



Serra Club of Boulder County

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

July, 2020

Club Meeting Times: 1st Friday and 3rd 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: Sue Husler

Secretary: Dori Fitzgerald

V.P. Vocations: Bill Fitzgerald

V.P. Programs: Lillian Price

V.P. Affirmation: Ed Theiss

Club Trustees: Vern Rogowski, Jerome Higgins

President-Elect: Peggy Morrow

Treasurer: Ed Husler

V.P. Membership: Stan Peterson

V.P. Communications: Nancy Harris

Parish Liaison:

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Pray, pray, pray! With Covid-19 and riots, It sounds like a long hot summer. I was saddened to hear of the removal of the St. Junipero Serra statue in CA. He was one who evangelized Christianity which is Love and caring. Start your Novena to St. Junipero Serra, he can still intercede for all of us.

There is no meeting July 3rd; our next meeting will be July 17. We will vote on the changes in the By-laws. I will check with Fr. Mark regarding having a meeting in Jubilee Hall. We can space our seating and brown bag our breakfast. Will let you know if this is to take place. Board meeting will follow the general meeting.

Again, I would like to thank Bill Fitzgerald for the great job as president of our club and to Bill and Peggy Marrow for setting up the 'Zoom' meetings so we could continue with our Serra Club meetings during this time of 'quarantine'.

St. Junipero Serra, pray for us
Mary, Mother of Vocations, pray for us

Recent Past Events

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Due to the coronavirus pandemic, Boulder County Serra Club has, for the foreseeable future, changed their meeting format to ZOOM. All members are encouraged to tune in via computer, cell phone or pad. Feel free to bring your coffee and/or breakfast treat to the ZOOM meeting and attend either “on” video or “off” video. “Off” allows you to attend in your pajamas, barefoot, hair uncombed and, for the ladies, NO makeup. The ZOOM meeting begins at 8:30 a.m. You will receive an invitation link to the meeting via [Groups.io](https://groups.io) LINKS

June 5 – Club Meeting

The guest speakers for the June 5th Boulder County Serra Club meeting via video recording were Fr. Humberto Marquez and Fr. Daniel Ciucci of St. John’s in Longmont.

The Frs. explained to Serran members the significance of the Pascal candle. We learned that the Pascal candle which represents Christ, the Light of the World, is at the heart of the Easter vigil.

There is much symbolism in the elements that make up the candle. The pure wax, bee’s wax, of which the candle is composed exemplifies the purity of Jesus. The wick depicts Jesus’s humanity while the flame illuminates his Divine Nature. The markings on the candle also convey a special meaning. The cross represents Christ’s great sacrifice, the five grains of incense inserted into the candle, his five wounds and the Greek letters Alpha and Omega represent Jesus as the beginning and the end. The candle is inscribed with the current year, showing each Catholic

church’s participation in the universal celebration.

At the beginning of the Easter vigil on holy Saturday, the Pascal candle is carried in a procession through the Church to a special place in the sanctuary near the Gospel. It is kept lit there during the Masses until Pentecost.

Once the Easter season ends, the Pascal candle is moved to a place near the baptismal font. It will be lit there during baptismal and funeral services as a powerful reminder of the Resurrection.

June 19 – Club Meeting

Our guest speakers for the June 19th Boulder Serra Club meeting were, once again, the Frs. Humberto Marquez and Daniel Ciucci via video recording.

This time, their presentation was dictated by the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Christian observance that honors the Holy Eucharist (the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ). This feast is liturgically celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday but in areas where it is not considered a holy day of obligation, it is celebrated on the Sunday following the Most Holy Trinity which, in Boulder, fell on June 14.

First, we Boulder County Serrans learned about the purificators, the cloths used to purify the vessels. The cloth first set onto the altar is, rightly, called the altar cloth, and it covers the entire surface of the table (mensa) of the consecrated altar, both in length and width.

The next cloth placed by the celebrant is called the corporal. It is a square linen

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cloth upon which the chalice and paten and the ciborium containing the smaller hosts for the communion of the laity are placed during celebration of the Eucharist. It is folded so as to catch any particles of the Host that may accidentally fall.

All cloths designed to touch the Body of Christ are white, usually made of linen and embroidered with a red cross.

The pall is the small square cloth that covers the top of the chalice.

The lavabo towel is used by the priest to dry his hands after washing them.

These protections of the Eucharist started with a functional use but over the centuries became part of the liturgical ritual. The first Masses took place in the catacombs which were attached to the sewers. There was the need to make sure that nothing of the precious Body and Blood was tainted. That reverence for the Body and Blood of Christ continues to this day as Catholics believe in the actual presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

Two of the sacred vessels which are central to the celebration of the Eucharist are the chalice which is the cup used by the priest when he consecrates wine into the Blood of Jesus and the paten which is the round metal plate which holds the Hosts to be consecrated into the Body of Jesus.

Lastly, the sacrarium, which looks like a sink with a locking cover and is usually found in the church sacristy, is used to wash the sacred vessels and altar cloths as well as to receive the water that has been used for the washing of the priest's hands.

