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St. Mary's Council 11961
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Charity
Unity
Fraternity



November 2024

Grand Knight Message *In service to one. In service to all*



Give thanks to the Lord, who is good, whose mercy endures forever.

Psalm 106:1

For me, November has always been a month of remembrance and thanksgiving.

This November, **All Saints' Day is Friday, November 1st** and is a **holy day of obligation**.

The following day is the **Tony Gasparino Veteran's Day Celebration at Santa Maria del Mar Church**. Ceremony begins at **11 a.m.** with a Mass honoring all those who served or are serving in the Armed Forces, Law Enforcement and Fire Rescue

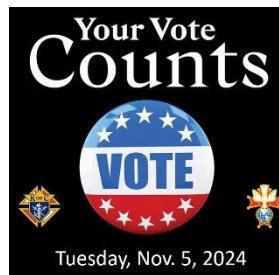
We will remember our brother Knights who have gone on to their eternal reward during the past year. The **memorial Mass** will be on **Sunday, November 3rd** at **St. Mary's Church** at **8 a.m.** *I strongly encourage all to attend and please wear your council polo shirt.*

On **Sunday, November 10th**, the Hot Smokin' Knights will be serving BBQ for those who attend the **Monastery's 5 p.m. Sunday evening Mass**. This will **not** be a dinner but giving a small sample of our cooking – rib and sausage – to each Mass attendee.

Of course, our national **Thanksgiving Day** will be on Thursday, November 28th. Our council has much to be thankful for – the kindness and generosity of our fellow District Knights, the strong brotherhood we share, and Father Robert's hospitality and spiritual guidance. Most especially we are thankful for the love of Christ and His Church.

God bless all of our Knight volunteers for an October of charity, unity, and fraternity!

Brand new brother Knight, Bob Cortez and his wife, Leigh, put together an incredible Hurricane Helene relief effort to help the people of western North Carolina! Thank you to all who donated the much-needed supplies, and to the Cortez family for their leadership on this project of love.



Brother Chris ran another hugely successful blood drive on October 13th! The drive brought in 24 donors of which 22 were able to donate. Thank you to all the Knights that donated blood. The One Blood organization was ecstatic! Chris tells me that the next drive will be Sunday, December 8th at the Monastery.

Congrats to the Hot Smokin' Knights for completing a successful BBQ event at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Fall Festival! Paul P., Tony, Joe G., Ken, Mike, Nestor all pitched in to help with the work with Rich, Chris, and Fred H. leading the way. The Smokin' Knights' pulled pork sandwiches were a huge hit with the crowd and our tent won the unofficial competition for "Most Impressive Tent."

Lastly, our first ever golf outing was a phenomenal success! The group of 56 golfers had a fun day out on the Halifax Plantation links and then 90 attendees were treated to a sumptuous dinner in the banquet room. Thank you to Tournament Chairman, John Thomas, and his committee, Mike Gossman, Fred Harting, and John Picucci for all your hard work and starting what will be an annual event for our council!

In closing, I pray that all of my brother Knights have a blessed and bountiful Thanksgiving Day with their loved ones.

District Deputy Message



Abortion and defeating amendment 4 are the preeminent issue pursuant to the USCCB.

You have witnessed the TV ads in support of voting yes on amendment 4. Why do they feel the need to lie? They say that the heartbeat law in Florida does NOT allow abortion to save a women's life, for a rape victim and takes the doctor out of the decision. They lie because they are extreme.

Abortion is NOT about women's health. This lie has been used for decades. The incidence of women dying from childbirth is less than .0001%. 84% of those deaths can be prevented through proper medical care.

Abortion is a narcissistic, selfish, and evil business. Murdering babies is a 4.3-billion-dollar industry. Of which 2 billion of your tax dollars fund.

Planned Parenthood is a 2.1-billion-dollar corporation of which almost 1 billion of your tax dollars support.

