

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



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Serrans,

We are so blessed to have had Stan Peterson and Fr Mark prepare a very touching Memorial Service for us at our last July meeting. It held beautiful sentiments of our precious Serrans who have gone to see Our Lord. It brought us to a prayerful place of, yes grief, but also of such great joy in knowing the depth of their dedication to the mission we all hold so dearly. It is an honor to have walked with them on their life's journey.

This summer is sure cooking along - in more ways than just hot temperatures! Our event calendar is on the front burner and filling up fast with the 'outreach' effort topping the list.

We have our initial traveling meetings scheduled for First Saturdays at St Francis of Assisi (Aug & Oct). We are reaching out to parishes in our deanery to encourage new membership and to convey the need for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Please share your love for our mission with the parishioners at these outreach meetings. Just think back of the time you were introduced to the Serra Apostolate. It is likely that you joined because of another members' encouragement, fellowship and prayer. Take advantage of these meeting opportunities. Be that member for someone else.

Our 2023 calendar is studded with events to which you can invite prospective members, offering them a first hand experience of the

Serra Apostolate; our District Conference, Boulder Serra Club Retreat, and Christmas gift-prep-meetings for Seminarians and Altar Servers. Guests are always welcome!

Jan Landers

President

"Always forward. Never Back."

Saint Junípero Serra

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

No message this month.

Fr. Mark is on a two week pilgrimage July 27 - Aug. 8 with SHJ teens to World Youth Day in Lisbon, Aug 1-6. Pray for him and for those with him.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug. 5 — Saturday; [St. Francis of Assisi](#) west Longmont; 8:30 mass 9:15 general meeting Fr. Jim Crisman

Aug. 18 — Friday; [SHJ](#) General meeting after 7AM mass; board meeting

Sept. 2 — no meeting Labor Day Weekend

Sept. 8 — Serra Salute: Fr. Rocco Porter; [Pinehurst Country Club](#) Quincy Ave. Denver

Sept. 15 — Friday; [SHJ](#) General meeting after 7AM mass; board meeting; Fr. Greg

Sept. 24 - [Priesthood Sunday](#)

ST. SERRA APOSTOLATE INTRO MEETING

Save the date: Saturday, August 5th. Following First Saturday Mass, 9:30-10:30am, St. Clare Hall.

Serra's Mission is to foster and affirm vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Please join us for an introductory presentation, light breakfast, and a talk by Father Jim. **Free admission.**

in the July 16 St. Francis of Assisi Bulletin

Deacon Jim Mackin

Dcn. Jim Mackin spoke at our July 21 meeting. He was in the same 2014 deacon formation class as Dcn. George Thierjung and Dcn. Chris Byrne. He is now at St. Scholastica.

He was born at 24 weeks, weighing less than 3 pounds. He received an emergency baptism. He was in an incubator for two months.

Growing up in Binghamton N.Y., the summer before third grade he asked to play the piano. At Christmas his parents gave him a "[Partridge Family](#)" toy guitar. He got a real one later. In fifth grade he joined the music ministry, and he still plays guitar.

In third grade he gave his priest a going away gift. Later, the priest sent him a thank you note written on the bishop's stationery, in which he was invited to help later on in life.

You can watch his speech on <https://www.serraclubbouldercounty.org/doorstovocations>. In this video you can see many photos, including one of his parents on their wedding day and a photo of him as a baby.

Dcn. Jim wants us "to know how much the Lord loves us and He's asking us to serve and help each other."

St. Serra Apostolate History

Fr. Greg Ames and Keith Ames attended our Memorial July 21. He told us that when he was recruiting people to join our Serra Club, he asked his father to join with Ramon Jesch. His father said not without Mom (Rosemary Ames). At that time, Serra clubs were only for men. Fr. Greg contacted Serra US requesting that women be allowed to join. Rosemary was the first woman Serran, followed by Luan Jesch.

On-line Payment Project

Our new treasurer Mary Ellen and our new president Jan, with the support of the board, are working on a project to set up on-line payment for our Apostolate. This will allow us to add a Donate button to our website. Members would have another option for paying dues, in addition to cash or check.

This project has involved much research about the variety of options available, and what would work best for our Apostolate. There are many steps involved in this process, and we hope to have it all set up and working before January.

Thank You Note

Deacon Chris Hora sent us a thank you note.

St. Serra Apostolate,

Thank you for thinking of me on my ordination day! I really appreciate the card & check; but especially your prayers & support. I cannot begin to express how this has helped me.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness as I begin this new adventure.

God Bless.

Dcn. Chris Hora

Deacons in the Denver Catholic

Newly ordained deacons are interviewed In this July 7 article: <https://denvercatholic.org/meet-the-archdioceses-newest-permanent-deacons-ordained-june-24/>

Read about Deacon Steve Boselli (St. Thomas Aquinas), Deacon Paul VanHoudt (St. John the Baptist Johnstown), Deacon Raul Martinez (St. Teresa), and Deacon Chris Hora (Guardian Angels).

