

St. Joseph the Protector



Monthly Newsletter
for the
Knights of Columbus
St. Joseph the Protector
Council #16255
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Serving our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
in St. Joseph Parish, Vacaville, California

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From our Worthy Grand Knight



KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS

Pentecost is almost Upon us this June 5th! Fifty days after Easter, the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles . It's the day we celebrate the Birthday of the Holy Catholic Church! Happy Birthday!

Brothers,

Looking back and Looking forward

We have one more month in our 21/22 Columbian year. The New Columbian Year begins in July 2022. New Officers will take their posts and guide us for another twelve months.

We did a lot of nice things for our Faith in Action Projects. We made a lot of hamburgers and pancakes. We filled a lot of Easter Eggs that made a lot of kids happy.

Now it's time to start planning for next year. The June officer meeting and the June business meeting will concentrate on locking down dates between July and October 2022. Father Joshy would like the Knights to sponsor another Oktoberfest. We will also finalize a date for our garage sale. A back-to-school pancake breakfast will be great too!

I can use help with more ideas! Do you know of something that we can do to help everyone grow our Faith, support our Church, bless our Families or community, or help protect the unborn? Just let us know, and thanks in advance for your help and all your support this past year.

Sincerely,

Jim Fazzino

Grand Knight, Council 16255

BEGINNING JULY 2022, COUNCIL 16255 OFFICER AND GENERAL MEETINGS WILL MOVE TO WEDNESDAY EVENINGS.

Knight and Family of the Month



Please join us in congratulating Jim and Lucy Peerson, our KNIGHT and FAMILY of the MONTH for JUNE 2022!

Jim and Lucy are pillars of the St. Joseph Parish Community. They moved to Vacaville in 2004 and immediately involved themselves in Parish ministries. You'll often see them working together in ministries such as the Legion of Mary, Martha's Ministry, and the Altar Ministry, and they are currently working in the Parish Floral Ministry.

Jim is an Army Veteran and retired from PG&E in 1993. He is a Charter Member of Council 16255 and has served as a Council Officer every Columbian Year. He is currently the Council Warden and will serve as the Council Inside Guard in the 2022 – 2023 Columbian Year.

Jim and Lucy are a shining example of a Loving Catholic Couple at St. Joseph Parish. They'll celebrate 46 years of Sacramental Marriage in August.

CONGRATULATIONS, Jim and Lucy Peerson, our Knight and Family of the Month for June 2022!

Which Soldier-Saint do we Celebrate this Memorial Day?

Memorial Day: a time for some relaxation from work, get-togethers with friends and family, tasty food, and the official start of summer...right?

Memorial Day is really about making a fit remembrance of those who have died in the service of our country. It's about those who left and didn't come back. Those who should be here, and aren't. Those who swore to give their lives for a higher ideal, and did. Those whose deaths, though they be honorable and even heroic, sometimes even Christlike, still leave a wound in the hearts of their parents, spouses, children, neighbors, and friends—a wound that won't find any complete healing in this vale of tears and must ache with particular poignance on this day.

Provisionally, every year around this time of both sorrow and celebration, we commemorate a saint whose own sacrifice offers a fitting meditation for Memorial Day. In fact, this year, her feast directly coincides with it.

In the 14th-15th centuries, the Hundred Years' War pitted the French against the English over disputed territories in France. In the midst of this conflict, an unknown thirteen-year-old peasant girl in the village of Domrémy began to receive heavenly visitors. St. Michael, St. Catherine of Alexandria, and St. Margaret of Antioch revealed to the young Joan of Arc that she was to aid the king in his battle against the English.

Despite the oddity of a young girl donning armor and riding to war, Joan obeyed the celestial voices. And it was soon clear that God was with her.

