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**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

Dear Serrans,

Ah, the December crescendo.

For me, the weeks of Christmas preparations often become a crazy frenzy.

Apparently, I need to re-learn how to calm the craziness. In fact, God blesses me with extraordinary new challenges each Advent. I think He wants to make sure I keep striving to situate His holy presence in the primary seat of my life’s little bubble; to reorganize my priorities and quiet the ‘crazy’!

And so, every year, at midnight Mass, when “Silent Night” is sung, I absolutely melt. I softly squeak out the melody with teary eyes. And I watch the dimly lit sanctuary become a beautiful glowing spectacle. Hundreds of parishioners sing “...all is calm” then slowly lift flickering candles and proclaim “...all is bright”. My heart is so full, pondering Our Baby Lord asleep in “...heavenly peace” that by then, my singing is only a whisper. The Lord is present, and the consolation of “Silent Night” is overwhelming.

And now is the crescendo. Wrapped in a veil of incense, I hold the Baby in the silence of the night, in my heart.

I am convinced.

I am convinced that I am loved; that we are all loved immeasurably. What an incredible gift!

I pray that you all received the gift of Christmas and that your heart is full of His love. I pray that you had a very blessed Christmas.

Let’s begin 2025 with a renewed conviction and energy in fulfilling our Serran mission. I’m looking forward to seeing you on January 3<sup>rd</sup> at SHJ!

Jan Landers  
President

*“Christ, the Savior is born.”*

**CHAPLAIN’S MESSAGE**

Pope Francis has declared 2025 as a Jubilee Year. For the Jewish people the Jubilee Year was a year of grace: debts were forgiven, people were released from prison and if one lost his ancestral land, it was returned. When Jesus began preaching, He announced a time of favor. Let us proclaim to others that thanks to Jesus our sins are forgiven, we are reconciled with God and the mercy of God is showered upon us.

God bless,  
Fr. Mark

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Jan. 3 — Friday: 9AM General Meeting; Fr. John Paul Almeida; 8AM Board Meeting**

**Jan. 17 — Friday: 9AM General Meeting; Dcn. Don Schaefer Holy Name Parish, Chaplain of the Serra Club of Southwest Denver; 8AM Board Meeting**

**Feb. 1 — 8:30 AM mass St. Francis of Assisi; General Meeting 9:15; Dcn. Blaise Buches**

Feb. 1-2 — [World Day for Consecrated Life](#)

**Serra Rally 2025 Miami**

Register now for the annual Serra US Rally Thursday January 23 to Saturday January 25, 2025. The keynote speaker on Friday is [Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski](#). Other speakers are [Cardinal Collins](#), [Judy Cozzens](#), [Fr. Jorge Torres](#), [Msgr. Pablo Navarro-Rector](#), and [Mother Adela Galindo](#).

The Rally is being held at the Miami-Dadeland Marriot, just five miles from the beach and botanical gardens.

Click here to register:

<https://serrainternational.org/2025-serra-usa-rally/>

**In The News**

Denver Catholic:

New Clergy Assignments

<https://denvercatholic.org/official-appointments-december-4-2024>

Fr. Jim Crisman - Dean of the Boulder Deanery

Jim and Sandy Richards: Camp St. Malo

<https://denvercatholic.org/jim-and-sandy-richards-guardians-of-grace-at-camp-st-malo>

**Fr. Ron Cattany video**

This six minute video may have been here awhile. Fr. Ron Cattany's video about his call to the priesthood is on the Guardian Angels web site; scroll to the bottom of the page.

<https://meadangels.org/>

**Jubilee Year of Hope Pilgrimage Sites**

<https://denvercatholic.org/jubilee-year-of-hope-to-begin-in-denver-pilgrimage-sites-indulgences-and-a-renewed-call-to-trust-in-god/>

Arch. Aquilla has established nine pilgrimage sites for the Jubilee. St. Francis of Assisi in Longmont is one of them. The faithful may obtain a plenary indulgence.

