



The Knightlighter

The Official Publication of the Knights of Columbus, Msgr. James R. Jones Council
3303 and Kenneth I. Parker Assembly 1820, New Bern, NC



October

- 1st Last Day of Yard Sale
- 2nd St Paul's Picnic
- 3rd Bingo
- 4th Council Mtg @ 7 p.m.
- 5th Assembly Officers Meeting @ 7 p.m.
- 8th Msgr Jones Tourney @ The Emerald
- 10th Bingo
- 12th Assembly Meeting. @ 7 p.m.
- 15th LAMB Collections after Mass
- 16th LAMB Collections after Masses
- 17th Bingo
- 24th Bingo
- 25th Council Officers Mtg @ 7 p.m.
- 28th Council Shrimp Boil 5 p.m
- 31st Bingo

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Grand Knight's Comments



Brother Knights,

Welcome to our new Council Knights – Mike McDonald and George Tosato.

Congratulation to the Council Knight of the Month – Tim Bettcher and Family of the Month – Carlos and Marta Espinoza.

Our Council will once again assist the Assembly with the upcoming Yard Sale on September 29, 30 and October 1st. Please consider helping with the Tent setup on Friday, September 23rd @ 9 AM.

If you are interested in participating in the October 8th Monsignor Jones Golf Tournament, please contact Paul Masotta - (978) 943-6881. Lunch at 12 PM - Tee time at 1.00 PM at the Emerald.

The Council and Assembly will host a booth at Mumfest, October 8th and 9th. Thank you to Tom Henry for his efforts coordinating with the Mumfest Committee. Please refer to the schedule included in the Knightlighter.

Activities on the horizon for the next several months:

- September 23 – Yard Sale Tent Setup @ 9AM
- Sept 29 - Oct 1 – Assembly 1820 Yard Sale
- October 2 – New Bern Life Chain
- October 2 – St. Paul Parish Picnic
- October 8 – Msgr. Jones Council 3303 Golf Tournament - Emerald
- October 8, 9 – Mumfest Booth
- October 15, 16 – LAMB Collection after Masses @ St. Paul
- October 28 – Jim Whetzel Memorial Shrimp Boil – Columbus Club Hall
- October 30 – Memorial Service for Deceased Council Knights following 11 AM Mass @ St. Paul's
- October 30 - Widows luncheon, Columbus Hall after the Memorial Service.
- November 13 – LAMB Breakfast, Columbus Hall

Our next Business Meeting is scheduled for October 4th @ 7 pm in the Columbus Club Hall, Council Chamber.

Council 3303 continues to be involved in many activities that support the Council, Assembly, St. Paul Parish and School, and local communities. I appreciate all your efforts – Thank you!

Randall Ramian
Grand Knight

300 Club Results for the Month of September

Below are the winners of the September drawing. Your membership is especially important to us because it allows our Council to contribute to about 28 charities in the area.

Reverse Drawing Winners at the Potluck Dinner on September 8th were Earnest Chilton - \$1,000 and Nancy Tomasik - \$100.

	<u>\$50</u>	<u>\$25</u>	<u>\$15</u>	<u>\$10</u>
Sept 6 th	Ralph Aviles	Pat Rocco	CJ Brooker	Nancy Uhland
Sept 13 th	Don Hansen	Josh Blust	Bill Stanton	Kathy Nelson
Sept 20 th	Ashley Kanyanee	John Lawrence	Kelly Kuhlman	Lynn Rocco
Sept 27 th	Scott Pellitier	Jim Harman	Linda Fiorilla	Margaret Pedersen

Fall Yard Sale



Seems as though we just wrapped up our Summer Yard Sale and the Mini Sale held by the ladies in August – oh yeah, we did!!

Our beloved chairman Pat Rocco discontinued pickups several weeks ago as our storage areas were nearing capacity.

So, in preparation for the sale, we have contacted the bases for our Marine/Navy volunteers, have scheduled the tents to be set up on Friday, September 23rd, and have started shopping for the volunteer meals for the week!! Walmart is already preparing for Pat Rocco to empty their shelves of their donut inventory to provide breakfast for our volunteers!!

We would really appreciate help this coming Friday to set up the tents and the tables stored outside of the blue building. On Tuesday morning we are able to populate the remainder of the tents with the Bingo

tables and break out the stored furniture and blue building inventory with the help of our volunteers from the base(s). Department leads will work on setup and pricing, which will continue throughout the day on Wednesday.

