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Can You Pray for Vocations for Just One Hour?



Brother Knights, Father Jim Lee has requested that the Knights of Columbus pray for religious vocations. Saturday & Sunday AM hours of 1AM, 2AM, or 3AM on February 0st, 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th are designated as our Knights of Columbus hours. The Adoration Chapel is open under COVID-19 restrictions. Please call Mona Bishop at St Mike's office (360) 292-7141 or email mbishop@saintmichaelparish.org to schedule an appointment. If you do not feel comfortable coming to the Adoration Chapel, please consider praying at home.

Thank you and God bless you and your family.

Please Keep in Your Prayers

* Walt Dale

* Ed Sauley

* John Kramer

* Fr. Jim Lee

* Peggy Pursley

* Sam Pellegrino and His Mother-In-Law

* Florante Jayme

* Mi-Young Gilman

* Elaine and Ron DeGroot

* Ray DeTerra Family

* Brenda and Joe Patnude



* Tom Mitchell's Mother

* Jim and Meg Pivec

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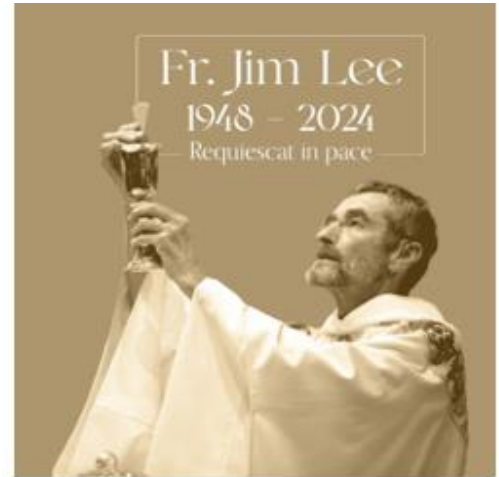
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Father Jim Lee

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is with a heavy heart that I share with you that Fr Jim Lee passed from this world into the loving arms of Jesus on Sunday morning, December 22nd. He was surrounded by the love of prayer vigils and Masses of hundreds of parishioners, the visits of many priests and support of his parish ALS team in his final days. His sister, Rita and niece, Tara were with him when he took his last breath. He was born on January 1, 1948. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 17, 1975 for the Maryknoll Fathers (the Foreign Missioners of the Catholic Church) and served in Tanzania and in seminarian formation for them before coming to the Archdiocese of Seattle. Here he served at St Francis of Assisi Parish in Burien, the Church of the Assumption in Bellingham, and for the past 27 years, at Saint Michael parish in Olympia and was recently installed as pastor for Saint Edward Parish in Shelton.

– Fr. Gary Zender



Father Jim was more than our pastor—he was the cornerstone of our parish and school, a shepherd who guided us with grace, wisdom, and a deep love for all. His impact on our community is immeasurable, and his legacy will continue to inspire us for generations.

While we grieve this tremendous loss, let us also celebrate the remarkable life he lived and the joy he brought to our lives. Please join us in praying for Father Jim, his family, and for one another as we navigate this difficult time together.

May we be comforted by the sure and certain hope of meeting Father Jim in eternal life. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May Father Jim, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Viewing and Funeral Mass for Father Jim Lee on Wednesday and Thursday, January 8-9 at Saint Michael Parish.



Homily best line: 7 years ago, Fr. Jim told the parish during a homily that he had ALS. Then he reminded us about Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati having been confirmed with a miracle, needing one more miracle to be confirmed to be named a Saint.

Fr. Jim then said he volunteered to be the second miracle participant.



Florante Panlaqui "Jim" Jayme V

BIRTH	2 Nov 1939 Manila, Capital District, National Capital Region, Philippines
DEATH	5 Jan 2025 (aged 85) Olympia, Thurston County, Washington, USA
BURIAL	<u>Tahoma National Cemetery</u> Kent, King County, Washington, USA 📍 Add to Map
MEMORIAL ID	278024356 · View Source

He was a 3rd Degree Knight at Council 1643

Born in the very poor and densely populated Tondo district of the city of Manila, Florante Jayme was surrounded by his loving family when he finally passed away at the age of 85 following a 1-week stay at Swedish Hospital in Seattle, Washington.