A baby feels pain at 7-8 weeks (about 2 months). Evidence for this conclusion is based on the following findings: (1) the neural pathways for pain perception via

the cortical subplate are present as early as 12 weeks' gestation, and via the thalamus as early as 7–8 weeks gestation.

The USCCB has developed a voter's guide for Catholic voters.

- As Catholics we have a duty to vote.
- There are 13 issue categories. #1 is abortion.

I want to address 3 other specific categories

- Gender- we are not GOD
- Religious freedom- e.g. Catholic Hospitals forced to kill babies. Nuns provide contraceptives. Pay for transgender surgeries.
- Educational Choice

Brother Knights are to be in communion with the Catholic Church. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states you are required to live a Christian life, pray daily, participate in the sacraments, obey the moral law and accept the teachings of Christ AND HIS CHURCH.

VOTE CATHOLIC. VOTE YOUR CONSCIENCE.

Vivat Jesus!
Greg Gul

Field Agent – Larry Kennedy “Top 10 Facts to Know About Long-Term Care Planning”



November is National Long-Term Care Awareness Month, an event recognized by Congress and a number of States. To mark the occasion, here are 10 interesting facts shared by the American Association for Long-Term Care Insurance.

1 - Americans are living longer, in large part due to advances in medical care and public health. Life expectancy in the US for those reaching 65 was 20 years on average in 2019.

2 - By 2030, one in five residents in the US will be age 65 or older.

3 – The number of people in need of long term support services (LTSS) in the United States is already at 14 million and expected to grow to 27 million by 2050.

4 – Average out-of-pocket costs are \$140,000 for those individuals who utilize paid long term support services (LTSS). Roughly 17 percent will spend over \$100,000 on LTSS. Almost 9 percent will spend over \$250,000 on LTSS.

5 – By 2040, the total prevalence of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias in the US is expected to approximately double from 7.2 million to nearly 13 million, with 8.5 million women and 4.5 million men expected to develop dementia.

6 – For those requiring high levels of LTSS, individuals and families pay 55 percent of long-term care costs out of pocket.

7 – Currently, the majority of older single-person households are female. Women comprised 74 percent of solo households age 80 and over.

8 – Some 7.5 million Americans have some form of long-term care insurance. Two-thirds of all new individual long-term care insurance claims pay for care needed by women.

9 – The long-term care insurance industry paid out \$11 billion in benefits to some 310,000 individuals with insurance protection in 2019. The number will increase each year as the current number of policyholders grow older and, as a result, are more likely to begin their claim.

10 – 69.5 percent of new claims start after the policyholder reached age 80. If you live a long life, you are very likely to need long term care. You'll be very glad you have a policy to pay benefits.

Don't forget to ask me how Knights of Columbus Long Term Care Insurance might benefit you and your family.

* *Insurance products offered through Knights of Columbus, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510*

Larry Kennedy

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November 2024 Calendar

Fri Nov 1, 2024	All Day
Sat Nov 2, 2024	11:00am – 12:30pm
Sun Nov 3, 2024	8:00am – 9:00am
Tues Nov 5, 2024	All Day
Thurs Nov 7, 2024	5:30pm – 6:00pm
	6:00pm – 7:15pm
Sun Nov 10, 2024	5:00pm – 6:30pm
Tues Nov 19, 2024	4:30pm – 6:30pm

Solemnity of All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation)
 'Lest We Forget Awards' – Mass (SMdM)
 Council Remembrance Mass (St. Mary Church)
 Election Day
 Officer's Meeting (St Joseph's Monastery)
 Business Meeting (St Joseph's Monastery)
 Mass & BBQ Sample for Monastery Faithful
 Assembly 2810 Meeting (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)

