# Knights of Columbus



## St. Victor Council 4112 - December 2021 Newsletter

San Jose, CA

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## **The Knights of Columbus Council 4112 Mission:**

Our mission is to provide members and their families with volunteer opportunities in service to St. Victors Church, our communities' families, and youth.

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## Letter from the Knights Council 4112 Newsletter Editor-In-Chief

Welcome to the December 2021 monthly newsletter. This month's newsletter begins with the *Grand Knight's Corner* which summarizes the month of November and highlights upcoming events for the month of December; followed by the recognition of *Birthday's and Service Anniversaries*. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to all Brothers achieving your respective milestone!

Also included in this month's newsletter is an article titled *Star Council: What's it All About,* (highly recommended reading) which serves as a roadmap and summarizes the program, the various awards and the requirements to achieve *Star Council.* Included in the article is a matrix specifically for St. Victor's Council 4112, titled *Star Council Activity Planning*; which serves as a focus program roadmap. And an article titled *Council 4112 Sir Knights Veterans Day Participation,* as we had a number of 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights that participated in the flag rising ceremony. Lastly, the *Speaker Series Program* which is a lineup of monthly speaker's and topic's to be conducted as part of the Good of the Order section of our council meeting. There are openings and opportunities, so if you are interested in speaking, please contact me.

The month of December will be busy with Knights activities and holiday events; please refer to the **December Calendar of Upcoming Events** and remember to mark your calendars. As you know if there's a need you can count on a Brother Knight to be involved; we work hard and play hard and know how to have fun in the spirit of Charity, Unity and Fraternity!

Enjoy the newsletter and may your journey in life be filled with health, happiness and prosperity!

Best, SK David Ojeda Editor-In-Chief and Publisher

## Grand Knight's Corner:

Brothers, December (and the start of Advent) is upon us. This past month we held and participated in several activities, to include support for St. Victor 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events. We've also ramped up planning for future months. In honor of Veteran's day, congratulations to all fellow veterans on their service. A new U.S. Flag set has been donated to the council for use during our meetings and other activities. On the administrative side, we've received approval to place a cabinet to showcase our awards and other memorabilia in the Parish Hall. We're searching for something to acquire at an affordable price (possibly free). We were notified that we didn't receive the Star Council award for last Columbian year. See the article in this newsletter on Star Council requirements and our plans to track progress this Columbian year. Together we can make this happen.

Following is a re-cap of the month, and updates on planning. See our council website and the calendar of events in this newsletter for dates/times of activities occurring in December.

### **Advent Retreat**



St. Victor is hosting a Parish Advent Retreat on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, starting with a 9:15 a.m. mass and continuing on until the afternoon. Please sign-up on the parish website to participate in this event if you are able to do so. We've been asked to help setup and serve lunch during the event. A sign-up sheet will be available at our December council meeting.

## By-Laws:

The By-Laws committee has been formed (GK, DGK, Advocate, Trustees) and have met several times, making significant progress in reviewing the existing by-laws (from 2013) and coming up with recommended changes. The committee has been tasked with providing an updated version for council voting by the 12/31/2021. We are on track to meet this date.

### **Christmas Party:**



This year we can resume holding our Christmas Party (yay). It is being held in the Parish hall on Sunday December 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 p.m. It is a catered event with music and activities. We will be providing the beverages. Get your ugly sweaters ready. Participation is limited to ~100 attendees. RSVP and pay a 50% deposit by our December council meeting. It is anticipated that cost per person will be about \$20. Menu is: Carved Angus Roast Beef, Carved Baked Ham, Seasoned Roast Chicken, Whipped Potatoes and Gravy, Hot Vegetables, Dinner Rolls, Tossed Green Salads, Pasta Salads, Fresh Fruits and Dessert.

## Council Meeting:



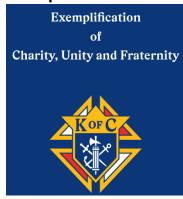
With the weather turning chillier and sunset coming earlier, we've moved our pre-meeting socials to inside the Parish Hall. Once again, we enjoyed SK Jim's culinary skills in preparing food for us. As part of SK David O's speaker series, we listened a presentation and modeling on the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Dress from DD Tim Crews, DM Ed Blake, PGK Greg Dessel, and SK Florante Del Rosario.

