November, 2026

Monthly Newsletter

St Junipero Serra Apostolate

of Boulder County Colorado

Lighting the Spark to Ignite Religious Vocations!

"Ordinary Catholics with a Passion for Vocations"

District 6, Club 723

Region 13 Chartered

Initiated September 29,1990

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PRESIDENT'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

Dear Serrans,

"Someone exists who holds in his hands the destiny of this passing world…. And this someone is love---Love that became man, Love crucified and risen, Love unceasingly present among men." Saint John Paul II

Amazing—once again, that is the only way to describe the success of the Serra Salute Trust Fund celebration following the District 6 Conference. More than 500 people attended the dinner and fundraiser, which raised well over $30,000. Fr. Jason Wallace and Deacon Hugh Downey captivated the audience. My heartfelt thanks to the Serra Trust, its trustees, and everyone who made the event a success!

Please save these dates: November 7, a general meeting at St. Francis of Assisi in Longmont with speaker Fr. Ryan O'Neil;

November 16-18, Beginning at 5:00pm each night, an evening with Medjugorje visionary Ivan incl. an apparition of Our Blessed Mother at St Bendict Acres; Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Conception respectively.

November 19, a Thanksgiving appreciation dinner for our seniors in Jubilee Hall at SHJ after the 12:10 p.m. Mass;

November 20, a general meeting and assembly of gifts for our altar servers at SHJ after the 7:00 a.m. Mass.

We will close the year with our popular Christmas Party on December 5 at Sacred Heart of Jesus Jubilee Hall, featuring Fr. Jason Wallace and his Garth Brooks impression!

Remember: "Love unites us; God's Will sustains us." Happy Thanksgiving!

Stan, President

CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

Dear Serrans,

With All Saints Day on November 1 and All Souls Day on November 2, we are reminded that we have an eternal destiny. We can easily forget about the bigger picture of life.

In the last century and in our times, the Blessed Virgin Mary has been appearing to humanity with an urgent call to remember God and the importance of our spiritual lives. Mary is our mother and loves us. She sees things and knows things that we do not. We do well to take these messages from heaven seriously.

We have a unique opportunity on November 17 with Ivan, a visionary from Medjugorje, coming to Boulder area parishes. Let us listen to our mother who wants the best for us.

Peace!

Fr. Mark,

Pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus,

Serra Boulder Apostolate Chaplain

Recap of October Events: Serra Fall Retreat at SHM

On October 3, Serra Boulder welcomed Fr. David Hall of the Archdiocese of Denver to lead its Fall Retreat, *Surrendering to Humility*. The retreat invited participants to reflect on a fundamental truth of our faith: ***God has a unique plan for each of us, and by surrendering to His will with humility, we open our hearts to a deeper relationship with Him.***

A special thank-you goes to Jan Landers, VP of Programs, for coordinating this meaningful day of reflection and fellowship. We are also grateful to Chef Jimmy Santiago for providing a delicious lunch, and to Linda McAllister and Arlin Meis for overseeing the meal service and ensuring everyone was well cared for.

Recap of October Events: Serra Salute at DAC

On October 16, the annual Serra Salute benefit was held at the Denver Athletic Club, honoring Deacon Hugh Downey of Spirit of Christ Parish in Arvada and Father Jason Wallace, Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese of Denver. A capacity crowd gathered to celebrate their remarkable contributions to the Church. Attendees were inspired by Deacon Hugh's account of his far-reaching evangelization efforts around the world and the lives touched by his ministry. Father Jason was recognized for his instrumental role in fostering vocations to the priesthood, helping the Denver area achieve its largest incoming classes at St. John Vianney Seminary. Together, these two exemplify the spirit of faith, evangelization, and commitment to nurturing future generations of priests.

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Upcoming Events

General Meeting: Saturday, November 7, 9:30a

@ St Francis of Assisi

Following 8:30a mass

An Evening w/ Visionary Ivan Dragicevic

Nov 16: St Scholastica (new church site)

Nov 17: Sacred Heart of Jesus

Nov 18: Immaculate Conception

Each evening begins at 5:00pm with a rosary preceding the apparition.

Plan to arrive early.

