# Saint Serra Apostolate of Boulder Valley

# February 2022

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: Dori Fitzgerald

V.P. Vocations: Jim and Judy Heinze V.P. Programs: Sharon Stetson V.P. Affirmation: Ed Theiss

Club Trustees: Sue Husler, Bill Fitzgerald

President-Elect: Jerome Higgins

Treasurer: Ed Husler

V.P. Membership: Stan Peterson, Mary Ellen Thorne

V.P. Communications: Amy Michaelis

Parish Liaison: vacant

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Serrans -

I was struck recently as I read a thread on nextdoor.com, a post was made by a woman whose mother lived near Sacred Heart of Jesus. She had heard a strange sound at her front door and when she opened it encountered a deranged man carving hell backwards into her front door. Thanks be to God she was able to close and lock the door and was not hurt.

The "neighbors" offered lots of solutions including everything from buy a Smith and Wesson, buy security cameras, to have a Shaman come and pray at the house. No one suggested seeking the power that Jesus dispenses through his priests (CCC 1537-38).

I share this story to highlight the importance of our work in creating a culture of vocations. Our time shares similarities with the culture at the time the prophet Elijah had his famous showdown with the 450 prophets of baal (1 Kings 18). Our culture does not recognize nor support the power of the priesthood to call down God's power and heal broken mankind. This power is just as relevant today as it was then.

One step to help and support our mission and objectives is to complete the Strategic Plan by clicking here, or by printing and completing the paper form. The plan will not only help us create a culture of vocations and focus in on our goals, it will be a means of sharing and communicating our objectives with new

members, the Deanery, and the community around us who seek other "powers" but get no solutions.

Thank you for your support!

Mary Mother of Vocations and Saint Junipero, Pray for us! In Christ, Peggy Morrow

#### CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

On February 14 we celebrate Valentine's Day. We were created by Love and for love. The love that we are all looking for is eternal and perfect and only God loves us this way. God become man so that we could enter into a spousal relationship with God. God loves us as we are, with our sins and weaknesses. Allowing God to love us, we become one with God and share His Spirit. This is possible through the Church and is what allows us to love others as they are with their sins and weaknesses.

God bless. Fr. Mark

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Feb. 4** - general meeting with Sister Josette (via zoom) and board meeting

Feb. 2 (5-6) - World Day for Consecrated Life

Feb. 12 - Serra Meets 10-11 AM

**Feb. 28** — no meeting Presidents Day Weekend

## Serra Meets Webinar February 12

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https://serraus.org/serra-meets

10-11 AM webinar: Fr. Tom Ascheman SVD, president of Divine Word Seminary College in Epsworth, Iowa "Cultivating Unusual Friendships - Being a Misionary (and Serran) Today"

## Our Apostolate in the News

In the December 2021 issue of <u>The Serran</u>, our Boulder club was honored as a Banner club (\$1000-\$1999). Some of our members were also honored as donors to the Serra International Foundation.

## Missionaries of St. Junipero Serra Contest

This annual membership contest runs to June 30. The three Serra clubs that grow the most are awarded \$1000, \$750, and \$500. Any Serra club that grows by a minimum of 5 new members receives a rebate in dues of 10% plus a free registration to either the 2023 Serra Rally or Serra Convention.

To help out, we Serrans are encouraged to:

- Pray the <u>Serra Prayer for Vocations</u> daily
- Distribute the <u>Serra Prayer for Vocations</u> <u>card</u> whenever there is an opportunity to do so
- Bring someone to a Serra event
- Invite someone to become a member

So far this year we have two new members. We only need three more to earn the discount!

# Membership Dues

Annual dues are \$77 per member.

Please send your checks to:

Ed Husler 297 Fourmile Canyon Drive Boulder, CO 80302

Mail after February 5, 2002. Ed can accept the money at any of the meetings after February 3, 2002.

Thank you to all the generous donors that contributed to the no-golf fundraiser and the seminarian Christmas donation.

## **Boulder County Wildfire**

On December 30, a strong chinook struck Boulder County with winds gusting above 60 MPH from about 10 AM through 6 PM. A grass fire spread to homes in Superior and Louisville. Two parishes, St. Louis and Sacred Heart of Mary, had to evacuate.

The devastating wildfire started suddenly and spread through more than 6,000 acres of the northwest metro Denver towns of Superior and Louisville.

