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# Lenten Fish Frys



Knights of Columbus Council 1990 Lenten Friday Fish Frys are scheduled: 23 February, 8 March, and 22 March.

Dinner will be served between 5-8 PM.

We plan for in-hall dining and take-out orders.

The menu is Baked or Fried Icelandic Cod; French Fries or Roasted potatoes; green salad, dinner roll, and dessert with coffee and fruit punch or ice tea.

Also, a full bar is available for beverage purchase.

Dinner Price: \$15 Adult and \$10 for children [\$7 each child if two or more].



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## Events in January-February 2024

Jan 1	<b>New Year's Day (No Meeting)</b>
Jan 7	Super Bowl Presale and tootsie roll drive at St. Lawrence Martyr
Jan 8	Regular Council Meeting .....8:00 p.m.
Jan 14	St. James Coffee and Donuts Super Bowl Presale and tootsie roll drive at St. James.
Jan 19	Open Meeting (Happy Hour) (Father Chabel) .....7:00 p.m.
Jan 21	St. Lawrence Martyr Coffee and Donuts Super Bowl Presale at St. Lawrence Martyr
Jan 28	Super Bowl Presale at St. James
Feb 2	St. James Festival St. John Fisher Cornerstone Retreat
Feb 4	Super Bowl Presale at St. John Fisher
Feb 5	Regular Council Meeting .....8:00 p.m.
Feb 11	Super Bowl Sunday Tri Tip Sales at the Hall .....6:00 a.m.
Feb 14	Ash Wednesday
Feb 18	St. James & St. Lawrence Coffee and Donuts .....7:00 a.m.
Feb 19	Open Meeting .....7:00 p.m.
Feb 23	Fish Fry .....5:00 p.m. St. Lawrence Martyr Cornerstone Retreat

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# Grand Knight's Message



Happy 2024 to all my brothers. Many of us have started with the traditional set of resolutions... improve fitness talk more often with family members. But I challenge you deeper... .Ask yourself, "What is the one thing or who keeping you from becoming the man God created you

Here are a few resolutions from catholic leaders to hopefully inspire you a little:

- Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York  
First thing every day: The sign of the cross.  
First day of each week: Sunday Mass.
- Father Leo E. Patalinghug, IVDei  
Don't make annual resolutions that are hard to keep, but weekly and monthly goals.  
Make it a monthly priority to go to confession
- Bishop William Byrne of Springfield, Mass  
Talk less and listen more.
- Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly  
Fast from negativity - from welcoming it and from spreading it. Seek a way each day to say or do something that builds unity and charity, in Christ.

As we enter the second half of our Columbian Year 2023-2024, I want to call on you to prepare yourself for the busiest season of our year. We have the tri-tip pre-sale in all 3 of our parishes, preparation and delivery of those meals on Super Bowl Sunday, Tootsie roll drive, and our traditional Fish Fries before Holy Week. These are very intensive work periods that will need the help of every one of our council brothers. Please mark your calendars and volunteer as much as possible to help lighten the load for our council brothers.

- January 07 - SLM Presale + Tootsie Roll drive
- January 14 - SJ Presales + Tootsie Roll drive + Coffee & Donuts
- January 19 - Open Meeting - Happy Hour w/ Guest Speaker Fr Charbel

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- January 21 - SLM Presale + Coffee & Donuts + Ministry Fair
- January 28 - SJ Presale
- February 2-4 - Saint James Festival
- February 03 - SJF Cornerstone Pancake Breakfast
- February 04 - SJF Presale
- February 11 - Super Bowl Tri Tip Sale day at the hall
- February 18 - SJ and SLM Coffee & Donuts
- February 19 - Open Meeting
- February 23-24 - Cornerstone Retreat
- February 23 - Fish Fry 1 at Hall



Father Hawe Assembly 4th Degree Christmas Party and 100 th Anniversary Celebration



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# Chaplain's Reflection

by  
Fr. Peter F. Mallin, OFM Conv

I think it goes without saying that small towns always seem to get a bad rap. A small town connotes the idea of being populated by backward, unsophisticated, and uneducated people. Sometimes, small towns end up getting the unexpected notoriety out of proportion to its size. You just had to be in the right place at the right time.