Thanksgiving Appreciation Dinner Nov. 19

@ Sacred Heart of Jesus, Jubilee Hall

For Seniors

Includes a performance by the children

After the 12:10 p.m. Mass;

General Meeting: Friday, November 20, 8:00a

@ Sacred Heart of Jesus

Following 7:00a mass

8:00a; General Meeting

9:00a: Board Meeting

30 – 60 Day Plan

Serra Christmas Party: Saturday, Dec 5, 1:30p

@Sacred Heart of Jesus

Christmas Concert. Dec 18-19. 6:30pm

@ Redemptoris Mater, 1500 S. Steele St, Denver, CO

Christmas: Friday, December 25

General Meeting: Saturday, January, 2, 9:30a

@ St Francis of Assisi

Following 8:30a mass

General Meeting: Saturday, January, 15, 8:00a

@ Sacred Heart of Jesus

Following 7:00a mass

8:00a: General Meeting

9:00a: Board Meeting

Serra National Leadership Rally: Thurs, Jan 28-31

@ Franciscan Retreat Center

Scottsdale, AZ

Franciscan Retreat Center

More information: [Home - Serra International Leadership Rally]

We are blessed with a rare and extraordinary opportunity to gather in prayer, witness a scheduled apparition, and hear the testimony of Ivan Dragićević, a visionary who has daily apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Medjugorje, since 1981.
These evenings offer a special opportunity to deepen our faith, reflect on Our Lady's messages of prayer and peace, and open our hearts to the graces God may wish to bestow upon us. You will also have the opportunity to meet Ivan and speak with him personally.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

November Member Birthdays

Nov 5: Dori Mooney Fitzgerald
Dick Stadler
Nov 6: Mary Safranic
Nov 20: Joe Calabria

November Seminarian Birthdays

Nov 20: Jeremiah Hernandez
Juan Alberto Pineda
Nov 22: Joshua Rodriguez Mendoza
Nov 24: Jose Manuel Ruiz Medina

November Member Anniversaries

Nov 25: Bob & Donna Farrell
Nov 27: Vern & Cathy Rogowski
Nov 28: Ed & Sue Husler
Nov 30: Joe & Brenda Davis

November/ December Religious Anniversaries

Dec 1: Fr Mark Kovacik

Upcoming Items of Interest

Redemptoris Mater Christmas Concert

Save the date: December 18, 19

St John Vianney, Vigil Praise

December 19 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Vigil Praise will be in the Christ the King Chapel and includes Eucharistic adoration, praise and worship music, the Divine Office (Office of Readings), a homily, and confession.

Please Remember with Your Prayers:

Our Denver Seminarians at St John Vianney

1. Rev. Daniel Rivas
2. Rev. Jason DiRito
3. Rev. Jonathan Francois
4. Alex Aleman
5. Ashton Mendoza
6. Cody Bliss
7. Cooper Eitel
8. Daniel Igoe
9. Daniel Olivas-Rey
10. David Napierkowski
11. Dominic Borchers
12. Enrique Cruz-Bautista
13. Francisco Conte-Grand
14. Francisco Perez
15. Greg Hitschler
16. Isaac Cunnings
17. Israel Aguirre
18. Jack Brustkern
19. Jacob P.E. Smith
20. James Ball
21. James Berg
22. James Hochanadel
23. James Joseph
24. Jeremiah Obiano
25. Jesus Santan Soto
26. Joe Schutte
27. Johnny Cabazos
28. Joseph Machado
29. Joseph Tynan
30. Joseph Zimmer
31. Luke Yanoshak
32. Manuel Hinojosa
33. Martin Bisio
34. Michael Irlbeck
35. Michael Randolph
36. Moises Mendez
37. Noah Martinez
38. Owen Chase
39. Philip Sayre
40. Sam Langer
41. Sean Morton
42. Steven Zarian
43. Thaddeus Conder
44. Thomas Myers, Jr.
45. Tom Leah
46. Vincent Krapes
47. Will Ives
48. Zach Whelton

Our Denver Redemptoris Mater Seminarians

1. Adrian Ibarra
2. Alessandro Castellon
3. Andres Zepeda
4. Antonio Barba
5. Carlos Reyes
6. David Polanco
7. Daniel Arienzo
8. Daniel Correia
9. Daniel Calix Figueroa
10. Gian Paolo Camacho
11. Jadiel Interiano
12. Javier Moretton
13. Jeremiah Hernadez
14. Julian Aguilar
15. Jose Manuel Ruiz Medina
16. Joshua Rodriguez
17. Juan Alberto Pineda
18. Kevin Guillen
19. Kevin Mateo
20. Marcus Chua
21. Manuel Alacron
22. Matheo Cuartas
23. Michael Pitio
24. Miguel Angel Reyes
25. Nawaia Tebou
26. Nicholas Valdes
27. Noah Alo
28. Octavio Alexis Hernandez
29. Octavio Rosales
30. Rafael Lerma
31. Raphael de Los Reyes
32. Samuel Sandoval
33. Sile Wilfried Kone
34. Teaoti Benuakai
35. Tikau Tabuaki
36. Timothy Rodriguez

