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Chartered September 29, 1990      **Chaplain: Fr. Mark Kovacic**



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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Serrans,

Autumn can be a beautiful time of reflection. I find it easy to ponder the works of Our Lord during the changing of the seasons. Nature is a great alarm clock in a way. Temperatures are cooler, trees are taking on new colors and mountains in the distance are drizzled in white. To stop and look closely at the Holy Spirit in action not only in nature but also in our Serran activities, is awesome.

Our Fall Retreat proved to be a pertinent and deeply touching experience. Fr Greg and Fr Mark brought new light onto the subjects we all encounter as we grow in both age and spirituality. The event was also a striking success. We were honored to host members of eight parishes within our Boulder Deanery as well as Serrans from the NoCo Deanery. This was the perfect example of the "Growing in Holiness" pillar of our mission as Serrans.

The Annual Serra Salute event highlighted the fruits of the other two pillars of our Serran mission, "Fostering and Affirming Vocations". The event focused on celebrating Cardinal Stafford and Deacon Stemper. And yet they each conveyed a profound appreciation for the Serran generosity and involvement in the growth of vocations. Many seminarians and clergy attended and all were very thankful of the work we do.

Upcoming we have even more opportunities to work together, pray together and share our faith and ministry with others. And as we move through the year from one event or meeting to another, I see the three pillars of our mission efforts becoming like a beautifully braided cord being woven by the Holy Spirit. It is truly inspiring. All the small things we do contribute to the work of art

titled "Vocations" created by the Divine Providence of Our Lord.

What an extraordinary honor it is to share with you all this holy, St Serra Apostolate mission.

Jan Landers

President

*"Remember that nothing is small in the eyes of God."*

## **CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE**

On October 7 we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. October is traditionally considered the month of the Rosary. We are in a spiritual battle and, more than anything, our world needs prayer. Mary is the one who crushes the head of the serpent. Let us take up this weapon with confidence that Mary is on our side and knowing that the evil spirits cannot stand to be in her presence.

Mary, pray for us.

Fr. Mark

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Oct. 5 — Saturday: [St. Francis of Assisi](#); General Meeting; Fr. Karl Millis; after 8:30 mass**

Oct. 13 — Deacon Sunday

**Oct. 18— Friday: SHJ General Meeting 8AM New Member Induction; Fr. Francis Mayinja; Board Meeting to Follow**

**Oct. 26 — Saturday: Serra Colorado District Conference; [St. Francis of Assisi Castle Rock](#)**

**Nov. 1 — Friday: SHJ General Meeting after 7AM mass**

**Sept. 6 Meeting**

Fr. Humberto Marquez spoke to us at St. John the Baptist. He was ordained in 2005 by Archbishop Chaput.

After the school fire drill alarm ended, Fr. Humberto held a question and answer session. The following is a summary.

Q: Is there a place priests go to get ideas for homilies?

A: In the adoration chapel. But the last five Sundays, Archbishop Aquilla requested that we have a theme of the Eucharist.

Q: How can we best pray for priests?

A: Ask God to give me the grace to preach. I don't much like to preach. I like most everything but preaching is my biggest cross.

Q: Has God worked any miracles in your priesthood?

A: On many occasions, during mass, God will inspire me to add a particular prayer at mass. I pray the surrender novena every day. It works!

Q: Why do you skip the sign of peace at SJB masses?

A: It takes the focus away from mass, from Jesus. It had become a party. It was a break in the focus of the mass. I looked into it and discovered it was not necessary, so I removed it.

Q: Have you sensed or been approached by a student about becoming a priest?

A: Yes. We try to talk to the family, to water the seed. The potential for more seminarians is there. We try to get the parents excited so they support the idea of the priesthood for their sons.

Q: During the consecration, the phrase "Christ died for all of you" was changed to "many."

A: The proper translation is Many. Multis means Many, it does not mean All. We have to use what it actually says, not what we like it to be.

Fr. Humberto asks us to continue praying for priests. He says "we're in a spiritual battle."

**Padre Pio Prayer for Healing**

<https://www.saintpadrepio.ca/the-healing-prayer.html>

[https://parish.sjvianney.com/documents/2021/1/PadrePio\\_Healing\\_Prayer.pdf](https://parish.sjvianney.com/documents/2021/1/PadrePio_Healing_Prayer.pdf)

**Sept. 30 Retreat**

We were honored to have two speakers at our fall retreat: Fr. Greg Ames, our founding chaplain, and Fr. Mark, our current chaplain.

