



Knights of Columbus

St. Victor Council 4112 - October 2021 Newsletter

A Multiple-Star Council

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. Victor's Church, our communities' families, and youth.

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

Welcome to the October 2021 monthly newsletter. This month's newsletter begins with the **Grand Knight's Corner** followed by the recognition of **Birthday's and Service Anniversaries**. Congratulations and Happy Birthday!

Also included in this month's newsletter is an excerpt article from the September 28th Knightline On-Line edition titled: **Why We Need Brothers**; an article which explains how catholic men benefit from close genuine friendship which the Knights of Columbus organization provides. This article also ties in with a **Recruitment Letter, Membership Promotion** and the **2021 – 2022 Program Calendar of Events** included in this month's newsletter.

Since joining the Knights of Columbus, I have developed many friends/brothers and I have involved myself in many charitable acts; the results and rewards are priceless. The Knights have provided me with opportunities and will continue to provide me with opportunities to meet new brother Knights and further develop new friendships. The Calendar of Events is our roadmap not only as a course to achieve Star Council but to help focus on charitable acts where we can help to meet the needs of others in our parish and community. And 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 October will be busy; please refer to the **October Calendar of Upcoming Events** and mark your calendars. As you know if there's a need you can count on a Brother Knight to be involved.

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, October is upon us. With it comes the second quarter of the Columbian year and planning for activities to support our parish and community. This past month we held and participated in several activities. The 20th anniversary of 9/11 was a time to remember a horrific event that resulted in death and injury to many on that day and the ensuing GWOT. We honored the life and memories of Elsie Ignacio (wife of Brother Jake) at services on the tenth, and she was laid to rest at San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery the following Monday. We're slowly starting to host and participate in several in-person events as we are able to in accordance with pandemic guidelines.

Following is a re-cap of the month:

PWID:

Our first event of the month was the San Jose Chapter PWID kick-off meeting held at St. John the Baptist Pavalkis Hall on September 4 in Milpitas. Brother Basil and I attended. We have ordered 5 cases of tootsie rolls in preparation for distribution after an upcoming mass. Father Mark has agreed to a second collection (sometime after late November) to benefit PWID. Stay tuned for further details.

Council Meeting:

First off thank you to all who attended our Zoom meeting on Thursday 9/9. We were unable to reserve the hall due to conflicting activities. Once again, the ability to conduct virtual meetings has been beneficial.

Brother Basil, our Program Director, gave an update on the calendar of activities for the year and events that are in the planning stage.

Food Pantry:



Photo Courtesy of: Michael Cruz

Thank you to those who helped out at St. Victor's Food Pantry this past month.

Food Pantry Distribution and Volunteer Summary:

	September 14	September 25	September 28
Type	Mobile Distribution	Drive In	Mobile Distribution
Families Served	113	323	174
Volunteers (Knights)	7	16	7
Volunteer (Others)	2	18	2

Keep up the good work and **don't forget to log your volunteer hours on our council website.**

Donut Sunday:

Council 4112 – Sunday, September 19, 2021

Location: Outside St. Victor Church – San Jose, CA





Photo courtesy of: Brother Allan Shih

Thank you to the brothers that helped with the event: Ace Agustin, Alex Agustin, Basil Cordero, Bill Dublin, Chuck Gullo, Jim Ludwick, Wesley Mintu, David Ojeda, Jay Sagad, James Santos, and Bill Wall.

A special thanks to Brother Bill and Jim for picking up the donuts and guidance on operations; and to Brother Basil & Jay for organizing the event. This was our first Donut Sunday in about 2 years. It was well received by the parishioners, and we obtained information on a few prospects for membership.

