

Serra Club of Boulder County

October 2021

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



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: 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 – Great news! The notification for Priesthood Sunday made it into several of the bulletins in the Boulder Deanery! Because of this, more people were made aware of the need to pray for and thank our priests! I'd like to take this month to thank those who have stepped forward to serve as a parish liaison for making this happen. They include:

PARISH	PARISH LIAISON
Immaculate Conception, Lafayette	Sharon Stetson
Nativity of Our Lord, Broomfield	Betsye & Doug Feauto
Sacred Heart of Jesus, Boulder	Amy Michaelis
Sacred Heart of Mary, Boulder	Ramon Jesch
St. John the Baptist, Longmont	Bill Fitzgerald
St. Louis, Louisville	Ramon Jesch
St. Martin de Porres, Boulder	Stan Peterson
St. Rita, Nederland	(available)
St. Scholastica, Erie	Lillian Price
St. Theresa, Frederick	(available)
St. Thomas Aquinas, Boulder	(available)
Guardian Angels, Mead	Bill Fitzgerald
St. Francis of Assisi, Longmont	Dcn George Thierjung
St. William, Ft. Lupton	(available)

Also a big thank you to Jim and Judy Heinz for coordinating and communicating with the liaisons! Four parishes currently do not have a liaison, and two members are serving two parishes. If you would be interested in becoming a liaison, please let me or Jim and Judy know.

I look forward to working with you as we move "always forward, never back!" Saint Junipero Serra and Mary the Mother of Vocations Pray for us!

In Christ, Peggy Morrow

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

October is the month dedicated to the holy Rosary. We have a mother in Mary. The presence of the feminine genius is important in every person's life. A priest, for example, needs a woman in his life, and Mary fulfills that role. Let us pray the rosary for each religious that Mary may be present with her motherly loving concern to defend from the enemy.

God bless, Fr. Mark

UPCOMING EVENTS

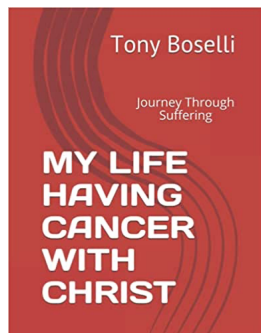
- Oct. 1** - general & board meeting
- Oct. 1** - St. Therese dinner - SH of Mary
- Oct 7-10** - Serra Intl Convention Chicago
- Oct. 15** - general meeting
- Oct. 22-23** - district convention
- Nov. 5** - general & board meeting
- Nov. 7-13** - Vocations Awareness Week
- Nov. 19** - Retreat at St. Francis of Assisi

On Sept. 3 we attended Tiki Theiss' funeral. Her Mass was served by four priests and a deacon. Tiki had an infectious smile and radiated joy. We dearly miss her.

On Friday Sept. 17 our two speakers were Libby Bass and Fr. Jaime Valdez.

We met **Pamela Sparough**, a new member from SHJ. She is involved with the women's resource center. Her son went to grade school at SHJ.

Dick Padrnos encouraged us to read *My Life Having Cancer With Christ* by Tony Boselli, available on Amazon for \$3.51.



Libby Bass spoke to us about Faith Formation for adults and youth 13 and older at SHJ. God loves us! She has been involved for 12 years and encourages us to join. The group meets at SHJ in Jubilee Hall on Mondays and Thursdays at 7:30 PM.

Fr. Jaime Valdez, Parochial Vicar at Immaculate Conception in Lafayette, told us how his Trust in God helped him on numerous occasions.

He is from Guerrero Mexico, born on the feast day of St. Anthony. Many of his relatives share the same birthday. He asked for St. Anthony's intercession during his formation.

He first thought about becoming a priest when he was 16, when his parish priest held a special mass for kids. He imagined himself a priest celebrating mass but was afraid because he was terrified of public speaking. He was active in the youth group and enjoyed reading the lives of the saints. He brought some of his classmates to church, one of whom also became a priest.

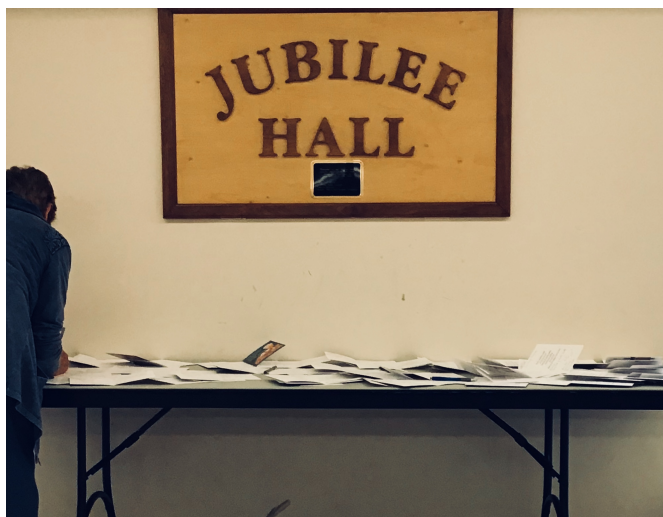
His father was angry about his decision to enter the seminary and for a year would not talk to him. He told his father that he had to be obedient to the Lord. His father wanted him to marry and have kids. His brothers followed this plan, and now his father has 18 grandchildren.

