

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



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**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

Dear Serrans,  
November was packed full of awe-inspiring and eye-opening realities.  
It was an extraordinary treat to learn first-hand, about the rich and very extensive topic of the Shroud of Turin from one of our newest members! Thank you, Rudy for sharing your knowledge We are all looking forward to exploring the Shroud topic more fully in the future.  
And as we learned more about the Labouré Society, and some of the financial challenges facing young men today as they discern their vocations it brought even into greater focus the importance of our Serran mission.  
Our Altar Server Gift Bag event was such a great success! Thank you, Amy, for your dedication and effort in organizing this special event. It was a perfect opportunity to share with the school children an inkling of how to pray and encourage vocations awareness.  
Thanksgiving really brings out the opportunity for reflection on all the gifts and friendships with which God has bless us. I am also very thankful for the faithful Serrans who have ignited our 31 Club with fresh commitment. I am convinced that prayer is the most important component of our Mission.  
With our Christmas Party just days away, and the chilly winter weather upon us, we are diving into this beautiful Advent and Christmas Season. And the upcoming Seminarian Dinner Concerts are a favorite activity, as attending these events support and encourage our seminarians.  
This is such a perfect time of year to be thankful for the many blessings and graces we have been given. My hope is that you enjoy the nuances of the holiday preparations and weave into your days some quiet time with Our Lord. Let us thank Him

for each other, our deep friendships and spiritual camaraderie that is so precious.  
I am particularly thankful for all of you, your talents, your faithful generosity and steadfast dedication to our Serra Mission.  
May God bless you all abundantly!  
Jan  
*"Let love replace anger, hope replace fear, and optimism replace despair. Living this prayer may be the only Gospel some people ever read."* - Anonymous

**CHAPLAIN’S MESSAGE**

We celebrate Advent in December. Out of all the liturgical seasons (Lent, Easter, Christmas, Ordinary time), Advent is most like life itself. We are waiting, hoping for, and preparing for the coming of the Lord who is our Savior. We know Christmas is coming to us. We are waiting for the Second Coming of Christ. At our death, we will have an encounter with Jesus. Life is a time to prepare for this meeting. Let us take advantage of this time of preparation.  
May you have a Blessed Advent,  
Fr. Mark

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Dec. 7 — Serra Christmas Party 🎄 SHJ; 2PM - 4PM; set-up starts at noon; clean up to 5 PM**
- Jan. 3 — Friday: 9AM General Meeting**
- Jan. 17 — Friday: 9AM General Meeting; 8AM Board Meeting**
- Feb. 1-2 — [World Day for Consecrated Life](#)

### **Shroud of Turin**

Experimental Physicist Rudolph Dichtl spoke to us at our November 1 meeting about his experience examining the Shroud of Turin in October 1978.

Rudy gave us some websites:

Shroud of Turin Website: <https://shroud.com/>

Shroud of Turin Education and Research Association: <https://www.shroud.com/stera.htm>

Shroud of Turin Research Project STURP: <https://www.shroudofturin.com/sturp.html>

Ariel Agemian painting: <https://shroudstory.com/2011/12/11/ariel-agemians-christ-painting-based-on-the-shroud-of-turin/>

As a child at St. Alphonsus, Rudy learned about the shroud because his parish had a devotion to the shroud. Because he already knew a lot about the shroud and was a Staff Scientist he was asked to be part of the team participating directly in examining it. Rudy worked with Dr. John Jackson and Dr. Eric Jumper on the Shroud of Turin Research Project STURP.

The [VP-8 Image Analyzer](#) was used to perform the first ever in-depth scientific examination of the Shroud of Turin. Unlike a photograph produced from the reflection of light, the shroud image contains spatial data: the image density on the cloth is directly proportionate to the distance it was from the body it covered. In essence, the closer the cloth was to the body, the darker the image. To this day, how the image on the shroud was created remains a mystery.

The shroud shows nail wounds on the wrists and a pierce from a blade on the right side of the body.