November 2024

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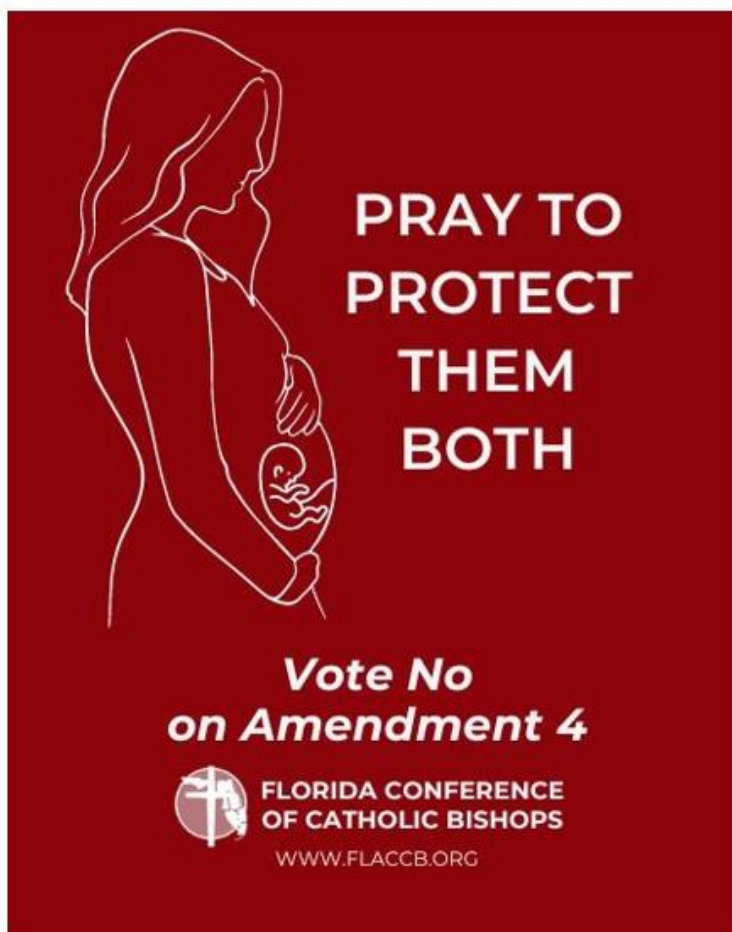
December 2024 Calendar

Thurs Dec 5, 2024	5:30pm – 6:00pm
	6:00pm – 7:00pm
Mon Dec 9, 2024	All Day
Tues Dec 17, 2024	4:30pm – 6:30pm
Wed Dec 25, 2024	All Day

Officer's Meeting (St. Joseph's Monastery)
 Business Meeting (St. Joseph's Monastery)
 Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day)
 Assembly 2810 Meeting (SMdM Parish Hall)
 Christmas

December 2024

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Prayer to Defeat Florida's Abortion Amendment

Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state, and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Florida from laws that disregard their health and safety.

Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. God Almighty, we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life and accompanying pregnant women in need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

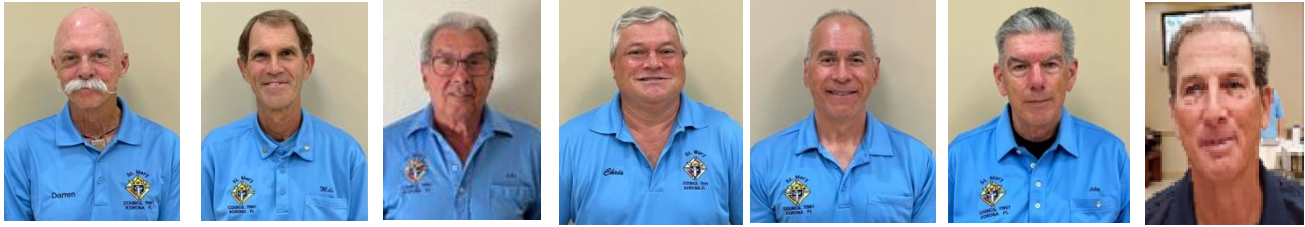
Our Lady, Mother of the Family, pray for us!

St. Joseph, Protector of the Unborn, pray for us!