Fr. Greg spoke to us about **Growing Old Grace-fully**.

What is the hardest thing about growing old? What are you worried about? Where do you live in your head? If you live in the future, you have tremendous anxiety. If you live in the past, you will have depressing melancholy. Live in the moment! We must do our best to accept aging to combat anger at the loss of youth and having to adapt to our increasing limitations.

There are three kinds of Grace: Sanctifying, Actual, and Sacramental.

Sanctifying: don't feel sorry for yourself, rather reflect God's love to everyone He puts in your life. Listen to that person, and if you can help more actively, do so.

Actual: God touching your life in any way, shape, or form. Enjoy the natural world. Look at the stars. Play.

Sacramental: Eucharist, confession, anointing. As you get older you want it more. Baptism instilled the sanctifying grace. Ordination and Marriage gives you a lifetime dose of grace.

What do you love about being old? What's the first thing you want to see, hear, say, touch, smell when you die and get to heaven? Haha trick question! You won't have a body, thus you won't have eyes, ears, a mouth, fingers, or a nose. Read this book: [A Travel Guide to Heaven](http://anthonydestefano.com/books/ATGTH.htm) by Anthony DeStefano <http://anthonydestefano.com/books/ATGTH.htm>

Fr. Greg Videos: <https://www.saintjohns.us/news/2018/4/6/easter-parish-mission>

Fr. Mark spoke to us about **Salvifici Doloris**

[https://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/apost\\_letters/1984/documents/hf\\_jp-ii\\_apl\\_11021984\\_salvifici-doloris.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/apost_letters/1984/documents/hf_jp-ii_apl_11021984_salvifici-doloris.html)

Why suffering? The world says to avoid it at all costs, don't be a burden, there is no meaning to suffering. But God says that suffering is the means to our salvation. It is redemptive. God entered into our suffering; this is where we will find him. Suffering is part of the human condition. God created everything good. Angels can not suffer. The Church as the Body of Christ continues Jesus' work of salvation. The greatest suffering is to be cut off from God.

**Seminarian Christmas Card Fundraiser**

It's that time of year again to request donations to our Apostolate. As you know, we give the RM seminarians some spending money every December. Any amount is most appreciated.

To donate, go to our website <https://www.serraclubbouldercounty.org> and select Payment Portal, then select Support Serra Apostolate Boulder County, or write a check payable to:

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

**Ephesians 4 School**

Fr. Shaun talks about the Rescue Project and the Ephesians 4 School at Immaculate Conception:

<https://denvercatholic.org/transforming-parish-leadership-rallying-together-to-build-up-the->

**Appointments**

<https://denvercatholic.org/official-priest-and-deacon-appointments-august-28-2024/>

Father Karl Millis was assigned residence at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Longmont, effective June 1, 2024, until September 30, 2024.

Father Emmanuel Osigwe departed Sacred Heart of Mary Parish, Boulder, and St. Martin de Porres Parish, Boulder, on August 8, 2024.

Deacon Blaise Peter Buches was assigned to St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Longmont, effective May 11, 2024, until May 10, 2025.

**Serra Salute**

The Serra Trust Fund honored Cardinal Stafford and Deacon Steve Stemper at its September 24 Serra Salute.

<https://denvercatholic.org/36th-annual-serra-salute-dinner-to-celebrate-and-support-vocations-and-honor-cardinal-stafford-deacon-stemper/>

**District 6 Convention**

The District 6 Convention is on October 26th. Spouses are invited too! It is a one day convention this year. The venue is [St. Francis of Assisi](#), 2746 Fifth St. in Castle Rock.

8 AM Mass at St. Francis of Assisi  
Continental Breakfast  
9:30 AM Program Begins  
Lunch  
4:00 PM Awards and Closing

The theme is Renewal and Revival.

The Keynote speaker [Candace Tyrell](#) is the VP Membership, Serra US Council. Also speaking are Fr Mark Zacker, Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi in Castle Rock, Fr. Anthony Ambuul, Parochial Vicar at [Ave Maria](#) in Parker, and Dolores Romo, President of the El Paso Serra Club.

Register by October 10. Cost this year is \$70.00 per person.

