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WHEN CALLED WE SERVE

Sunday, September 21st, St. Oliver's held its annual fall festival. The event was a fun filled gathering for the parish community, filled with various activities and attractions that catered to all age groups. The festival featured games, live music, and a variety of food stalls, creating a lively and festive atmosphere.



The Knights of Columbus were once again called upon to prepare and serve hot dogs and hamburgers. Their dedication and "culinary skills" were evident as they efficiently managed the hot dogs and hamburger stand.

We had a nice number of Brothers helping.



The participation by the Brothers was commendable, as they worked in front of a hot grill on a hot day to support the event. Their teamwork and camaraderie were on full display, contributing significantly to the success of the festival.

Thanks to all that participated. The event would not have been possible without the collective efforts of all the volunteers and participants. Their enthusiasm and commitment made the fall festival a memorable and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

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From the Desk of the District Deputy:
Embracing Charity as Our Guiding Light
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Charity and Our Families

Let us also remember the importance of charity within our own families. Our witness as Knights begins at home, where we model sacrificial love and forgiveness. By praying together, supporting each other's dreams, and making time in our busy lives for laughter and conversation, we make charity a living reality for those closest to us. In this way, our homes become domestic churches—a phrase so dear to St. John Paul II—radiating the warmth of Christ to all who enter.



Challenges and Opportunities

We are living in times of uncertainty and change. The needs around us are great; the challenges can seem overwhelming. Yet, it is precisely in such moments that our commitment to charity must grow stronger. Where others see obstacles, let us see opportunities—opportunities to evangelize through our actions, to build bridges of understanding, to heal wounds, and to express the hope that animates our Catholic faith.

There are always new ways for us to serve. If you know of a need in our parish or community, I encourage you to bring it to the attention of the council. Let us not grow weary in doing good, for as St. Paul reminds us, "at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up" (Galatians 6:9).

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The are four Fraternal Programs for the Knights of Columbus. This program fulfills 3 of the 4, Family, Life and Community.

To help provide warmth for deserving children during cold winter months, councils across North America can purchase new winter coats at a discounted price. The goal of the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids® program is to ensure that no child in North America goes without a coat during the winter season.

Council Leadership and Roles: We are blessed to have dedicated leaders guiding our council. Father Cyriac continues to inspire us as our Chaplain, and Javier Tavira leads us with great enthusiasm as our Grand Knight. Alongside them, our council officers and trustees work to support our mission.

Our District Deputy encourages us to embody charity in all we do. Inspired by St. Teresa of Calcutta's message to do small things with great love, we strive to make our council a welcoming sanctuary for all. Let's continue to serve others with love and compassion.

We are proud to support the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids® initiative. We purchased winter coats at a discounted price. With the help of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, we are making a significant impact through our charitable giving.



Charity and Our Mission

As Knights, we are called not merely to do charitable acts, but to be men of charity—to embody the love of Christ in all we undertake. In a world hungry for authentic witnesses, our simple, sincere acts of service can ignite change far beyond our imagining. Let us volunteer joyfully, give generously, and pray fervently for the strength to persevere in love.

Looking Ahead

As District Deputy, I invite each of you to reflect on your own journey of charity. How can you bring the light of Christ to those around you? How might you inspire those who are discouraged, or comfort those who are suffering? In the coming months, our council will be undertaking several new projects—some ambitious, others humble—but all rooted in the same spirit of Christian service. I ask for your support, your ideas, and your prayers as we continue this vital work.

Let us strive to make our council a living sanctuary of charity, where every person—regardless of their background or circumstance—feels welcomed, uplifted, and loved. May our actions speak even when words fall short, and may our hearts remain ever open to the needs of others.

A Final Word of Encouragement

Brothers, the world may not always recognize our efforts, but our Heavenly Father sees every sacrifice, every moment of generosity, every prayer whispered for those in need. Let us remember the words of St. Teresa of Calcutta: “Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.”

As we continue our journey together as Knights of Columbus, may charity remain our guiding star. May we be known, above all, as men who love deeply, serve faithfully, and bring hope to the world around us.

Vivat Jesus!

Robert Barnard

District Deputy

This Sunday is the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

The Gospel is from Luke 16:19-31, "Lazarus died and was carried to Abraham's bosom".