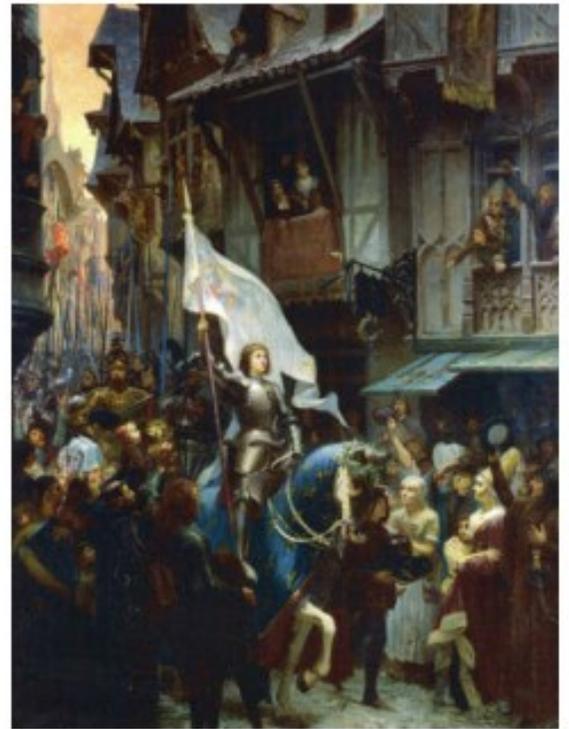
Graced with indomitable courage, good sense, fearless conviction, and ardent personal sanctity, she inspired the French troops, who rallied around her leadership. She led them successfully against the English at several important battles, carrying a banner bearing the names of Jesus and Mary and a sword that—upon her prediction—was found behind the altar of a church.

The long-awaited crowning of Charles VII came in 1429. The Maid of Orléans had done it.

Predictably, the English and their French collaborators detested Joan and the French successes she brought. They captured her in May of 1430 and a politically-tainted trial found her “guilty” of “heresy.”

Joan of Arc was burned at the stake on May 30, 1431. She was only nineteen years old.

Twenty-five years later, her name was cleared and the verdict nullified. She was canonized in 1920 and remains one of the greatest heroines of France, which celebrates a national holiday in her honor on the second Sunday of May.



Entrance of Joan of Arc into Orléans by Jean-Jacques Scherrer

Next Officer Meeting is on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 6pm.

Next Council Meeting is on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 7:30pm.

If you haven't paid your Council dues, please bring them to our next meeting on June 21st . Dues are \$40 plus \$3.65 to donate to the 365 club. Anything over this amount will go directly to our council as a donation. Contact Financial Secretary, Brian Perley, for more Information at perley4901@comcast.net.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **Don't have to be asked. Brother Knights, see your Mass's Lead Usher and volunteer to help with Collection of Gifts or as a Eucharist Sentinel, ensuring Eucharist is consumed.**
- **Go to Eucharistic Adoration Friday evenings at 6 PM in the St. Joseph Chapel. Be sure to attend Mass at least once per week. See www.stjv.org for the latest schedule.**
- **Collect your old or unused items and prepare them for the upcoming Knights Sale — Coming Soon!**

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Greater love
has no one than this:
to lay down one's life
for one's friends.

John 15:13

COUNCIL 16255 PRAYER INTENTIONS

This month we lift up our combined prayers for the following Intentions:

- Prayers for Father Joshy who faithfully guides our Parish through these challenging times.
- We Request for prayers for the members of our extended family who are going through serious issues:

Peter and Linda

Karen LeDoux

Joshua

Jamie Arnold

Angelita

Micah Weishaar

Jane Perley

Tom Stason

Shammy Pius

Robert Moore

Barbara

Gerald's LeDoux's brother

Duane



Tom Smith

Cousin of DD Lou, John

Codianni

Marty Harlo – Tom Harlo's wife

Marv Harris

Kyler Knobloch

Bill Scheunemann

Claudia Gutierrez

Mike Smith

Dorene Lynn

Maria and David Woods

Kathleen

We lift up our prayers through the intercession of our Blessed Holy Mother to Jesus Christ, Our Lord. AMEN!

Brothers, please send your prayer intentions to knights16255@gmail.com

Nominations For Columbian Year 2022/2023

Officers for Council 16255

Jim Fazzino – Grand Knight

Robert Bailey- Deputy Grand Knight

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Tom Smith- Advocate

Dennis Tremethick—Lecturer

Ron Torda, Ryanjay (RJ) Calungaguin, David Stickle- Trustees

Theology Corner - Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI

The excusable doesn't need to be excused and the inexcusable cannot be excused.

