-Mar	Mr Carlos Ignacio Bajana Jr	29-Mar
Most Rev. John G Noonan	26-Feb	Richard A Paolo	19-Mar	Mr Michael L Torres	29-Mar

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

Member	Wife	Date
Edward J Siegfried Jr	Berit Siegfried	11-Feb
Mr Gary T Herring	Sherry Herring	14-Feb
Francesco T Terrizzi	Kristy Terrizzi	14-Feb
Mr Bill W Simpson	Elizabeth Simpson	18-Feb
Mr Nathan Hill	Manuela Valbuena Hill	25-Feb
Mr Christopher A Marquette	Milena Marquette	6-Mar
Mr James B Bayly	Julie Bayly	31-Mar



INFORMATION ON THE 4TH DEGREE

Florida District 4th Degree Website: <https://www.floridakofc.org/Fourth-Degree-Officers>

Upcoming exemplifications are announced here: <https://www.floridakofc.org/Events-and-Exemplifications-Calendar>

Msgr. Bishop Assembly 0162

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*SK George del Campo
4th degree representative*



Tom Matthews, St James parishioner, representing St. Vincent de Paul on behalf of Fr. Miguel gave an overview of St. Vincent de Paul and asked if council members would be interested in participating in home visits which has been a challenge for the current St Vincent de Paul staff.

Tom provided his phone number **(407) 896-3435** and welcomed members to call if interested in supporting this core value of St. Vincent de Paul. Next training session will take place in Feb.



ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS WITH TEACHER, MRS. CONDRON



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Seminarian (RSVP) - \$1000
Vocations - \$550
Bishop Grady Villas - \$300
Church Staff Christmas Gifts - \$250
Relevant Radio - \$200
Prayer Cards - \$106

FAMILY/YOUTH

Toys for Tots - \$600
St. Vincent de Paul - \$500
Coats for Kids - \$500
Soccer, Free Throw, Essay Winners - \$480
Coalition for the Homeless children - \$322
Youth Dinners - \$266
New Hope for Kids - \$199
Christmas Party - \$179
Keep Christ in Christmas - \$146
All Hallows Eve - \$109

COMMUNITY

Food for the Poor - \$920
Habitat for Humanity - \$610
Christian Service Center - \$480
The Russell Home - \$300
Center for Independent Living - \$300
Nat'l Ctr on Sexual Exploitation (Human Trafficking)
- \$300
Gary Sinise Foundation – \$240
Tunnels to Towers – \$240
Autism Speaks - \$200
Wheelchair Fund - \$150

LIFE

JMJ Pregnancy Center - \$2200
Ultrasound Initiative (Laps for Life) - \$500
Special Olympics - \$300



Friday, Feb 20th
Friday, March 20th
& Friday, March 27th

Enjoy fish and chips, coleslaw,
refreshments and dessert!

Cathedral Social Hall
at 6:00 PM

Adults \$17
Kids <12 \$9

Cash, Credit, & Checks
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SPIRITUAL CARE MINISTERS NEEDED

There is an urgent need for **Catholic Spiritual Care Ministers** at Orlando Regional Medical Center (ORMC). Deacons, men in formation, and their wives (if trained as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion) are invited to serve.

This ministry offers compassionate presence, prayer, and sacramental coordination for patients and families in a 1,700-bed hospital. Deacons are especially suited to provide hope, calm, and witness to Christ in moments of suffering. Volunteers help arrange for Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation, partnering with priests serving at ORMC.

Currently, only four Catholic volunteers serve weekly. Those called to this vital ministry are encouraged to contact **Deacon Bryan Zornik** (bzornik@orlandodiocese.org) for more information.



Pathways to Care always welcomes volunteers and projects. Some of our volunteers provide on-site activities and games for our residents or assist with food preparation and service, building and grounds maintenance, and clerical support. Please fill out the [inquiry form here](#) or for more information about how you can help, please call **(407) 388-0245**.

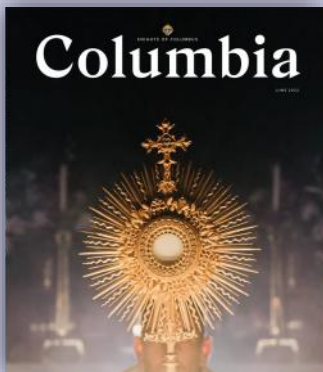
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Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and other K of C leaders were guests on Relevant Radio's The Drew Mariani Show on Nov. 15, speaking about men's faith, Christ-centered leadership, ethical investing and more. The show celebrated a new partnership between the Knights and [Relevant Radio](#) that aims to highlight the Order's charitable work, spiritual programs and financial services to new audiences. Listen to the episode any time at the show's [website](#) or on your favorite podcast app.