Membership & Recruiting:

Brother Alex and I attended a webinar on Membership hosted by Brother Michael Brault, the CA Membership Director. During this webinar we learned about strategies for success in Membership and some of the changes to the recruitment process. The most significant change being the elimination of the Form 100 for recruiting new members. We are further moving to an online world, and a QRC has been created for prospective candidates to use in accessing the online form. I have printed the following on business cards for recruiting purposes. **Our goal for new members this year is +7. This is one of the requirements to be considered for star council.**

<p>PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION!</p>  <p><i>There is work to be done in this world, and the Knights of Columbus are doing that work every day. Through the Knights, men find hope in their Catholic faith and a deep connection to their family and community.</i></p> <p>Join online for free using the QR Code on the back of this card.</p>	<p>When prompted enter promotional code: MCGIVNEY2020</p> <p><i>Take advantage of this while the offer lasts!</i></p>  <p><i>Good through December 31, 2021</i></p> <p>See what Knights do in California at: www.californiaknights.org</p> <p>St. Victor Council #4112 – San Jose www.kofc4112.org</p>
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Prospective Members

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>
Rowell	Dionisio
Aris	Bolisay
Alberto	Placido

Accolades from CA State KofC:

I received some good news from DD Tim Crews & DW Tom Pearson.

At the SJ Chapter Installation of Officers on September 25th, **St. Victor Council #4112 was recognized for their accomplishments over the past several years in**

recruiting new members and obtaining star council several times. We were the recipient of 3 items.

1. Knights of Columbus feather flag
2. Knights of Columbus tablecloth
3. BBQ Grill - 8 burner model.

A thank you to everyone involved in earning these accolades.

Last but not least...

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 nd Yr Trustee	Ted Galvin	408-590-1616
3 rd 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

***For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was
a stranger and you welcomed me...
Matthew 25:35***



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:

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>
Mel	Flores	10/5
Armando	Mendez	10/5
Thong	Nguyen	10/5
Jacey	Wilson	10/7
Fr. Victor	Trinidad	10/16
Garrett	Dye	10/17
Patrick	Deely	10/20
John	Gronley	10/20
Anthony	Del Castillo	10/21
Gerard	Guinnane	10/23
Mark	Montoya	10/26
Bryan	Sanchez	10/29

Anniversaries

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Years</u>
Greg	Mathews	25
Ernesto	Tigmo	22
Patrick	Deely	18
Lowell	Starr	6
Fr. John	Offor	5
David	Ojeda	5
Gary	Freitas	4
Ely	Ardiente	2
Mardy	Flores	2
Arnel	Suarez	2

Provided by SK Alex Agustin

Why We Need ‘Brothers’

Catholic men benefit from close, genuine friendships

Excerpt from the September 28th Knightline Edition:

Written by: Gerald Korson 9/27/2021

Sompaul Vorapanich enlisted in the U.S. Army shortly after 9/11 and has served his country faithfully ever since. A veteran of the war in Afghanistan, he knows the camaraderie and mutual trust that a platoon of soldiers must share to carry out a successful mission.

“From my military experience, standing in the breach is the most dangerous part of any mission,” said Vorapanich, a master sergeant with the Special Forces. “There have been multiple times that I was in a firefight, knowing that the person to my ‘twelve’ and the person to my ‘six’ was a brother that I could rely on.”

Having that kind of support and protection — men who will put their lives on the line for one another — enables a military unit to complete its task and tend to those who have fallen. “When someone stumbles, we need to be able to carry them,” Vorapanich explained. “We never leave a man behind.”

Vorapanich and several experts on men’s spirituality are featured in the “[Brotherhood](#)” episode of the Knights of Columbus’ [Into the Breach](#) video series. The series and its accompanying [reflection guide](#) are based on the 2015 apostolic exhortation of the same name by Bishop Thomas Olmsted of Phoenix, which challenges Catholic men to step up and fulfill their roles for the sake of their families, parishes and communities.

‘Band of Brothers’

A founding member of St. Michael the Archangel Council 14773 in Fort Bragg, N.C., Vorapanich likened the military idea of a “band of brothers” to the mutual support and accountability every Catholic man needs in his life.

“A great Catholic friend is someone who is not afraid to tell you when you’re wrong, when you’re doing something that’s not aligned with your faith, or when you’re doing something that’s unethical,” he said. “They’re the ones that are going to pick you up

when you fall. ... They're the ones that are going to push you to move past your limits when you need [it]."

Men need other men to become stronger. A verse from Proverbs states this well: "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another" (27:17). Men of similar ideals will challenge one another to greater heights than any one of them could achieve on his own.

What's more, being part of a "band of brothers" means having true friends who support one another when times get tough.

