
ORANGE DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF
CATHOLIC  WOMEN

Fragments

MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER

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.*



"A clean heart create for me, God; renew within me a steadfast spirit."

Psalms 51:12

FEBRUARY RETREAT RECAP

Gail Lefebvre
ODCCW Recording Secretary



- On February 18, 2025, the ODCCW members and invitees attended a retreat at the Heart of Jesus Retreat Center in Santa Ana. There were 71 ladies who signed up to attend with 61 actually attending.
- Following registration, the ODCCW board members had prepared and served a delicious breakfast for the attendees (2 varieties of quiches, 2 varieties Egg Bites, baked phyllo triangles filled with feta, homemade coffee cake and banana bread, and fresh fruit. Coffee, tea, and water were provided by the Sisters.
- The retreat began with ODCCW President-Elect Carol Palmer providing introductions.
- Sr. Paula and Sr. Rose lead the retreat activities. Sr. Rose provided guitar music to accompany a song she had written and was incorporated as part of the retreat activity.
- Prior to lunch being served, 4 beautifully created gift baskets were raffled off.

- Lunch was served at 12 noon which was provided by The Olive Garden. The pasta stations, salad, and bread sticks were enjoyed by the ladies. Pat Martin baked a delicious carrot cake for dessert.
- The retreat activities resumed following lunch in the chapel.
- At 2:00 pm, Mass began and was presided by Fr. Al Baca, concluding at 3:00 pm.





Invites all women in the diocese to St. Kilian's in Mission Viejo for our March Meeting

Beyond the Veil: A Lenten Pilgrimage Toward the Eternal

with



Fr. Scott Borgman

Join us at St. Kilian's as Fr. Scott leads us in discussing the last four things: death, judgment, heaven and hell. Are you ready?

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

9:00 am Mass

9:30 am Meeting Check in & continental breakfast

Address 26872 Estanciero Dr., Mission Viejo, CA 92691

Cost: \$35 covers continental breakfast and lunch.
Preregistration required.

Register by 3-14 at www.odccw.org or contact Susan at 949-345-9130 or by email at snavarrete150@gmail.com.

www.odccw.org

March Facts

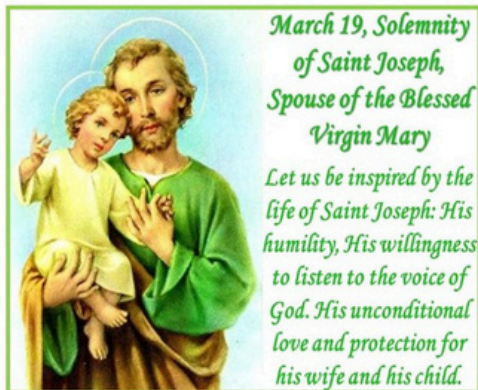
By Dr. Ida Pennella, PhD

Who was St. Patrick?

- St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, is one of Christianity's most widely known figures. But for all his celebrity, his life remains somewhat of a mystery.
- It is known that St. Patrick was born in Britain to wealthy parents near the end of the fourth century. He is believed to have died on March 17, around 460 A.D.
- At the age of sixteen, Patrick was taken prisoner by a group of Irish raiders who were attacking his family's estate. They transported him to Ireland where he spent six years in captivity.



March 17



In 1987, Congress declared **March** as National **Women's History Month** in perpetuity. A special Presidential Proclamation is issued every year which honors the extraordinary achievements of American **women**. Read more at

www.nwhp.org/womens-history-month/womens-history-month-history/

Presidents Born in March

March 16, 1751, **James Madison**, 4th President

March 15, 1767, **Andrew Jackson**, 7th President

March 29, 1790, **John Tyler**, 10th President

March 18, 1837, **Grover Cleveland**, 24th President



March 20, 1854



March 1, 1803
Ohio becomes the 17th State

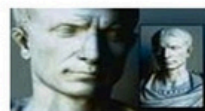


March 5, 1770
Boston Massacre

On Feb. 28, 1854, Bovay called a public meeting at the Congregational Church in Ripon to discuss the possible passage of the Kansas-Nebraska Act. When the bill passed in the Senate, Bovay called a second meeting, on **March 20, 1854**, this day in history, to begin the new party movement. This meeting, in a small frame school house and attended by seventeen people in all, is generally considered to be the founding meeting of the Republican Party.