There is a little town worth mentioning that is prominent this time of year, but it does not get the recognition I think it deserves. You might think I have talking about Bethlehem. Well, yes and no. I am talking about the town that gave us a taste of Bethlehem for the first time 800 years ago this year which we reproduce every year in our homes, churches and even in public places. The town is Greccio, in central Italy. The town today, is still only just over 1,500 people, but it would give the world the most precious Christmas tradition of all time: the Christmas Nativity scene.

The year was 1223, and the main character behind this project was none other than St. Francis of Assisi, the founder of my community, the Franciscan Order. Francis was always



fascinated by the life of Jesus and went to great lengths to reproduce these events in the forms of symbols and images. Being a merchant in a previous life, he knew the persuasive power of advertisement. In this case, he was not selling the latest shampoo or sports car. He was **proclaiming God's entrance** into our human existence and wanted to reproduce it visually for people to experience it for themselves. The Nativity scene brought that experience into the lives of all people no matter where they lived.

**Francis' story of the Christmas** scene at Greccio is the main reason why the custom of the Christmas crèche is passed on through the generations. No one knows why Francis chose the town of Greccio for this event. Maybe

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its ordinariness made it ideal in **Francis' mind to celebrate** Christmas in this manner, not knowing what the lasting impact upon our lives in the manner Christmas is celebrated would be. Maybe that is the way Christmas should be celebrated, realizing that small things in out of the way place done by seemingly anonymous people can make a big difference. But, the key reason for the Christmas crèche is to REMEMBER. The most important scene of the Greccio story is of Francis approaching the manger and picking up the living Christ child in his arms. This miraculous gesture is probably symbolic of the faith impact of the crèche in that the hearts of the people went from slumber to being awakened at the **awareness of God's presence** in their lives. Or to use the Charles Dickens version from his book, A Christmas Carol, after his main character Ebenezer Scrooge was converted to observing Christmas after his visit from the three **spirits: "Scrooge became as good a friend, as good a master, and as good a man...And it was always said of him, that he knew how to keep Christmas well. May that be truly**

**said of us!" The ghosts who** visited him in the night upset his quiet evening plans of celebrating Christmas by being

alone in his dark home, took him on a journey to jog his memories of Christmas pasts to reawaken a renewed sense of both joy and **purposes into its meaning. Dicken's** Scrooge symbolizes what he thought was a sickness in the culture of England at the time where the observance of Christmas had declined and the country was changing dramatically and painfully due to the Industrial Revolution. The popularity of his book, A Christmas Carol, had pretty much **the same effect as the Francis'** Christmas crèche: It caused people to remember. Scrooge remembered the family he had, the love lost and the people he could have helped. Francis pointed to his makeshift stable at Greccio and made people remember the significance of Mary and Joseph, the shepherds, the magi, the Roman Emperor, the innkeeper; and how each of them are caught up in an event of divine importance. These stories are about you and me, and a **struggle to find what's real,** meaningful, and gives us a glimpse of heaven that is waiting for us around the next corner in our journey to God, provided we live in faith.

To live in faith seems difficult in a world which seems no longer to resonates to the songs and symbols of heavenly wisdom.

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# Birthdays

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Member's Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Member's Name</u>
2	Robert Kennedy	1	Sean Canullas
4	George Gratz	1	Sean Flynn
6	Richard Rodono	4	James Schmitz
7	Daniel Arucan	6	Roy Alcocer
8	Michael Gibson	8	James Kouroupis
8	Luke La Borde	8	Edward Rosales
14	Thomas D'Angelo	9	John Sabol
14	Charles De Torre	10	Frank Fong
14	James Miller	10	Terry Glyphs
14	William Wratschko	10	Eric Rifi
15	Kieran Faherty	11	Alan Caniglia
17	Frank Schneider, PGK	13	Andrew Zepeda
18	Mark Hebson	14	William Munday, PGK
19	Christopher Charan, PGK	16	Russell Lemley
21	John Fridrich	20	Vartan Akrabian
22	Thomas Cox	20	Alfred Cain
26	Brian Gardner	22	Jorge Rodriguez, PGK
27	Jorge Sarria	23	Charles Salfity
27	Kevin Sullivan		

**Wife's Name**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Wife's Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Wife's Name</u>
6	Rosa Peraro	4	Nicasia Aichroth
8	Luciana Saavedra	7	Jennifer Ryan
10	Sophia Barbarie	10	Dolores Lugliani
18	Michelle Miller	12	Denise Leonard
23	Linda Massei	14	Eileen Staal
23	Linda Shogan	23	Mary Belle Hoenig
24	Carolyn Simon	24	Bridie Ramirez
27	Libby Cavataio	29	Wendy Ulizio
28	Mary Kenney		
30	Lydia Nelson		
31	Debra Ann Simonetti		