Mission San Gabriel Reopens

An article in The National Catholic Register describes the newly renovated Mission San Gabriel Arcángel, the fourth mission established by St. Junípero Serra.

<https://www.ncregister.com/features/st-junipero-serra-s-mission-san-gabriel-reopens-with-new-story-to-tell>

The church burned in July 2020, caused by arson. The roof and pews were incinerated. Most everything was damaged by smoke and water.

The old exhibit was about the missionaries. The new exhibit focuses on Native American history.

Novena for Deacons

St. Lawrence, Patron Saint of Deacons

Feast Day: August 10

<https://www.catholiccompany.com/magazine/st-lawrence-the-inspiring-and-witty-patron-of-deacons-6224>

Almighty and eternal God, in your unfailing love, you never cease to provide faithful ministers for your people.

Through the intercession of St. Lawrence, we pray for those who are called to serve the Church as deacons.

Open their hearts to follow Your Holy Will for them to serve in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.

In doing so, may they truly herald your Gospel, not only in word but especially in deed. May their actions make your love known, particularly to those among us who are poor, lost and forgotten, sick and suffering, and most in need.

Bless with courage and perseverance those who serve you as deacons. Grant that many people will be inspired by their example and their faith. We ask all this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Affirmation Dinner

Our Affirmation dinner will be held at SHJ in Jubilee Hall on Friday, January 19 2024. Bill Fitzgerald has graciously stepped up to help coordinate this event. Please contact him to offer your support.

Calendar

Birthdays and Anniversaries

August Members Birthdays

- Aug. 1 — Elena Nieczkoski
- Aug. 5 — Peggy Morrow
- Aug. 7 — Jeannine Myers
- Aug. 8 — Mary Ann Hibl

August Seminarians Birthdays

- Aug. 4 — Kevin Mateo
- Aug. 16 — Kent Bascos
- Aug. 24 — Matheo Cuartas
- Aug. 30 — Michael Pitio

August Member Anniversaries

- Aug. 6 — Mary Pat & Terry Gallagher
- Aug. 20 — Joe & Sugar Calabria (1966)
- Aug. 27 — Gil & Rosalie Garcia

August Religious Anniversaries:

- Aug. 2 — Fr. Greg Ames (1986)

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. 5 — St. Francis of Assisi 8:30 mass 9:15 general meeting Fr. Jim Crisman
 Aug. 12 — [Serra MEETS](#) Dale Ahlquist: "Growing Our Own Priests" 10 AM
 Aug. 15 — Assumption
Aug. 18 — SHJ General meeting after 7AM mass; board meeting
 Aug. 26 — K of C Immaculate Conception Golf Tournament; Broadlands
Sept. 2 — no meeting Labor Day Weekend
 Sept. 8 — Serra Salute: Fr. Rocco Porter; [Pinehurst Country Club](#) Quincy Ave. Denver
 Sept. 9 — [International Buy a Priest a Beer Day](#) 🍺
 Sept. 11 — Catholic Charities [Team Samaritan Golf Fundraiser](#); Arrowhead Golf Club
Sept. 15 — SHJ General meeting after 7AM mass; board meeting; Fr. Greg
 Sept. 16 — Catholic Charities [Sam's Supper](#)
 Sept. 24 - [Priesthood Sunday](#)
Oct. 7 — St. Francis of Assisi 8:30 AM Mass; general meeting
 Oct. 7 — [Brown Robe Benefit](#) - Denver Sheraton
 Oct. 14 — Serra District 6 Conference at [St. Thomas More](#) in Centennial
Oct. 20 — SHJ general meeting after 7AM mass; retreat with Fr. Jason Wallace
 Oct. 20-22 — [Denver Marian Conference](#)
 Nov. 5-11 — [Vocations Awareness Week](#)
 December - no meetings
Dec. 2 - Christmas Party
 Jan. 18-21 2024 — Serra Rally Miami
 July 2024 — SI Convention New Orleans LA

<p><u>Prayer List</u> Please pray for those in need of healing: Fr. Greg Ames Bill Bowe Bob Brockish Teresa Christoff Lorna Christoff Chase Curfman Bill Eck</p>	<p>Betsye Feauto Judy Heinze Matthew Hibl Pauline Higgins Jane Kryska Audrey Kenney Fr. Cliff McMillan George Morzinski Marcus Poulin (Annette & Chase) Stan Peterson</p>	<p>Helga Riedl Mary Safranek Jonathan Thorne</p> <p>and for the repose of the souls of</p> <p>Rosemary Ames Jeanette Denfeld Betty Jancosek Ramon Jesch Omar Aguirre Salazar</p>	<p>Pray also for new members for our Apostolate.</p>
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