"A true friend is going to be there for you when you need them the most — when you're suffering, when you're going through trials," said Mark Houck, chastity educator and founder of a lay apostolate called The King's Men. "Men have a special bond. When they go through adversity, it means a lot [to have a friend say], 'Hey, brother, I'm here for you. I'm praying for you.'"

Many Catholic men, however, lack those kinds of relationships. Without brothers in the faith, they are missing a vital means of support.

This lack of personal connection is partly a cultural problem in an age when people might have many social media "friends" but few, if any, they can count on in "real life." It's also partly the rugged "lone ranger" attitude of many men who believe they can handle things on their own. But what men really need is close friendship with other men — friends with whom they can be open, honest and vulnerable, friends for whom they are willing to sacrifice.

Our Mission From Christ

According to Scott Hahn, popular author and theology professor at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, Christ empowers us through his sacrifice and his gift of the Eucharist to "die to ourselves, die to the world, and live for each other."

This, Hahn said, "is what makes us a band of brothers. This is what really fosters fraternal solidarity."

Christ formed his own "band of brothers," the Twelve Apostles. They became the foundation of the Church, and they were the first to go out and preach the Gospel on the

first Pentecost. That's how evangelization happens best — through the witness of individuals, but individuals who are bonded through fraternities of faith.

For Vorapanich, a program leader for the Order's [Warriors to Lourdes](#) pilgrimage that brings wounded veterans and others to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, the marching orders for men come through the Eucharist and the Mass.

"The Eucharist is the body of Christ," he said. "When we finish Mass, we're told to be that Eucharist to the world. We must act like Christ, and if we can do that, together, as a group of brothers, that's where we can make a true difference."

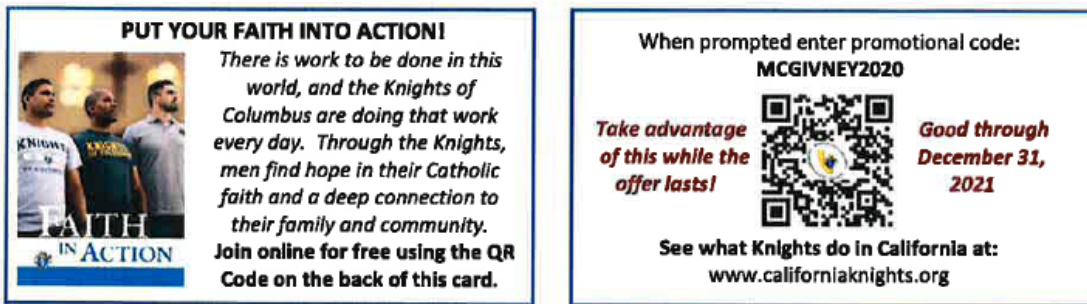
To view episodes of the [Into the Breach](#) video series and to access the study guide and other resources for promoting the series in your parish, visit kofc.org/intothebreach.

Recruiting Letter:

Worthy Brother Knights,

This past month, Supreme has asked that we help our Prospects who will join via Online Membership to **complete their Online Membership application on their own device** (smart phone, tablet, or computer). We can no longer use the Online Membership Sign Up cards. Supreme will only accept Online Membership from a unique IP address (a Prospect's own device).

Therefore, the California State Council has developed an QR Code Online Membership card. Recruiters can show this card to a Prospect, ask him to use his cell phone (or tablet) camera, focus on the QR block. A message will pop up that states, "Open KofC.org in Safari." Clicking on that message automatically opens the K of C "Join Us" page.



Ask your Prospect to take 3 to 5 minutes to complete his application to join the Knights of Columbus for free using the online application. Let him know **you will be with him to guide him through the application.**

Instruct your Prospect to complete the application with his information. When he gets to the page that asks if he would like to join a local Council, help him to enter your Council number.

When the question asks, "How did you hear about us?" Have him select "K of C Member" and a Proposer Member Number box opens. Help him to fill in your Membership number.

When Amount Due \$30.00 pops up, enter **MCGIVNEY2020** in the Promo Code box. Then click CONTINUE without entering any credit card information. It should then show the amount due is \$0.00.

