

District 6      Club #723      Region 13  
Chartered September 29, 1990      **Chaplain: Fr. Mark Kovacik**



Club Meeting Times: 1st Friday and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month following the 7:00 a.m. Mass at SHJ. Selected member chefs bring breakfast for those present. Bring a friend and encourage them to join our club.

*President:* Peggy Morrow  
*Secretary:* Sue Husler  
*V.P. Vocations:* Jim and Judy Heinze  
*V.P. Programs:* Sharon Stetson  
*V.P. Affirmation:* vacant  
*Club Trustee:* Sue Husler

*President-Elect:* vacant  
*Treasurer:* Ed Husler  
*V.P. Membership:* Mary Ellen Thorne  
*V.P. Communications:* Amy Michaelis  
*Parish Liaison:* vacant

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Serrans -

I hope that God has blessed the start of your Lent! Thank you so much to everyone for your enthusiasm to get not only altar servers Easter treat bags, but taken care of and trained! Sixty percent of priests at one time were altar servers, so it is an important service that helps young men hear the call from God to serve him as their priest. Additionally, 71% of male religious and 36% of female religious were previously altar servers (source: pg. 20 of <https://www.usccb.org/resources/Report-Profession-Class-2022-FINAL.pdf>), and although there is no data, I personally have observed a number of men who have been called to the diaconate after altar serving.

Please attend the 1st and 2nd meeting of March as we'll continue to work on our new Altar Server recognition program. At the 1st March meeting, we'll begin by praying for more men and woman to hear God's call to serve him and our communities and hearing a vocation story. Then at the 2nd meeting we'll meet from 10 AM - Noon at SHJ and assemble altar server treat bags to be distributed as an Easter thank you. In April, we will not have the 1st meeting as this is Easter week, and on the 21st we will hear from Sister Rose Ann Barmann.

Please note:

1) In May we'll return to the 7 AM mass, 8-9 AM meeting schedule, and we'll continue this through October 2023. The 1st meeting of the month will always be at SHJ, and the 2nd meeting of the month may be held at a parish in the deanery.

2) Please return your "Count on Me" member survey at this month's meeting

3) Please consider running as an officer for the upcoming year.

Saint Junipero, and Mary Mother of Vocations, Pray for Us!

In Christ through Mary,  
Peggy Morrow

## **CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE**

We continue in this Season of Lent in which the Church invites us to take up the weapons of prayer, fasting and alms giving. We are in a spiritual battle and our enemies are powerful. These three weapons are signs to God that we desire His help. May God help us to take advantage of this time of grace so that we are well prepared for the 50 days of Easter.

God bless,  
Fr. Mark

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Mar. 3** — [SHJ](#) Boulder; 11 AM general meeting Jubilee Hall: Paolo Mori video; 10 AM board meeting

**Mar. 17** — [SHJ](#) Boulder: 10 AM - Noon treat bag assembly — come when you can

**Apr. 7** — **No Meeting GOOD FRIDAY**

**Apr. 21** — [SHJ](#) Boulder; 11 AM general meeting Jubilee Hall: Sr. Rose Ann Barmann

**2023 Serra Membership Dues**

Please bring your \$77.00 dues payment to our next meeting. Make your checks out to Serra Club of Boulder County.

You may give them to Ed personally or mail to: Ed Husler, 297 Fourmile Canyon Drive, Boulder, CO 80302.

We may need to increase the dues in the future because this amount does not fully cover our assessment from Serra International, the district and the region.

**Count On Me Member Survey**

The Count On Me member survey was handed out at the first meeting in February.

Please fill it out and bring it to our meeting on March 3 or send your responses to Peggy via email: [peggymorrow@gmail.com](mailto:peggymorrow@gmail.com)

**February 15 Meeting at St. Martin de Porres**

Murphy's Law was in full effect as more snow fell on Feb. 15 and prevented many Serrans from traveling.

Braving the snow on a cold February evening, no less than seven Serrans arrived at [St. Martin de Porres](#) to join five parishioners for adoration.

Following adoration, three of us and Fr. Emmanuel and a parishioner dined at ... drum roll ... Murphy's at the South BolderTable Mesa location <https://murphyssouth.com>. God does have a keen sense of humor.