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St Peter Claver Prison Ministry is an Orlando Council St. Vincent DePaul Special Works mentorship program that encourages prisoners and newly released citizens on becoming self-sufficient. For more information contact: Carlos Benitez, Program Manager at (407) 614-2355 and see their website www.spcpmorlando.org.

St. Vincent de Paul Orlando Needs You – Great service hours!

Volunteer opportunities are available in our stores and food pantries – great for young people needing community service hours! Continues through the end of July. Check us out at svdporlando.org

Catholic Charities Needs Food Distribution Volunteers

Catholic Charities is looking for volunteers to help distribute food at its Agape Mission Markets in Orlando on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Visit cficc.org/volunteer for more information and to sign up.

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS NEEDED

St. James continues to need volunteers to serve as Hospitality Ministers at all the English Masses. Hospitality Ministers function as ushers and greeters and will also staff the new Welcome Table. Right now, there are more open positions than there are available ushers at the English Masses. The goal is to reach a point where people need only serve two or three times a month. If you or your wife is interested in serving as an usher, please contact Billy Martinez, Liturgy Manager, at 407-563-8251 or Dan Wallace at 407-484-0550.

Ultrasound Initiative & Helping Life Fund: Building a Culture of Life

The Knights of Columbus are committed to defending life. Two key programs in Florida— the Ultrasound Initiative and the Helping Life Fund—are making a powerful difference for mothers and babies across our state.

Ultrasound Initiative

Since 2009, Knights have helped place over 1,900 ultrasound machines, valued at \$91 million, in pro-life clinics and pregnancy centers—135 of those here in Florida. Local councils fund half the cost; the Supreme Council covers the rest. For fully funded mobile units, Supreme may cover 100% of the ultrasound machine cost.

Ultrasound machines are life-saving tools. Up to 80% of abortion-minded women choose life after viewing an image of their unborn child.

Ask your local pregnancy center:

- Do they need a new, or replacement machine?
- Are they opening a new location?
- Would a mobile unit help serve more women?

To learn more, contact Jason O'Neill at jason.c.oneill@gmail.com or 302-530-7101.



FROM THE WORTHY LECTURER

Blessed Giacomo (James) Alberione

January 25th is the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, so this is an appropriate time to talk about one of the three relics contained in the altar here at St. James Cathedral - that of Blessed Giacomo (James) Alberione.

Blessed James was the founder of what is known as the Pauline Family of religious congregations, ten orders and religious institutes that include the Society of St. Paul for priests (abbreviated as SSP), the Daughters of St. Paul, Pious Disciples of the Divine Master and Sisters of Jesus the Good Shepherd (known as the Pastorelle Sisters) for religious women, and the Pauline Cooperators for laymen and lay women.

Born in 1884 in the Piedmont region of northern Italy, Blessed James was one of six children born into a farming family. He entered junior seminary at the age of twelve but was asked to leave four years later. A biographer in Butler's Lives of the Saints suspects that his departure may have been for disciplinary reasons.

Six months later, he enrolled in the seminary at Alba south of Turin, Italy. He was in the habit of rising before dawn to spend time in vigil before the tabernacle, and on the night of December 31, 1900 he felt a sudden call to do something special to serve the people of the new century. This calling did not become clear for several years.

Blessed James was ordained in 1907 and spent some time as a parish priest before being appointed a spiritual director at the Alba seminary. In 1913, he became director of the weekly Alba Gazette, his first involvement in mass communications. He saw the Church's need to engage with the communications media both to defend itself against hostile propaganda and to spread the Good News.

To accomplish this, he founded five religious orders for priests, religious and laypersons over the next twenty years. The Constitutions of the Paulines require them to "work for the glory of God and the salvation of other souls through the modern media of communication." To this end, he saw that periodicals (that is newspapers and magazines) would be an effective way of spreading the gospel with a wider reach than that of books alone. Over the next fifty years, the Paulines would publish separate periodicals devoted to diverse subjects such as Christian family life; Pastoral life of priests; the "beauty and grandeur of Mary"; Vocations and priestly formation; Catechesis; and "The Little Newspaper" for children.