The name Lazarus means “God is my help”. Despite a life of misfortune and suffering, Lazarus did not lose hope in God. His eyes were set on a treasure stored up for him in heaven. The rich man, however, could not see beyond his material wealth and possessions. He not only had everything he needed, he selfishly spent all he had on himself. He was too absorbed in what he possessed to notice the needs of those around him. He lost sight of God and the treasure of heaven because he was preoccupied with seeking happiness in material things. He served wealth rather than God. In the end the rich man became a beggar! Do you know the joy and freedom of possessing God as your true and lasting treasure? Those who put their hope and security in heaven will not be disappointed (see Hebrews 6:19)? "Lord Jesus, you are my joy and my treasure. Make me rich in the things of heaven and give me a generous heart that I may freely share with others the spiritual and material treasures you have given to me."

Read more and study the meditation for this reading at [Sunday Scriptures Study](#).

It is with a heavy heart that we say farewell to **Father Peter Fr. Cyriac** announced that after weeks of discernment Fr. Peter has decided to leave the priesthood. He was well loved by our parishioners and will be missed. We wish him the very best in his new life. "Heavenly Father, we lift up our brother in Christ, who has left his priestly ministry, to Your loving embrace. We thank You for the gifts and service he offered in that vocation and now we pray for a new season of grace and purpose in his life. Amen".



We welcome **Fr. Wilfrido “Fred” Iminga**, MS, is a La Salette Missionary from the Province of the Philippines. He traces his vocation to the strong faith and values nurtured by his Catholic family. From junior high, he felt a call to the priesthood, and inspired by the La Salette charism, he entered the seminary,

professed his vows, and embraced his life long mission as a LaSalette priest. His vocation has taken him to various parts of the world: from serving as a pastor and school director in Philippine mission parishes to missionary assignments in California and Hawaii.

Each experience—whether traveling rough roads in rural villages or ministering in diverse American communities—has strengthened his love for the mission entrusted to us through the intercession of Our Lady of La Salette. Now, he is grateful for the opportunity to serve with the Province of Mary, Mother of the Americas of Missionaries of La Salette as parochial vicar at St. Oliver Plunkett in Snellville. Please extend a warm welcome to Fr. Fred.

[Father Murray to Newsmax: New Saints Inspire Youth](#)

The canonization of Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati by **Pope Leo XIV** highlights the Catholic Church's enduring message that holiness is attainable at any age. Father Gerald Murray praised both young men - **St. Carlos Acutis**, a 15-year-old tech-savvy teen who died in 2006, and **St. Pier Girogio Frassati**, a 24-year-old who died of polio - for their deep faith, devotion to family, and inspirational lives.

During the open-air Mass in St. Peter's Square, attended by tens of thousands including many young families, the presence of 36 cardinals, 270 bishops, and hundreds of priests underscored the global significance of the event. Murray emphasized that their lives remind people to seek meaning beyond material possessions and to trust in God through life's trials.

Acutis' faith notably rekindled his mother's devotion to Catholicism, illustrating how children can lead adults spiritually. Frassati, known for his generosity and defense of the Church, chose a life of service to the poor despite promising prospects.

Murray reflected on Acutis' final words—"Mom, don't be afraid"—as a powerful testament to faith in the face of death, reinforcing the belief that heaven is a place of joy and peace.



Click on photo to watch the videos, click on the photo

September is dedicated to **Our Lady of Sorrows** can be traced back to the New Testament, but it wasn't celebrated universally until 1814. Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows first emerged in the eleventh century around the Mediterranean. In 1233, seven men in Florence had visions from the Blessed Virgin Mary, leading to the formation of the Servite order. Their



mission included spreading devotion to the Seven Sorrows of Mary.

The traditional prayer, *Stabat Mater*, composed in the late thirteenth century, emphasizes Mary's deep sorrow as she stood before the Cross. In 1809, Napoleon annexed the Papal States, leading to the imprisonment of Pope Pius VII. After Napoleon's defeat in 1814, the pope extended the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows to the entire Latin Church in gratitude for the Blessed Mother's intercession.

Mary's sorrow is not the same as sadness; it is a holy sorrow, a Beatitude. She grieved over the sins that caused her Son's suffering and longed for their redemption. As we honor the Sorrowful Heart of Mary, we are called to reflect on our own sorrow and strive for holy sorrow, filled with compassion and spiritual empathy.

Pope's September prayer intention: For our relationship with creation

In his prayer intention for September 2025, Pope Leo XIV invites us to pray that we might experience our interdependence with all creatures, who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

By Christopher Wells

Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention for September 2025 is for "our relationship with all of creation.



