



ST. LUKE COUNCIL #10240 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
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*A Message From Our Worthy
Grand Knight*

Brother Knights,

We have several items coming up in the month of November. Please consider attending the meeting on November 10 for more information. We will be pre-selling tamales on November 15 after Sunday Masses. We will also be selling raffle tickets after the Masses for the Turkey Raffle. If you need tickets to sell on your own, please call Tim @ 667-3416. The drawing will be held after 11:30 Mass on the 15th. Please remember the Homeless Feeding on November 29th. Please talk to your brother Knights and get involved.

Pray the Rosary!
Vivat Jesus!!!

Tim Brown, Grand Knight



Upcoming Events:

- November 10, 2009: General Meeting*
- November 15, 2009: Turkey Raffle/Tamale pre-sale*
- November 22, 2009: Stewardship Sunday*
- November 24, 2009: Exc. Council Meeting*
- November 29, 2009: Homeless Feeding*



Sir Knights and Worthy Brethren,

I am writing a small reminder Brothers that our Dues will be due again (no pun intended) in just a little over one month. Please remember that this financial responsibility to the Council is very important. Whether you pay your dues or not, the Council must pay a per capita tax to both Supreme and State. This tax is usually in excess of \$1,200.00 Those that neglect to pay their dues, create an unnecessary financial burden upon the Council. We must find other ways of coming up with those funds. This is really unfair to those that pay on time. Please remember and pay those dues when you receive your bill from the Financial Secretary.

As always, if anyone would like to have an article published, just email it to me at gmmilam@att.net; koc10240@gmail.com or you can mail it to me regular mail

at 5746 Canterbury Run, San Antonio, TX 78228. Please understand I may have to edit it due to available space. Please ensure I have your article no later than the last week of the month prior to publication.

Check out our webpage. A new page (News) has been added with photos.

In His Service,
Gary Milam, PGK, Director of Public Relations



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

A. Alvarez, J. Barlow, J. Bustos, R. Garcia, Jr., R. Lozano,
R. Mireles, P. Rodriguez, D. Taylor, J. Valdez,



LITURGICAL CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER-2009

Year B Liturgical Annual Cycle-Beginning of Year C

1 SUN ALL SAINTS

Solemnity

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a (667) Pss Prop

2 Mon The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

4 Wed Saint Charles Borromeo, bishop

Memorial

8 SUN THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME

1 Kgs 17:10-16/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44 (155)

Pss IV

9 Mon The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome
white

Feast

10 Tue Saint Leo the Great, pope and doctor of the Church

Memorial

11 Wed Saint Martin of Tours, bishop

Memorial

12 Thu Saint Josaphat, bishop and martyr

Memorial

13 Fri Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin

Memorial

15 SUN THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME

Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32 (158) Pss I

17 Tue Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, religious

Memorial

Council Officers

Grand Knight-Tim Brown **Deputy Grand Knight**-Jose Jones **Financial Secretary**-James Springer **Chancellor**-Juan Reyes **Recorder**-Jerry Duran **Treasurer**-Harry Deeter **Advocate**-Larry Medrano **Warden**-Jesse Alonzo **Inside Guard**-Willie Medina **Outside Guard**-Aaron Alvarez **1st Yr Trustee**-Richard Hodge **2nd Year Trustee**-Richard Lara **3rd Year Trustee**-Joe Valdez **Lecturer**-Reginald Flemmings



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**21 Sat The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Memorial**

**22 SUN OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING
Solemnity**

Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37 (161) Pss Prop

**24 Tue Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, priest and martyr, and
his**

companions, martyrs

Memorial

BEGINNING OF YEAR C

29 SUN FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36 (3) Pss I

30 Mon Saint Andrew, apostle

Feast



A message from the Arch-Bishop



WHAT TO DO ABOUT H1N1

How should our Catholic community respond to the H1N1 influenza ("swine flu") virus? It's a good question.

Recently I issued temporary guidelines for parishes to help protect people from infection and to help slow the spread of the virus in our community. Those guidelines were based in part on recommendations from local public health officials and were made in consultation with the Presbyteral Council of the archdiocese.

At some level, I think we all wonder just how seriously we should take the threat of this new virus. It is true that H1N1 is just another form of the flu, and that the flu unfortunately kills and hospitalizes thousands every flu season. Many believe the threat of this new strain is being exaggerated.

On the other hand, public health authorities are reporting very high numbers of H1N1 cases, including many that are unusually severe and deadly. The president has declared it an emergency and local authorities have asked San Antonio's religious communities to do what we can to help.

Some of us can remember the great influenza of 1917, which claimed the lives of more than half of our population here in San Antonio. Nobody is calling H1N1 an epidemic. But as good neighbors, responsible citizens, and followers of Jesus Christ, we cannot ignore the possible threat to our community.

Some of the measures I recommended are simple matters of hygiene — making sure that priests and ministers keep their hands clean and sanitized, for instance. This makes good sense during any flu season. It makes even better sense with a flu strain as virulent as H1N1.

My other recommendations concern practices that are not essential to our celebration of the Eucharist — temporarily

limiting communion to the consecrated host and distributing it on the hand and not on the tongue; replacing hugs and handshakes with a different sign of peace; and suspending use of the holy water font for the time being.

One thing is very important to remember: These liturgical practices are options; they are not requirements for a valid or beautiful Mass. This is not my opinion. It is the law of the church, found in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (which we have posted on our Web site). Limiting these practices for a short time does not alter the essence of the Mass or diminish the beauty and holiness of our worship.

Partaking of the precious Blood or receiving Communion on the tongue are meaningful expressions of our eucharistic faith. But they are not the only ways that a good Catholic can express piety and devotion.

And the extraordinary circumstances we face require us to find other legitimate and holy ways to express our faith — out of solidarity with our brothers and sisters and in the interests of the common good.

That is the larger point that we have to keep in mind as we face the uncertainty of a health emergency. We don't celebrate the Eucharist in a vacuum. We come to the altar as members of a family and members of a community. And we are sent forth from every Mass with a blessing and a mission — to love and serve God and our brothers and sisters.

The bond of our common humanity and our union with Christ is one of the great truths of the Eucharist. It is a spiritual truth. But we are more than spirit. We are flesh and blood, body and soul. Our bodies are mortal and as such they remain subject to sickness, disease and death. And our mortal bodies can become sick even when we are engaged in our spiritual worship.

In giving his life to us in the sacraments, God does not cancel out our humanity or the physical properties of his sacramental signs. Holy water indeed communicates God's spiritual blessings, but at the same time it is still water and as water it may carry sickness. The Eucharist strengthens us against sin and is a pledge of our redemption; it is no guarantee against physical sickness or death.

Let us pray that the emergency situation will pass soon and that we can return to our ordinary way of sharing the beauty of the external manifestations of the celebration of our faith.

I am asking Our Lady of Guadalupe, the health of the sick, to bring God's love and healing to all those who are sick, as we do all that we can to prevent the further spread of illness in our community.

Archbishop José H. Gomez, S.T.D.

