

The Good Knight

*“In Service to One,
In Service to All”*



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Greetings! In the words of St. Paul, may the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

In Latin, October means 'eighth month', because, for the early Romans, the year began in spring, not in winter. For Catholics, October is known as the Month of the Rosary, and so we try to make time to pray the rosary more often.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this month, may we be grateful for the greatest – and the smallest – of blessings. In one of his tweets, Pope Francis wrote: “Do we say ‘Thank you’ to God every day?” It is a good question. Generosity is a natural reflection of our gratitude. May we be liberal – even lavish – in giving to others our time, talent and treasure, in granting forgiveness, and in offering a helping hand.

Thank you for reading *The Good Knight*.

Louis Kloster, Editor and Current Grand Knight

A Christian is Like a Pumpkin!?

A 10 year-old little girl was asked by another classmate, “What is it like to be a Christian?”

The 10 year-old little girl replied, “It is like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off of you. Then He cuts open the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc., and then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see.”



Important Dates

October 2023

- 1 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- 2 Feast of Guardian Angels
- 4 Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
- 7 Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary
- 9 Thanksgiving Day
- 11 Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting by Zoom
- 17 Feast of St. Marguerite d'Youville
- 18 Knights of Columbus General Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
Feast of St. Luke
- 28 Feast of St. Simon and St. Jude, apostles
- 31 All Hallows Eve



You Asked Us...

What is the role of the Advocate on the council executive?

The current Advocate of Our Lady of the Hill Council #13064 is Jolyon (Joe) Stack. As the Advocate, Bro. Joe:

- Acts as parliamentarian for the council,
- Has a working knowledge of how council meetings are to be conducted.
- Seeks legal assistance from the state advocate if needed,
- Knows the council's bylaws and the Order's Charter, Constitution and Laws, and
- Performs other such duties as the Grand Knight might direct.

The jewel of the advocate is a scroll and sword, surrounded by a laurel wreath, suspended from a ribbon of gold. The opened scroll represents legal literature and signifies the power of knowledge, and the Sword represents its defense and enforcement. Thus, it is the Advocate's role to not only know the laws of the council, but to ensure they are strictly followed. The ribbon of gold represents faith, constancy and wisdom.



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Pro-Life Corner

This column explores pro-life issues and promotes the sanctity of life. It is good, if not critical, to look at these issues, many of which are often misunderstood, even by the faithful from the Church's perspective.

Q. Why does the Catholic Church oppose abortion?

A. Abortion is the deliberate termination of a pregnancy by killing the unborn child. Women, even those with a well-formed conscience, may consider having an abortion for various reasons: fear; pressure from the biological father, family and friends; concern for being financially and emotionally able to support a child; inconvenience or disruption in one's life; and others.



Contrary to the many governments that have legalized abortion, the Catholic Church considers abortion to be a moral evil and a serious sin against God and humanity, because it involves the taking of a human life. The Church recognizes that every person, including an unborn child, has the right to life. And it believes that a human being has been created at the moment of conception, when the sperm and the ovum first unite. The Catechism of the Church states that, from conception to natural death, the human being must be absolutely respected and protected.

Abortion, apart from killing the unborn child, also and often leaves a deep psychological wound in both the biological mother and father. Sometimes, it is many years later that the impact of the abortion – the regret and remorse – are felt or recognized. Healing and forgiveness are necessary for the individuals involved. Programs like Project Rachel can help them to find peace and reconciliation with God and the Church. Pregnancy care centers in our local communities counsel and support pregnant women and the men involved, providing material, emotional, and spiritual help.

Because abortion affects the whole community, the Catholic Church encourages the faithful to acknowledge and celebrate the sanctity of life. In Alberta, we celebrate Sanctity of Life Sunday each year on the first Sunday of October. All of us can help by simply praying for unborn and aborted children and their parents.

The Good of the Order

Every month the Knights pray for the sick in the parish as well as relatives and friends who are in need of God's help. We call this the Good of the Order. We invite you to join us in praying for the following individuals:

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| • Wilbur Collin | Upcoming heart surgery |
| • D.D. Florent Duguay | Prostate cancer treatments |
| • Bonnie Fleming | Stroke recovery |
| • Albertine Porter | Cancer |
| • Jean Marc Vermette | Prostate cancer |
| • Robert Weisenberger | Heart attack recovery |
| • Dcn. Dan's Sister (Paula) | Cancer |
| • Dcn. Dan's sister (Linda) | Multiple System Atrophy |

RECENT ACTIVITIES

Highway Ditch Clean-Up

For several years, our council has participated in an annual highway clean-up, picking up litter and debris in the ditch along three kilometers of highway south of Beaumont on Highway 814. This year we provided this community service on Saturday, September 23. Thanks to the Knights who participated: Jam Abello, Kenton Crook, Gabriel deRuiter, Sid Eriavaz, Louis Kloster, Dennis Madu, and Paul Weisenberger.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Birthdays in October

We send our greetings to the following Knights who are celebrating birthdays this summer:

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| • October 1 | Remi Leblanc |
| • October 4 | Neil Connell |
| • October 4 | Serge Larocque |
| • October 28 | Kenton Crook |
| • October 31 | Joe Halbach |



Knight of the Month

Each month, our council recognizes an individual Knight who, in remarkable ways, has contributed to the council and the parish. In September we recognized Bro. Kenton Crook.