Finally, ask your Prospect to carefully verify all of his personal information to make sure that all was entered correctly (spelling, phone #, email address, BD, etc.) Once everything is correct, click SUBMIT.

Now your Prospect is a Brother Knight who joined online!

Let him know about your Council's admissions process (Admissions Committee Interview and Council Voting). These steps can be done via phone or virtually so it should be done in a day or two.

Arrange for the Brother who joined online to attend (or observe) the Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. Make sure to invite his friends and family to attend or observe. This can be an in person Exemplification, a virtual one, or the On Demand Exemplification. (Hint: Ask men who will use the On Demand version to do so with another Knight either virtually or on a cell phone, tablet, or computer.)

After the Exemplification, the FS or GK can go to Officers Online, under the Prospect Tab click on the Brother's name, enter the Exemplification date, and click TRANSFER. He is now in your Council instantly – no Form 100.

Your goal should be to "strike while the iron is hot." When a Prospect is ready, guide him through the Online Membership process (above), complete the Admissions process and get him to an Exemplification within a couple of day maximum. Then be sure to include your new Brother and his family in Faith in Action activities.



FREE MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A KNIGHT

We are Catholic men who lead, serve, protect and defend. We share a desire to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors and role models and to put charity and community first. Since 1882, membership in the Knights of Columbus has been open to men 18 years of age or older who are "practical" (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See. Since that time, the Knights of Columbus has understood "practical catholic" to mean a Catholic who accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the **precepts of the Catholic Church**, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church.

Knights come from every stage of life, in countless corners of the world. Join us as we celebrate real role models in a world that needs men who lead, serve, protect and defend.

OUR MISSION

We are Catholic men building a bridge back to faith. There is much good and necessary work to be done in this world, and that's what Knights do every day.

OUR FAITH

Our goal is to help men, their families and their parishes grow closer to Christ. Through our programs and resources, we provide opportunities to live and spread the Catholic faith.

RESPONDING TO NEED SINCE OUR FOUNDING

Service and charity are at the heart of the Knights. Founded to meet the needs of immigrants, refugees and families suffering from the death of a breadwinner, the Knights began as a small service organization and has grown into a worldwide financial and charitable organization.

JOIN TODAY

New member dues are free for one year if you join the Knights of Columbus online! If you have a friend or relative who is interested in joining our Order, please direct them to:

**www.kofc.org/joinus and use promo code: MCGIVNEY2020
and reference Council 4112**

"Follow Me And I Will Make You Fishers of Men" Matthew 4:19

Calendar of Events:

Provided by SK Basil Cordero – Program Director

Council 4112: 2021-2022 Calendar of Events			
EVENT	DATE	PROGRAM	POC
Multi-Date Events			
Donut Sunday (Sep 19, Dec, Mar, Jun)	Quarterly	COUNCIL	Jay Sagad / Basil Cordero
Exemplification	Quarterly	COUNCIL	Patrick Deely
Council #4112 Officer/Director Meeting	Monthly	COUNCIL	Patrick Deely
Council #4112 General Meeting	Monthly	COUNCIL	Patrick Deely
St. Victor Food Pantry – Drive Up	Monthly	FAMILY	Alex Agustin
St. Victor Food Pantry – Mobile Delivery	Monthly (2x)	FAMILY	Jay Sagad / Ace Agustin
St. Victor Feast Day Mass & BBQ	28-Jul	FAMILY	Alex Agustin / Basil Cordero
Council #4112 Officer Installation	28-Aug	COUNCIL	DD Tim Crews / DW Tom Pearson
St. Victor Parish Dinner & Recreation	28-Aug	FAMILY	Basil Cordero
Donut Sunday	19-Sep	COUNCIL	Jay Sagad / Basil Cordero
St. Victor Food Pantry – Drive Up	25-Sep	FAMILY	Alex Agustin
Upcoming Events			
St. Victor Food Pantry – Mobile Delivery	September 14 September 28	FAMILY	Jay Sagad / Ace Agustin
PGK Dinner	3-Oct	COUNCIL	Wayne Cunningham / Ted Galvin
Sporting Event (Membership drive)	10-Oct	COMMUNITY	Basil Cordero / Ace Agustin
PDGK Dinner	OCT	COUNCIL	Patrick Deely
PWID / 2nd Collection	NOV	LIFE	Ely Ardiente / Vincent Trinidad