## **Donut Sunday:**



We previously were planning another Donut Sunday / Recruitment drive for December 12. Because Our Lady of Guadalupe (OLG) Society is hosting a Feast Day celebration serving food (including coffee and dessert) on the 12<sup>th</sup>, after discussing with Becky (Guadalupe Society President) it was decided to look for a date in January for our next Donut Sunday. Potential Sundays are the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for further details.

### **Exemplification Team**



In preparation for our upcoming Exemplification on December 19; the exemplification team met on November 21 and 28 for practice sessions. We're continuing to improve over time, and with a few more practices will be ready for the 19<sup>th</sup>. Our team is comprised of Brothers Ace, Alex, Basil, David O, Jay, Jim, and I. Please join us on the 19<sup>th</sup>, for our first combined in-person exemplification ceremony. Families are invited. There will be a small reception, with light refreshments, afterwards to greet and meet the newly exemplified brothers. Let us know if you plan on attending at the December council meeting to plan appropriately for refreshments.

## **Food Pantry:**



Photo Courtesy of: Michael Cruz

Thank you to those who helped out at St. Victor's Food Pantry this past month. The inclusion of Turkeys in the distributions led to a few sore backs the next day.

## **Food Pantry Distribution and Volunteer Summary:**

	November 9	November 20	November 23
			(canceled)
Type	Mobile	Drive In	Mobile
	Distribution		Distribution
Families Served	173	~400	
Volunteers	6	14	
(Knights)			
Volunteer (Others)	3	22	

Our food pantry dates for December are: Mobile (7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, & 28<sup>st</sup>), Drive Up (18th). Keep up the good work and don't forget to log your volunteer hours on our council website.

#### Fraternal Benefits Seminar



The first of 2 Fraternal Benefits Seminars will be held on Thursday January 20 in the evening. This will take place in the Parish Hall and is open to all brother knights and parishioners. It is the first of 2 Fraternal Benefits Seminars that we are required to host as a perquisite for the Founder's and Star Council Awards. Our insurance agent, Brother Dion, will be leading the event. Stay tuned for further details.

#### **Funeral Services:**

On November 9<sup>th</sup>, we paid respects to Rosalie Burket who passed away. She was a long-time member of St. Victors and school employee. Brother Jake Ignacio passed away and will be remembered at services on December 15th at St. Victors Church, stay tuned for further details.

#### Kita Keats Fundraiser for St. Victors



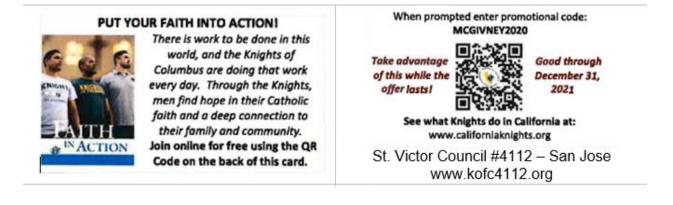
The "Kita Keats" vendor market fundraiser for St. Victors was held on Saturday November 20 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. with about 10 vendors setting up booths. We set up a table to provide information on the Knights of Columbus, recruit members, and sold about \$75 worth of coffee, water, soda, and chips. More importantly we received information on one prospective candidate.

## **Mass for Special Needs:**

We've received approval from Father Mark to host a Mass for Special needs in conjunction with our PWID drive on December 18 at the 5:00 p.m. mass. Further details and sign-up sheet will be provided at our December council meeting.

## Membership & Recruiting:

We currently have six prospects for membership. Keep up the excellent recruiting efforts. Our goal for new members this year is +7. This is one of the requirements to be considered for star council.



#### PWID:



Father Mark has agreed to a second collection for the weekend of December 18/19. Brothers Dave Bunger and Mike O'Connell have contributed material for a write-up that will appear in the Church bulletin in December. We will be handing out tootsie rolls after masses. Further details and sign-up sheet will be provided at our December council meeting.

