

Columbiettes Auxiliary 8104



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A Past President's Message...



*L*ent is a time of spiritual reflection, sacrifice and penance is over. *We* have each in our own way, given of ourselves to perform the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, to prepare ourselves for most glorious of days...**Easter!**

Rejoice the LORD has risen!

*E*aster is not a day, it is a Season of Joy, for Our Lord is Risen, and has opened the doors of heaven for all of us.



*L*et us concentrate on making this a glorious time of renewal of our FAITH, our HOPE, and our LOVE of others.

*M*ay Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Redeemer, be a guest in your home, our parish, and the community, during this most glorious season.

*B*less you,
Claire Thompson



SAINT of the MONTH of JANUARY, FEBRUARY, and MARCH

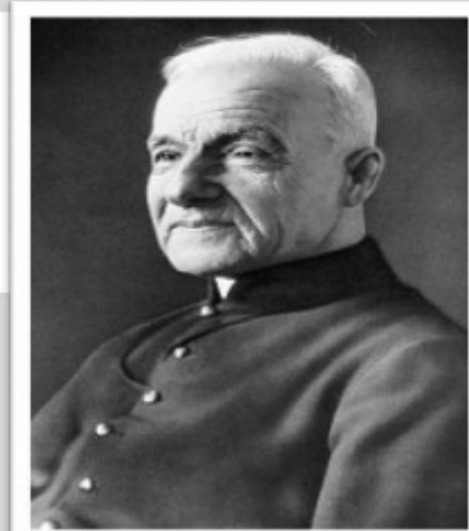
Brother André Bessette

Feast Day: January 6

Canonized: October 17, 2010

Beatified: May 23, 1982

Venerated: June 12, 1978



<http://saintsresource.com/andre-bessette>

André Bessette was born in Quebec, Canada, in 1845. By the time he was 12 he was an orphan who had to take care of himself. In 1870, he went to the Holy Cross Brothers in Montreal with a note from his pastor. The note read, *“I am sending you a saint.”*

André was very devoted to God and St. Joseph. So, André took his vows and became Brother André. Then Brother André went to work at Notre Dame College in Montreal as a doorman. *He did whatever was asked. He cleaned and ran errands, cut people’s hair, and welcomed visitors to the college.*

In 1904, Brother André asked the Archbishop of Montreal if he could build a chapel to St. Joseph. The Archbishop told Brother André that he could build the chapel, but Brother André had to pay for it. Over many years, Brother André built a small chapel atop Montreal’s Mont Royal with any little money people gave him or which he earned giving haircuts to students. People came to see Brother André and the statue of St. Joseph there.

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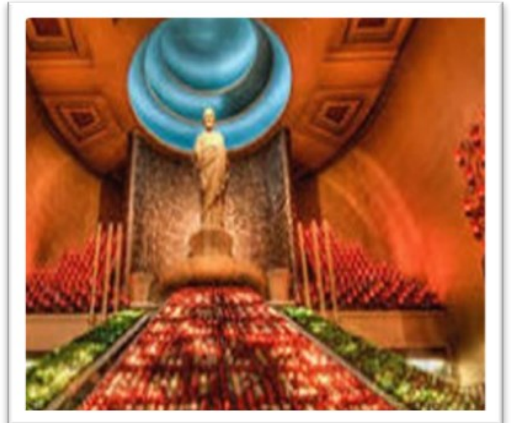
SAINT of the MONTH



Brother André was very kind to the people, and some of the visitors were healed. *Brother André thanked St. Joseph for healing the people.* Brother André's devotion to St. Joseph continued. He decided to build a basilica. The basilica was not finished when Brother André died in 1937 at age 90, but it was completed later. Pope Benedict XVI canon-

ized Brother André in 2010.

Saint André Bessette shows us that the humblest of people can do mighty things for God.



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## SAINT of the MONTH of FEBRUARY

### ST. BRIGID of IRELAND

**Feast Day:** February 1

**Patron:** Kildare; Ireland; healers; poets; blacksmiths; livestock, dairy workers, and newborn babies.



St. Brigid was born around the year 450, near the end of Saint Patrick's evangelistic mission. Released from servitude, Brigid was expected to marry. But she had other plans, which involved serving God in consecrated life. She even disfigured her own face, marring her beauty in order to dissuade suitors.

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<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/st-brigid-of-ireland-134>

St. Mel went on to serve as a mentor to the group during their time at Ardagh. Around the time of his death in 488, Brigid's community got an offer to resettle. Their destination is known today as Kildare (“Church of the Oak”), after the main monastery she founded there. Brigid's life as a nun was rooted in prayer, but it also involved substantial manual labor: cloth-making, dairy farming, and raising sheep.

**Bishop Mel of Ardagh – St. Patrick's nephew**, and later “**St. Mel**” – accepted Brigid's profession as a nun. According to tradition, *the disfigurement she had inflicted on her face disappeared that day, and her beauty returned.*

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SAINT of the MONTH of MARCH

ST. ÁNGELA GUERRERO GONZALEZ



Feast Day: March 2
Canonized: May 4, 2003
Beatified: November 5, 1982
Venerated: February 12, 1976

ANGELA OF THE CROSS (1846-1932)

Foundress of the *Institute of the Sisters of the Company of the Cross*. Born on 30 January 1846 in Seville, Spain, and given the baptismal name “*Maria of the Angels*” Guerrero Gonzales, the future saint was affectionately known as *Angelita*”.

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Angela felt that God was calling her to make private vows and to serve the poor and dying.