Michael Buckley wrote those words commenting on Peter's triple betrayal of Jesus. Here's the context. Peter had betrayed Jesus in his most needy hour, not out of malice, simply out of weakness. Now, facing Jesus for the first time since that betrayal, Peter is understandably uncomfortable. What do you say after betraying someone?

Well, he didn't need to say anything. Jesus took the initiative and, as Buckley highlights, he didn't excuse Peter. Jesus didn't say things like, *it's perfectly understandable to be afraid in a situation like that! You weren't really yourself! I understand how that can happen!* He didn't even tell Peter that he still loves him. None of that. He simply asked Peter, *"Do you love me?"* and when Peter said yes, everything moved forward. No excuses were needed. *The excusable doesn't need to be excused and the inexcusable cannot be excused.* Our humanity already explains why we are prone to betrayal; what needs to be spoken in its wake is a reaffirmation of love.

A couple I know had this happen in their marriage. They went to a party together one Friday night and the wife, partly through the influence of alcohol and drugs, left the party with another man. Her husband was unaware of this for a time but, upon finding out what had happened, was understandably very distraught. He went home alone and spent a sleepless night thinking, his thoughts moving through a series of vengeful fantasies to what (through grace) he eventually decided on.

He was sitting at the kitchen table midmorning the next day when his wife, sheepish and self-chastened, came home. She had her apologies rehearsed and was ready to face his justified anger and fury. She got something else. Her husband didn't let her voice any apologies or excuses, nor did he explode in anger. Rather, calm and sad, he simply said this to her: *"I'm going to move out of the house for a week, so you can think this through. You need to decide. Are you my wife or are you someone else?"* He came back a week later to her apologies, but more importantly to her renewed, more radical commitment to their relationship. Their marriage has been solid and grace-filled since. She is now committed to a marriage in a way she never quite was before.

No doubt upon his return, this man's wife did offer some tearful apologies and excuses. His refusal to let her voice them earlier may well have served a purpose long-term, but was admittedly somewhat cruel short-term. Even when something can't be excused, we still need the opportunity to say we are sorry. Apologies are important, both for the person offering them and for the one receiving them. Until an explicit apology is made, there is always unfinished business. However, explicit contrition is not ultimately what moves things forward when a relationship has been wounded or fractured. What moves things forward is a renewed commitment to love, to a deeper fidelity.

The inexcusable cannot be excused. Strictly speaking, that's true, though sometimes a deeper understanding of things somewhat excuses the inexcusable. Here's an example.

Several years ago, this incident occurred in Australia. A Catholic School Board had just finished building a new multi-million dollar school. Not long after it's opening, one of its students, a boy in high school, started a fire in his locker, unaware that the gas valves for the school's heating system were right behind his locker. A huge fire started and the whole school burned down. To his credit, the boy summoned his courage and owned up to what had happened. Then, of course, a never-ending series of questions ensued: *Why would he ever do that? Why would anyone start a fire in his locker? What accounts for that kind of reckless stupidity? What can excuse the inexcusable?*

I very much appreciated an answer given to these questions by one of the Australian bishops. Speaking to a questioning group of teachers and school administrators, his short answer said it all. *Why would this young student do something like that? Because he is a boy!* Young boys have been (for no explicable reason) starting fires long before gas valves ever appeared on the planet. Moreover, there's no excuse for it, save human nature itself.

Often times, that's the excuse for the inexcusable: *Because we're human!* Indeed, this was the real excuse for the woman who under the influence of alcohol and drugs betrayed her husband, just as it was the real excuse for Peter when he betrayed Jesus.

But, this must be read correctly. This doesn't give us permission to appeal to our morally inept human nature as an excuse for betrayal or stupidity. We're human! Boys will be boys! The lesson rather is that whenever our moral ineptness has us fall into betrayal or stupidity, what ultimately moves things forward is not an apology or an excuse, but a renewed commitment in love.

FROM THE EDITOR:

Dennis Tremethick | Public Relations Director, KofC Council 16255

This newsletter is published once a month, normally, on the 1st day of each month.