In this month's Pope Video, the Holy Father invites us to pray that "inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God

and worthy of love and respect."

The prayer that follows emphasizes God's love for all of creation, noting that "nothing exists outside" of His "tenderness" and recalling God's care for "even the simplest or shortest life." "Like St Francis of Assisi, today we too want to say, 'Praised be You, my Lord' – alluding, too, to Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on the care of creation which begins with those very words.

Pope Leo's prayer goes on speak of "the beauty of creation" as a revelation of God "as the source of goodness," and asks Him to "open our eyes to recognize you, learning from the mystery of your closeness to all creation that the world is infinitely more than a problem to solve." Instead, the Pope says, "It is a mystery to be contemplated with gratitude."

The Holy Father concludes his prayer with a plea to God to "help us discover Your presence in all creation, so that, in fully recognizing it, we may feel and know ourselves to be responsible for our common home where You invite us to care for, respect, and protect life in all its forms and possibilities."

Living a moment of gratitude

In a press release accompanying the prayer, the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – which is responsible for preparing each month's intention – notes that “the video comes out within the context of the Season of Creation, an ecumenical period from September 1 to October 4 (the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) that unites Christians from various denominations in prayer and action for the care of the earth.”

This year's Season of Creation takes place as the Church marks both the 800th anniversary of Saint Francis' “Canticle of Creation” and the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato si*.

“The Jubilee of Hope and the 10th anniversary of the Encyclical *Laudato Si*’ invite us to live a moment of gratitude, commitment to and care for our common home,” says Cardinal Michael Czerny, the Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Development, which supported the production of this month's Pope Video.

An interconnected world

Commenting on this month's intention, the International Director of the Prayer Network, Father Cristóbal Fones, S.J., explains that this month's prayer intention “reminds us how interconnected our world is. Our well-being cannot be separated from other creatures living on earth, or from the ‘state of health’ of our planet.”

“This month,” Father Fones continues, “the Pope invites us to reflect on how our actions affect nature, God's work, and to seek ways of living that foster the restoration and natural balance and harmony between human beings and the environment. In the midst of such a competitive, hectic world, dominated by consumerism, a large part of humanity deeply longs to live well, closer to and more respectful of nature – a style of life that would allow us to contemplate it in an attentive silence that leads to an encounter with ourselves, with God and with others.”



Each month, **Archbishop William Lori – Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus** – selects a brief passage from the Gospel reading of one of the Sunday Masses of the month.

Archbishop Lori shares a brief reflection on the passage and issues a challenge for men to live for the month.

The next month, men undertaking the challenge as a group gather and share their experiences living the challenge.

The Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge is ideally suited for *Men Of The Word*, sponsored by our Council, but can also be done in other group settings or individually.

By taking up the Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge, men take direct, concrete action to grow in their faith and help their brothers do so as well.

THIS MONTH'S CHALLENGE SEPTEMBER 2025

“Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.” (Gospel for Sept. 7, Lk 14:27)

Suffering is an inescapable part of human life, a consequence of the fall. When we deal with our suffering in a virtuous way, we unite ourselves to the cross of Christ. In fact, Jesus tells us that taking up our cross is an essential condition for being his disciple. The wonderful thing is that God will supply whatever grace and strength we need to carry our cross, if only we ask for it in faith. May we always carry our cross daily with courage as faithful followers of Christ.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, as we celebrate the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross on Sept. 14, I challenge you to undertake some sacrifice or mortification — such as abstaining from meat one or two days a week — to strengthen your willingness to carry your cross daily.

Questions for Reflection:

What are the crosses you must carry in your life? Which do you struggle with the most? Do you faithfully and regularly seek strength from Christ in carrying your cross in prayer and the sacraments?



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The Editor

Buzz Aldrin was the second person to set foot on the moon, but he was the first to do something else on Earth's only natural satellite: take Holy Communion. Before departing on **the Apollo 11 mission** of which the edito had the distinct privilege of being on the recovery crew for, Aldrin, who was an elder at Webster Presbyterian Church in Webster, Texas, received permission to bring wine and bread to space. While he and Neil Armstrong prepared for their moonwalk, he told the world, “I'd like to take this opportunity to ask every person listening in, whoever and wherever they may be, to pause for a moment and contemplate the events of the past few hours and to give thanks in his or her own way.”