This special sink has pipes going directly into the ground, not the sewer system. When the sacred wine, the Blood of Christ, is spilled, the cloth must first be rinsed in the sacrarium before being laundered.

The same is true of any sacred vessels that have held the Body of Christ. They must first be purified in the sacrarium before cleansing with water and mild detergent.

The sacrarium can also be used to dispose of holy water.

PRIEST'S CORNER

The Covid 19 virus is contagious and we do have to be cautious not to be infected, especially those who are in the vulnerable population. If someone catches the virus, it can cause damage. At the same time, there is also a virus of fear that is also contagious and can cause a lot of damage. We should take precautions but live without fear. God is with us always and loves us and knows the day of our death. Jesus Christ has conquered sin and death for us and we were created to live forever with God in eternal life. We should not be paralyzed by fear. God is in control of the details of our lives.

God bless,
Fr. Mark

Masses for Seminarians

The club will be setting aside monies for masses for our seminarians once a month. If any club member is planning to attend or visit another church and would like to schedule a mass for the seminarians themselves, feel free

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to go ahead and do so but please notify the other club members.

Two masses, so far, have been set up for the seminarians at SHJ in 2020. The dates are: 8/7 and 11/16. If you are unable to attend on those dates, please say a prayer/rosary for them.

Prayer for Seminarians

Father, thank You for the generosity of our seminarians.

Safeguard them as they prepare for the priesthood.

Keep all evil far from them so they become strong Christian men who are faithful to prayer, diligent in their studies, open to spiritual direction and docile to all aspects of seminary formation.

Above all, enflame their hearts with love so they will be ardent and gentle shepherds for your Church.

We make this prayer through the great High Priest, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Remember to pray for vocations, especially an increase to the priesthood; by dedicating a Mass, a rosary or an hour of adoration.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

July Members Birthdays

July 9 – Doug Feauto

July 14 – Bob Brockish

July Members Anniversaries:

July 13 – Jeannine & Ronald Myers (1963)

July 23 – Pauline & Jerome Higgins (1960)

July 23 - Dona & Richard Padrnos

July Seminarian Birthdays

July 7 – Tenanai Tebaoti

July 12 – Luis G. da Silva Mendes

July 17 – Hernaldo Arrieta Rojas

July 21 – Sile (Wilfred) Kone

Prayer list: Please pray for those in need of healing: Fr. Greg Ames, Rosemary Ames, Tiki Theiss, Teresa Christoff, Chase Curfman, Jeanette Denfeld, Luan Jesch, Audrey Kenney, Elaine Middleton, Helga Riedl, George Morzinski, Marcus Poulin-(Annette & Chase), Matthew Hibl, Bob Brockish, Angie McCann, Deacon George Theirjung

And for all men and women and young people discerning a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life

Future Events

July 17 – Club general and board meetings

July 25 – District 6 meeting

August 7 – Club general and board meetings

August 21 – General club meeting

October 12 – District 6 convention – K of C Hall, Aurora

**THE SIX MOST IMPORTANT WORDS
IN VOCATIONS AWARENESS,
according to the late Bishop David
Choby, Bishop of Nashville:
“HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED
BEING A PRIEST (OR RELIGIOUS
SISTER)?”**

MONTH OF JULY, 2020 – MEN SAINTS

Saint Henry – 972 – 1024
(Feast day – July 13)

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As a German king and Holy Roman Emperor, Henry was a practical man of affairs. He crushed rebellions and feuds and dealt with long term disputes in order to protect his kingdom. He helped Pope Benedict VIII to quell disturbances in Rome. He fostered reform of ecclesiastical and monastic life. His ultimate purpose was to establish peace in Europe. He showed that holiness is possible in a busy secular life.

He led the Church for 14 years and died a martyr's death during the persecutions of 250 A.D., probably during a long imprisonment.

It was said that the glory of his death matched the holiness and purity of his life. In the catacombs of St. Callistus in Rome, the stone that covered Fabian's grave may still be seen, broken into four pieces, bearing the Greek words, "Fabian, bishop, martyr".

Saint Nicholas Owen - ? - 1606

(Feast Day – March 22)

Nicholas, known as "Little John" was born in Oxford and educated as an architect and builder. Over a period of 20 years, Nicholas used his skills to build secret hiding places for priests and laypersons of England during a time of the establishment of certain statutes punishing Catholics for the practice of their religion.

He was a genius at finding or creating places of refuge such as subterranean passages, small spaces between walls and impenetrable recesses. Before designing these hiding places, he would receive the holy Eucharist, and then turn to God in prayer during the dangerous time of construction. Without Nicholas' help, hundreds of English Catholics would have been deprived of the sacraments.

He was arrested twice and subjected to horrible tortures which, ultimately, ended with his death.

Saint Fabian c. 200 – January 20, 250

(Feast Day – January 20)

Fabian was a Roman layman who came into the city from his farm on a day that the clergy and the people were preparing to elect a new pope. A dove flew in and settled on the head of Fabian which the clergy and laity took as a sign marking him as the Holy Spirit's unexpected choice. Fabian was elected unanimously.