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ORANGE DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF  
**CATHOLIC WOMEN**

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FEBRUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

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## ODCCW Mission Statement

*To promote among our Catholic women a greater devotion to Christ and the Church,  
as we share the Blessed Mother's role of bringing others to Christ  
through spirituality, leadership, and service.*



*"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves  
is begotten by God and knows God."*

1 John 4:7

## JANUARY GENERAL GATHERING RECAP

**Gail Lefebvre**  
**ODCCW Recording Secretary**



- On January 21, 2025, we held our January 2025 ODCCW General Meeting at Santa Clara de Asis (SCDA) parish in Yorba Linda.
- Mass was conducted at 8:30 am in the church hall.
- Following registration, the SCDA ladies had prepared and served a delicious breakfast for the attendees (2 kinds of quiches, baked French toast, scones, banana bread, fresh fruit, and coffee, tea, orange juice, and bottled water).
- The meeting began with President Inez Moss leading us with opening prayers and a salute to the flag. She then welcomed the members to the meeting.
- Since the topic for this general meeting was on "Motherhood", the room was decorated in a baby theme. Attendees brought new baby gifts which were donated to the Life Center. Kim Brown, who is a Life Center representative and was an attendee at the meeting, spoke for about 10 minutes about the Life Center.

- Our guest speaker was Deacon Eric Summerfield from Santa Clara de Asis parish. Deacon Eric gave a moving presentation on the topic of "Motherhood".
- Lunch was served by the SCDA ladies consisting of sandwiches (ham, turkey, and tuna), and Thai and potato salads. Vanilla cake was provided for dessert.
- Opportunity drawing (50/50 Raffle) was held with several winners.
- Baby Bingo was played with 4 winners and Baby Word Scramble was played with 1 winner. Gifts were awarded to the winners.
- Closing prayer was read by Pat Martin.
- The meeting was concluded after 12:00 pm.



## RUBBER BAND

**Janine Meckler**  
**ODCCW Emeritus Advisor, Legislative Advocacy**

I have so many fond memories of my mom, too numerous to list. For the sake of my focus today, I am recalling my mom and her use of rubber bands in all sizes. Just writing this memory puts a smile on my face. My mom used rubber bands to organize stacks of important papers, envelopes, miscellaneous notes, etc. I especially liked the extra-large thicker rubber bands my mom used for larger stacks. I cannot see a rubber band today without thinking of my precious mom.

I keep finding myself in uneasy and difficult life encounters. While coasting through life in easier situations is often preferable and at times wished for by me, it is in these challenging moments that I am learning growth opportunities exist. I am beginning to see that God is allowing these and encouraging me to move toward

rather than to retreat. I suppose in some way, I am being stretched like that larger thick rubber band I can still see wrapped around my mom's stack of envelopes and papers.

I wish my mom were still here on earth, but that doesn't stop me from talking to her. Her replies come silently now but with the same beautiful love she always gave. I love you mom with my whole heart and soul, and I love your rubber bands too. From my heart to yours, mom, I blow you kisses as I picture them sweetly as wrapped in one of your rubber bands.



**Theresa Maureen Sherrin**  
**June 10, 1936 - December 20, 2024**

We regret to inform you of the passing of Theresa Sherrin, past president of ODCCW.

Here are addresses for Carol Westlake and Theresa Sherrin in case you would like to send a sympathy or Mass card to their families.

Family of Theresa Sherrin  
11386 Nantucket Circle  
Cypress, CA 90630

Family of Carol Westlake  
28702 Magnolia Way  
Santa Clarita, CA 91390



## CALIFORNIA FIRES DESTROYS CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH IN PACIFIC PALISADES

**Copied and Posted by Dr. Ida Pennella, PhD  
ODCCW Emeritus Advisor, Legislative Advocacy**



A firefighter battles the Palisades Fire as it burns during a weather-driven windstorm on the west side of Los Angeles Jan. 7, 2025. Wildfires tore across the Los Angeles area with devastating force Jan. 8 after setting off a desperate escape for residents from burning homes through flames, ferocious winds and towering clouds of smoke. (OSV News photo/Ringo Chiu, Reuters)

A firefighter in Los Angeles recovered the tabernacle from Corpus Christi church, four days after the church building had been reduced to ashes by wildfire. The tabernacle was intact; the Blessed Sacrament unharmed.