The sale will start bright and early on Thursday, when the drivers head to the air station to pick up our volunteers and our workers show up to finalize preparations for the sale. Thursday is normally the busiest (and most lucrative) day of the sale. After a brisk morning we shut down at noon, eat a great lunch prepared by Doug Uhland, Paul Masotta, or Jack Webb, and then spend a little time cleaning up and preparing for Friday.

Friday is a pretty normal sale day, followed by another great lunch and some prep for the final day of the sale.

On Saturday, we work to optimize our sales and ensure that only worthwhile materials go back into storage for the next sale. We do not blanketly discount items, but negotiations do occur!!

The sale shuts down at noon, we eat another great lunch, sale results are announced (if available), and our tent city is broken down and placed back in storage. This is another time that we could use extra bodies as the breakdown of the 10 tents takes quite a few bodies. Sooooo, if you are working the yard sale on Saturday, please plan on helping to take these down after enjoying your lunch. **If you are not working the sale and are available between 1 and 3 on Saturday afternoon, please stop over to help out. Every volunteer makes it a bit easier for those already working the sale!!**

Craig Baader
Vice Chairman – Yard Sale

Family of the Month – August

They met and married in San Francisco, far from their homes in Central America. Carlos and Marta Espinoza hailed from Guatemala City and El Salvador respectively. They became Naturalized US citizens and began fruitful and impressive lives in their new country.

Carlos graduated from San Francisco State University as a Civil Engineer. He then had a career working for Redwood City, California as Senior Building Coordinator.

Marta graduated from Cabot Junior College and worked for 35 years at Stanford University in a variety of positions in the Schools of Medicine and Engineering, and in the office of the Dean of Student Affairs.

Carlos and Marta have four daughters, 10 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Deeply involved with the Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe in San Francisco, Carlos had his first exposure there to the Knights of Columbus. They provided an annual honor guard which led the procession of 2,000 pilgrims attending a High Mass honoring Our Lady. After one such event, he spoke with an honor guard who told him what it meant being a Knight. The man said, "Imagine being part of an organization that fills your heart and your mind with the joy of giving to others and the feeling that comes with making a difference while making lifelong friends."

That stuck with Carlos. He did research on the organization and readily saw that its devotion to the Blessed Mother, its charitable endeavors, and its fraternity of brother Knights ultimately led him to join our council.

Carlos serves as Warden for Council 3303 and over the past several months become a member of the infamous Truck Monkeys that pick up materials for the Assembly Yard Sale. He also is a reader for the 11:00 am Mass and volunteers helping Marta with parish projects.

Marta in turn serves as a Eucharistic minister, a Sacristan, a member of the parish council, a member of the school board, and assists in the parish office assigning, selecting, and training volunteers.

Carlos and Marta bring much to the table in support of both our council and our parish. And therefore, it's easy to see why the council chose them as Family of the Month.

John Murphy

Sir Knight of the Month – August

Assembly 1820 selection for SK for the month of September is Tom Henry. Tom has earned this honor through his continued dedication and hard work.

Tom was born in Joliet, Illinois and lived in several small communities in the suburbs of Chicago. He is married (since 1970) with three children and six grandchildren. Tom worked for Caterpillar Cooperation for 31 years. He and wife Marie decided to retire in New Bern 18 years ago. He was recruited by Danny Gennantonio and became a Knight.

Tom is a mainstay in the Assembly and the Council. He is the head of the LAMB program for the council and has volunteered his time and efforts to making the program a huge success. He coordinates manpower schedules for LAMB events raising funds to support the program. He is also involved with the Coats for Kids program. His insight and knowledge in planning and coordination have been invaluable to the success and smooth functioning of the LAMB program.

Ron Biggs
Faithful Captain

Council 3303 Shrimp Boil



After the success of our Assembly Boil in August, the plans are now in place to hold our Jim Whetzel Memorial Shrimp Boil on October 28th @ 5 pm.

Sales will begin mid-October after the Saturday and Sunday masses at St Paul's. They will also be available at Bingo and thru Danny, Mike Lynch, Phil Nassef and Craig Baader. Ticket prices will remain at \$20 pp with take out meals available for those unable to attend the event.

The number of tickets will be limited once again to 220, so make sure that you get them early. We were able to satisfy all of the requests in August but only because some of the members purchased shrimp, which they made available to cook for the event. The menu will once again contain shrimp, lots of beans, tater salad, cole claw, three large cakes (to keep those ladies happy)!!!

