

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



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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Dear Serrans,

Every year, when I flip over the calendar month to February, it gives me pause.

Already weeks have flown by. A few of my new year’s resolutions look like Swiss cheese and my to-do list stretches into 2 columns on each of 2 pages of yellow lined paper! How in the world does that happen so fast?

Aahhh. But the good part is that my prayer time is still solid even with a few Holy Hours added to my new normal schedule. That gives me great hope that my list will be tamed.

One of my prayers is that our club will continue to grow, our members will be spiritually revitalized and the ‘essence’ (prayers/funds/love/support/fellowship) flowing in and out of our Apostolate will absolutely gush with fervor!

I truly believe that ‘essence’ is the Holy Spirit. It’s all wrapped up in our time, talent and treasure.

So, yes, it’s already February, but I think we’re on a good trajectory! Let’s make a special effort in sharing our beautiful work with new folks, keep up the momentum in finding a good fundraising activity that’s fun and fits us and spread the word of our upcoming Lenten Retreat. What a perfect opportunity to grow and glow!

Even if some of our New Year’s efforts have become that infamous Swiss cheese, make sure our Serran Mission stands strong against the storm of complacency and becomes the solid rock; the foundation of our 2025 accomplishments.

Our Blessed Mother will help us embody the

will of the Father through the Holy Spirit and in the name of Our Lord, Jesus Christ! Ask for the Grace.

Jan Landers

President

“I can do all things through Him who gives me strength!”

Philippians 4:13

CHAPLAIN’S MESSAGE

Each year at Sacred Heart of Jesus we offer a catechesis for adults. This year they will be starting Feb. 4 on Tuesdays and Fridays at 8pm in the Middle School. Perhaps God will put someone in your life who is searching for answers. Be open to the possibility that God wants to change a life through this opportunity.

God bless,

Fr. Mark

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

Feb. 14 — Friday Sacred Heart of Jesus; General Meeting 9AM; Board Meeting 8AM

Mar. 2 — Sunday [Sacred Heart of Mary](#); Breakfast Burritos after the 8 AM and 10 AM masses; fundraiser

Mar. 7 — Friday Sacred Heart of Jesus; 7 AM- 2PM Lenten Retreat; adoration 2-3PM; Fr. Karl Millis

March 2 Breakfast Burritos Fundraiser at Sacred Heart of Mary

Mark your calendar for Sunday March 2! Our Apostolate has been honored by the Sacred Heart of Mary Breakfast Burritos Team for its March 2 fundraiser.



Some of our fellow Serrans will be attending mass and working with the Burrito Team on Sunday morning March 2 making and serving take-out burritos. Eat at Benedict Hall or take home.

Come to mass at Sacred Heart of Mary at 8 AM or 10 AM and pick up a breakfast burrito after mass. Or, attend mass somewhere else but stop by SHM to pick up burritos at 9AM or 11 AM.

These are yummy foil-wrapped burritos in a flour tortilla, with eggs, potato, and sausage, served with an optional green chile salsa. Scones and other breakfast items are available too. Freewill donations are graciously accepted.

Membership Dues

Club dues are \$100, and are payable now. Bring cash or check to our next meeting or pay on our website.

Adoration Opportunities

Laura’s Little Choir is performing at these holy hours:

- Tue. Mar. 11, holy hour @ 7:30 pm, St. John XXIII
- Tue. Apr. 8, holy hour @ 8:00 pm, St. Thomas Aquinas
- Fri. Apr. 18 (Good Friday), holy hour @ 12:00, St. Francis of Assisi

Membership News

New member David Gallagher Joined in January.

Dcn. George has retired and moved to Oklahoma.

A new club roster is available on the website under Members Only.

Annual Galentine's Party

FEBRUARY 21
5:00 - 8:00 PM

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Center
2312 14TH ST. BOULDER

Women of all ages & stages are invited. Join us for wine & cheese to meet new friends and form fun, meaningful relationships to enrich your life. Grab a girlfriend, grab a glass of wine and have fun!

Babysitting available!

Fr. John Paul Almeida

Fr. John spoke at our meeting January 3. He was ordained in 2021. He grew up in Massachusetts. He was the fourth child of eight. His brother Joseph is also a priest in Boston <https://cardinaleansblog.org/2019/07/05/reflections-of-a-newly-ordained-priest-father-joseph-almeida>.

His mother died in a car accident when he was 12. His father had a difficult time, and he felt he had to fend for himself. He got a summer job at a blueberry farm, then a winter ski resort. He bought his own clothes, school lunches, school supplies, etc. Angry with his father, but still going to church, by the time he was 18 he thought of God as a monster.

He felt called to study music but was not as good as Pavarotti. He did singing telegrams in New York; every weekend he had a couple of gigs. No matter how much money he earned, he always had a deep dissatisfaction. He partied many weekends. This went on a few years.

At St. Michael's Catholic Church one day when he was 23 he "heard preaching that struck me." A priest took him under his wing. He learned that God loves the sinner. "God loves me, even as a selfish man, even when I was bad." This created a new joy in his life and a profound happiness.

He continued in the Neocatechumenal Way. Eventually he reconciled with his father.

He felt willing to do anything except becoming a priest. A couple of months later, he lost everything: job, car, girlfriend. It made him free. He decided even seminary would be OK. Two months later, in February 2013, he arrived at the RM Seminary in Denver, and entered seminary in September 2013 at the age of 32. It was not easy being under someone else's authority. He was surprised he lasted even one month.

"An internal power in me said come to me and I will be able to make you happy." He resisted it. Only at the moment he was ordained a Deacon did he accept it.