You may give your registration form and check to Bill F., or Jan or mail it to the address shown on the form. To get a registration form, email Bill F:

[billfitzgerald46@gmail.com](mailto:billfitzgerald46@gmail.com)

**Diaconate 50th year Jubilee**

<https://denvercatholic.org/deacons-gather-in-celebration-of-50-years-of-permanent-diaconate-in-the-archdiocese-of-denver/>

Marianne Arling is quoted in this article.

**Deacon Byrne Fundraiser**

A parishioner at Sacred Heart of Jesus is raising funds for Deacon Chris Byrne's wife Michelle. She helped [Deacon Chris](#) at the parish center at [St. Rita in Nederland](#) for many years.

<https://gofund.me/2d1b43ce>

Calendar

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**October Members Birthdays**

- Oct. 22 — Nic Christoff
- Nov. 5 — Richard Stadler
- Nov. 5 — Dori Mooney Fitzgerald

**October Seminarians Birthdays**

- Oct. 31 — Manuel Alarcon Salinas

**October Member Anniversaries**

- Oct. 12 — Larry & Nancy Sorenson (1963)
- Oct. 31 — Peggy & Dennis Morrow

**October Religious Anniversaries:**

None

**October Religious Birthdays**

None

Sept. 29-Oct. 7 — [Novena to Our Lady of the Rosary](#); Serra Handbook p. 186

**Oct. 5 — Saturday: [St. Francis of Assisi](#); General Meeting; Fr. Karl Millis; after 8:30 mass**

Oct. 7 — [Our Lady of the Rosary](#)

Oct. 7 — [Mother Cabrini Day](#)

Oct. 12 — [Brown Robe Benefit](#) - Denver

Oct. 13 — [Deacon Sunday](#)

Oct. 18 — [Nativity of Our Lord](#) Knight of Joy 2024 Gala 5PM Omni Interlocken Hotel school fundraiser

Oct. 18 — [Day of Prayer for Health and Wellness of Priests and Religious](#)

**Oct. 18— SHJ General Meeting 8AM New Member Induction; Fr. Francis Mayinja; Board Meeting to Follow**

Oct. 25-27 — Carmelite Sisters [discernment retreat: Sts. Peter and Paul in Wheatridge](#)

**Oct. 26 — Serra Colorado District Conference; [St. Francis of Assisi Castle Rock](#)**

Oct. 27-Nov.4 — [Novena for Seminarians](#) St. Charles Borromeo Handbook for Serrans p. 187

Nov. 1 — All Saints Day

**Nov. 1 — SHJ General Meeting after 7AM mass**

Nov. 3 — daylight savings time ends

Nov. 3-9 — [National Vocation Awareness Week](#)

**Nov. 15 — SHJ General Meeting Treat Bag Assembly; Board Meeting to follow**

Nov. 22 — [Mother Cabrini Shrine Gala 2024](#)

**December: No Meetings in December**

Dec. 1 — Advent

**Dec. 7 — Serra Christmas Party SHJ**

Dec. 15 — [St. Theresa](#) Car Raffle

**Jan. 3 2025— General Meeting**

**Jan. 17 2025 — General Meeting**

Jan. 23-26 2025 —The Serra Rally; Miami, FL

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

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

<b>Prayer List</b>	Dick Stadler
Please pray for those in need of healing:	Dcn. George Thierjung Mary Ellen Thorne
Fr. Greg Ames	and for the repose of
Sr. Roseann Barman	the souls of:
Bill Bowe	Rosemary Ames
Fr. Bill Breslin	Dcn. Dave Arling
Bob Brockish	Dcn. Chris Byrne
Teresa Christoff	Carol Brockish
Lorna Christoff	Jeanette Denfeld
Chase Curfman	Mary Ann Hibl
Bill Eck	Betty Jancosek
Betsye Feauto	Ramon Jesch
Terry Gallagher	Adrian Scott Leyva
Matthew Hibl	Leona Michaelis
Pauline Higgins	Warren S. Peterson
Ed Husler	John Bernard Price
Jane Kryska	George Morzinski
Audrey Kenney	Helga Riedl
Peggy Morrow	Omar Aguirre Salazar
Marcus Poulin (Annette & Chase)	Patricia Warner
Mary Quilici	Pray also for new
Woody Roberts	members for our
Cathy Rogowski	Apostolate.
Mary Safranek	