Hope to see you there!!

Phil Nassef & Craig Baader
Shrimp Boil Co-Chairs

Faithful Navigators Report



I would like to start off by saying a special prayer for Ann Harmon, may she rest in peace. Our prayers go out to her family.

The shrimp were big, the beans were hot, and the beer was flowing for our shrimp boil. This was the biggest one we have ever had with well over two hundred people. We had a wonderful time eating and enjoying the fellowship with each other. I want to give a huge thank you to everyone who helped make this the best shrimp boil in the books. We wouldn't have been able to do it without you.

The Yard Sale will take place September 30th - October 1st. Tents will be set up on September 23rd, so if you can help, please do as our yard sales are our biggest events. As the saying goes, you can't work for food and beer.

We have voted to approve the funding for the repair of the roof on our main building. The cost of this project will be \$20,200, but represents a much needed repair to maintain the integrity of our building.

I thank you for all your support. God Bless our country, our troops, and our membership.

Philip Nassef
Faithful Navigator

Knight of the Month - August

Brother Tim Bettcher was born and raised in South Bend, Indiana. Living one mile from the University of Notre Dame, he fondly remembers listening to cheering crowds and the marching band play the Notre Dame fight song on Fall Saturdays. He credits the devout, Polish-Catholic faith of his mother and grandparents, in addition to the strong work ethic of his father for providing a solid foundation in his youth. Tim recalls traveling to Denver as an 18-year-old pilgrim to see Pope John Paul II at World Youth Day in 1993 as a formative experience. Tim graduated from Franciscan University of Steubenville, Indiana in 1997, with a degree in Social Work and a minor in History. He also had the opportunity to study Medieval

History, philosophy, and Theology for a semester at their Austria campus. In 2000, he graduated with a master's degree in Occupational Therapy from the Medical College of Ohio in Toledo. Tim is currently employed as an Occupational Therapist and Rehabilitation Supervisor at Onslow Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville, NC.

Tim met his wife, Melissa, while training for a half-marathon and they married in 2003. They relocated to North Carolina in 2004, for what they thought was only going to be one or two years. After nearly 18 years, New Bern is now the happy home for their family of nine, including 4 sons and 3 daughters. Tim states he is truly blessed to have found such a wonderful bride who homeschools all their children, whose ages range from one to 15. Usually, you can catch Tim chasing one of his toddlers in the back of church at Mass, or on the soccer field cheering on his kids. Tim has been a member of the Knights of Columbus since 2011 and is proud to be member of an organization that defends Catholic values, protects the vulnerable, and provides charity for so many. At the parish level, he enjoys "soaking up the wisdom" and learning from the inspiring gentlemen of St. Paul's men's bible study group. Tim also is the leader of the St. Paul's Troop of St. George (Troop 1821), a father-son group whose goal is to teach the boys' virtue, outdoors skills, and the Catholic faith. In his spare time, Tim enjoys reading History (especially the Middle Ages), camping with his family, and recently joined a fencing club with his daughter.

The Monsignor James R. Jones Council 3303 is proud to recognize Brother Tim Bettcher as our Knight of the Month.

Randall Ramian
Grand Knight

Knights of Columbus Membership Drive

Our council goal is 15 NEW members for this fraternal year. To run from 6 September until 1 November -----Council meeting nights

1. To include new members and transfers
2. 3 gifts to be awarded.
 - a. \$50. Gift Certificate from Wild Birds Unlimited. New Bern store.
 - b. Meal for two at the Country Biscuit
 - c. Baby Back Rib dinner with all the trimmings --- by Pitmaster Dan.
3. Points will be awarded. 1 point for a new member to the Knights and ½ point for a transfer into our Council. Transfers do not count as a new member.
4. The Knight with the most points will get their choice of gifts. Second place next choice and third place will receive the remaining gift.
5. In case of a tie, a drawing will be held.

In the narthex (lobby) of the church by the south entrance is the Knights bulletin board. On the bulletin board will be Form 100's to sign up a Knight, a trifold pamphlet which describes our mission and gives a brief history of the Knights including some of the charities we support. There is also a "Why you should become a Knight" pamphlet.