Our FOCUS Missionaries at the Univ of CO

1. Elise Gillett
2. Justin Dasher
3. Leopoldo Ruffolo
4. Zander Manzanares
5. Kristian Haikala
6. Alexa Smith
7. Tim Mellen
8. Breshna Juliano
9. Avanka Perera

The Priest and Deacons Affiliated with the Serra Apostolate of Boulder

Parish	Pastor	Associate(s)	Deacon(s)
Sacred Heart of Jesus St Francis of Assisi	Rev. Mark Kovacik Rev. James Crisman	Fr John Paul Almeida Fr. Ryan O'Neill	Dcn David Luksch Dcn Brandon Justice,
Sacred Heart of Mary Immaculate Conception	Rev. Jonathan Dellinger Rev. Shaun Galvin	Fr. Michael Freihofer Fr. Cristobal Velasquez	- Dcn David Orozco, Dcn Steve Vallero, Dcn Oscar del Villar
St Scholastica St Theresa	Rev. Robert L. Wedow Rev. Hernan Florez	- -	Dcn James Mackin Dcn Raul Martinez
St William	Rev. Grzegorz Wojcik	Fr. Jessfyr Picado Funte	Dcn Modesto Garcia, Dcn Pedro Reyes
Guardian Angel	Rev. Ronald Cattany	-	Dcn Tim McCann, Dcn Christopher Hora
St Thomas Aquinas St John the Baptist	Rev. Chris Considine Rev. Humberto Marquez	Fr. Micah Flores Fr. José Felipe Delgado	Dcn Steve Boselli Dcn José Rodriguez, Dcn Michael Berens, Dcn Ted Rhoades
Nativity of Our Lord	Rev. Emanuele Fadini	Fr. Philip Stokman, Fr. John Roderick, Fr. Accursio Ciaccio	Dcn Huan Nguyen, Dcn Joseph Crotty

Please Remember with Your Prayers:

Our Ailing Serrans, Spouses & Family Members

Carina Florsek
Chase Curfman
Corky Jaster
Dick Stadler
Ed Husler
Jane Kryska
Judy Heinze
Lorna Christoff
Marcus Poulin
Marlene Dichtl
Matthew Hibl
Pauline Higgins (Annette & Chase)
Nancy Sorenson
Pamela Sparough
Teresa Christoff
Wayne Stetson
Woody Roberts

For our Departed Members

Adrian Leyva
Bill Eck
Betty Jancosek
Bob Farrell
Bridget Price
Carol Brockish
Dcn. Dave Arling
Dcn. Chris Byrne
Gilbert J. Garcia
George Morzinski
Helga Riedl
Jeanette Denfeld
Jim Heinze
John Bernard Price
Mary Ann Hibl
Omar Salazar
Patricia Warner
Ramon Jesch
Rosemary Ames
Terry Gallagher
Warren S. Peterson

For our special intentions

The construction of the new St Scholastica.

Please Pray for the intercession of:

Saint Mother Cabrini; Servant of God Julia Greeley;
Servant of God Father Vincent Capodanno;
Boulder County candidate for martyrdom Brian Mahon;
Rev. Msgr. Michael Glenn

Thank you to the Boulder Valley Parishes that Support our Serran Mission.

Saint Louis

Immaculate Conception

Sacred Heart of Jesus

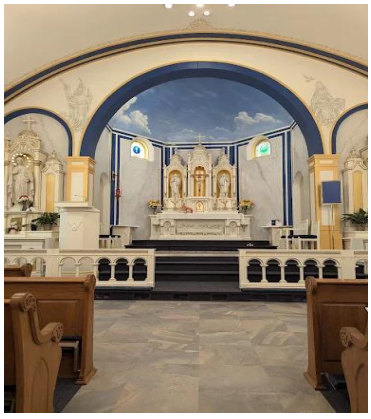
St Scholastica

St Thomas Acquinas

St John the Baptist

St Rita

St Martin de Porres



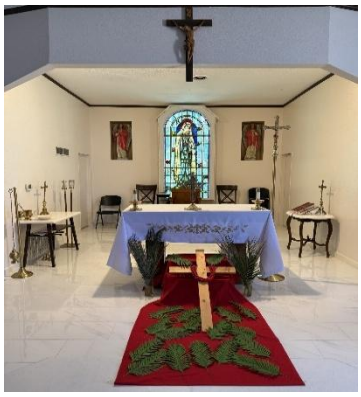
Sacred Heart of Mary

Guardian Angels

St Francis of Assisi

St William

St Theresa



Our Lady of Grace

St John Vianney Seminary

Redemptoris Mater Seminary