If you have comments or contributions, please provide it to me at

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DISTRICT 15's COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

DATE	COUNCIL	EVENT	INFORMATION	CONTACT
<u>September</u> 10	St. Michael 15625	Golf Tournament	Cypress Lakes Golf Course, registration at 0730, starting time is 0830, Price: \$90, Email for reservations	Dan D'Innocenti Dinnoc6f@gmail.com

Faith in Action

Pentecost is upon us. REJOICE.

***Show your Joy of the
Holy Spirit to everyone!***

Book of Acts 2: 1-11: “When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.”

Happy Birthday, Church!

All living things have a birthday. Pentecost is her birthday. Pentecost is the day before the Holy Spirit ever descended. But Semitic new and perennial Christian wisps of flame descended upon the room in Jerusalem. In a frightening power, the Lord and Giver of the Holy Spirit, vivified the nascent Church. The Holy Spirit stamps Catholicism with a trademark of authenticity. It guarantees the Church’s fidelity to the God who gave her life.



The Church is a living organism and cost was a Jewish Feast Day. The Church identifies the day before the Holy Pentecost immediately acquired a meaning when the wind swirled and the heads of the Apostles in the up-opening display of God’s raw and awe-of Life, as the Nicene Creed defines the Church with fire. The Church is which has never left the room. Ever-corps: there is team spirit, company orchestra’s élan, or the country living thing, the Catholic Church has her more fully than in any other Catholicism with a trademark of authenticity. It guarantees the Church’s fidelity to the God who

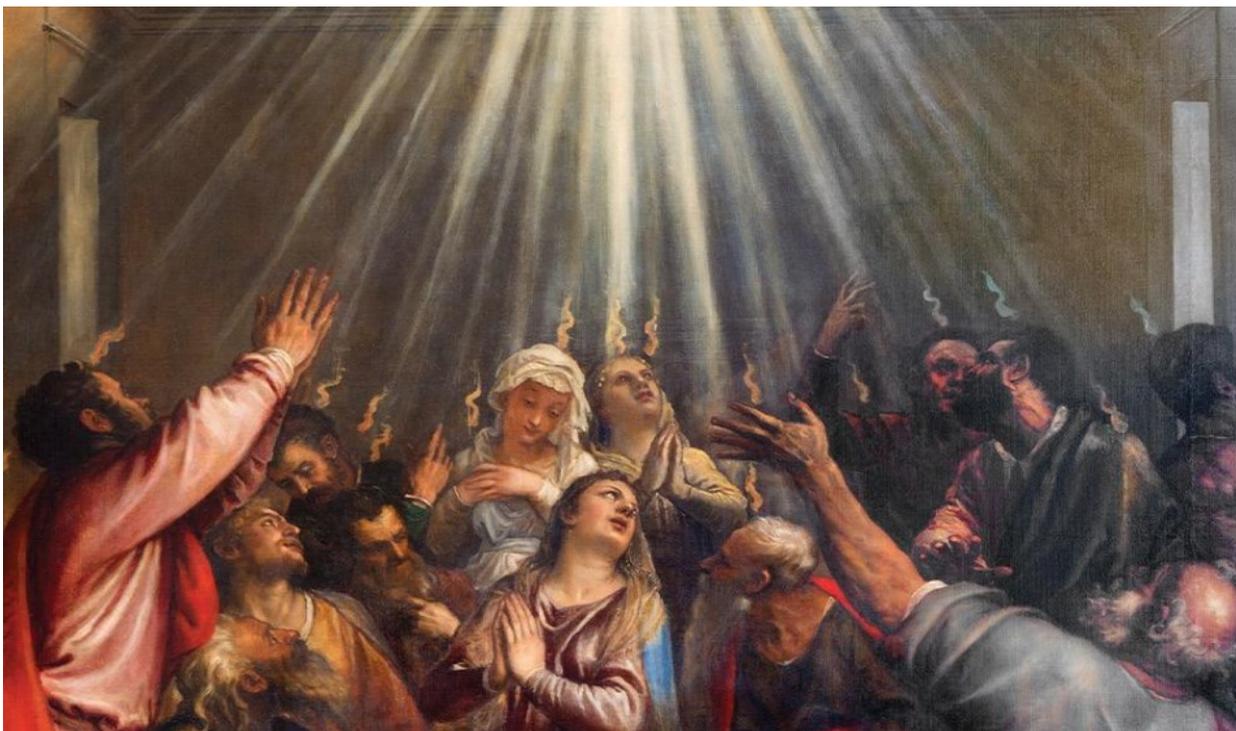
The dramatic events of the first Christian Pentecost have linked, not illogically, the Holy Spirit with spontaneity, impetuosity, miracle working, supernatural gifts, and high octane evangelization. When a throng of Christians thunders praise and makes the ground tremble, no one attributes the heaving to God the Father. When a tumor disappears and a first-class sinner publicly weeps in repentance, or when upraised hands wave to and fro, heads jut toward the sky above, bodies sway, and pores drip sweat in the heat of the night, all agree that the Holy Spirit is pulsating in sync with the mighty deeds of God. And yet...there is also the still, small voice of the Prophet Elijah. There is also the Monday morning and the Thursday afternoon. Not every day is a rollicking God party. Few days, in fact, involve rollicking God parties. Everyday life is not a crashing wave. It’s more like a constant tide, rising and receding at regular intervals. The Church is often as mundane as everyday life because she is part and parcel of everyday life, as a real religion should be. And so the Church’s Holy Spirit is vitally present in the tide of everydayness just as she is present in the racket of a Saturday night bash.