****IMPORTANT****

On the form 100, make sure you include your name and membership number as the sponsoring Knight. Please provide me with the completed Form 100 or a copy of it so I can give you credit and ensure that the member is entered into the system. In the case of a new member, I will send him the on-line exemplification to become a Knight.

There is NO membership fee for active-duty military.

I encourage you all to talk to everyone you see and hopefully bring them into our fold as a Knight of Columbus. I also encourage you to wear your badge to let parishioners know you are a Knight and hopefully ask you about becoming one.

The Knights who have signed up the most members will be announced at our December Council meeting. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Dan Macsary
Membership Director

Council 3303 Presents Donation to 1st Choice Pregnancy Resources of Pamlico



Council 3303 represented by Patrick “Sarge” O’Donnell and Randall Ramian, presented a donation check to Regina Kemble – Director, 1st Choice Pregnancy Resources on Wednesday, August 24th. Regina Kemble expressed her appreciation to the Knights of Columbus for the generous donation to assist with their mission in the community.

Information about 1st Choice – A local resource for pregnancy testing and information. 1st choice is comprised of a caring team who will answer your questions, provide you with factual information, and provide pregnancy and parenting peer support if desired.”

Randall Ramian
Grand Knight

ANCIENT CONVERSATIONS UNDER THE SYCAMORE TREE

Did you know that come the month of September, the sycamore tree is in full bloom? This top- heavy, fast – growing invasive giant can shoot up to a hundred feet tall and have a radius of thirty-feet above ground, but with only a relatively shallow two foot-foot root system it can easily topple over. If you have ever had to deal with one of these trees on your property or seen the damage it can wreak: penetrating through house foundations, sidewalks, septic systems, or root systems of trees around it, you know what I mean; you can cut it down a zillion times, but it will relentlessly keep coming back. Any man attempting to climb one of these behemoths would be a foolish man.

During the time of Jesus Al-Jummeth Square at the City Gate of Jericho was a busy place. Arriving before sunrise and staying until sunset money changed hands between rich men, including the selling, buying, and bartering for yesterday’s crops. Poor men also came early each morning but stayed and late, looking for a fair wage to be hired as labors in the field.

Most of us are very familiar with the Gospel Story about Zacchaeus, the tiny man who climbed a tree to see Jesus pass by. I particularly enjoy St. Luke’s detailed version that tells us that it was a sycamore tree that Zacchaeus foolishly climbed.

Zacchaeus was a chief tax collector who sat at Al-Jummeth Square in the City Center of Jericho. He was a wealthy man with a bad reputation because he appeared to be a swindler, because he charged the outcast and poor the same tax rate as the successful businessmen and land owners. He wanted to see Jesus but, on account of his small stature with short arms and legs, it took a Herculean effort for him to run ahead of the crowd, which was pressing behind Jesus, climb up and crawl out on a limb, and wait for Him to pass by. When Jesus spotted him, Jesus looked up and said ‘Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house. Zacchaeus quickly scampered down and ‘Jesus received him with joy’. When the crowd saw this, they started grumbling, ‘He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner’. Zacchaeus came down and told Jesus that he would give half of his possessions to the poor, and if he had cheated anyone, he would re-pay them four times the amount. Jesus replied, ‘Today Salvation has come to this house because this man is a descendant of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what is lost’.

How many times have I heard Jesus call out my name to ‘come down’ when I mistakenly thought it was the voice of my wife Rita calling me from the bottom of the stairs to turn off my upstairs desktop because, “dinner is on the table and we’re ready to eat NOW!” Just like Zacchaeus, it took a Herculean effort to pull myself away from my computer, stand up, and head downstairs for dinner.

Mikie Casem, Past Grand Knight

Knights of Columbus Council and Assembly to Participate in Mumfest 2022

We have been approved for a spot at Mumfest 2022 for the Knights of Columbus and the LAMB program. We are actively seeking volunteers to be at the tent on both days, Saturday, and Sunday Oct 8 & 9 from 10 AM to 6 PM. I need at least 2 - 3 each shift of 2 hours each starting at 10 AM each day till 6 on Saturday and 5 on Sunday. Sign up to get your preferred spot before it's gone.



The 10 AM shift both days is gone, the noon shift on both days is in need of one more: The 2 and 4 PM shift both days are open. I know Mumfest is not for a while but it will be here before we know it. This is our first time here, so we may have to work out some bugs along the way.

Thanks for helping out and please contact me for further info.