"Speak, for your servant is listening." 1 Samuel 3:10
Vocations are *Everybody's* Business. Pray for Vocations



St. Mary's Knights of Columbus, Council 11961 Officers 2024-2025



Grand Knight Darren Molony Financial Sec. Mike Gossman Deputy GK John Picucci Chancellor Chris Grecek Recorder Nestor Ramos Treasurer John Thomas Advocate Phil Lajuenesse



Inside Guard Joe Beck Outside Guard Paul Przbysz 1 Year Trustee Rich Frieze 2 Year Trustee Ron Kiceina 3 Year Trustee Joe Jurec Lecturer Dr. Jim St. John Warden Bob Stearns



So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. **James 2:17**

Council 11961 Chaplain & Directors

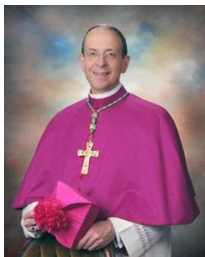


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Supreme Chaplain's Challenge (November)

A monthly reflection and practical challenge from Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori



"For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood." (Gospel for Nov. 10, Mk 12:44)

The lowly widow received praise from Jesus because her gift came from her substance and not her abundance. There is much to be said for the "give until it hurts" approach to charity. We ought to give sacrificially, and it is not much of a sacrifice to give away things we don't use or money we won't miss. Remembering what Jesus gave us should challenge us to greater sacrifice for others.

This month, I challenge you to prayerfully examine your level of giving, both of your treasure and your time, and consider whether you are giving as much as Christ asks of you.

Questions for Reflection:

- When you give of yourself — whether of your financial resources or your time — do you give only from your abundance?
- What might you be able to sacrifice in order to provide more assistance to those in need??
- Are there any specific actions you could take to give more to others?

Notre Dame Council 10514 Visit



DGK John Picucci (L) gave the council a brief update on our transition to St. Joseph's Monastery. Bro. John Thomas (R) invited everyone present to participate in the October 23rd St. Joseph Monastery Building Fund Golf Benefit. He thanked Council 10514 for becoming a Hole and Beverage Cart sponsor.

SEAS Life Chain



Brother John Thomas (L) and Brother Nestor Ramos (R) joined other Knights from District #17 as well as their Respect Life Committees in a 'Life Chain'. The 'Life Chain' is held each Friday in front of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Palm Coast. It is important to let the community know that they should Vote No on 4.

St. Mary's Conducts First Business Meeting at St. Joseph's Monastery

Grand Knight Darren Molony opened the council business meeting for the first time at St. Joseph's Monastery on Thursday, Oct. 3rd. The Grand Knights from the other two councils in the district, Jerry Chabon and Ralph Esposito, attended as guests along with members of their respective councils to show solidarity and support of our council.

District Deputy Greg Gully made a presentation on the 'Coasts for Kids' program.

Chaplain Fr. Robert Marciniak welcomed everyone to the monastery. He gave a very inspiring Chaplain's Report and stated he was excited to have St. Mary's Knights involved in the work of the monastery.



September Birthdays



Arturo Araya 11/1
Rev. Robert Marciniak 11/11
John J Picucci 11/24
Paul H Przybysz 11/25

The QR Code on right will bring you to our website. Simply point your phone's camera to the QR Code and the website will open.



300 CLUB WINNERS October \$50 Winners

191-Paul Przybysz
219-Ed Todd
024-Rich Friese
272-Glenn Shaw



If you know of any Brother or family member in distress please notify one of the council officers.

MARY, QUEEN OF THE KNIGHTS
intercede to Jesus for those in need of his healing.
Joe Jurec Family, Nacci Family,
Pat Tolleo, Joan Beck, Bob Stearns and son, Dan Nagy,
Joe Rios Family, John Ruck, Dr. Joe Moore, Joe Pimentel, Rich Friese

Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for Your sick servant for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, he (she) may give thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ our Lord.