## Seminarian / Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP):



SK Mark has identified a diocesan seminarian whom we voted to support as part of the RSVP program; and is working on scheduling a zoom meeting to introduce him to the council.

#### Last but not least...

Congratulations to everyone celebrating a birthday, wedding anniversary or service anniversary this month.

Keep up all the good work you are doing for our Council, Parish, and Community.

In Brotherhood and Service.

Patrick

## Council 4112 Officer's and contact information for Columbian Year 2021 – 2022

(July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022)

Chaplain	Fr. John Offor	510-731-8176
Grand Knight	Patrick Deely	408-702-5219
Deputy GK	Alex Agustin	408-810-2539
Chancellor	Jay Sagad	408-708-8573
Financial Sect.	Joe Murphy	719-238-1987
Warden	Ace Agustin	408-306-0647
Recorder/Coms	Mark Doyle	408-310-2194
Treasurer	Wesley Mintu	206-390-4170
Advocate	Allan Shih	408-674-0857
1st Yr Trustee	Wayne Cunningham	408-219-5358
2 <sup>nd</sup> Yr Trustee	Ted Galvin	408-590-1616
3 <sup>rd</sup> Yr Trustee	Wayne Shull	408-262-8399
Lecturer	David Ojeda	408-204-3129
Inside Guard	Ely Ardiente	408-823-5721
Outside Guard	Basil Cordero	669-207-9332





## Birthday's and Anniversaries

Congratulations to all for reaching your milestone! May our Dear Lord continue to bless each and every one of you for years to come!

## Birthdays:

Name	Birth Date
Peter Vo	12/1
Fr John Offor	12/4
Gary Pashby	12/4
Eleazar Macasiray	12/8
Andrew Foster	12/9
Florante Del Rosario	12/11
Huy Vo	12/13
Jesford Narvasa	12/20
Ray Raymundo	12/20
Harry Birmingham, Jr	12/25
Peter Seimas	12/26
Jesus Baniqued	12/30

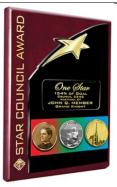
## **Service Anniversaries**

First Name	Date	:
Years		
James Heath	12/1	41
Anthony Del Castillo	12/17	13
Antonio Zaragoza	12/29	13
David Bunger	12/17	13
Eduardo Heras	12/17	13
Efren Sandoval, Jr	12/17	13
Gary Pashby	12/25	13
Gerard Guinnane, Jr	12/29	13
Gregory Bergfeld	12/17	13
Joeylycer Agcopra	12/25	13
Marciano Estioko, Jr	12/17	13
Mark Montoya	12/17	13
Norman Shull	12/17	13
Orlando Lacro, Jr	12/17	13
Paul Pashby	12/17	13
Peter Vo	12/17	13
Richard Marqueling	12/17	13
Rodolfo Nasol	12/17	13
Russell Galvin	12/17	13
Samuel Milan	12/17	13
William Wall	12/17	13
Jimmy Hancock, Sr	12/12	9
Todd Rose	12/12	8
Darien Rico	12/5	3
Garrett Dye	12/4	2
Thomas Rios	12/4	2

Provided by SK Alex Agustin

#### Star Council: What's It All About? Written by: Grand Knight SK Patrick Deely

The Star Council Award is presented on an Annual basis, based on the Columbian Fraternal Year. It is earned each Columbian year through completion of requirements in the areas of membership, insurance, and programs. There are three prerequisite awards that a council must earn: one in each of these areas (Father McGivney, Founder's, and Columbian Awards).



#### **Star Council Award**

- The council must submit both the "Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity #1728" and "Service Program Personnel Report #365" by June 30.
- In US and Canada, the council must be fully compliant with safe environment requirements.
- Double Star Council 200% of membership quota and attain Star Council
- Triple Star Council 300% of membership quota and attain Star Council



#### **Father McGivney Award**

- This award is for growth in council membership.
- A council must exceed its yearly membership quota (CY21-22 is 5% net increase)
- St. Victor's CY21-22 quota is 7 net new members.
- There is no application that must be completed.
- All membership transactions must be received, processed, recorded, and released at Supreme Council office by June 30.