Kenton joined the Knights of Council just last May, right after his initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Kenton, who is married to Adele, has already embraced all that we are and do as a Knight of Columbus. Kenton regularly participates in meetings and volunteers for pancake breakfasts. This last summer, he diligently helped with churchyard maintenance and volunteered as a parking attendant at the Rural Routes Fair. Thanks, Kenton!

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Saint of the Month: St. Marguerite d'Youville

This month we celebrate the feast of a well-known Canadian saint. St. Marguerite d'Youville was born in 1701 in Quebec, and her family was very poor. Thanks to some generous relatives, Marguerite was able to study at a convent for two years. After that, she had to teach her five younger brothers and sisters. At the age of 21 she married a man who proved

to be a selfish criminal. Four of her six children died in infancy. The poverty and suffering she experienced in life would draw Marguerite closer to God and into a life of charitable works.

When Marguerite's husband died eight years later, she was left with little money and owed money to many people. She managed to pay off these debts. Later, she and three other friends began sheltering needy women. She advocated for the rights of the poor and marginalized. In them she served Christ.

At the age of 46 Marguerite was put in charge of the general hospital, which was also running out of money. She worked hard and saved the hospital. The hospital was later destroyed by fire, but she rebuilt it within four years. Marguerite died at the age of 70.

Marguerite d'Youville started the order of nuns known as the Sisters of Charity of Montreal ... the Grey Nuns. Her order founded the Grey Nuns Hospital in Edmonton. Youville Home, a nursing home for the elderly and the sick in St. Albert, is named after her as is one of the Catholic schools in Beaumont.

Marguerite d'Youville was the first Canadian-born saint. Her feast day is October 17.

Liturgical Matters

Why do we call the intercessions 'The Prayer of the Faithful' or the 'General Intercessions'?

The Prayer of the Faithful is one of the oldest parts of the Mass. Also known as the General Intercessions, they express prayers, not just for ourselves, but for the needs and concerns of the whole Church. They provide an opportunity for us – the faithful – to respond to the needs of others and are to lead us into appropriate action. For example, our prayer for the poor in our community should prompt us to do whatever we can to help them, such as to donate to the Food Bank.

At Mass, the Prayer of the Faithful includes at least one intention for each of the following, in this order:

- The needs of the Church ... for unity, for obedience to God's call, etc.
- Public authorities ... political leaders, spiritual leaders, etc.
- Those who suffer ... the poor, the oppressed, etc.
- The needs of the local community ... the sick in the parish, the unemployed, those who have died, etc.

Each prayer concludes with the words: *We pray to the Lord.* Everyone then responds: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

The last part of the General Intercessions is an invitation to all who are present to silently lift their own prayers to God.

Word of the Month:

ritual

The word 'ritual' stems from the Latin word, *ritualis*, and refers to an activity that is regularly repeated and completed in a prescribed and established manner. Rituals involve gestures, words, and symbols and are typically part of a ceremony or, in a religious context, a *rite*. There is, for example, a Rite of Baptism, as there is for every sacrament of the Church.



The celebration of the Mass is highly ritualized. The priest follows a specific order, all prescribed within a large prayer book known as the Roman Missal. This book is used in Catholic churches universally and contains all the prayers that are read during the Mass. Many of these prayers, such as the opening prayer or *collect*, are written for a specific day in the liturgical year. However, the Roman Missal provides a variety of Eucharistic prayers, and the priest can choose the one he prefers or wishes to use on a particular day. Regardless of where you attend mass in the world, the same rituals and rites are followed. However, there may be some nuances, depending on the culture.

Until we understand the significance and meaning behind these rituals, we might find the mass to be boring or repetitive. With catechesis, one's understanding increases, and many people find the mass to be a rich faith experience. The rituals provide structure and predictability to our religious ceremonies and, as we come to know these rituals, they encourage participation from all present. Believers find comfort and familiarity in ritual.

Thanksgiving Prayer

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve.
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.

I asked for health.
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.