Rudy brought with him all sorts of artifacts from his long association with the shroud, including a stunning lenticular image of the face of Jesus inspired by the shroud, with one angle showing the face on the shroud, and another angle showing Ariel Agemian's painting, considered by many to be the most accurate.

Rudy says there is much published about the shroud, ever more every year. Some is not credible. See the websites above for good information.

Your editor found and viewed this the 52 minute video, The Silent Witness, on Formed.org: <https://watch.formed.org/the-shroud-of-turin> which seems most informative.

### **Laboure Society**

Also at our November 1 meeting, Jake Smith spoke to us about the Laboure Society.

<https://rescuevocations.org/>

Laboure Society is a 501c3 charitable organization that helps raise funds to resolve financial obstacles that stand between men and women called by God to serve as priests and religious. Its patron saint is St. Catherine Labouré, who wanted to join the Daughters of Charity but could not afford it. Eventually her relatives gave her the financial aid she needed to become a sister. Later, she received the Miraculous Medal revelations and spread this devotion.

[Funds donated for an aspirant are tax-deductible.](#)

A direct contribution is not tax-deductible.

Laboure Society helps to ensure that funds are disbursed responsibly.

Jake Smith has been conditionally accepted to enter the Denver SJV seminary in the fall of 2025 but has some college loan debt he must pay off before he starts.

He was on the path to become a medical doctor when he received his call to the priesthood. He has a B.S. in Biology from [Creighton](#) (a Jesuit University in Omaha Nebraska), an MS in Human Anatomy from [CU Anschutz](#), and an MS in Clinical Sciences. Here's his story:

<https://rescuevocations.org/aspirant/jake-smith/#story>

Jake Smith asks us for our donations. Use this link to donate:

<https://rescuevocations.org/aspirant/jake-smith/>

### **Christmas Treats for Youth Altar Servers**

On November 15 we assembled 350 treat bags for the Youth Altar Servers in our deanery. 19 fifth-graders from Sacred Heart of Jesus School came to help us.

Included was a prayer card for the patron saint of altar servers, St. John Berchmans: [https://www.catholicprayercards.org/Holy\\_cards\\_of\\_Male\\_Saints/saint-john-berchmans-prayer-card.html](https://www.catholicprayercards.org/Holy_cards_of_Male_Saints/saint-john-berchmans-prayer-card.html)

### **Fr. Karl Millis Advent Presentations**

Celebrate Advent by learning more about the Saints! Fr. Karl Millis at St. Francis of Assisi is hosting classes on [Sundays in Advent from 2-4PM](#) with wine and cheese.

Dec. 8, Dec. 15, Dec. 22

Fr. Karl will use Bishop Barron's Pivotal Players as a starting point: St. Catherine of Sienna, Ven. Fulton Sheen, and St. Thomas Aquinas.

### **In the Denver Catholic**

1) Rev. Karl Millis appointed Parochial Vicar at [St. Francis of Assisi](#) in Longmont and Rev. Jessfyr Alexander Picado Fuente was appointed Parochial Vicar at [St. William](#) in Fort Lupton and Our Lady of Grace Mission Church in Wattenberg <https://denvercatholic.org/official-appointments-november-27-2024/>

2) The Rosary Team <https://therosaryteam.org/>, started by Teresa Rodriguez who spoke to our Apostolate in June 2022 (see the July 2022 newsletter), is featured in this article <https://denvercatholic.org/the-power-of-the-rosary-local-ministry-sees-transformation-through-prayerful-nursing-home-visits/>

3) Dcn. Huan Nguyen, serving at [Nativity of Our Lord](#) in Broomfield, is featured in a 3 minute video and article <https://denvercatholic.org/watch-from-buddhism-to-catholicism-deacon-huan-nguyens-journey-to-the-permanent-diaconate/>

4) [Ut Fidem](#) keep the faith ministry at [Holy Family High School](#) in Broomfield <https://denvercatholic.org/keep-the-faith-how-holy-family-high-school-is-changing-the-conversation-on-campus/>

5) member Glenn, mountaineer, spoke at [Holy Name](#) in November at the [Creatio Gala](#) <https://denvercatholic.org/in-the-mountains-you-are-never-alone-famous-colorado-mountaineer-to-speak-at-colorado-catholic-outdoor-apostolates-fundraiser/>

<https://www.serraclubbouldercounty.org>

### **Serra Rally 2025 Miami**

Thinking about a Winter get-away trip? How about a warm place like Miami?