Pray for our Deceased Brothers



Let us remember and pray for our Brothers that are no longer with us, George Baldyga, Michael Benedetto, Francis A. Bock, John A. Carey, Jerry Fondow, Hank Kesselring, Thomas Lee, Andrew Petersen, John Placenti, Richard Rentz, Gus Simms and also our former District Deputy Paul Gloekler. May our Lord welcome them home.



St. Mary's Knights of Columbus hosted a very successful blood drive on Sunday 10/13/2024



A total of 24 donors were registered at the drive and 22 blood donations were made. According to Gina, the OneBlood coordinator, this was one of their most successful blood drives of the year. I am very proud of all of our Knights, spouses, and members of the community for making this an outstanding event, especially when blood donations are so critical while the state is still recovering from Hurricanes Helene and Milton. I would like to also recognize brother Joe Jurec, brother Fred Froatz, and his wife Maureen Froatz for volunteering their time in helping at the drive! We are planning to have our next blood drive on Sunday 12/08/2024 at St. Joseph Carmelite Monastery. Thank You, Chris Grecek



St. Mary's Council 11961 Conducts Exemplification



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On September 24th our Council held an Exemplification at St Joseph's Carmelite Monastery. It was truly a beautiful ceremony. DD Greg Gulley was the Presiding Officer accompanied by our Chaplain Father Robert Marciniak. Welcome to Bob Cortez, our most recent Brother.



If you are over 18 years of age; a citizen of the country in which you reside; a practical Catholic in union with the Holy See; and you are a Third Degree member in good standing, it's time to consider joining the ranks of the Fourth Degree. To learn more about the Patriotic Degree and how to join its ranks, contact:

SK Gregg Wilson 651-470-5781



Santa Maria del Mar Parish
& Knights of Columbus Assembly 2810

Saturday, November 2nd, 2024 @ 11:00 AM



Remember and honor

Tony Gasparino Memorial
"Lest We Forget Awards"

★★★★★ 2024 ★★★★★



AT HOME PRESENTATION

Margaretta B. Woodward-Smith, WWII Navy Wave
Al Smith WW II US Army Air Corps

PASTOR'S AWARDS

Work for SMdM Parish

- John & Jill Bangert
- Mike & Sherry Boullion
- Kevin Ryan FDD KofC
- Jim Jacobs & in Memory of Karyn Jacobs

Santa Maria del Mar Church

Notre Dame Council 10514

- Sgt. Major Joe Woodward,
USMC Vietnam **POSTUMOUS**
- Sr. Chief Robert Coviello
US Navy (RET)
- Sgt. Cedric C Early
US Air Force

St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

Mother Seton Council 17480

- Greg Gully (911 Worker)
Hudson/Bergen Co. Chief of EMS
- Owen Thomson, PGK (911 Worker)
NY Transit PD
- Thomas Brand
US Navy

St Mary's Church

St. Mary's Council 11961

- Paul Przybysz US Navy
(pronounced "shibush")

Corpus Christi Assembly 2810

- Lt. Col. David Lyden
US Air Force
- Sgt. Chris Daley
USMC Vietnam
- Lt. Linda Steele, US Army Nurse,
& Sgt. Jim Steele USAF Vietnam

Law Enforcement

- Chief Daniel Engert,
Division Chief, FDSO
- Sgt. William M Barrow Ret.
Coral Gables Police Dept. SWAT
- Chief Jon Welker,
Division Chief, FCSO

Fire/Fire Rescue

- Larry Wolfe FDFD Vol.
- Deputy Chief Bradd Clark
Palm Coast Fire Department





September 2024 – District #17



St Mary Knights of Columbus Council 11961 First Annual Golf Tournament

Council 11961 held its first Annual Golf Tournament at Halifax Plantation Golf and Country Club. Word has it and the general consensus is that this was an outstanding success. Supported by District 17's three councils and the Monastery faithful, Council 11961 exceeded expectations.