Tom Henry
Knights of Columbus Council 3303
LAMB Administrator
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In God's eye who am I?

Am I a person of faith? Am I a person who others can look up to knowing that you are an individual who truly cares about their fellow man? As a Knight of Columbus those questions are self-evident. When I look at the countless hours, the labor and love that our Council and Assembly members devote to helping others there is no doubt in my mind that it doesn't go unnoticed. When, in passing conversation, I mention that I am a Knight people know of the good works we do and appreciate the efforts we put forth. Our generosity and devotion to serving others in our daily lives is meaningful to others in ways that we cannot imagine. I recently talked to a young man that was sent to me by another Knight and he told me, "I was contemplating and reflecting on what I can do to take the next step in my faith development, I think it was no mistake but perhaps an answer to my prayers that you invited me to join this organization!" How many more of our parishioners are contemplating on becoming a Knight but need to be asked the question, "Would you like to become a Knight of Columbus and share in the love of your fellow man as I have?" As a Knight, take the next step and ask others that question and I can guarantee that you will be rewarded with a favorable answer.

Dan Macsary
Membership Director





Monsignor Jones Golf Tournament

The annual superball tournament will be held on October 8th at the Emerald Country Club. Sign up with Paul as a single or a team.

Lunch will be served at noon with the tournament starting at 1 pm.

Cost is \$45 per player with checks payable to The Emerald Country Club

Checks and or cash should be sent to Paul Masotta 504 Edge Hill Road, Trent Woods NC, 28562 (252) 633-4909.

All payments must be received by October 2nd!!!



NEW BERN LIFE CHAIN

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2022

2:30 to 3:30

**A public, prayerful, peaceful witness against legalized abortion
(Arrive early to check in and receive rules and posters to display)
(Join the Parish Picnic after your participation)**

Ordinary Time?

Hello fellow Knights! The "did you know" article this month focuses on Ordinary Time. Sounds simple! Just another "ordinary" thing. Right?! Nope! Ordinary time means in this case "ordered", or counted, or numbered.

If you think of the liturgical calendar as the "circle of life", the mystery of Christ unfolds. The significance and beauty of how Christ calls us to live our lives through Him comes to light.

GREEN is the liturgical color of Ordinary Time that we find on priestly vestments and in our church decor. It is the color of life and hope. So everybody let's live on hope, and find out what this time means to you.

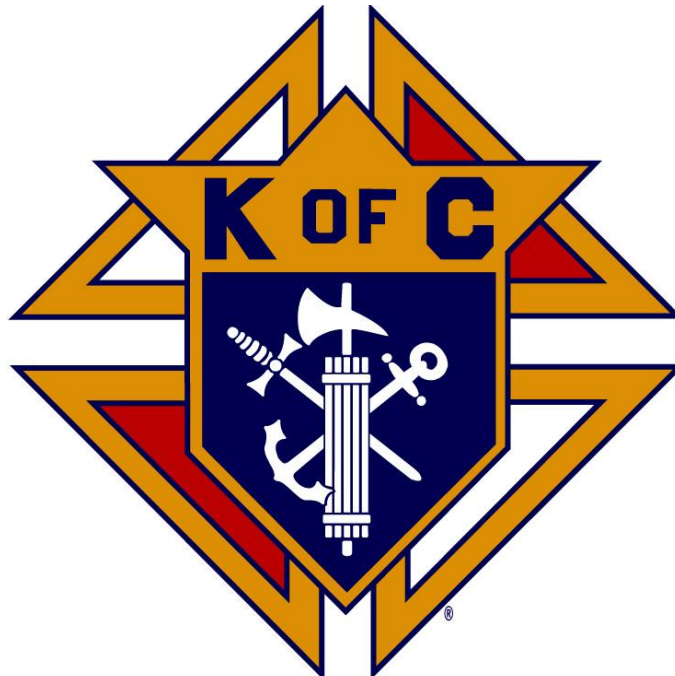
Ordinary Time is divided into two time periods. Following the Baptism of our Lord is the first period, which continues until Ash Wednesday. Pentecost Sunday starts the second period of Ordinary Time, the longest liturgical season, as it continues until the Advent season begins again. So folks, we're a bit toward the end of it!

These "ordinary time" stories of Christ and his Ministry on earth reveal who He was, how He taught and focuses on all of us being Priest, Prophet, and King. We walk with Jesus, and He walks with us!

