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**MARCH 19, 2016**  
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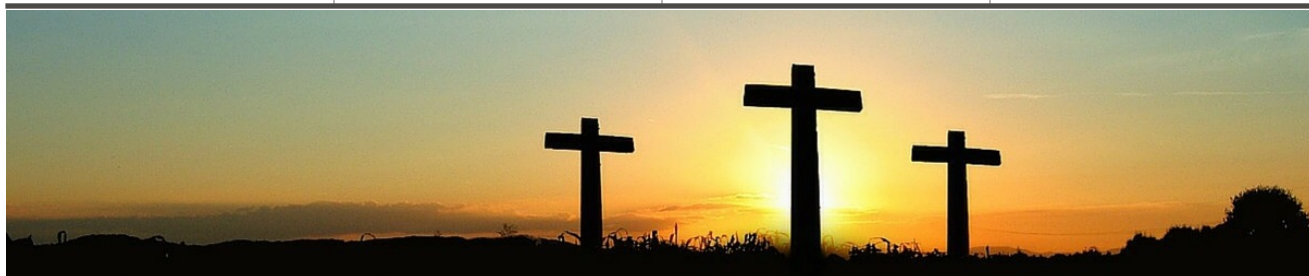
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
 MARCH 9, 2016  
 7:30PM



Blood Donor Clinic  
**APRIL 15**  
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**HOLY WEEK**  
 MARCH 20-27



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- Outside Guard - Br. Pete Jemus
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**Br. Sam Sarbah - Ghana to Ascension**



Br. Sam was born and raised in Ghana. In 1969, he moved to Germany where he attended an Automotive Technical College in Munich. While there, he became involved with a cultural group of Morisk Dancers called 'Wurmesia.' In 1971, the group was visiting Calgary for a performance and it was then that Br. Sam made up his mind to migrate to Canada, which he did, arriving in Calgary in 1974.

Formally of St. Luke's Parish, Br. Sam and his wife Veronica became part of St. John's Parish in 2002 and together worked to draw parishioners to St. John's by going door to door handing out flyers. Together they also supported the Parish by taking care of the grounds at the 'Ranch.' On the encouragement of one of the Sisters, Br. Sam joined the KofC in 2002 with St. John's Council. As a Knight he participated in many school support programs by helping prepare and serve breakfasts and lunches at St. Pius X. In 2011, with the merger of

Ascension and St. John's, Br. Sam became a member of Ascension Council and has been an active contributor to the Store Card Program by helping to sell cards at the Saturday evening masses. Br. Sam regularly assists, and with Veronica, enjoy

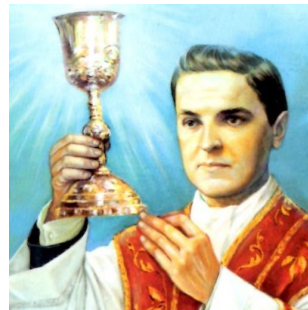
***Tribulation is a gift from God; one that he especially gives His special friends. - St. Thomas More***



attending the Monte Carlo and Wives' Night Out functions. Being a Knight has brought Br. Sam closer to the Church by increasing his involvement with Church activities. "I am most proud of being able to help the Priests and Parishioners." Br. Sam has retired from a long career with the City of Calgary and now works part-time at the airport.



## Padre Night



On Thursday, February 4, 2015 over 350 Br. Knights, Clergy and Special Guests attended the Calgary Diocese Padre Night. This social evening is sponsored and paid for by the Knights of Columbus and is

dedicated to the Priests and Deacons of the Diocese. Although Father Avi and Father Pil were unable to attend, all Clergy of the Diocese received gifts which were donated by the KofC. Attending from Ascension Council were: Deacon Dante, GK Karl Senger, Br. Joe Faubert, Br. Chris Rappel, Br. David Cooper, Br. Robert Kehrig and Br. Joseph Osuji.

## The Donkey - by GK Chesterton

When fishes flew and forests walked,

And figs grew upon thorn,

Some moment when the moon was blood,

Then surely I was born.

With monstrous head and sickening cry,

And ears like errant wings,

The devil's walking parody

Of all four-footed things.

The tattered outlaw of the earth,

Of ancient, crooked will;

Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb,

I keep my secret still.

Fools! For I also had my hour;

One far fierce hours and sweet:

There was a shout about my ears,

And palms before my feet.

**Please continue your support of the Store Card Program**





# Shrove Tuesday

Thank you to the many Brother Knights of Ascension Council for your participation in Shrove Tuesday festivities. Our Council prepared and served pancakes for the students at St. Bede and St. Jerome School as well as the parishioners of Ascension.

**St Bede** - 1400 pancake, 700 students. Thank you GK Karl Senger, Br. Larry Cox, Br. John Tellier and his wife Chat.



**St. Jerome** - 1500 pancakes, 750 students. Thank you Brothers Tom Keelan, Sam Sarbah, Joe Faubert, Trevor Bloski, and likely candidate Brian Mai.



