# Saint Serra Apostolate of Boulder County

June 2024

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

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Serrans.

May was a beautiful whirlwind!

Clergy events top the charts: Holy Ordinations, Milestone Clergy Anniversaries, Father Owen's First Mass & Reception, and the Redemptoris Mater Seminary Gala. What a testament of your dedication: remarkable attendance and support at each of these events. Many thanks to all who made the effort and sacrifices to be present for our priests, deacons and seminarians.

Our internal club ceremonies were inspiring as well. We performed a New Member Induction, Board of Director Installations, and produced more thorough Officer Responsibility descriptions on our website for future reference. Thank you to all who stepped forward to give so generously of their time, talent and expertise benefitting our Club.

The outreach efforts of our directors and liaisons were also very fruitful resulting in positive, new relationships. The warm welcomes we received are very encouraging. Our delegates visited two parishes that currently do not have First Saturday Masses with which we historically dovetail our meetings. So, we'll incorporate some flexibility in our travel meeting schedule in the coming months.

June promises to be another event-packed month. Our Travel Meeting this Saturday to SFA features a special visit by Mike Downey and our Annual Affirmation Dinner & Gift Event on 6/25 is shaping up nicely. Don't miss these opportunities to share the Serran experience!

Please continue the great support of your attendance, participation, and prayers. Our mission is energized by your efforts. I am proud to be part of such a great team!

Jan Landers

President

"Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have." Margaret Mead

## **CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE**

On June 7th we celebrate the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The essence of God is revealed in the person of Jesus. The heart of Jesus is on fire with love for each person. God is love. Let us believe in God's love for us and allow Him to love us so that we, in turn, may live a life of love.

God bless,

Fr. Mark

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

June 1 — Saturday St. Francis of Assisi; 9AM General Meeting after 8:30 AM Mass Mike Downey; St. Clare Hall

June 7 — <u>St. Thomas Aquinas</u> 8AM mass National Eucharistic Pilgrimage

June 14 — <u>SHJ</u> Friday 8 AM general meeting Fr. Peter Srsich

June 25 — Affirmation Dinner Pinnochios 5

PM to 8 PM; RSVP by June 10

July 1 — <u>St. Junipero Serra</u> Feast Day

July 5 — No Meeting Independence Day

# Fr. Cliff McMillan

Fr. Cliff spoke to us at our May 3 meeting about Mary and Pentecost. He likes the 1732 Pentecost painting by Jean Restout:

https://www.wikiart.org/en/jean-ii-restout/pentecost https://www.catholicdigest.com/from-the-magazine/ way-of-beauty/restouts-dramatic-pentecostpainting/

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/ File:Jean\_II\_Restout\_- Pentecost\_-WGA19318.jpg

Pentecost, the 15th week, is the ancient Jewish celebration of the Spring harvest, and the promise of God given to Noah in Genesis 9:17 " ... the covenant between God and all flesh upon the earth ..."

In Acts 1:12-14 after the Ascension, in the upper room in Jerusalem, Mary and the apostles are gathered together in intense prayer, the very first novena, asking God for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The painting has rich symbolism. Mary and two apostles are standing on top of an enormous altar offering themselves to God. There are 12 pillars around the altar representing the strong, honest, and true faith of the apostles. The tongues of fire are a manifestation of the Holy Spirit for all those in attendance. All of the characters in the painting are different nationalities and ages. There are two anonymous hands on each side of the painting representing that this is for all of humanity, what is authentically the "church." Mary is the heart of the church, the mother of the church, and the apostles are gathered around Mary, and all others are gathered around the apostles.

Mary full of grace: full of grace in Greek means

- · you who have always been full of grace
- · you who presently are full of grace
- · you who will be full of grace

combining the past, present, and future verb tenses.

# Fr. Tom Coyte

Fr. Tom spoke to us at our May 17 meeting. He will celebrate his 50th ordination anniversary in June. He was baptized at St. Joseph's in Ft. Collins and said his first mass there. In high school he would sign up for the Friday midnight to 1AM adoration to get out of the house.