March 7, 1876
Alexander Graham Bell
Granted Patent for Telephone



March 15, 44 BC
Ides of March
Julius Caesar Assassinated



March 26, 1981
1st Woman Justice
Sandra Day O'Connor



March 30, 1867
US Purchases Alaska



March 31, 1917
US Possess Virgin Islands

REPENTANCE

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ODCCW Emeritus Advisor, Legislative Advocacy



THE 5 R'S OF REPENTANCE

1. RECOGNITION OF SIN

(ACKNOWLEDGING SIN)

(PSALM 51:3-4)

2. REMORSE FOR SIN

(REGRET AND GRIEF OVER SIN)

(2 CORINTHIANS 7:9-10)

3. RESOLVE

(CHANGE OF MIND)

(PROVERBS 28:13)

4. REFORMATION

(CHANGE OF LIFESTYLE)

(EZEKIEL 18:21-22)

5. RESTITUTION

(MAKE THINGS RIGHT WITH OTHERS) (MATTHEW 3:7-9, LUKE 19:8)



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"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."

(Hebrews 13:16)

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect (Romans 12:1-2)

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you." (John 15:12-14)

Some ideas to consider:

The **Corporal Works of Mercy** provides for the needs of the body: 1) feed the hungry, 2) give drink to the thirsty, 3) clothe the naked, 4) shelter the homeless, 5) visit the sick, 6) visit the imprisoned, and 7) bury the dead.

The **Spiritual Works of Mercy** provides for the needs of the spirit: 1) instruct the ignorant, 2) counsel the doubtful, 3) admonish the sinner, 4) bear wrongs patiently, 5) forgive offenses willingly, 6) comfort the sorrowful, and 7) pray for the living and the dead.

Prayer is a Lenten practice: 1) dedicate a specific time for prayers, 2) attend or pray the Stations of the Cross, 3) pray the Holy Rosary, 4) read, meditate, and contemplate on the Scriptures, and 5) celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Roman Catholics celebrated Ash Wednesday, on March 5, 2025. Ashes are made from burnt palms from last year's Palm Sunday mass, and blessed by the priest.

Christians world-wide practice some type of Lenten discipline. It's easy to give up something during Lent like alcohol, cigarettes, and desserts. This year do something positive.

Pilgrimage is another Lenten practice that isn't as hard as you think. Although the traditional Pilgrimages are visiting the Holy Land, Lourdes, and Fatima, but did you know that visiting any spiritually significant site, like praying in front of the tabernacle, visiting a church other than your parish, and placing flowers on a gravesite is also considered a pilgrimage?

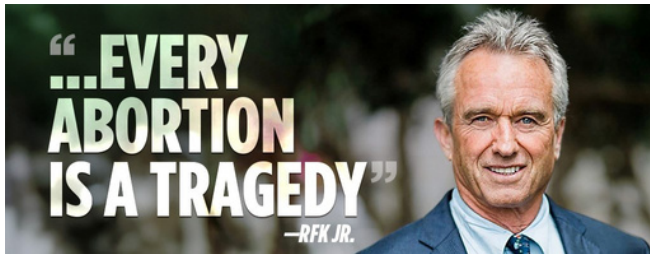
Sharing your talents and creativity, donating blood, food, and clothing, or volunteering at a food bank is considered a Lenten penance.

What will you do during the next few weeks of Lent?