Aldrin wanted his Communion to be broadcast live, but NASA, which had recently been sued for a religious display, chose to keep it quiet. “I poured the wine into the chalice our church had given me,” Aldrin later wrote. “In the one-sixth gravity of the moon the wine curled slowly and gracefully up the side of the cup.” Webster Presbyterian and other churches still celebrate Lunar Communion Sunday, but Aldrin came to wonder if partaking in a Christian ritual was appropriate for an event of global significance. “We had come to the moon in the name of all mankind — be they Christians, Jews, Muslims, animists, agnostics, or atheists,” he wrote in his

book *Magnificent Desolation: The Long Journey Home From the Moon*. “But at the time I could think of no better way to acknowledge the enormity of the Apollo 11 experience than by giving thanks to God.”



S.K. Arnie Terrell
Master of
Georgia District

What is the Fourth Degree?

The Fourth Degree is a separate entity focused on Patriotism and Citizenship.

The Fourth Degree has a separate chain of command. Each District takes its Fraternal Year marching orders from the Supreme Master, Vice Supreme Master, and District Masters. As leaders, we are governed by the Supreme Board of Directors.

The Fourth Degree is “A part of, not a part from” the Membership Degree. The Fourth Degree is the highest degree of the Order. When the Georgia Fourth Degree’s mission of Patriotism and Citizenship programs are added to the Membership Councils’ mission programs, it makes the Georgia Knights of Columbus whole, “One in Charity, One in Unity, One in Fraternity, and One in Patriotism”.

The Fourth Degree Assembly is *not* an extension of the Council but we should work to make our Councils stronger. Fourth Degree Sir Knights are council leaders, and workers in many council programs. Sir Knights know to answer the call to serve.

I’m asking each Assembly leader to work with the councils whom you serve, and find ways to assist in recruiting good Catholic males into our Order.

Always remember, you can’t be a Sir Knight until you first become a Brother Knight. Future Assembly and Council great leaders are out there, just waiting to be asked to join.

Upcoming Exemplification

August 23rd, 2025

hosted by:

*Immaculate Conception Assembly 173,
the Georgia Degree Team,
& District Master Arnie Terrell*

UPCOMING EVENTS

We must state that your help with these projects is the only way to have a successful event. Please look over the calendar and let [Grand Knight Javier Tavira](#) know when you can assist.

October

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| 10/5/25 | Intellectual Disability Drive Tootsie Roll (Courtyard) after each mass |
| 10/9/25 | Men’s Bible Study (JPII Center) 7pm |
| 10/12/25 | Devine Chapel of Mercy (Rosary Garden) |
| 10/13/25 | Planning meeting (Library) 7pm |
| 10/20/25 | Rosary/Council meeting |

(Sanctuary/KBC) **6pm**

Men’s Bible Study (JPII Center)

10/23/25

7pm

November

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| 11/9/25 | Devine Chapel of Mercy (KBC) |
| 11/10/25 | Planning Meeting (Library) 7pm |
| 11/13/25 | Men’s Bible Study (JPII Center) 7pm |
| 11/16/25 | Blood Drive (KBC) 8am-2pm 7am-3pm |
| 11/17/25 | Rosary/Council meeting (Sanctuary/KBC) 6pm |
| 11/29/25 | Monastery Sales (Narthex) after each mass |
| 11/30/25 | Donuts and Coffee (KBC) after 11:15 Mass |

Monastery Sales (Narthex) **after each mass**



Comical Closure

An atheist scientist came to God and said, “We’ve figured out how to make a man without you.” God said, “OK, let me see you do it.” So, the atheist bent down to the ground and scooped up a handful. But God stopped him and said, “Oh, no you don’t. Get your own dirt!”

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Top 10 reasons God made Eve

1. God was worried that Adam would frequently become lost in the garden because he would not ask for directions.
2. God knew that one day Adam would require someone to locate and hand him the remote.
3. God knew Adam would never go out and buy himself a new fig leaf when his wore out and would therefore need Eve to buy one for him.
4. God knew Adam would never be able to make a doctor, dentist or haircut appointment for himself.
5. God knew Adam would never remember which night to put the garbage on the curb.
6. God knew if the world was to be populated, men would never be able to handle the pain and discomfort of childbearing.
7. As the Keeper of the Garden, since he didn’t have metal sheds or greenhouses, Adam would never remember where he left his tools.
8. Apparently, Adam needed someone to blame his troubles on when God caught him hiding in the garden.
9. As the Bible says, “It is not good for man to be alone!”
10. When God finished the creation of Adam, He stepped back, scratched His head and said, “I can do much better than that!”