The Holy Spirit is a spirit of unity, drawing all people toward the flame of truth. The Holy Spirit is not a third column creating churches-of-one who speak for themselves alone. Christ desires that His followers be one, “as we are one” (Jn 17:11). The Church’s unity is forged out of human diversity through a visible structure which channels the Holy Spirit through the Sacraments and their sanctifying graces. Structure and Spirit indwell. The Church’s visible nature embodies the Holy Spirit in the same fashion that an Independence Day parade with its well-known leaders and predictable route embodies a country’s patriotism. The tightly choreographed pattern walked by the smartly uniformed soldier at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier causes citizens to stand in respectful silence and their hearts to swell with pride for their nation because the ceremony makes visible what is otherwise only vaguely felt. Public rituals express communally what otherwise remains emotionally elusive and difficult for individuals to verbalize. The same applies for the role of the Spirit in the Church.

Watching the incense slowly rise over the altar at a solemn Mass, whispering on our knees in the deep quiet of the confessional, lighting a candle at the Grotto of Lourdes, or walking and praying as the Corpus Christi procession moves slowly forward are tangible experiences of a living Church. It is in moments such as these that we feel intensely the presence of the Holy Spirit. If we didn’t feel the Spirit in these events, we would not feel His presence at all, or we would not be sure it was not, instead, just powerful auto-suggestion at work. The Church protects us from such illusions.

At Pentecost the Holy Spirit did not descend as a communal bonfire. The one Spirit of God parted and came to rest on each of the Apostles individually. The lesson? We each receive our share of God. God is the answer to the question that is every human soul. And God comes to us through a Church, not willy nilly in sweat and song. A tongue of fire is lit in every soul at baptism. We each house an eternal flame burning deep within. That flame will never be extinguished, even at death. Our personal flame of the Spirit, lit in our soul by the Church at baptism, will never die, because the Lord and Giver of Life is eternal. He waits patiently to gather together again every spark and flame that ever parted from Him into the one great conflagration of love that is the never-ending Pentecost of heaven.

Come Holy Ghost, Creator blest, fill the soul of every guest with that fire of love searing Father to Son. Hovering over the Apostles in flames of grace, You made a new high summit, the upper room, the source of unity for the human race. Holy Spirit come.



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The image features a close-up of the American flag on the left side, showing the blue field with white stars and the red and white stripes. The background is a soft-focus image of red and white flowers, likely gerberas, which adds a patriotic and commemorative feel to the design.

MEMORIAL DAY

“Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.”

– St. John 15:13



JUNE
TEENTH
DAY OF FREEDOM
19 JUNE

"LAND OF THE FREE"

INDEPENDENCE
Day
PARADE

MONDAY, JULY 4TH

DOWNTOWN FAIRFIELD

PARADE STARTS AT 10 AM

FAMILY FUN ZONE
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