**February 3 Meeting: Mike Downey**

Mike Downey spoke to us via Zoom Feb. 3 about how he joined Serra and ascended through the officer ranks to become President of the US Council for Serra.

He is a member of the St. Serra Club of Des Moines, Iowa <http://www.dmserra.com/> where he served as President, V.P. Vocations, V.P. Communications, and Trustee. He served as District Governor of District 9E (Iowa) and then as Region Director for the Central Region of Serra.

He won a vocations contest when he was in grade school. He ran a successful business, sold it, and retired early. The Vocations Director of the Archdiocese invited him to sit on the lay advisory board for vocations, to provide accountability. A couple of years later, he joined Serra.

He and his Serra club and others had become a quasi-auxiliary vocations team for the Vocations Director, providing the labor setting up chairs and tables for meetings and such.

He discovered "if you don't say no I guess it's a yes in Serra" and over time became President of the Des Moines club. His first Serra National meeting in Atlanta was the most inspirational event in his life.

When he was recruited to be District Governor for Iowa, initially he said no, but then the bishop sent him a letter. He said "I typically cause problems in bureaucracies" as his no turned into a yes. He says being District Governor is the best job he has had in Serra. "Every club seems to have the best Catholics in their diocese."

He encourages us to keep our focus on the mission of Serra. "Sometimes we forget about the mission of Serra because we focus on the business of Serra."

**Easter Treat Bags for Youth Altar Servers**

On March 17 at 10 AM before our general meeting we will assemble 160 (so far) Easter Treat Bags for youth altar servers:

- 12 Guardian Angels
- 30 Immaculate Conception
- 25 Sacred Heart of Jesus
- 25 St. Francis of Assisi
- 30 St. John the Baptist
- 1 St. Rita
- 2 St. Scholastica
- 35 St. Theresa

We have small plastic treat bags that we will fill with a glow-in-the-dark rosary and Easter candy and tie with twist ties.

We hope to have them all ready for pick-up at the general meeting at 11 AM on March 17.

To meet this ambitious deadline we need many volunteers.

**Transitional Deacons Ordained**

from Denver Catholic

<https://denvercatholic.org/meet-the-archdiocese-of-denvers-newest-transitional-deacons-ordained-feb-18>

**Dcn. Patricio Chuquimarca** of Redemptorist Mater was among 7 men ordained to the transitional diaconate Feb. 18. He is from Quito, Ecuador and is the oldest of five and the only boy.

Raised as a devout Catholic, he and his family had a deep conversion through the Neocatechumenal Way. He felt called to the priesthood even as a child. He started his seminary journey at Redemptoris Mater in 2012 at the age of 22.

He is inspired by St. Therese of Lisieux, the patron saint of missionaries.



**St. Katharine Drexel March 3**

b. 1858 d. 1955 c. 2000

<https://www.serrainternational.org/news/st-katharine-drexel>

Raised by devout Catholic parents who instilled in their children the impulse and desire to serve the poor in the kindest way possible, Saint Katharine is an example of the old Serran adage: “Vocations begin at home.”

After seeing firsthand the plight of the poor in her own community and then traveling to witness the deplorable living conditions of Black and displaced Indigenous people, she plucked up the courage to ask Pope Leo XIII to send missionaries to staff some Indian missions she and her sisters had been financing.

The Holy Father didn’t miss the opportunity to sniff out a religious vocation and replied, “Why don’t you become a missionary yourself?”

Initially shocked by the suggestion, Saint Katharine realized he was right – she did have a missionary calling. She did as Jesus commanded when he himself identified vocations throughout his ministry: She left it all behind – her home, her inheritance, her suitors, her possessions – and followed him.

After spending a few years as a Sister of Mercy, she established her own congregation, the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament in Bensalem, Pennsylvania. She dedicated her life and her order’s mission to social justice for Indigenous and Black Americans mainly in the West, establishing missions and schools in New Mexico and Arizona.