As a young man he immigrated to the U.S., joined the Navy, and a few years later was naturalized as a citizen on November 5, 1971.

After a successful career with the U.S. Military and a subsequent job at the University of Washington as an Electrician, Florante spent his retirement years at his home in Olympia, Washington where he and his wife had moved to in 1989 after leaving the San Francisco Bay Area for good.

During his time in the military, Florante's unit called him "Jim" because they thought his last name was pronounced James.

Florante is survived by his wife, 4 children, 10 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren.



Pro-lifers: Options Pregnancy Center at St. Mike on Sunday 19 January

Knights of Columbus Council 1643 in Olympia has provided donations to Options to buy a second Sonogram. Since then, 1,600 babies were saved by the first machine that wore out but 98.5% of the mothers who saw the Ultrasound picture had their child.

The Father Jim authorized the display of Options at Saint Mike's on Sunday January 19. There's a lot of interest in a lot of information given as well received. We were there at all four masses. Several thousand people came through and showed a great deal of interest and donated to Options.



(L to R:) Mary Tibbs, Executive Director of Options, Br. Corb. Thornton, and Br. Kevin O'Sullivan



(L to R:) Br. Corb. Thornton, Mary Tibbs, Executive Director of Options, Bishop Schuster, and Br. Kevin O'Sullivan

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What: The Knights of Columbus Council 1643 is holding a **Canned Food Drive**

Why: To benefit the Sacred Heart Food Pantry with its mission to help the needy in our community.

When: Saturday February 15, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Where: Sacred Heart parking lot

Food products needed: Side Nonperishable food including spaghetti sauce, macaroni & cheese, canned vegetables, canned soups, canned tuna fish, canned chicken, canned meat, and breakfast cereal

Hygiene products needed: Soap powder, dish soap, bleach, toilet paper, paper towels, deodorant, tooth paste and tooth brushes, shaving cream and razors, shampoo, shower soap

We are inviting you to bring donations to the Knights of Columbus Collection Station in the church parking lot. Donations of cash or checks are also gladly accepted. Please make checks payable to **Knights of Columbus Council 1643** and note in the memo: **Food for Families Program**. If you have questions, please contact **Tom Mitchell (360) 790-1253** or **Tom Pursley (360) 888-6833**. Thank you!

If you would like to volunteer, please sign up for a shift by contacting Tom Mitchell. Need 2-3 volunteers per shift.

- Shift 1 includes set up: 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM
- Shift 2 includes tear down: 12:00 – 2:30 PM

Electronic donations can be made using the QR code below or at our website:

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Event Date:
Event Location

Chili Cook Off at Drexel House

John Zyrkowski

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Quantity

5 Lbs. Chili

Chili

5 Lbs. Chili

Chili

5 Lbs. Chili

Garlic Bread

60

Dessert

20

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20

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20

Beverage and Macaroni

60

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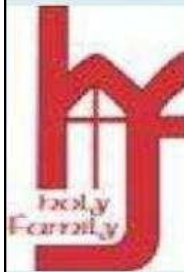
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Calendar

February 2025

Mon 3	Council Officer's Meeting 6-7:15
Thu 6	Council Social, Rosary, & Business Meeting
Thu 13	4th Degree Officers Meeting
Sat 15	Canned Food Drive
Sat 22	Donut Sales After the St. Mikes masses
Wed 26	Drexel House Dinner
Thu 27	4th Degree Assembly Social, Rosary &

March, 2025

Mon 3	Council Officer's Meeting 6-7:15
Wed 5	ASH Wednesday
Thu 6	Council Social, Rosary, & Business Meeting
Sun 9	Donut Sales After the Sacred Heart masses
Thu 13	4th Degree Officers Meeting
Sat 15	St Patrick's Day Celebration
Thu 20	4th Degree Assembly Social, Rosary &
Thu 27	Council Officer's Meeting 6-7:15

For up-to-date event information, please visit our website at

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