PRO-LIFE NEWS

**Copied and posted by Dr. Ida Pennella, PhD
Legislative Advocacy on Pro-Life**



February 15, 2025

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RFK Jr. has openly acknowledged that abortion is a moral crisis that America can no longer ignore. During his Senate hearing, RFK Jr. spoke directly to the heart of the pro-life cause: “Every abortion is a tragedy... We cannot be a moral nation with 1.2 million abortions a year.”

February 11, 2025

WASHINGTON, D.C. ([LifeSiteNews](#))

In a move that some workers in the so-called “reproductive health” industry say is a “clear attempt” to change how conversations around pregnancy are approached, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) website no longer returns search results for the word “abortion” and instead suggests that users try searching the word “adoption.” One pro-life advocate

called the change in the CDC’s a “HUGE WIN.”

February 4, 2025

Yes, There Is a Clear Path To Victory for the Pro-Life Movement This Year By: Ashley Bateman

This year, pro-life organizations across the country are poised to fight abortion by defunding Planned Parenthood, restoring necessary safeguards on the abortion pill, challenging free-speech buffer zones, and more.

Pro-life leaders are confident several major cases will win back legal protections for the unborn and cut funding to abortion providers this year.

The largest grassroots pro-life organization in the world, 40 Days for Life, stood up an enhanced legal arm, the Institute of Law and Justice (ILJ), in Aug. 2023 to address increasing aggression against pro-lifers. To date, the ILJ has lost no cases and is taking one to the Supreme Court.

Major cases include 40 Days for Life v. County of Westchester, a suit against Westchester County, New York, to repeal its 100-foot buffer zone against pro-life advocates’ freedom of speech. The county repealed its unlawful ordinance in the face of 40 Days for Life’s lawsuit, knowing that the Supreme Court would end buffer zones nationwide; but 40 Days for Life is advancing the case against

the remaining unlawful ordinances attacking free speech.

The Westchester case is one of several challenging buffer zones across the states and going before the Supreme Court; *Turco v. City of Englewood*, New Jersey and *Coalition Life v. City of Carbondale*, Illinois seek to overturn limits on freedom of speech around abortion centers.

The organization is also representing pro-life advocate Mark Houck and his family in a suit against the Department of Justice and Pennsylvania state and local law enforcement for forcibly raiding Houck's home and arresting him on false charges in September 2022. In a third case, ILJ has filed two complaints against Planned Parenthood for electioneering, in direct violation of federal laws governing unlawful political activities by tax exempt entities.

"Two Missouri Planned Parenthoods provided and advertised direct support to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago; and the Sarasota Planned Parenthood allowed its facilities to be used for multi-day electioneering efforts for the Harris campaign, setting up phone banks and placing Harris/Walz signs on the building," according to Matt Britton, ILJ board member ex-officio and general counsel.


Other Cases before the Supreme Court

The Supreme Court is also currently considering whether Medicaid dollars can fund Planned Parenthood in *Medina v. Planned Parenthood South Atlantic*, a South Carolina case that could redirect these funds towards real health care for women.

Abortion tourism, a problem arising from state variability in legal abortion since *Dobbs* overturned *Roe*, will also be addressed in the courts this year in the cases *Matsumoto v. Labrador* and *Welty v. Dunaway*. This could impact the trafficking of pregnant minors across state lines with parental permission or involvement.

Read more at:

<https://thefederalist.com/2025/02/04/yes-there-is-a-clear-path-to-victory-for-the-pro-life-movement-this-year/>




presents
The Jubilee of Hope and Lent
 Join us as
Fr. Chris Heath
 shares with us how we can renew ourselves as
 Pilgrims of Hope in the season of Lent
 All are welcome so bring your husbands & friends.
 We'll see you there!