He gives us things that count! The Beatitudes, the encounter with Bartimaeus, the blind man living in Jericho, and many other things we can focus on to be closer to Him.

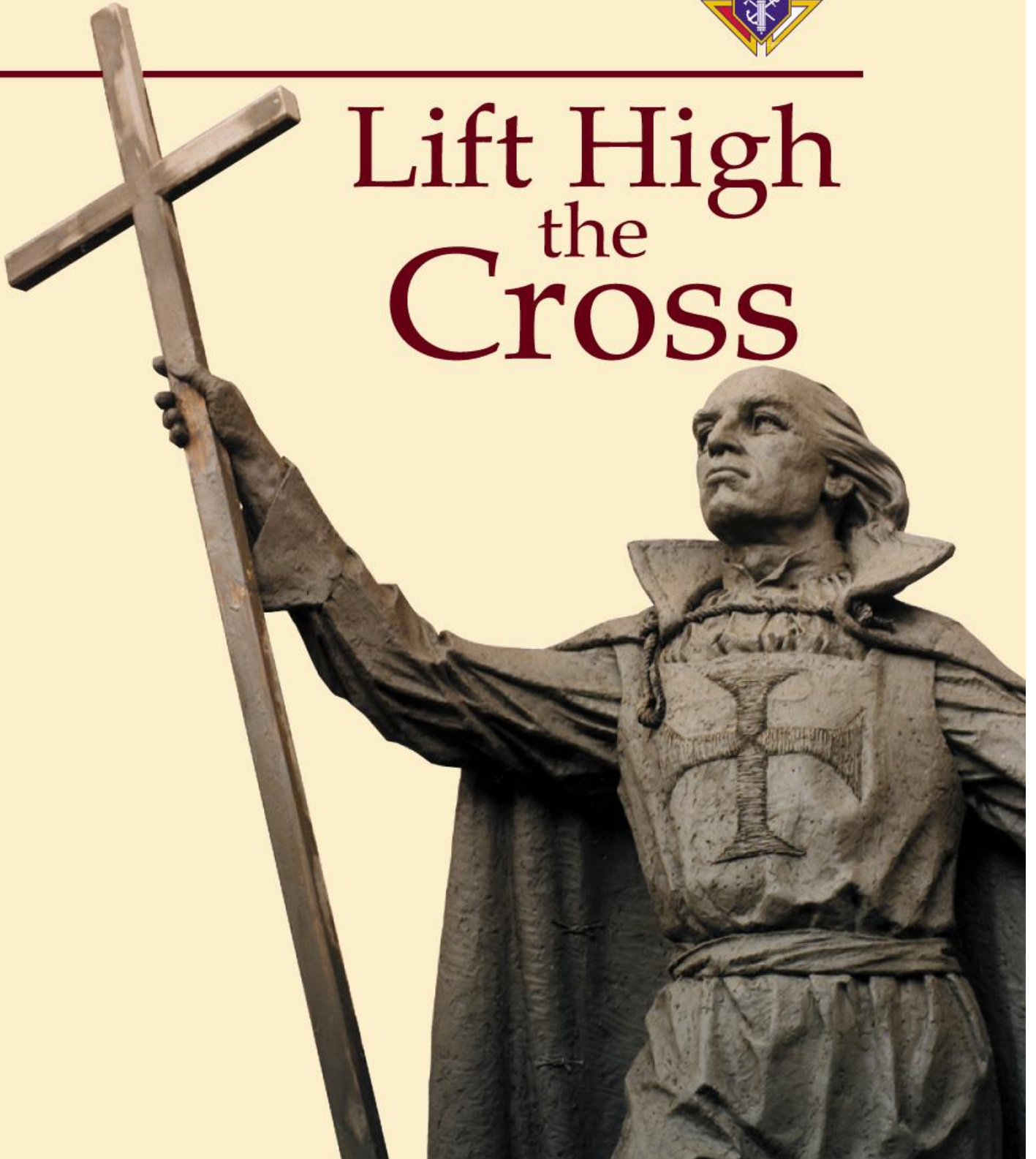
There are over 30 chances (33 to be exact), to break out your Bible in Ordinary time, read the weekly readings for Sunday in preparation for the Mass, or read them after Mass to see how the Spirit guides you in prayerful reading. Read it and heed it. Don't just be ordinary, get extraordinary with Him!

C. J. Brooker
Past Grand Knight





Lift High the Cross



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