#### **Columbian Award**

- This award is for conducting and reporting programs in each of the categories (Faith, Family, Community, and Life) for a total of 16 program credits with 4 in each area. Featured programs earn 2 points each.
- Virtual/Remote programs will count in same manner as in person.
- The council submits the "Columbian Award Application #SP-7" to Supreme Council office by June 30.



#### Founder's Award

- This award is for promotion of our insurance products.
- A council must host two approved Fraternal Benefit Seminars in conjunction with its General or Field Agent.
- Our first one is scheduled for January 20, 2022, second one being planned for March-May.
- The council submits the "Fraternal Benefit Seminar Form #11077" to their General Agent within 30 days of the event.
- All forms are due at the Supreme Office by June 30.

#### REFUNDSUPPORTVOCATIONSPROGRAM(RSVP)

For every \$500 given to an individual seminarian or religious aspirant, Supreme will refund the councilor assembly \$100, with a maximum refund of \$400 per individual supported. Report activity using the RSVPRefund Application (#2863).

#### HOLYHOUR

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Councils are required to hold at least four Holy Hours (quarterly). Report activity using the ProgramReportForm(#10784).

#### INTOTHEBREACH

Councils are required to hold eight sessions to discuss the content of either the Into the Breach videoseriesorapostolicexhortation(#340).Reportactivityusingthe *ProgramReportForm*(#10784).

#### SPIRITUALREFLECTION

Councils are required to host or attend a Spiritual Reflection for the men of the council and the parishthatisatleastadaylongandisattendedby10menor10%ofyourcouncil,whicheverisfewer.Reportactivityusingthe <u>ProgramReportForm</u>(#10784)

#### FOOD FOR FAMILIES

Councils are required to collect a minimum of \$500 or 1,000 pounds of food for a parish or community food pantry. In addition, councils must contribute a minimum of 100 total man-hours in preparation/ distribution/service of meals. Report activity using the <a href="mailto:FoodforFamiliesRefundandPlaqueApplication">FoodforFamiliesRefundandPlaqueApplication</a> (#10057).

#### • FAMILY OF THE MONTH/YEAR

Councils are required to recognize twelve families throughout the fraternal year: one for each month. In addition, each council should submit a Family of the Year to their jurisdiction's competition. Report activity using the <a href="https://example.com/ProgramReportForm">ProgramReportForm</a>(#10784) and the <a href="https

#### FAMILY FULLY ALIVE

Councils are required to distribute and actively promote the use of the Family Fully Alive Booklets. Report activity using the <a href="https://example.com/ProgramReportForm">ProgramReportForm</a>(#10784)

#### FAMILY PRAYER NIGHT

Councils are required to organize at least four Family Prayer Nights, one for each quarter of the year. Report activity using the <a href="https://example.com/ProgramReportForm">ProgramReportForm</a>(#10784)

#### COATSFORKIDS

 $Council s are required to distribute a total of 6 cases (4 in Canada) made upof any of the following coats types/styles. Report activity using the online \underline{Program Report Form} (\#10784).$ 

#### GLOBALWHEELCHAIRMISSION

Councils are required to donate the equivalent of 10 wheelchairs at \$150 per chair to the American Wheelchair Mission or the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation, by raising funds through council, parish or community activities. Report activity using the online Program Report Form (#10784).

#### HABITATFORHUMANITY

Councils are required to donate a minimum of \$1,000 or 200 service hours to a Habitat for Humanityprojectintheircommunity.Reportactivityusingtheonline*ProgramReportForm*(#10784).

#### LEAVENONEIGHBORBEHIND

Councils are required to do an activity in all five service activity categories. Report your activities with the Leave No Neighbor Behind Survey at <a href="https://www.kofc.org/neighbor">www.kofc.org/neighbor</a>. Please Note: Participating in the Food for Families program may be counted towards both categories (Family and Community), and should bereported for both. To ensure your council's refund, please also submit the <a href="mailto:Food for Families Refund and Plaque Application">Food for Families Refund and Plaque Application</a> (#10057). To obtain one credit for Leave No Neighbor Behind, completion of oneadditionalserviceactivityisrequired, inadditiontoserviceactivity4. Feedthe Hungry.