He was planning on being a dentist. He went to Notre Dame as a pre-med. He wanted the country club lifestyle, but it was not for him. He attended <a href="Cursillo">Cursillo</a> meetings.

He went to St. Thomas seminary ad was ordained in 1974 with Fr. Bill. Archbishop Casey needed someone to work with the deaf, so Fr. Tom volunteered and learned sign language and started ministering to the deaf at St. Philomena parish, then at St. Rose and St. Mary Magdalen. He then served at St. Joseph for 4 years, which was not a deaf ministry. Then he was assigned to Holy Cross which became a full deaf ministry, the first of its kind in the archdiocese. He was at Holy Cross for 25 years. After that he was assigned to a parish in Lakewood St. Bernadette's. He retired in 2020.

In Deaf Ministry, it is important to know that there are two factors of hearing loss: when, and the amount. Hearing loss can be from birth, or happening later in life. The amount of hearing loss can be full or partial. For those born deaf, they have never used their ears. They learn using their eyes. English is their second language. They have at best an elementary reading level, so written material is not of much use to them. Technology has improved their lives. They use facetime to communicate with each other, and Relay service interpreters to communicate with the hearing, for example to order a pizza.

To include the deaf at Mass, Fr. Tom signs the mass, and interpreters sign the songs and readings.

Currently about 12 priests are serving in the US who are deaf from birth.

American sign language short videos:

- Jesus
- <u>applause</u> (4th one in particular)

#### **Six New Priests Ordained**

Fr. Owen is among six new priests ordained May 10.

https://denvercatholic.org/six-new-priests-called-to-a-complete-gift-of-self-in-their-ministry/

https://denvercatholic.org/get-to-know-the-archdioceses-newest-6-priests/



# National Eucharistic Pilgrimage Stopping In Boulder June 6-7

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage is a unique new initiative — a fusion of the journey to Jesus and the journey with Jesus. What's more, it is an adventure that all Catholics can do together, either by interior disposition or physical accompaniment.

All are invited to join the movement as people accompany Jesus in the Eucharist from the north, south, east, and west edges of the country, stopping at many holy sites and churches along the way. Final destination: the 10th <a href="National Eucharistic Congress">National Eucharistic Congress</a>, where Jesus comes to encounter his people anew.

The <u>Serra Route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage</u> will pass through the Archdiocese of Denver from June 5 through June 12.

Join the pilgrimage for Eucharistic Adoration at 8 PM at St. Thomas Aquinas in Boulder June 6, followed by morning 8 AM Mass and a Eucharistic Procession June 7.

https://archden.org/revival/national-pilgrimage-stops/ https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/

#### **Affirmation Dinner June 25**

Our Affirmation Dinner is on Tuesday June 25 from 5 PM to 8 PM at <u>Pinocchios</u> Incredible Italian restaurant in Longmont, across from Lowes.

210 Ken Pratt Blvd.

**Tickets** are available for \$55 on our payment portal <a href="https://www.serraclubbouldercounty.org/">https://www.serraclubbouldercounty.org/</a> or you can pay at our next meeting.

Spouses are invited.

RSVP by June 10 - contact Dori and let her know whether or not you plan to attend

dorimooney759@gmail.com

303-589-5573

### Fr. Bill Thank You Note

Dear Fellow Serrans, 5/8/24

What a wonderful surprise it was to receive your card and generous gift marking my 50th anniversary. Twelve of those 50 years I had the privilege of spending them with you in Boulder, which turned out to be my favorite assignment.

May our good God bless each and every one of you with every grace you need.