Thank you to all Brother Knights that attended the Parish Prayer Vigil in support of the Capital Campaign. For information on all parish activities, including your Ascension KofC Council, please visit the Parish website. [www.ascensionparish.ca](http://www.ascensionparish.ca)

## 2016 Basketball Free Throw Competition

On Thursday, January 29, Ascension Council hosted the Annual Basketball Free Throw Competition at St. Clare School. A total of 109 students from 10 different schools participated. The event featured boys and girls from ages 9-14 and each participant made 15 free throw attempts. There were 27 competitors that advanced to the District Level finals. Thank you to GK Karl and Brothers Nnamdi Ahajumobi, Nsikak Akpan, Michael Crichton, James Neilson, Tony Ostojic, John Tellier, Carl Wemegah and Theresa who is the wife of Br. Tom Keelan.



### A little humour...

An Irishman moves into a tiny hamlet in County Kerry, walks into the pub and promptly orders three beers.

The bartender raises his eyebrows, but serves the man three beers, which he drinks quietly at a table, alone. An hour later, the man has finished the three beers and orders three more. This happens yet again.

The next evening the man again orders and drinks three beers at a time, several times. Soon the entire town is whispering about the Man Who Orders Three Beers.

Finally, a week later, the bartender broaches the subject on behalf of the town. "I don't mean to pry, but folks around here are wondering why you always order three beers?"

'Tis odd, isn't it?" the man replies, "You see, I have two brothers, and one went to America, and the other to Australia. We promised each other that we would always order an extra two beers whenever we drank as a way of keeping up the family bond."

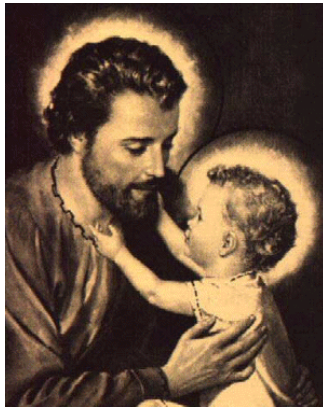
The bartender and the whole town was pleased with this answer, and soon the Man Who Orders Three Beers became a local celebrity and source of pride to the hamlet, even to the extent that out-of-towners would come to watch him drink.

Then, one day, the man comes in and orders only two beers. The bartender pours them with a heavy heart. This continues for the rest of the evening - he orders only two beers. The word flies around town. Prayers are offered for the soul of one of the brothers.

The next day, the bartender says to the man, "Folks around here, me first of all, want to offer condolences to you for the death of your brother. You know-the two beers and all..."

The man ponders this for a moment, then replies, "You'll be happy to hear that my two brothers are alive and well... It's just that I, myself, have decided to give up drinking for Lent."





## Saint Joseph - Feast Day 19 March 2016

What emanates from the figure of Saint Joseph is faith...Joseph of Nazareth is a "just man" because he totally "lives by faith." He is holy because his faith is truly heroic.

Sacred Scripture says little of him. It does not record even one word spoken by Joseph, the carpenter of Nazareth. And yet, even without words, he shows the depth of his faith, his greatness.

Saint Joseph is a man of great spirit. He is great in faith, not because he speaks his own words, but above all because he listens to the words of the Living God. He listens in silence. And his heart ceaselessly perseveres in the readiness to accept the Truth contained in the word of the Living God.

We see how the word of the Living God penetrates deeply into the soul of that man, that just man. And we, do we know how to listen to the word of God? Do we know how to absorb it into the depths of our human personalities? Do we open our conscience in the presence of this word? **-St. John Paul II Daily Meditations**



"St. Joseph's mission is certainly unique and unrepeatable, as Jesus is absolutely unique. However, in protecting Jesus, in teaching him how to grow in age, wisdom and grace, he is a model for every educator, and in particular for every father. ... I ask for you the grace to be ever closer to your children, allow them to grow, but be close, close! They need you, your presence, your closeness, your love. Be, for them, like St. Joseph: protectors of their growth in age, wisdom and grace. Guardians of their path, and educators: walk alongside them. And with this closeness, you will be true educators."

**-Pope Francis, General audience on the Solemnity of St. Joseph, March 19, 2014**

**-Saint Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families.**

**-John Paul II**



**Knight's Relection:** The Bible tells us nothing of Joseph in the years after the return to Nazareth except the incident of finding Jesus in the Temple (see Luke 2:41-51). Perhaps this can be taken to mean that God wants us to realize that the holiest family was like every other family, that the circumstances of life for the holiest family were like those of every family, so that when Jesus' mysterious nature began to appear, people couldn't believe that he came from such humble beginnings: "Is he not the carpenter's son? Is not his mother named Mary...?" (Matthew 13:55a). It was almost as indignant as "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" (John 1:46b). **- [www.americancatholic.org](http://www.americancatholic.org)**

### [Links to K of C Publications](#)

**Columbia Magazine** <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/columbia/index.html>

**Knightline** <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/publications/lc/knightline/index.html>

**Chaplain's Report** <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/officers/chaplains/index.html>