#### MARCHFORLIFE

Councils are required to organize a minimum of 25 marchers to participate in a national, state or localMarch for Life or councils must themselves organize a March for Life. Report activity using the online <u>ProgramReportForm(#10784)</u>.

#### SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Councils are required to contribute a minimum of 200 man-hours in support of state/local SpecialOlympics activities, or must raise a minimum of \$2,000 for Special Olympics. Report activity using theonline <u>ProgramReportForm(#10784)</u>.

#### PREGNANCYCENTERSUPPORT

Councils are required to contact a local pregnancy center to assess its needs and support the centerthrough fundraising, volunteering, or prayer. Report activity using the online <u>Program Report Form</u>(#10784).

#### ULTRASOUND

Councils are required to identify a Pregnancy Center in need of an ultrasound machine that meets therequirements listed on the <u>Diocesan Evaluation</u> (#10715). Upon approval from the Supreme Council, acouncil raises 50% of the cost of the ultrasound machine. The council must then follow the published guidelines for obtaining the remaining 50% from the Supreme Council. Qualification for this program will be determined from the information provided on both the <u>Diocesan Evaluation</u> (#10715) and the <u>Ultrasound Application</u> (#10716).

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## **Supreme-Recommended Program Category Matrix**

FAITH	COMMUNITY
RSVP	Coats for Kids
Into the Breach	Global Wheelchair Mission
Spiritual Reflection	Habitat for Humanity
Holy Hour	Leave No Neighbor Behind**
Pilgrim Icon Program	Disaster Preparedness
Building the Domestic Church Kiosk	Free Throw Championship
Rosary Program	Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest
Sacramental Gifts	Soccer/Hockey Challenge
	Helping Hands
FAMILY	LIFE
Food for Families	March for Life
Family of the Month/Year	Special Olympics
Family Fully Alive	Ultrasound Program
Family Prayer Night	Pregnancy Center Support
Keep Christ in Christmas	Christian Refugee Relief
Family Week	Silver Rose
Consecration to the Holy Family	Mass for People with Special Needs
Good Friday Family Promotion	Novena for Life

Faith in Action Programs — Table 2 **Bold** denotes Featured Programs

\*\*Only for this Fraternal Year

Progress towards Star Council can be tracked using the "Star Council Checklist". We will be using this to report our progress each council meeting. <a href="https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/leadership/5104-star-council-poster.pdf">https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/leadership/5104-star-council-poster.pdf</a>



St. Victor Council #4112 – Star Council Activity Planning			
Faith	Family	Community	Life
RSVP (2)	Food for Families	Coats for Kids (2)	March for Life
	(2)		(2)
Spiritual	Family Fully Alive	Leave No	Special
Reflection /	(2)	Neighbor Behind	Olympics /
Retreat (2)		(2)	PWID (2)
Stations of	Christ in	Catholic	Legion of Mary
the Cross	Christmas Poster	Citizenship Essay	Support
	Contest	Contest	
Seder	Good Friday	Free Throw	Mass for
Supper	Family	Championship	Special Needs
	Promotion		
Holy Hour		CHP Officer of	Novena for Life
		the Year	
		SJ PD Officer of	
		the Year	
		Soccer Challenge	
		Donut Sunday	
		Food Drive	

## **Council 4112 Sir Knights Veteran's Day Participation:**



Photo courtesy of: Sir Knight Florante Del Rosairo

L-R Sir Knights: **Eric Tigmo, Bill Dublin**, Manuel Mallabo, Skip Yenchik, Voltare Montemayor, Charles Hudson, **Florante Del Rosario, David Ojeda**, Greg Dessel, Andy Dyson (Milpitas Veteran of the Year)

It has been a tradition of the St. Joseph Assembly 2246 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus to participate in the annual Milpitas Veterans Day Ceremony, with the rising of the United States, California, Milpitas and the Missing in Action flags. The ceremony was held on Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, in the Veterans Plaza at Milpitas City Hall. There were a number of dignitaries who spoke honoring the men and women who have served our country for the cause of America's democracy and freedom.