<https://sfassisi.org/s/Local-Pilgrimage-Sites-for-the-Jubilee-Year.pdf>

<https://denvercatholic.org/icymi-how-to-obtain-a-plenary-indulgence-during-the-2025-jubilee/>

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/261131/us-bishops-designate-national-shrine-as-jubilee-2025-pilgrimage-site>

**The Jubilee Prayer**

Father in heaven,  
may the faith you have given us  
in your Son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of charity enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed hope  
for the coming of your Kingdom.  
May your grace transform  
us into tireless cultivators of the seeds  
of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within  
both humanity and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.  
May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.  
May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.  
To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.  
Amen.

Calendar



**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**January Members Birthdays**

- Jan. 1 — Mary Pat Gallagher
- Jan. 4 — Irma Joos
- Jan. 10 — Donna Jorgenson Farrel
- Jan. 16 — Judy Heinze

**January Seminarists Birthdays**

- Jan. 3 — JoanCarlos Guevara
- Jan. 7 — Javier Maximiliano Moreton
- Jan. 11 — Paolo Mori
- Jan. 13 — Daniel Luis Correia

**January Members Anniversaries**

none

**January Religious Anniversaries:**

- Jan. 25 — Dcn. Jim Mackin (2014)
- Jan. 25 — Dcn. George Thierjung (2014)

<b>Prayer List</b>	
Fr. Greg Ames	Wayne Stetson
Sr. Roseann Barman	Dcn. George Thierjung
Bill Bowe	
Fr. Bill Breslin	And for our dear departed:
Bob Brockish	Rosemary Ames
Teresa Christoff	Dcn. Dave Arling
Lorna Christoff	Dcn. Chris Byrne
Chase Curfman	Carol Brockish
Bill Eck	Jeanette Denfeld
Betsye Feauto	Gilbert J. Garcia
Terry Gallagher	Mary Ann Hibel
Matthew Hibel	Betty Jancosek
Pauline Higgins	Ramon Jesch
Ed Husler	Adrian Scott Leyva
Jane Kryska	Warren S. Peterson
Audrey Kenney	Bridget Price
Marcus Poulin (Annette & Chase)	John Bernard Price
Mary Quilici	George Morzinski
Woody Roberts	Helga Riedl
Cathy Rogowski	Omar Aguirre Salazar
Mary Safranek	Patricia Warner
Bob Serafin	
Dick Stadler	Pray also for new members for our Apostolate.
Nancy Sorenson	

**Winter Schedule**

Our General Meetings at SHJ will start at 9 AM, through March.

- Jan. 1 — Mary, Mother of God
- Jan. 1-5 — 2025 FOCUS SEEK Salt Lake City; <https://seek.focus.org/>
- Jan. 3 — Friday: 9AM General Meeting; Fr. John Paul Almeida**
- Jan. 4 — Saturday: Immaculate Conception parish; 8AM-9:30 AM first Saturday Mass; St. Serra Apostolate of Boulder County Travel Ambassadors invite parishioners to join our club
- Jan. 5 — Sacred Heart of Mary; Breakfast Burritos benefitting The Rosary Team
- Jan. 17 — Friday: 9AM General Meeting; 8AM Board Meeting; Dcn. Don Schaefer Holy Name Parish, Chaplain of the Serra Club of Southwest Denver**
- Jan. 23-26 2025 — [The Serra Rally](#); Miami, FL
- Jan. 24-26 — Colorado Catholic Retreats: Gathering of Men; YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colorado <https://www.coloradocatholicretreats.org/events/gathering-of-men-2025>
- Jan. 28 — St. Thomas Aquinas
- Jan. 28 - Feb. 2 — Catholic Schools Week
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- Feb. 1 — 8:30 AM mass St. Francis of Assisi; General Meeting 9:15; Dcn. Blaise Buches**
- Feb. 1-2 — [World Day for Consecrated Life](#)
- Feb. 10 — St. Scholastica
- Feb. 14 — General Meeting 9AM; Board Meeting 8AM**
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- Mar. 5 — Ash Wednesday
- Mar. 7-9 — Women’s Journey Retreat; YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colorado <https://www.coloradocatholicretreats.org/womens-journey>
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- Apr. 11 — St. Louis School Angel Gala fundraiser
- Apr. 20 — Easter Sunday
- June 24-27 2025 — [Serra’s 82nd International Convention](#); Kansas City, MO
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- Sept. 20-27 — Jubilee Pilgrimage Assisi & Rome with Dcn. Steve Vallero and Fr. Zach Michalczyk