We need to thank John Thomas and his team of Fred Harting, Mike Gossman, and John Picucci, along with the Monastery staff for putting this event together. The preliminary numbers are 55 golfers and 95 golf banquet diners enjoyed the day. The golf course was in good shape considering that Ormond Beach had received 14.5 inches of rain and the dinners were delicious.

The proceeds will go the St. Joseph's Carmelite Monastery building fund.





Did You Know?

Did you know that the Church dedicates the month of November as ‘**Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory**’? The Church calls us to remember our deceased brothers and sisters and offers special indulgences that can be applied for them (suffrage) during the month of November.

The information below are excerpts taken from the ‘Manual of Indulgences’ from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

§1 A plenary indulgence, applicable only to the souls in purgatory, is granted to the faithful who,

- * 1° on any and each day from November 1 to 8, devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, if only mentally, for the departed;
- * 2° on All Souls’ Day (or, according to the judgment of the ordinary, on the Sunday preceding or following it, or on the solemnity of All Saints), devoutly visit a church or an oratory and recite an Our Father and the Creed.

§2 A partial indulgence, applicable only to the souls in purgatory, is granted to the faithful who

- * 1° devoutly visit a cemetery and at least mentally pray for the dead;
- * 2° devoutly recite lauds or vespers from the Office of the Dead or the prayer *Eternal rest*.

Requiem aeternam

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. (*Order of Christian Funerals*)

Gaining a Plenary Indulgence

N20. §1. To gain a plenary indulgence, in addition to excluding all attachment to sin, even venial sin, it is necessary to perform the indulgenced work and fulfill the following three conditions: sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the intention of the Sovereign Pontiff.

§2. A single sacramental confession [*Editor’s Note: The traditional norm is 8 days before or after (counting the day of the work)*] suffices for gaining several plenary indulgences; but Holy Communion must be received and prayer for the intention of the Holy Father must be recited for the gaining of each plenary indulgence.

§3. The three conditions may be fulfilled several days before or after the performance of the prescribed work; it is, however, fitting that Communion be received and the prayer for the intention of the Holy Father be said on the same day the work is performed.

§4. If the full disposition is lacking, or if the work and the three prescribed conditions are not fulfilled, saving the provisions given in Norm 24 and in Norm 25 regarding those who are “impeded,” the indulgence will only be partial.

§5. The condition of praying for the intention of the Holy Father is fully satisfied by reciting one Our Father and one Hail Mary; nevertheless, one has the option of reciting any other prayer according to individual piety and devotion, if recited for this intention.



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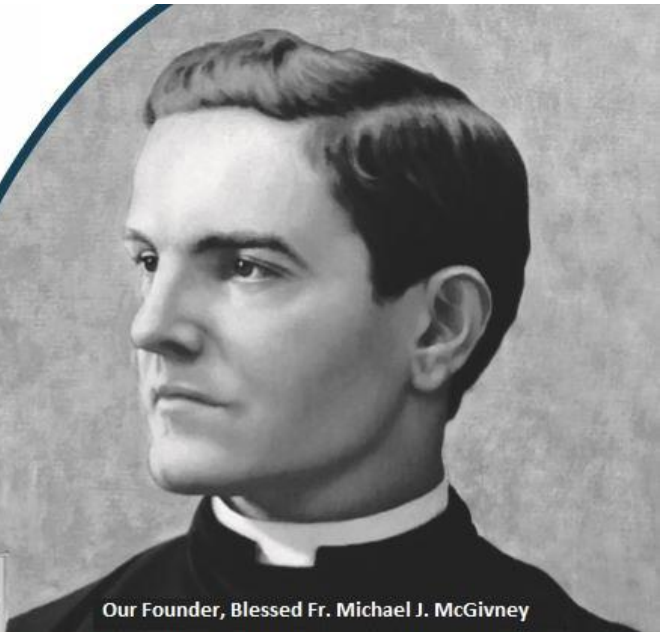
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Our Founder, Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney



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