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# Anniversaries

## January

<u>Date</u>	<u>Names</u>	<u>No. of Years</u>
11	Linda and Ray Shogan	26 Years
14	Bridie and Julius Ramirez	22 Years
19	Jimena Cabrera and Paul Furie	15 Years
22	Betty and Kenneth Fogg	32 Years
28	Eileen and John Pavlin	56 Years

## February

<u>Date</u>	<u>Names</u>	<u>No. of Years</u>
12	Eileen and Edward Staal	68 Years
14	Linda and Charles De Torre	14 Years
14	Jane and Mark Hebson	
22	Judy and Alexander Maruszko	

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TRI-TIP FUNDRAISER



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**

**To-Go Meals**  
**Sunday, February 11, 2024**



PRESALE ONLY



Whole Cooked Tri-Tip (feeds 3-4 people): \$38  
 Green Beans / Mashed Potatoes (32oz): \$6 per side

**Order by 2/5/24**  
**@ [www.kofc1990.org](http://www.kofc1990.org)**

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**February 11 Food Pickup/Delivery**

Free Pickup: Knights of Columbus Hall - 214 Ave. I, Redondo Beach  
 \$10 Delivery: Purchased at Presale, within 3 miles of SJ, SLM, or SJF only



Proceeds Support Our St. John's Seminarists

## 2023 Saint James Christmas Toy Drive

It has been a yearly tradition for the Los Crusados council to support the Saint James Christmas toy drive that provides toys, clothes, and gift cards to South Bay families in need.

The 2023 Christmas toy drive was an incredible demonstration of how giving all of our fellow brother knights can be. We donated dozens of toys for kids from 1 to 15 years of age, including hundreds of dollars in gift cards, board games, dolls, action figures, cars, a bicycle/helmet, and much more.

This effort has demonstrated that we know what it is to live our Knights of Columbus core principle of Charity. Thank you, brothers, for your generosity, especially at such an important time of year for us to demonstrate what it means to be brothers in service to others.

Alan Baptista  
Grand Knight



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The shepherds, the magi and others who recognized Jesus as his birth were made to feel that they were the eccentrics, the odd ones out, and the outsiders. They tell us today that the search for Jesus can be very a lonely journey. The shepherds, the outsiders, the eccentrics (like Francis of Assisi) on the social fringes, make their way to the manger of Jesus; not the Roman Emperor or anyone else who imagines themselves to be the center of the universe. Only those who know they are not at the center of the world will find Jesus at the end of the journey. And like the shepherds, they will be able to glorify God for all they have seen and heard. For in finding Jesus we will all found our true center, our true purpose, and our true meaning in life.



New Member  
George Barich

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## Membership

On November 6, 2023 our Council welcomed a new member, Albert Holguin. Albert's home parish is St. John Fisher. He was born and raised in Southern California and attended Sacred Heart of Jesus Elementary School in Los Angeles. Albert was a student at Loyola High during his high school years, and after graduating from Loyola, Albert attended the University of Southern California where he majored in Communications. As a student at USC, Albert was President of the Newman Club, a Catholic students

organization that has been established on many college campuses. He later worked for Fox Television as a writer and field producer. He did return to USC to work on a Masters in Engineering, and most recently opened up his own business. He currently lives in Rancho Palos Verdes with his wife Lisa. They have a daughter Candy who was a student at St. John Fisher, and is now a Junior at the USC School of Cinematic Arts.

Brian Nelson PGK



Albert is standing in the center of the Exemplification

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Health and Welfare Report  
Los Crusados Council #1990

By

Fr. Peter F. Mallin, OFM Conv  
Health & Welfare Chairman

For the peoples of the Ukraine and Middle East who are suffering from the effects of armed conflicts. Dennis Fox, uncle of BK Robert Brouwers, who suffers from brain cancer and from the effects of a fall.

BK Mitch Tabaldo, who is undergoing dialysis due to kidney failure and preparing for a kidney transplant. Mitch also has had a heart transplant.

Frank Straup, the father of BK Matt Straup, who is being treated for throat cancer.

**BK Tom D'Angelo**, who has undergone a kidney transplant. BK John Brouillard, who is being treated for sepsis in the blood. Bishop Alejandro Aclan, auxiliary bishop of Los Angeles, who is recovering from a stroke.