She was one of 14 children. Her family was poor, but their faith was strong. Baptisms, First Communions, and Confirmations were a cause for great celebration. Ángela's mother encouraged the children to honor our Blessed Mother, Mary. The family prayed the Rosary together often.

Ángela's greatest desire was to become a nun, but her health was so frail that that she was rejected by one order of nuns. She was accepted by another community but was not well enough to complete her training.

She had to return home to work in the shoe shop. But through prayer and discussions with Father Torres, Ángela felt that God was calling her to make private vows and to serve the poor and dying.

She died in 1932, but during Sister Ángela's lifetime, the order she founded grew to 25 convents. Their work continues today. St. Angela was beatified by Pope John Paul II on November 5, 1982.

https://www.vatican.va/news_services/liturgy/saints/

Msgr. Kevin S. Mullen's Annual Tea Party by Claire Thompson



Our sister auxiliary, Msgr. Kevin S. Mullen's annual tea party, was a terrific trip around the world, with stops at Jerusalem, Peru, India, Africa, Ireland and even the MOON! Ladies of St. Mark's parish, sister auxiliaries, and the community attended this event which featured great entertainment, yummy food, which was served by the Columbiettes and Knights.

Our OLOR auxiliary was represented by three of our sisters, who are also District Deputies, Helen Strakos, the DD for Msgr. Mullen, Jo Tambone, the DD for Holy Cross, and Claire Thompson, DD for two other auxiliaries.



COLUMBIETTES IN ACTION

2024 Monthly Birthday Celebrations

JANUARY photos by Jackie Hussey



FEBRUARY by Carol Gray

Photos by Carol Gray, Jackie Hussey

& Nida Liwanag

What a fun night and great dinner for February birthday celebrations. Margie Dickson and Carol Gray celebrated birthdays with Fr Raju and the Columbiettes at Carrabba's for a delicious meal, lots of laughter, and well wishes for the year to come. A fun time to get to know each other and share some joy.



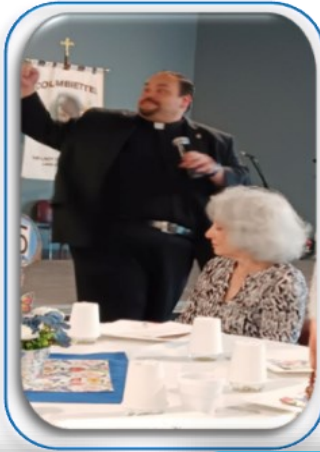
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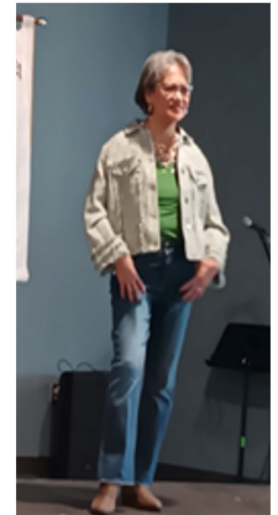
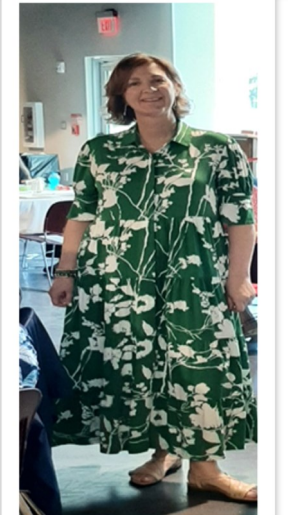
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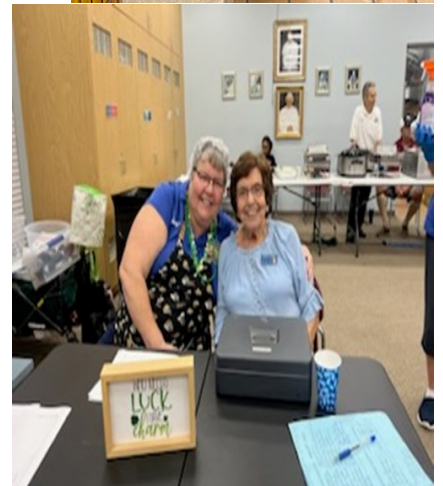
**Three
generations of
Columbiettes**

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2024 KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS 8104



Feast of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

And Youth Ministry Living Stations of the Cross

By Claire Thompson

Photos by Claire Thompson and Nida Liwanag



The St. Joseph Feast and the Living Stations of the Cross, where traditions of the past, brought with reverence and relevancy into the present time. All involved are thanked for their care and creativity in allowing us these revised presentations of timeless traditions.



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His Excellency,
Archbishop
Francisco M.
Padilla, Apostolic
Nuncio to the
Republic of
Guatemala.

Quote of the Day

“Lord, help me to make time today to serve you in those who are most in need of encouragement or assistance.”

~ St. Vincent de Paul

Thank YOU for your contributions to this Edition!

*Claire Thompson * Helen Strakos * Carol Gray**

Jackie Hussey Sophie Llewellyn **

*Cristina Duvall * Belinda Montes de Oca*



Pray the Rosary for America

May St. Joseph always smile upon you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

45 th Annual Florida State Columbiettes Convention

St. Joseph's Hands Ministry Coffee & Donuts for SVDP Food Pantry Families on the Fifth Fridays of the Month.

“Our perfection does not consist of doing extraordinary things, but to do the ordinary well.” ~ St. Gabriel Possenti