He joined a community in Argentina and was ordained there after 11 years. During prayer, before celebrating his first mass, he had a feeling of great mystery before the Lord, telling Him: "I wish I will know what you want in my vocation." During mass he received an answer: "Trust in Me." He found that everything was good when he trusted in God even though he was scared. Wonderful things happened, including a tumor in his lung that shrank by 75% the night before he was scheduled for surgery and disappeared completely one month later.

The Vatican dissolved his religious order. He returned to Mexico. He then wrote to 5 dioceses in the U.S. The Denver diocese was the only one that replied with "yes" and so he arrived here after an interview with bishop Samuel.

He already speaks English fluently, getting a lot of practice in Lafayette.

Fr. Jaime says we need to have an open heart and Trust in the Lord. The Lord has plans we do not understand.



Card Signing

During our Sept. 17 meeting, members signed over 50 cards for priests, deacons, and religious in gratitude for their vocations. We did this again this year instead of having an Affirmation Dinner. Ed Theiss bought the cards and composed the short note that was inserted. Amy Michaelis helped with the address labels. Sue and Ed Husler stuffed and stamped the envelopes, and mailed the cards.

The Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226)

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace;
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 Where there is injury, pardon;
 Where there is doubt, faith;
 Where there is despair, hope;
 Where there is darkness, light;
 And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
 Grant that I may not so much seek
 To be consoled as to console;
 To be understood, as to understand;
 To be loved, as to love;
 For it is in giving that we receive,
 It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
 And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.
 Amen.

Upcoming Parish Events

Oct. 3 - [St Theresa](#): Feast Day
 10AM-6PM music & pony rides

Oct. 3 - [Immaculate Conception](#): Mother
 Cabrini Statue Dedication 2:00 PM
 followed by reception in Nuoci Hall

Oct. 9 - [St Francis of Assisi](#): Feast Day
 5:30-9PM Pig Roast and Live Jazz
 Quartet

Oct. 16 - [St. Scholastica](#) Blood Drive
 9AM-1PM parish hall

Nov. 13-14 - Nativity of Our Lord: [Craft Fair](#)

Dec. 26 - [St Theresa](#) - Raffle Drawing

Annual Retreat

Our annual retreat is on November 19 at St. Francis of Assisi in west Longmont with Fr. Greg Ames. It will be from 9 AM to 3 PM, with mass optional at 8 AM.

District 6 Convention

The registration deadline is October 14.

The District 6 Annual Convention will be held Friday evening, **October 22, and Saturday, October 23** at the new Newman Center in Colorado Springs. The theme is "A Call to Holiness, Transcends Generations." The keynote speaker will be our USA Council President, Richard Arians.

Calendar

Birthdays and Anniversaries

October Members Birthdays

Oct. 16 – George Morzinski

Oct. 22 – Nic Christoff

October Seminarians Birthdays

Oct. 6 – JeanMarco Cajamarca

Oct. 6 – Aime G Izeza

Oct. 31 – Manuel Alarcon

October Member Anniversaries

Oct. 12 – Nancy & Larry Sorenson (1963)

Oct. 31 - Peggy & Dennis Morrow

October Religious Anniversaries

none

If anyone wishes to send George Morzinski a birthday card, he is at ManorCare Health Services, 2800 Palo Parkway, Boulder CO 80301

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, Jeannie Myers, Ron Myers, Mary Safranek.

Please pray also for Jonathan Padrnos in seminary at Gonzaga.

Oct 1 - Planning meeting for Christmas Party followed by Board meeting

Oct 1 - St. Therese dinner - FOCUS <https://focus.org/ewst> Friday 5:30-9:00 PM Sacred Heart of Mary, Keynote Speakers: Dr. Edward Sri and Beth Sri

Oct 7-10 - [Serra International Convention Chicago, IL](#)

Oct. 9 - [Serra MEETS](#) 10AM MDT: Most Rev. Ronald Hicks, Bishop of Joliet, IL

Oct. 14 - DEADLINE: District 6 convention registration

Oct. 22-23 - District 6 Convention Colorado Springs

Nov. 5 - General meeting and Board meeting

Nov. 7-13 – [National Vocations Awareness Week](#)

Nov. 19 — Retreat at St. Francis of Assisi, Longmont, Fr. Greg Ames presides

Dec. 3 & 19 - no meetings; Christmas break

Dec. 4 - 1:30-4PM  Christmas Party, SHJ Parish Center **SAVE THE DATE**

Jan 13-16, 2022 - Serra Rally Dallas/Ft. Worth

Feb 2, 2022 (5-6) - [World Day for Consecrated Life](#)

May 8, 2022 - [World Day of Prayer for Vocations](#)

July 2022 - Serra International 79th Convention *Toronto Canada*