He is "now here serving the pagans of Boulder ... evangelizing Boulder."

New Vicar at Sacred Heart of Mary

Fr. Timothy Wysocki is the new Parochial Vicar at Sacred Heart of Mary.

Deacon Don Schaefer

Deacon Don spoke at our meeting January 17 by zoom. He became a Serran in 2002 has been the Chaplain for the Serra Club of Southwest Denver <https://serraswdenver.org> for 20 years.

He grew up on a farm in the Peoria Illinois diocese. He did not want to have anything to do with a farm, so at 18 he left home and joined the Air Force. He became an air traffic controller, then went to Vietnam.

He married in 1971 and had 4 children. He worked as a public information officer at Denver General Hospital, then for 20 years he worked at PERC.

He had always been involved with the base chapel, and had always felt the call to do more.

His daughter was hit by a drunk driver and was in a coma. God helped her. She is fine now.

He entered the diaconate program and was ordained by Arch. Chaput in 2004. He was assigned to Holy Name parish <https://holynamedenver.org> which was small at the time, and to campus ministry. He worked with FOCUS and Steubenville of the Rockies. Over time, Holy Name parish grew bigger and he spent more time doing baptism and wedding prep, funerals, and nursing home visits.

He officially retired on July 1 2024 but he is still as busy as ever, continuing to visit nursing homes and help with funerals. Many funeral homes call him for communion service.

Denver Catholic News

Deacon George Thierjung granted retirement <https://denvercatholic.org/official-deacon-appointments-january-1-2025/>

St. John Vianney Seminary has a new Rector: Fr. Angel Perez-Lopez <https://denvercatholic.org/archbishop-aquila-announces-changes-in-leadership-at-st-john-vianney-seminary-archdiocese-of-denver/>

Fr. Humberto Marquez: children of all abilities are welcome at St. John the Baptist School <https://denvercatholic.org/blazing-a-trail-ensuring-a-culture-of-belonging-for-children-with-disabilities/>

Calendar



Birthdays and Anniversaries

February Members Birthdays

- Feb. 11 — Kathleen Stadler
- Feb. 18 — Bill Eck
- Feb. 22 — Dona Padrnos
- Feb. 26 — Nancy Sorenson
- Feb. 28 — Jan Landers
- Feb. 28 — Bob Gills
- Mar. 2 — Stan Peterson
- Mar. 2 — Brenda Davis

February Seminarians Birthdays

- Mar. 4 — Marcus Chua

February Members Anniversaries

none

February Religious Anniversaries

none

Prayer List

Fr. Greg Ames	Wayne Stetson
Sr. Roseann Barman	Dcn. George Thierjung
Bill Bowe	
Fr. Bill Breslin	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 Hibi
Matthew Hibi	Betty Jancosek
Pauline Higgins	Ramon Jesch
Ed Husler	Adrian Scott Leyva
Corky Jaster	George Morzinski
Jane Kryska	Warren S. Peterson
Audrey Kenney	Bridget Price
Marcus Poulin	John Bernard Price
(Annette & Chase)	Helga Riedl
Mary Quilici	Omar Aguirre Salazar
Woody Roberts	Patricia Warner
Cathy Rogowski	
Mary Safranek	Pray also for new members for our
Bob Serafin	Apostolate.
Dick Stadler	
Nancy Sorenson	

Winter Schedule

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

- Jan. 28 - Feb. 2 — Catholic Schools Week
- Feb. 1 — Sunday 8:30 AM mass [St. Francis of Assisi](#); General Meeting 9:15; Dcn. Blaise Buches; Board Meeting to follow**
- Feb. 1-2 — [World Day for Consecrated Life](#)
- Feb. 6 — [Immaculate Conception](#); Deacon Candidate Ted Rhoades spiritual journey; 6:30-8:30 PM
- Feb. 6 — [FIRE Foundation Hearts on Fire](#) fundraiser; Cherry Hill Country Club; 5:30 PM; tickets \$100
- Feb. 10 — Solemnity of St. Scholastica
- Feb. 14 — Friday SHJ General Meeting 9AM; Board Meeting 8AM**
- Feb. 27 — [St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Center](#) Library 1520 Euclid 7PM Lecture and Fellowship
- Feb. 28 — [Guardian Angels](#); 28th Annual Chili Bingo; Noon; Bakhita Hall; tickets go on sale Feb. 8 and sell out quickly
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- Mar. 2 — Sunday [Sacred Heart of Mary](#); Breakfast Burritos after the 8 AM and 10 AM masses; fundraiser**
- Mar. 5 — Ash Wednesday
- Mar. 7 — Friday Sacred Heart of Jesus; 7 AM-2PM Lenten Retreat; adoration 2-3PM; Fr. Karl Millis**
- Mar. 7-9 — Women’s Journey Retreat; YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colorado <https://www.coloradocatholicretreats.org/womens-journey>
- Mar. 9 — Daylight Savings Time Spring Forward 🕒
- Mar. 21 — TBD; General Meeting; Board Meeting**
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- Apr. 5 — [SJB School](#) Spring Auction Fundraiser (?)
- Apr. 11 — [St. Louis School](#) Angel Gala fundraiser
- Apr. 20 — Easter Sunday
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- June 24-27 2025 — [Serra’s 82nd International Convention](#): Kansas City, MO
- Sept. 20-27 — Jubilee Pilgrimage Assisi & Rome with Dcn. Steve Vallero and Fr. Zach Michalczyk; deacon.vallero@archden.org