Gratefully, Father Bill



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# Calendar

May 30-June 7 — novena to the <u>Sacred Heart of</u> <u>Jesus</u> Serra handbook page 155

June 1 — Saturday St. Francis of Assisi; 9 AM Meeting after 8:30 AM Mass; Mike Downey

June 1 — Fr. Terry Talk; SHJ 9 AM

June 3 — Fr. Bill Breslin 50th Ordination

Anniversary reception Queen of Peace 6PM Mass; reception following at Pentecost Hall

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June 6 — <u>St. Thomas Aquinas</u> Eucharistic Adoration June 7 — <u>St. Thomas Aquinas</u> 8AM Morning Mass

with the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage; celebration on CU campus

June 8 — Serra Meets 10 AM Fr. Bill Watson, SJ

June 8 — <u>Beacon of Hope Gala</u>; Denver Botanic

Gardens; Marisol Services fundraiser

June 10 — <u>Priest and Seminarian Appreciation Day;</u>

The Ridge at Castle Pines North

June 14 — Friday SHJ General Meeting after 7 AM Mass; Fr. Peter Srsich

June 21-23 — Steubenville of the Rockies

June 22-30 — Novena to St. Junipero Serra Serra

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June 24 — World Day of Prayer for the

Sanctification of Priests

June 25 — Affirmation Dinner Pinnochios

July 1 — St. Junipero Serra Feast Day

July 1— St. Louis Knights Charity Golf Tournament Broadlands Broomfield

July 5 — No Meeting Independence Day

July 17-21 — National Eucharistic Congress

July 27-August 4 — novena to St. John Vianney

patron of all priests: prayer intention for priests

August 2-August 10 — novena to St. Lawrence

patron saint of permanent deacons: prayer intention for deacons

Aug. 8-11 — SI Convention New Orleans LA

Sept. 9 — International Buy a Priest a Beer Day

## **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

# **June Members Birthdays**

June 22 — Phil McMahon

#### **June Seminarians Birthdays**

June 10 — Daniel Calix Figueroa

June 21 — O. Alexis Hernandez

July 7 — Tenanai Louis Tebaoti

#### **June Member Anniversaries**

June 5 — Stan and Ann Peterson

June 6 - Hank & Jan Barth

June 6 — Doug & Betsye Feauto

June 12 — Mike & Lynn Taylor

June 16 — David & Marie Perkins

June 20 — Bill & Dori Fitzgerald

June 23 — Jim & Judy Heinze

June 30 - Bob & Susan Gills

# June Religious Anniversaries

June 4 — Dcn. David Luksch (2005) (SHJ)

June 6 — Fr. Frank Maroney (1992) St Francis Assisi - Retired

June 7 — Fr. Giovanni Capucci (2003) RM Vice Rector

June 9 — Fr. Robert Wedow (2001) St. Scholastica

June 9 — Fr. James Crisman (2001) St. Francis Assisi

June 10 — Dcn. Steve Vallero (2000) Immaculate

Conception

June 12 — Fr. Jamie Valdez Vargas (2010) Immaculate Conception

June 12 — Dcn. Leonard Onesky (1999) Retired

June 12 — Dcn. Modesto Garcia (2004) St. William

June 14 — Dcn. Mike Berens (2003) St. John the

**Baptist** 

June 22 — Dcn. Huan Nguyen (2019) Nativity

June 22 — Dcn. Pedro Reyes (2019) St. William

June 22 — Dcn. Tim McCann (2019) Guardian Angel

June 24 — Dcn Steve Boselli (2023) St. Tom

June 26 — Dcn. Daniel McConville (2021) St. Louis

June 30 — Fr. Clifford McMillan (1990) Retired

Prayer List

Please pray for those in need of healing:

Fr. Greg Ames Sr. Roseann Barman

Bill Bowe Fr. Bill Breslin Bob Brockish Teresa Christoff

Lorna Christoff Chase Curfman Bill Eck

Betsye Feauto Terry Gallagher Judy Heinze Matthew Hibl Pauline Higgins Ed Husler

Jane Kryska Audrey Kenney Peggy Morrow Marcus Poulin (Annette

& Chase)

Mary Quilici Woody Roberts Cathy Rogowski Mary Safranek Dick Stadler

Dcn. George Thierjung

and for the repose of the souls of:

Rosemary Ames Dcn. Dave Arling Jeanette Denfeld Mary Ann Hibl Betty Jancosek Ramon Jesch Warren S. Peterson John Bernard Price George Morzinski Helga Riedl

Omar Aguirre Salazar Patricia Warner

Pray also for new members for our Apostolate.