Bishop Joseph Sartoris, retired auxiliary bishop of Los Angeles, who is in a nursing home in Culver City.

Emily De Ruyter, the wife of PGK Howard De Ruyter, who is recovering from breast cancer treatment.

Emilia Bailey, wife of PGK Jim Bailey, who is struggling with cancer.

PGK Ed Staal, who was

hospitalized recently to have a pacemaker installed. Dave Akiama, friend of BK Rob Wiessner, who recently had both legs amputated below the knee. John Orlandini, brother of BK Jeff Orlandini, who is suffering from terminal cancer. Jennifer Munday, wife of PGK Bill Munday, who is recovering

New Members

My name is George Barich and I recently transferred to your Council from Council 3109 in Redlands, California.

I just celebrated my 40th wedding anniversary with my beautiful wife Kathy in August.

We are blessed to have three wonderful adult children and three adorable grandsons.

I enjoy hiking along the cliffs of Palos Verdes, riding my beach cruiser along the Strand, golfing, swimming and home gardening. I love just being outside and hope to visit many of the National Parks in the future.

I recently retired from the Insurance business, and I look forward to meeting and working closely with all our brothers in my new Council.

Brian Nelson, PGK

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## Retreat Forward

The new year is here and it is a perfect time to progress forward in our faith individually and as a council. The Cornerstone Men's Retreat is scheduled for Feb 23-24 at St Lawrence Martyr. Our council usually has a good turn out to this amazing experience and participation gives the council points toward Star Council. If you haven't attended a Cornerstone Retreat, then this is the year to take action! The event consists of group meals, a social with beer, wine, and last year they had a bon fire with a cigar bar. Hear powerful testimonials from your brother Catholics and practice our faith. See SK Larry Rosolowski to register.

If you cannot make the dates for the SLM Cornerstone, St John Fisher is conducting their very first Cornerstone Retreat, Feb 2-4. SJF men who attended Cornerstone last year were so inspired that they wanted to do the same thing at their own parish. Our council will be cooking breakfast for the retreat attendees on Saturday. If you are interested in the SJF Cornerstone Retreat or want to help with the breakfast, contact DGK Van McKenny.

Lastly there is the Mater Dolorosa Annual Retreat

(Knights of Columbus Men's Retreat) March 1 – 3, 2024, held at the Sierra Madre Retreat Center. This retreat pulls knights from all over southern California. Registration for this retreat can be found at [materdolorosa.org](http://materdolorosa.org).

Let us all start 2024 out by doing a little retreating.

Van McKenny  
Deputy Grand Knight

## One Life L.A.

Saturday, January 20 at 11:00AM

La Placita / Olvera Street

<https://onelifela.org/>

Mike Stauffer, Chairman  
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# The Chalking of the Doors: An Epiphany Tradition Explained

By Steve and Jamie Skojec

If you're a Catholic, you've probably seen it: a mysterious series of letters and numbers, looking for all the world like an equation, inscribed in chalk over a doorway at your parish, or at the home of a friend. Maybe you thought you could figure it out. Maybe you were too embarrassed to ask, "What the heck is that?" If you don't know what the chalk is all about, don't be ashamed. You're certainly not alone.

Epiphany (also known as Twelfth Night, Theophany, or Three Kings Day) marks the occasion of a time-honored Christian tradition of "chalking the doors." The formula for the ritual — adapted for 2024 — is simple: take chalk of any color and write the following above the entrance of your home: 20 + C + M + B + 24.

The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi — Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar — who came to visit Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross, and the "20" at the beginning and the "24" at the end mark the year. Taken together, this inscription is performed as a request for Christ to bless those homes so marked and that He stay with those who dwell therein throughout the entire year.

The chalking of the doors is a centuries-old practice throughout the world, though it appears to be somewhat less well-known in the United States. It is, however, an easy tradition to adopt, and a great practice whereby we dedicate our year to God from its very outset, asking His blessing on our homes and on all who live, work, or visit them there.

The timing for the chalking of the doors varies somewhat in practice. In some places, it is done on New Year's the Twelfth Day of Christmas. Most often the chalking takes place after Epiphany Mass. More commonly, it is performed on the traditional Feast of the Epiphany — and can be done at any church, home, or dwelling. Traditionally the blessing is done by either a priest or the father of the family. This blessing can be performed simply by just writing the inscription and offering a short prayer, or more

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elaborately, including songs, prayers, processions, the burning of incense, and the sprinkling of holy water. After many Epiphany Masses, satchels of blessed chalk, incense, and containers of Epiphany water (holy water blessed with special blessings for Epiphany) are distributed. These can then be brought home and used to perform the ritual. Another common practice is to save a few grains of the Epiphany incense until Easter, so that it can be burned along with the Easter candle.