One veteran in particular who was recognized for his service to his county and his volunteer efforts with the Milpitas Food Pantry and with the veterans was SK Andy Dyson. SK Andy is a member of the St. Elizabeth KofC Council 8747 and a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree member of the St. Joseph Assembly 2246. Congratulations to SK Andy Dyson and thank you to all the Sir Knights who participated during the flag rising ceremony. St. Victor's Council was represented with the participation of SK Eric Tigmo, SK Bill Dublin, SK Florante Del Rosario and SK David Ojeda.

If you are a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knight and are interested in advancing to the ranks of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree the Patriotic Degree, please speak with either SK Eric Tigmo, SK Bill Dublin, SK Florante Del Rosario or SK David Ojeda for more information.

## 2021 - 2022 St. Victor Knights of Columbus Council 4112 Speaker Series Program (Good of the Order)

Month	Presenter	Topic
July 2021	David Ojeda	Recording Volunteer Hours
August	Mark Doyle	Youth Activity
September	Deacon Carl Bugarin	Faith Formation
October	Bill Wall	Classic Cars
November	Tim Crews	The 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Dress
December	Mark Doyle	Faith
January 2022	Basil Cordero	Program Event Update
February	Wesley Mintu	Ushering – Plans for Lent
March	Open	TBD
April	Open	TBD
May	Open	TBD
June	Open	TBD

Please note other topics of interest for future meetings or if you are interested in speaking please contact me at: <a href="mailto:davidojeda09@yahoo.com">davidojeda09@yahoo.com</a> or at 1-408-204-3129

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## **December 2021 Council Activity/Date's:**

Council Brothers: mark your calendars and keep an eye on our Council's website calendar for

Tuesday November 30: Officer and Directors Meeting 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Thursday December 2: Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall Social 6:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

Tuesday December 7: Mobile Food Pantry Distribution Volunteers needed

Saturday December 18: Drive Up Food Pantry Distribution Volunteers needed

Sunday December 19: PWID Second Collection / Tootsie Roll Handout

Sunday December 12: Family Christmas Dinner 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall

**Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity Ceremony** 

Time: TBD

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Tuesday December 21: Mobile Food Pantry Distribution Volunteers needed

Tuesday December 28: Mobile Food Pantry Distribution Volunteers needed

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Brother Knights don't forget to log your volunteer hours on our council website: St. Victor Council #4112 Member Login <a href="http://www.kofc4112.org/">http://www.kofc4112.org/</a>

Your login credentials are membership number (found on your membership card) and birthday.

#### **Final Words and Closing:**

My Brother Knight's just as we thought it was safe to go back in the water, over the Thanksgiving Day weekend we were hit with the news of a new variant named **Omicron**. Very little is known about this variant at this time. Until the scientific community and health organizations learn more about this variant and provide us with recommendations, we should continue to be vigilant and continue to wash our hands, use hand sanitizer, social distance, wear a mask and get vaccinated and get the booster shot.

If you have not been vaccinated or know of someone who is not vaccinated, please for your health's sake and the sake of the general population get vaccinated! The following chart put's things in perspective:

	Cases	Deaths
World-Wide	261,363,346	5,199,899
United States	48,299,210	776,639

Source: NPR.Org

May we continue to pray for those recently deceased, our brothers and sisters on our prayer list, for the caregivers the unsung heroes who provide comfort for the sick and dying and may we pray for each other during these difficult and challenging times.

#### **Prayer List**

Dorothy Baniqued Mildred Paras

Shirley Barnes Monsignor Stephen Perata

Beth Brown David Perzinski
David Bunger Mike O'Connell
Bill Burket Michelle Rich
Lemuel Costibolo Abbigail Rodriguez

Lemuel Costibolo
Rufino Eduardo Del Rosario
Nelson Sagad
Jake Ignacio
Briana Shull
Wade Ignacio
Wayne Shull
The Ignacio Family
Pat Smith
Fr. Candido Lim
Grace Valdez
Gerrie Lum (Wes Akaua's Family)
David Vasquez

Until next month: stay safe, stay healthy and stay informed! And Merry Christmas to you and your families, May your Christmas be filled with peace, health and prosperity!

Cheers!