Calendar

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**March Members Birthdays**

- Mar. 2 — Brenda Davis
- Mar. 2 — Stan Peterson
- Mar. 7 — Terry Gallagher
- Mar. 15 — Lillian Price
- Mar. 26 — Hank Barth
- Apr. 5 — Connie Christoff

**March Seminarians Birthdays**

- Mar. 24 — Marcus Chua
- Mar. 25 — Daniel Viana Pereira
- Mar. 29 — Dcn. Karoro Temate
- Apr. 3 — Juan Gordillo
- Apr. 5 — Jayro Pina

**March Members Anniversaries**

none

**March Religious Anniversaries**

none

Prayer List

Please pray for those in need of healing:

- Fr. Greg Ames
- Rosemary Ames
- Bill Bowe
- Teresa Christoff
- Lorna Christoff
- Chase Curfman
- Bill Eck
- Betsye Feauto
- Judy Heinze
- Matthew Hibl
- Pauline Higgins
- Jane Kryska
- Audrey Kenney
- Fr. Cliff McMillan
- George Morzinski
- Marcus Poulin (Annette & Chase)
- Stan Peterson
- Helga Riedl
- Mary Safranek

and for the repose of the soul of  
 Jeanette Denfeld  
 Omar Aguirre Salazar

Pray also for new members for our  
 Apostolate.

**Mar. 3 — [SHJ](#) Boulder; 11 AM general meeting  
 Jubilee Hall: seminarian Paolo Mori vocation story  
 video; 10 AM board meeting**

Mar. 4 — [Catholic Men's Leadership Summit](#); Omni  
 Interlocken, Broomfield; 8:30 AM - 3 PM; Forming Intentional  
 Disciples; Fr. Spitzer et. al.; <https://mensleadership.org>

Mar. 8-14 — [Catholic Sisters Week](#)

Mar. 10 and Mar. 29 — Abbey of St. Walburga; two Lenten  
 retreats; 9:30 AM - 3 PM; "Returning to Christ"; \$35;  
 registration required; <https://walburga.org/2023/02/16/lenten-retreat-registration/>

Mar. 10-12 — Women's Journey retreat: Give Me The Living  
 Water; YMCA of the Rockies Estes Park <https://coloradocatholicretreats.org> (see SHM bulletin)

Mar. 11 — Serra Meets: 10 AM; Fr. Jorge Torres,  
 Executive Director USCCB Committee on Clergy,  
 Consecrated Life and Vocations: "The State of Vocations  
 in the USA", Eucharistic Revival <https://serraus.org/serra-meets>

Mar 12 —  Time Change one hour forward 

**Mar. 17 — [SHJ](#) Boulder: 11 AM general meeting; 10  
 AM treat bag assembly — volunteers needed**

Mar. 18 — Lenten Pilgrimage: Walking in the Footsteps of  
 Julia Greeley; led by Capuchin Fr. Blaine Burkey; 10 AM - 3  
 PM; \$100 local bus tour starts at 3613 Wyandot in Denver;  
<https://cpma.ejoinme.org/juliagreeley>

Mar. 23 — [St. Martin de Porres](#): Lecture Series 5-6 PM; St.  
 Francis de Sales and Growth in the Spiritual Life; Dr. Alphonso  
 Pinto, Dean of Academics at St. John Vianney Seminary

**Apr. 7 — Good Friday no meeting**

Apr. 9 — Easter Sunday

**Apr. 21 — [SHJ](#) Boulder; general meeting 11 AM  
 Jubilee Hall: Sister Rose Ann Barmann "Maquita  
 House" and Human Trafficking**

Apr. 21 — [St. Louis](#) Angel Gala; school fundraiser; Omni  
 Interlochen

Apr. 30 — [World Day of Prayer for Vocations](#)

May 1 — [Religious Brothers Day](#)

**May 5 — [SHJ](#) Boulder: 8 AM General Meeting; Board  
 Meeting to follow**

May 5 — [Sacred Heart of Jesus](#) Mayfair: Hearts &  
 Horseshoes; school fundraiser Mayfair@shjboulder.org

May 29 — Redemptoris Mater [Friends of the Seminary  
 Dinner](#) fundraiser 6 PM

June 22-25 — [Serra Convention, Thailand](#)