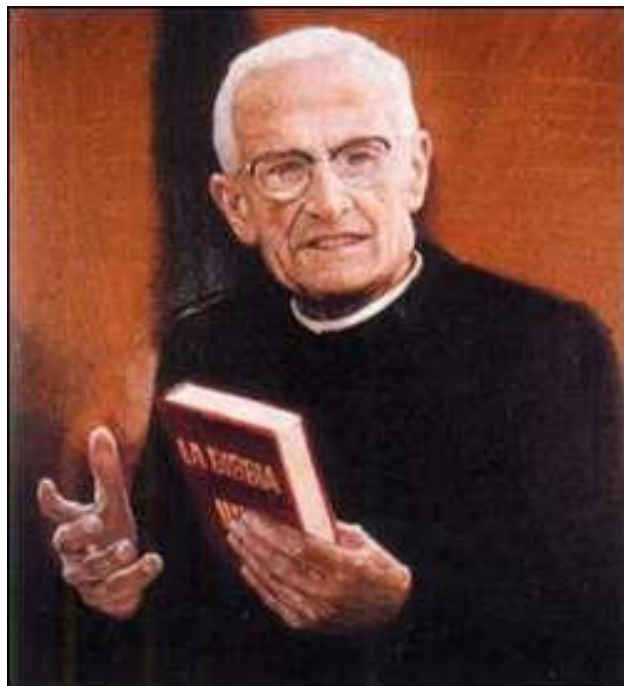
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Worthy Lecturer*



FROM THE WORTHY LECTURER (CONTINUED)

As a major religious superior, Blessed James attended the Second Vatican Council where he participated in the drafting of the Council decrees.

Upon his retirement as superior general of the Paulines in 1969, Pope Paul VI presented him with the papal cross *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* (For the Church and the Pope), saying "Here he is, humble, silent, tireless, always vigilant, recollected in his thoughts, which run from prayer to action, always intent on... [finding] ...the most creative way to reach souls. Our Fr. Alberione has given the Church new instruments with which to express herself, new means to give vigor and new breadth to her apostolate."



Two years later in 1971, Fr. Alberione was visited by the Pope as he lay on his deathbed. Hours later, he died at the age of 87. His cause for canonization was approved in 1981, and he was declared Venerable in 1996. At his beatification in 2003, Pope John Paul II recalled that Blessed James' mission was "to make Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life known to the people of our time with the means of our time."

Today the Pauline Family's apostolate produces and publishes new media - including video, radio, TV, internet, apps and other digital tools - alongside books and other printed matter. Based in Italy, they have a presence in over sixty countries, and its United States provincial headquarters is in Staten Island, New York.

Behind the carving of the loaves and fishes on the back panel of our altar is an aperture containing relics of St. Catherine LaBouré, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and Blessed Giacomo (James) Alberione. Bishop Noonan's cathedra sits behind the altar, facing the loaves and fishes carving. On the arms of the cathedra are two carvings, St. Peter and St. Paul. I like to think that the design is not a coincidence. Because here we have St. Paul, the patron and protector of the Paulines, overlooking a relic of the Founder of the Order - the Holy Spirit at work.

Blessed Giacomo Alberione, pray for us. St. Paul, pray for us.



Knights of Columbus: A Legacy of Charity and Faith

The Knights of Columbus were founded in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney with a mission of charity. The Order quickly expanded beyond the United States, and during World War I, they established welcoming huts offering free services to all. In the 1920s, the Knights advocated for anti-defamation and religious freedom. They renewed their commitment to volunteer service during the Great Depression and later focused on combating communism and fascism post-World War II. In the 1950s, they played a key role in adding "under God" to the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance. The Knights continued to support ecclesial reform and strengthen ties with the Vatican, especially during John Paul II's pontificate.

Into the new millennium, they maintained their charitable work, aiding displaced Christians in the 2010s. The beatification of Father McGivney in 2020 marked a new chapter, with the Order launching initiatives to deepen faith and fraternity. The Knights' history is a testament to their enduring dedication to charity and service.



FATHER MCGIVNEY CANONIZATION PRAYER

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. 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 your venerable servant Father Michael J. 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.

Pray: Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory be



Every Knight of Columbus should be a member of the Fr McGivney Guild. There is no cost and it will keep you up to date on efforts to canonize our founder. www.fathermcgivney.org

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In the Catholic tradition, February is dedicated to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. This month serves as a model for Christian households, focusing on the virtues of love, unity, and harmony within the family, particularly while transitioning from the Christmas season to the penitential season of Lent.



In the Catholic Church, the month of March is traditionally dedicated to St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus and husband of the Virgin Mary, honoring him as the protector of the Holy Family, the Church, workers, fathers, and a model of humble service, with his feast day celebrated on March 19th. Devotions often include special prayers, practices like the Seven Wednesdays, and seeking his intercession for employment and family matters.

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Did you know that the State of Florida Council has a YouTube Channel? Well, they do! This is a place where we can put in videos of the all the great things that we do as Knights in the State of Florida.

The link to the YouTube page is https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoaref73b_rOdtGJXLgf4TQ Be sure to subscribe to the channel so you will be notified when new videos are added.

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