Hundreds of people, including parishioners of St. Louis, Sacred Heart of Mary and Immaculate Conception have lost their homes.

A special collection was taken during Masses on the weekend of January 8-9. Donations from this collection were put into a special fund that will be distributed through parishes in the affected region. Thanks to the generosity of the faithful to the 2021 Archbishop's Catholic Appeal, the archdiocese contributed \$250,000 to the fund.



St. Scholastica image courtesy of traditionalcatholic.net

#### St Scholastica

First Benedictine nun b. 480 d. 543

The twin sister of St. Benedict was a determined woman who chose religious consecration at an early age. After she convinced Benedict to dedicate his own life to God, Scholastica built her abbey near Benedict's Monte Cassino monastery. Each year, they spent one day together discussing divine subjects. On their last visit, Scholastica and Benedict talked on and on, stopping only for a short meal. As daylight disappeared, Benedict rose to leave. When he refused her pleas to stay, Scholastica turned to God and suddenly the house was engulfed in a torrential downpour. Benedict surrendered to God's will and they talked through the night. When Scholastica died a few days later, Benedict cherished the memory of their last conversation - on the joys of heaven.

# <u>Upcoming Parish/Diocese Events</u>

**Feb.5** - Nativity of Our Lord A Knight of Joy School Gala 6PM

**Feb.10** - <u>St. Scholastica</u> Feast Day 6PM Mass; Erie

Feb. 11 - St. Theresa Valentine's Day ♥ Party: Romantic Dinner, Music, Entertainment, Surprises 7-10PM Ft. Lupton \$50 per person limited seats reserve now 303-833-2966

**Feb. 15** - Immaculate Conception Blood Drive 1-6:30 PM Nuoci Hall

**April 2 & 3** - <u>Immaculate Conception</u> Mary's Hands' Book and Puzzle Sale

**April 17** - St. William Irish Trip Drawing KofC fundraiser \$10 ticket, or \$25 for 3

**April 22 - St. Louis** The Gala at Omni Interlocken Hotel 5:30

May. 22 — St. Rita of Cascia Feast Day 9:30AM Mass; Nederland

<sup>\*</sup>from The Daybook Of Saints by Terry Matz

## Calendar

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

# **February Members Birthdays**

Feb. 17 - Fr. Mark Kovacik - Chaplain

Feb. 18 – Bill Eck

Feb. 22 - Dona Padrnos

Feb. 26 - Nancy Sorenson

Feb. 28 - Bob Gills

Mar. 2 - Stan Peterson

Mar. 3 - Brenda Davis

Mar. 7 – Terry Gallagher

## **February Seminarians Birthdays**

Feb. 7 – Ianana Taranteuea

# **February Member Anniversaries**

None

# **February Religious Anniversaries**

None

## **Prayer List**

Please pray for those in need of healing:

Fr. Greg Ames

Rosemary Ames

Teresa Christoff

Lorna Christoff

Chase Curfman

Jeanette Denfeld

Audrey Kenney

Helga Riedl

George Morzinski

Marcus Poulin (Annette & Chase)

Matthew Hibl

Angie McCann

Mary Safranek

Please pray also for Jonathan Padrnos in seminary at Gonzaga.

Feb. 3-11 — Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes

Feb. 4 - general meeting with Sister Josette (via

zoom) and board meeting

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**FLYER HERE** 

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Today"

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Weekend

Mar. 2 - Ash Wednesday

Mar 4 - general and board meeting

Mar. 7-13 — National Catholic Sisters Week

Mar. 11-19 Novena to St. Joseph

Mar. 13 - Daylight Saving Time resumes

Mar. 18 - general meeting - video of seminarian

Senitas Salezghi

Mar. 25 — Annunciation

**Apr. 1** - general and board meeting

**Apr. 15** — no meeting Good Friday

Apr. 17 - Easter

Apr. 18-26 — Novena to Our Lady of Good Counsel

May 1 - Religious Brothers Day

May 6 - general and board meeting

May 5-13 — Novena to Our Lady of Fatima

May 8 - World Day of Prayer for Vocations

May. 14-22 — Novena to Saint Rita of Cascia

May 20 — general meeting

May. 22 — St. Rita of Cascia Feast Day 9:30AM

Mass Nederland

**July 1** — no meeting

July 14-17 - Serra International 79th

Convention Toronto Canada