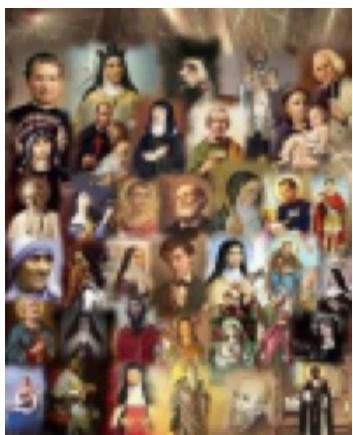


In another story...The unburned Catholic church in the midst of California wildfire is a repetition of unconsumed burning bush in Exodus 3:2

## SAVVY SAINTS TO THE RESCUE

**Dr. Ida Pennella, PhD**  
**ODCCW Emeritus Advisor, Legislative Advocacy**

What can I do to better serve the ODCCW? What is my role in this organization? Am I in charge of advertising or marketing? Am I involved with sending and receiving information over the internet or email? Am I in charge of publicity or writing articles? Do I need a job? Is there a problem that I can't handle? In the world of communication, we often forget that there are Saints that the Church has appointed to intercede for us to our Lord, Jesus Christ. Let's take a look at five savvy Saints to the rescue.



- **St. Bernardine of Siena is the Patron Saint of Advertising.** He was a "passionate and highly persuasive" preacher.
- **St. Gabriel the Archangel is the Patron Saint of Telecommunications.** He "exemplifies how to communicate truthfully. One of the most vital information he delivered was to a young virgin, and telling her she was going to bear the Son of God."
- **St. Francis de Sales is the Patron Saint of Writers & Journalism.** "He became the journalist's patron saint because of his drive to help guide people spiritually and convert

Calvinists through distributing flyers and books." In 1609 he wrote Introduction to the Devout Life. The Catholicity called it "the most popular Catholic 'self-help' book of all time."

- **St. Cajetan is the Patron Saint of Job Seekers.** He was concerned with those who had had difficulties finding a job. "He decided to set up a bank to offer them trainings and alternative livelihood, and also to offer an alternative to usurers (loan sharks). That bank is now called Bank of Naples."
- **St. Jude Thaddeus is the Patron Saint of Desperate Situations.** "One of the twelve disciples, he became the saint of hopelessness and desperation simply because he was always mistaken for Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed Jesus."

Sources:

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## NEW CALIFORNIA LAWS

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ODCCW Emeritus Advisor, Legislative Advocacy**



California has several new laws that took effect on January 1, 2025. These laws include:

- **Anti-discrimination protections:** Laws that expand protections against unlawful discrimination
- **Workplace meetings:** Laws that prohibit employers from requiring employees to attend meetings about political or religious matters
- **Temporary restraining orders:** Laws that allow employers to obtain temporary restraining orders (TROs)
- **Retail theft:** Laws that crack down on retail theft
- **Juvenile dependency and child welfare:** Laws that address juvenile dependency and child welfare
- **Artificial intelligence:** Laws that offer more protection against deepfakes and artificial intelligence
- **Cannabis cafes:** Laws that allow cannabis cafes
- **Entertainment zones:** Laws that allow new entertainment zones
- **Pedestrian safety:** Laws that require drivers to come to a complete stop when pedestrians are in crosswalks

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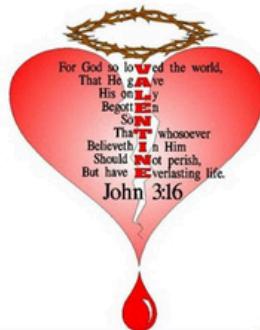


# February Facts

By Dr. Ida Pennella, PhD



Valentine's Day



- The Supreme Court of the United States met for the first time on February 1, 1790.
- Massachusetts ratified the Constitution in February 1788.
- The U.S. Senate ratified the peace treaty that ended the [Spanish-American War](#) on February 6, 1899.

## Presidents Born in February

Feb. 22, 1732  
Feb. 9, 1773  
Feb. 12, 1809  
Feb. 6, 1911

George Washington  
William H. Harrison  
Abraham Lincoln  
Ronald Reagan

1st POTUS  
9th POTUS  
16th POTUS  
40th POTUS



President's Day has its origins in commemorations of George Washington's birthday, February 22, that started in 1800, a year after he passed away. In 1885 it became a federal official holiday. For close to a century, Washington's birthday was celebrated on February 22nd.

In 1971, the government moved this yearly remembrance to the third Monday in February as part of the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established more three-day weekends for American workers. Officially, the holiday is still "Washington's Birthday," but now it's observe as President's Day.