Registration is now open 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/>

### **Seminarian Christmas Gift Fundraiser**

Our Redemptoris Mater Seminarians look forward to our. Any amount is most appreciated.

To donate, go to our website

<https://www.serraclubbouldercounty.org>

and select Payment Portal, then select 2024 Seminarian Christmas Gift, or write a check payable to:

Serra Club of Boulder County  
1200 Venice Street, Longmont, CO 80501

### **2024 September Serran**

The September 2024 issue of the Serran is now online:

<https://serrainternational.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Production-updated.pdf>

Congratulations to our club: we had growth of 12% with six new members this year. As a reward we receive one free registration to the Serra USA Rally in Miami in January or the Serra International Convention in Kansas City in June.



**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**Calendar**

**December Members Birthdays**

- Dec. 10 — Arlin Meis
- Dec. 11 — Bill Fitzgerald
- Dec. 20 — Jerome Higgins
- Dec. 26 — Anna Campbell
- Dec. 26 — Lisa Hodges
- Dec. 30 — Cathy Rogowski
- Dec. 31 — Nancy Harris

**December Seminarians Birthdays**

- Dec. 5 — Andres Zepeda
- Dec. 6 — Daniel Rivas
- Dec. 21 — Isaias Vargas
- Dec. 28 — Nikolai Ciancio
- Jan. 3 — JoanCarlos Guevara
- Jan. 7 — Javier Maximiliano Moreton

**December Member Anniversaries**

- Dec. 8 — Rudy & Marlene Dichtl (2012)
- Jan. 1 — Mary Pat Gallagher
- Jan. 4 — Irma Jooss

**December Religious Anniversaries:**

- Dec. 1 — Fr. Mark Kovacik (2007)
- Dec. 19 — Msgr. Bob Amundsen (1969)

**Winter Schedule**

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

**December: No Meetings Merry Christmas**

- Dec. 1 — Advent
- Dec. 7 — Fr. Terry Talk: Advent Notions; 9AM-11AM; SHJ Jubilee Hall

**Dec. 7 — Serra Christmas Party 🎄 SHJ; 2 PM - 4 PM; set-up starts at noon; clean up to 5 PM**

- Dec. 7-8 — [Camp Saint Malo Advent Market](#) Allenspark; 10AM-3PM
- Dec. 6-8 — Friday-Sunday: [St. John the Baptist Christmas Market](#)
- Dec. 9 — Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Holy Day of Obligation
- Dec. 12 — Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Dec. 12 — Capuchin Franciscans 16th Annual Road to Rome Raffle; buy tickets by Dec. 10 [https:// RoadToRomeRaffle.com](https://RoadToRomeRaffle.com)

- Dec. 15 — [St. Theresa](#) Car Raffle
- Dec. 20 — Friday: [Redemptoris Mater Seminary](#) Christmas Carol concert; 6:30 buffet dinner then 7:30 PM concert; reserve your seat now
- Dec. 21 — Saturday: [Redemptoris Mater Seminary](#) Christmas Carol concert; 12:30 buffet lunch then 2PM concert; reserve your seat now
- Dec. 22 — Sunday: [Redemptoris Mater Seminary Christmas Carol concert](#) at [St. Augustine Parish](#) Brighton 5PM; no meal; donations requested

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- Jan. 1 — Mary, Mother of God
  - Jan. 3 — Friday: 9AM General Meeting**
  - 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. 17 — Friday: 9AM General Meeting; 8AM Board Meeting**
- Jan. 23-26 2025 — [The Serra Rally](#); Miami, FL
- Feb. 1-2 — [World Day for Consecrated Life](#)

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- June 24-27 2025 — Serra's 82nd International Convention: Kansas City, MO

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