I asked for riches, that I might be happy,
but I was given poverty, that I might be wise.

I asked for power, that I might have the praise of others.
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.

I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life.
I was given life that I might enjoy all things.

I got nothing that I asked for, but everything I had hoped for.
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.
I am, among all people, most richly blessed.

Attributed to an unknown Confederate soldier

Wedding Anniversaries in October

- October 2 Joe and Andrea Stack
- October 18 Joe and Dale Lauer



May they be blessed with many more years of enduring love and happiness.

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Test Your Knowledge: Angels

October starts with the Feast of Guardian Angels (October 2). Test your knowledge about angels. Answers on this page.

- In the gospel of Luke, the angel Gabriel appeared to:
a. Mary b. Elizabeth
c. Joseph d. Zechariah
- In the gospels, angels most often greet people by saying:
a. Glory to God! b. Be not afraid. c. How's it going?
d. Peace be with you.
- The angels at Jesus' tomb were:
a. sitting b. hovering
c. kneeling d. standing
- At Jesus' birth, the angels sang:
a. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee.
b. Hip, hip hooray!
c. Glory to God in the highest.
d. O come let us adore Thee.
- After the temptation in the desert, angels:
a. ministered to Jesus b. cried
c. led Jesus back to his apostles
d. brought Jesus olive oil and bread
- In 1 Corinthians, Paul writes that, without love:
a. Even angels can't help you. b. Angels weep.
c. Even those who speak like angels are like clanging cymbals.
d. You cannot enter the Kingdom of God.
- Which martyr, upon his arrest, had the 'face of an angel'?
a. Peter b. Stephen c. Paul d. Timothy



Dissecting the Nicene Creed

As Catholics, what really do we believe? In each issue of The Good Knight this year, we will explore one of the tenets of our faith, as expressed in the Nicene Creed. Here's the first one:

I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

- The new Roman Missal (2011) reworded this phrase. It used to be "of all that is seen and unseen." Previously, we began with 'We believe', but now we acknowledge that each of us must confess this as our personal faith, together with other believers.
- The first article and the basis of everything else is belief in God. There is only one true God; not a rain god, a sun god, a god of the heavens, etc. There is ONE God that is God of us all.
- There are many names for God, such as, The Almighty, Redeemer, The Good Shepherd, The Living Bread, etc., but they are all names for the same God.
- Our God is eternal and infinite ... the alpha and the omega (the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet), meaning 'the beginning and the end'.
- There are three Persons, but one essence or nature.
- We bless ourselves with the words: 'In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.' We do not say 'in the names ...'
- God is the maker, the Creator, of all things and the author of all life. And, unlike any other, God created from nothing.

WORKING FOR GOD ON EARTH DOES NOT PAY MUCH, BUT HIS RETIREMENT PLAN IS OUT OF THIS WORLD.

**ENTER INTO HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING,
AND INTO HIS COURTS WITH PRAISE:
BE THANKFUL UNTO HIM, AND BLESS HIS NAME."**

Psalm 100: 4

Have You Heard This One?

A woman received a call that her daughter was sick. She stopped by the pharmacy to get medication, got back to her car and found that she had locked her keys inside. The woman found an old rusty coat hanger on the ground but did not know how to use it. She bowed her head and prayed.

Within five minutes a beat-up old motorcycle pulled up with a bearded man who was wearing an old biker skull rag. The man got off of his bike and asked if he could help.

She said, "Yes, my daughter is sick. I've locked my keys in my car. I must get home. Please, can you use this hanger to unlock my car?"

He walked over to the car, and in less than a minute the car was open. She hugged the man and, through tears, said, "Thank You SO Much! You are a very nice man."

The man replied, "Lady, I am NOT a nice man. I just got out of prison yesterday ... for car theft."

The woman hugged the man again, sobbing, "Oh, thank you, God! You even sent me a professional!"

Is God good or what!?

Family of the Month

Each month, our council also recognizes a family in the parish that serves the faith community in significant or special ways. In September we honored Bro. Bryan Oulton and his wife Heather. Both Bryan and Heather help with pancake breakfasts. Heather is a CWL member, a proclaimer at the 5 p.m. Saturday mass, and a member of parish council. Heather also helped organize the recent parish ministry fair. We appreciate all they do for our parish.



Answers to Angel Quiz

- (a) and (d) The angel also appeared to Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist.
- (b) e.g. Angels used this greeting with the shepherds at Jesus' birth.
- (a) & (d) Trick question. In Luke 24: 4 the angels stand, but in John 20: 12 they sit.
- (c) "... and peace to his people on earth."
- (a) See Matthew 4: 11.
- (c) See 1 Corinthians 13: 1.
- (b) See Acts 6: 15.