<https://hsp.org/blogs/question-week/how-many-u-s-presidents-had-or-have-birthdays-february>

## ST. VALENTINE'S DAY MASSACRE 1929 - AL CAPONE TRUE CRIME STORY



"One February evening in North Chicago, seven well-dressed men were found riddled with bullets inside the S.M.C Cartage Co. garage. They had been lined up against a wall, with their backs to their executioners and shot to death. With the exception of Dr. Reinhardt H. Schwimmer these men were mobsters working under the leadership of gangster and bootlegger, "Bugs" Moran. Within a few seconds, while staring at a bare brick wall, these seven men had become part of Valentine's Day history: the St. Valentine's Day Massacre" ... "The

Valentine's Day Massacre follows the perfect mystery blueprint up to the end. Although Capone never went into complete detail on the events of the massacre, perhaps he did allude to his future plans for that bloody Valentine's Day in 1929. A few months prior to the murders, Al Capone mentioned to a fellow "associate" his plan to take down Moran. Capone was told by the "associate" that he would have to kill a lot of people in order to get to "Bugs" Moran. It is rumored that Capone replied by simply saying: "I'll send flowers." *Editor's Note: I've inserted the 1<sup>st</sup> and last paragraphs. To read the entire piece see <http://www.mysterynet.com/vdaymassacre/>*

## PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS

DAILY PRAY FOR PRIESTS CALENDAR				
date	FIRST	LAST	Assignment	Address
2-1	John	Le Vecke	Retired	c/o Ministry to Priests Office, 13280 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840
2-2	Eugene	Lee	St. Thomas More Church	51 Marketplace, Irvine, CA 92602
2-3	Carlos	Leon	Immaculate Heart of Mary Chur	1100 S Center St., Santa Ana, CA 92704
2-4	Francis	Li	St. Thomas More Church	51 Marketplace, Irvine, CA 92602
2-5	Brandon	Lopez	St. Kilian Church	26872 Estanciero Drive, Mission Viejo, CA, 92691
2-6	Manuel	López	St. Angela Merici Church	585 S. Walnut Ave, Brea, CA 92821
2-7	Antonio	Lopez-Flores	Our Lady of Fatima Church	105 N La Esperanza, San Clemente, CA 92672
2-8	Rafael	Luevano	Pastoral Center	c/o Ministry to Priests Office, 13280 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840
2-9	Carlos	Luy	La Purisima Church	11712 Hewes St, Orange, CA 92869
2-10	Paw	Lwin	Our Lady Queen of Angels	2046 Mar Vista Dr., Newport Beach, CA 92660
2-11	Msgr. Justin	MacCarthy	Retired	900 W La Habra Blvd, La Habra, CA 90631
2-12	Jake	Mackowicz		c/o Ministry to Priests Office, 13280 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840
2-13	Khai-Hon	Mai	Retired	c/o Ministry to Priests Office, 13280 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840
2-14	Fredy	Mancilla	St. Joachim Church	1964 Orange Ave., Costa Mesa, CA 92627
2-15	Greg	Marquez	Immaculate Heart of Mary Chur	1100 S Center St., Santa Ana, CA 92704
2-16	Guillermo	Martinez	St. Justin Martyr	2050 West Ball Road, Anaheim, CA 92804
2-17	Pablo	Martinez	Visiting	c/o Ministry to Priests Office, 13280 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840
2-18	Msgr. Michael	McKiernan	Mission Basilica SJ Capistrano	31520 Camino Capistrano, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675
2-19	Gaston	Mendiola-Arroyo	Our Lady of Guadalupe	900 W La Habra Blvd, La Habra, CA 90631
2-20	John	Monesterio	Retired	c/o St. Justin Martyr, 2050 West Ball Road, Anaheim, CA 92804
2-21	John	Moneypenny	St. Norbert Church	300 E Taft Ave, Orange, CA 92865
2-22	David	Moreno	St. Cecilia Church	1301 Sycamore Ave, Tustin, CA 92780
2-23	Patrick	Moses	St. Timothy Church	29102 Crown Valley Pkwy, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677
2-24	Thomas	Naval	Santiago de Compostela	21682 Lake Forest Dr, Lake Forest, CA 92630
2-25	Juan	Navarro	Christ Cathedral Parish	13280 Chapman Ave, Garden Grove, CA 92840
2-26	John	Neneman		c/o Ministry to Priests Office, 13280 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840
2-27	Joseph	Nettekoven	Retired	c/o San Antonio de Padua, 5800 E Santa Ana Canyon Rd, Anaheim, CA 92807
2-28	Francis	Ng	St. Timothy Church	29102 Crown Valley Pkwy, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

## MONTHLY ROSARY CALL

### Monthly Rosary Conference Call

**Conference Call Number**

**(202) 926-1107**

**Access Code: 703993**

**The Rosary Call occurs on the 13th of each month.**

**4:30 PM (PT), 5:30 PM (MT), 6:30 PM (CT),  
7:30 PM (ET), and 8:30 PM (USVI)**