Practicing traditions like the chalking of the doors helps us to live our Faith more concretely and serve as an outward sign of our dedication to Our Lord. Our homes are also the place where many of us will make the greatest strides in our spiritual growth, through observance of daily prayer, spiritual reading, and work offered as an oblation to God.

The chalking of the doors of a home encourages Christians to dedicate their life at home to God and to others. Seeing the symbols over our doors can help to remind us, while passing in and out on our daily routines, that our homes and all those who dwell there belong to Christ. It also serves as a reminder of welcoming the Magi gave to Jesus. We should strive to be as welcoming to all who come to our homes to visit us!

This ceremony of the blessing of the home and inscription of the initials of the three Magi above each door can be performed either by a priest or the father of the family. The following prayer is taken from the book, *The Twelve Days of Christmas*, by Elsa Chaney.

The feast of manifestation, or Epiphany, is traditionally celebrated the 12th day after Christmas, January 6th. In the dioceses of the United States, according to the new calendar, this feast has been moved to the Sunday between January 2 and January 8.

Possible prayers to say during your Chalking:

May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is your incarnate Word, now and forever. Amen. God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten One to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Saviour. Amen. Loving God, bless this household. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and abiding in your will. We ask this through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

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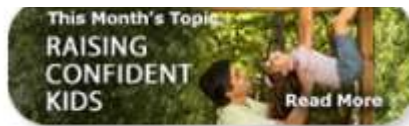
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# CHURCH SCHEDULES

## ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR

1930 S. Prospect, Redondo Beach  
310-540-0329

Mon., Fri. 8:00 AM  
Tues. & Wed., Thur. 8:00 AM & Noon  
Sat. 8:00 AM, 4:00 PM  
Sun. 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 AM,  
5:00 PM

## ST. JAMES

415 Vincent St., Redondo Beach  
310-372-5228

Mon-Fri 8:00 AM, 12 Noon  
Sat. 8:00 AM, 5:30 PM  
Sun. 6:30, 8:00, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon,

5:30 PM

## ST. JOHN FISHER

Crest Road at Crenshaw, RPV  
310-377-5571

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Sat. 8:00 AM, 5:00 PM  
Sun. 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM,  
5:00 PM Youth Mass



## Charles Salfity 30 Years Award

We gratefully acknowledge Charles Salfity for 30 years of service to our Council. Charles and his wife Christina are active parishioners at St. James. Some notable things about Charles ...

Charles was born and raised within the walled city of Jerusalem. He walked to school each day along the same pathways as Jesus. Charles has a second cousin, a resident of Jerusalem, who served as our tour guide for a group of us from St. James who traveled to the Holy Land in 2014.

Brian Nelson, PGK



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## Vocations

### 'Twas the Knight before Christmas, when all through the

Seminary, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. The prayers were all hung on the dorm room with care, in hopes that Baby Jesus soon would be there. The seminarians were all studying hard at there desks, while visions of sacraments danced in their heads. And the Bishop in his zucchetto, the rector in his cassock, had just sat down to review the grades: classic! Yes, after I issue my apologies to Clement Moore, I want to remind you during this season between Christmas and Epiphany to keep our Seminarians in our prayers. Most of them are in this strange land of Southern California far away from their families in China and in Mexico. In particular, Deacons Jaime Arriaga, Lucio Trinidad, and Weifeng Tong are six months away from ordination. But, also, do not forget our other seminarians. St. Charles Borromeo is the patron saint of seminarians (in addition to **several other "jobs"**). **Please ask him to pray for our seminarians.** Below is a prayer for your consideration. Heavenly Father, through the intercession of St. Charles Borromeo, we humbly ask for your guidance and grace upon our seminarians and clergy. Strengthen their faith, inspire their hearts with fervent love for Your Church, and grant them the wisdom to discern Your holy will. May they be rooted in humility, obedience, and charity as they follow the footsteps of Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd. Blessed Saint Charles Borromeo, patron saint of seminarians and clergy formation, pray for them and protect them in their journey toward priesthood. Amen.

Bob Wheeler  
Vocation Chairman

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