Monday, March 17, 2025
6:30 - 8:30 pm

Cost: \$35. Dinner Included
 Pre-registration required
 Use QR Code to register or call
 Carol Palmer 714-616-4709

Christ Cathedral Pastoral Center
 13280 Chapman Ave.
 Garden Grove, CA 92840
www.nccwla.com



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)**

DAILY PRAY FOR PRIESTS CALENDAR				
date	FIRST	LAST	Assignment	Address
3-1	Ben	Nguyen	Holy Family, Orange	566 S Glassell St, Orange, CA 92866
3-2	Binh	Nguyen	St. Irenaeus Church	5201 Evergreen Ave, Cypress, CA 90630
3-3	Bishop Thanh	Nguyen	Pastoral Center	13280 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840
3-4	De Dang	Nguyen	Retired	c/o Ministry to Priests Office, 13280 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840
3-5	John Duy	Nguyen	St. Columban Church	10801 Stanford Ave, Garden Grove, CA 92840
3-6	Joseph C.	Nguyen	Retired	c/o Ministry to Priests Office, 13280 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840
3-7	Joseph D.	Nguyen	St. Barbara Church	730 S Euclid St, Santa Ana, CA 92704
3-8	Joseph L.	Nguyen	St. Columban Church	10801 Stanford Ave, Garden Grove, CA 92840
3-9	Joseph S.	Nguyen	Holy Family Church (SB)	13900 Church Pl, Seal Beach, CA, 90740
3-10	Joseph Thai	Nguyen	Vietnamese Catholic Center	c/o Ministry to Priests Office, 13280 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840
3-11	Martin	Nguyen	La Purisima Church	11712 Hewes St, Orange, CA 92869
3-12	Michael	Nguyen	Santa Clara de Asis Church	22005 Ave de la Paz, Yorba Linda, CA 92887
3-13	Nicolas	Nguyen	St. Boniface Church	120 N Janss St, Anaheim, CA 92805
3-14	Phuong	Nguyen	St. Nicholas Church	24252 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, California 92637
3-15	Sy	Nguyen	Holy Family Church (Orange)	566 S Glassell St, Orange, CA 92866
3-16	Thanh-Tai	Nguyen	Christ Our Savior Church	2000 W Alton Ave, Santa Ana, CA 92704
3-17	Timothy	Nguyen	Pastoral Center	c/o Ministry to Priests Office, 13280 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840
3-18	Tuan J.	Nguyen	San Antonio Church	5800 E Santa Ana Canyon Rd, Anaheim, CA 92807
3-19	Tuyen	Nguyen	Blessed Sacrament Church	14072 Olive Street, Westminster, CA 92683
3-20	Pascal	Nguyen, O.	St. John the Baptist Church	1015 Baker Street, Costa Mesa, CA 92626
3-21	Alejandro	Nicolat	St. Justin Martyr	2050 West Ball Road, Anaheim, CA 92804
3-22	Eamon	O'Gorman	Retired	c/o St. Joseph's, 717 N Bradford Ave, Placentia, CA 92870
3-23	Ted	Olson	Retired	c/o Ministry to Priests Office, 13280 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840
3-24	David	Otto	St. Vincent de Paul	8345 Talbert Ave., Huntington Beach, CA 92646
3-25	Tom	Pado	Retired	c/o Ministry to Priests Office, 13280 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840
3-26	Anthony	Palos	Our Lady of Fatima Church	105 N La Esperanza, San Clemente, CA 92672
3-27	Tony	Park	St. Thomas Korean Catholic Center	412 N Crescent Way, Anaheim, CA 92801
3-28	Bruce	Patterson	St. Martin de Porres Church	19767 Yorba Linda Blvd., Yorba Linda, CA 92886
3-29	Timothy	Peters, S.T.D.	St. John's Seminary	5012 Seminary Rd, Camarillo, CA 93012
3-30	Christopher	Pham	Blessed Sacrament Church	14072 Olive Street, Westminster, CA 92683
3-31	Hien	Pham	Our Lady of La Vang Church	288 S Harbor Blvd, Santa Ana, CA 92704