Annual Events			
Casino Bus Trip	Winter / Spring 2022	COMMUNITY	Jay Sagad / Bill Wall
Catholic Citizenship Essay / Poster Contest	SEP / OCT	COMMUNITY	Wayne C
CHP Officer of the Year Award	Winter	COMMUNITY	Tom Pearson ?
Coats for Kids	DEC / JAN	FAMILY	Roland Liwanag
Council Christmas Party	Giorgio's or Hall Mid DEC	COUNCIL	Ace Agustin / Basil Cordero
Holiday Food Drive	NOV / DEC	COMMUNITY	Eric Tigmo / Ely Ardiente
Holy Hour (Quarterly)		FAITH	Deacon Carl
Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest	MID NOV	FAMILY	Dave Bunger ? / Roland Liwanag
Knights of Columbus Retreat	LENT	FAITH	Mark Doyle / Joe Murphy
Legion of Mary Support		LIFE	Vincent Trinidad
Novena for Life	JAN	FAITH	Deacon Carl / Mark Doyle
Planned Parenthood Prayer	JAN	LIFE	Vincent Trinidad / ?
Rosary Program (Quarterly)	OCT	FAITH	Mark Doyle
RSVP (\$500)	AUG / NOV	FAITH	Mark Doyle
San Jose Firefighter of the Year Award	WIP	COMMUNITY	Tom Pearson ?
San Jose PD Officer of the Year Award	WIP	COMMUNITY	Tom Pearson ?
Seder Supper		FAITH	Deacon Carl
Stations of the Cross	APR	FAITH	Patrick Deely
Walk for Life	JAN	LIFE	Vincent Trinidad
New Events			
Sporting Event (Membership drive)	10-Oct	COMMUNITY	Ace Agustin / Basil Cordero
Bowling Tournament (Membership drive)	Winter	COMMUNITY	Wesley / James Santos
Camping / Movie Night (Membership drive)	OCT	COMMUNITY	Ace Agustin / Basil Cordero
Soccer Challenge			Jay Sagad / Fr John ?
Free Throw Championship			Jay Sagad

**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 th 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: davidojeda09@yahoo.com or at 1-408-204-3129

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October 2021 Council Activity/Date's:

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

Sunday October 3: *PGK Dinner for Wayne Shull (2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.)*

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Tuesday October 5: *Officer and Directors Meeting 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall*

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Thursday October 7: *Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall*

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**Sunday October 10: *Membership Drive in the Parish Hall*
Volunteers needed: 11 a.m. report time**

SF 49er's vs. Arizona Cardinals

Doors open at 1 p.m. for the general public with a 1:25 p.m. game start

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Tuesday October 12: *Mobile Food Pantry Distribution* Volunteers needed

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Saturday October 23 *Drive In Food Pantry Distribution* Volunteers needed

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Tuesday October 26: *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 <http://www.kofc4112.org/>

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

Final Words and Closing:

My Brother Knight's as you know the number of COVID cases continue to be on the rise with the Delta variant leading the charge. The majority of the cases are the unvaccinated with some breakthrough cases being reported. 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	231,852,262	4,748,483
United States	42,931,354	688,032

Source: NPR.Org

The following table illustrates the inoculation progress for both the United States and the state of California:

How much of the population has been vaccinated?		How efficiently are states administering their doses?			
STATE	% OF POP. WITH AT LEAST ONE DOSE	% OF POP. FULLY VACCINATED	DOSES ADMINISTERED	DOSES DISTRIBUTED	% DOSES USED
United States	64.5%	55.5%	391,992,662	473,954,085	83%
California	71.6%	58.9%	50,546,180	58,332,165	87%

Source: NPR.Org

Recently, there have been many disastrous events which require our prayers; events such as the aftermath of the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan, the aftermath of Hurricane IDA and closer to home, the aftermath of the wildfires which have caused unhealthy air, destruction of homes and acres of land. Let us keep the firefighters and our First Responders in our prayers and let us continue to pray for RAIN.

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 during these difficult and challenging times.

Until next month: stay safe, stay healthy and stay informed.

Cheers