



Serra Club of Boulder County

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

August, 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



Greetings,

Hope everyone has stayed healthy. In the past week, I attended a Serra Trust Meeting. There is a great need for used cars for the seminarians to travel from assigned parishes to classes at JPll campus. So if you are thinking of trading in a used car (one that is still running), you could get a tax

exemption by donating to the seminarian by contacting the Vocation Office, Fr. Ryan O'Neill.

At the District 6 meeting, Rose Marie Stimpfl, the Serran District Governor, outlined 3 Goals:

-To provide Vocational ministry training in each dioceses.

-Increase membership by at least 20 members for the District (SI plans on offering the same membership contest next year).

-Charter at least one new Serra Club (Bishop Rodriguez would like Serrans to start a Spanish club. He has several people in mind in the Denver area.)

For the August 21 Serra Club meeting, we will invite the Denver Serra Club to join our club's Zoom meeting. This is to get them

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acquainted to the Zoom meetings before the District 6 Convention which will be virtual on October 12.

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

Recent Past Events

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. The ZOOM meeting begins at 8:30 a.m. You will receive an invitation link to the meeting via Groups.io LINKS

July 3 – Club Meeting

The July 3 meeting of the Serra Club of Boulder County was cancelled due to the long weekend celebration of our United States Independence Day.

July 17 - Club Meeting

The guest speaker for the Boulder County Serra Club meeting on July 17, was Deacon John Ameida. Sacred Heart of Jesus Church is fortunate to have Deacon John with us during the next few months until his ordination in 2021.

Deacon John was born in Massachusetts into a strong Catholic family of eight siblings of which he was the youngest.

Deacon John was often unhappy growing up because he felt his father didn't love him. He felt his brother was more accomplished at everything and, therefore, his father must love only him. Deacon John felt deeply dissatisfied. He felt he had a hole inside that could never be filled. When his mother died while he was still a young man, he wished it had been his father instead so that he could have his mother back. It did not help that he had also been abused by an acquaintance of the family.

Deacon John did attend college where he majored in English and Philosophy and where he earned his degree prior to entering seminary.

But Deacon John's life changed when a friend invited him to a gathering of the Neocatechumenal Way. In this small community, Deacon John was told that “God loved me no matter my sins, loved me when I was weak.” He had felt he was going to Hell but now his “life became new”, he felt loved.

Deacon said, God loves you and has a plan for you, a better one than you have for yourself. He feels every day that God provides for him with words of encouragement as God does for everyone who listens. Every day “I get to serve the people of God which makes me very happy.”

When Deacon John entered the seminary, he was willing to go anywhere as he was so “grateful to God”, even to Muslim countries, but God sent him to Denver.

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Through the announcement that God died for me and forgave me all my sins and loved me for who I am, I was not afraid.

PRIESTS CORNER

There is no doubt that we are entering into special times but we have no need to fear. We can be sure that God remains in control and whatever happens, He allows for our good. With the cross, He will give us the grace to carry the cross. We know that in the end the Immaculate Heart of Mary will triumph. Let us place our families, Church and world under her protection.

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 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

August Members Birthdays

August 5 – Peggy Morrow
August 7 – Jeannine Myers
August 8 – MaryAnn Hibl

August Members Anniversaries:

August 20 – Joe & Sugar Calabria (1966)
August 27 – Gil & Rosalie Garcia (1960)

August Seminarian Birthdays

August 10 – Rev. Mr. Juan Manual Madrid
August 30 – Michael Pitio

August Religious Anniversaries

August 2 – Fr. Gregory Ames (1986)
August 23 – Sr. JoAnn Schnitz (1953)

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

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vocation to the priesthood, deaconate or religious life

Future Events

August 7 – Club Zoom general and board meeting
August 21 – Club Zoom general club meeting
Sept 26 – 27 – Priesthood Sunday
October 12 – District 6 ‘Zoom’ Convention
October 24 – District 6 Council meeting ‘Zoom’
Nov 1 – 8 – National Vocation Awareness Week
Jan 14 – 16, 2021 – Serra Rally
Feb 6 - 7, 2021 – World Day for Consecrated Life
April 24 – 25, 2021 – World Day for Vocations
June 30 – July 3, 2021 – SI Convention, Toronto, Canada

***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 AUGUST, 2020 – WOMEN SAINTS

Saint Rosalia – 1130 - 1160
(Feast Day – September 4)

St. Rosalia, also known as “The Little Saint”, was born at Palermo in Sicily. She was a descendant of the great Charlemagne. In her youth, her heart turned from earthly vanities to God and, thus, she left her home and took up life in a cave wherein she remained hidden

from the world and inscribed on cave walls “for the love of my Lord, Jesus Christ”.

She later moved near her family home in Palermo. She is said to have appeared after death and revealed she spent several years in a little excavation near a grotto at Mount Pellegrino. She died alone in 1130, and her remains were not discovered until 1625.

She is internationally important as a saint invoked in times of plague. In 2020 she is being invoked by the citizens of Palermo to protect the city from COVID 19.

(In case you’re curious, as of July 31, 2020 there have been 504 cases of COVID in Palermo, 0% deaths, a 0.21% of total infections in Italy.)

Saint Rose Wang – Hwei Unknown – 1900
(Feast Day – September 28)

Chinese Martyrs is the name given to a number of members of the Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox Church who were killed in China during the 19th and early 20th centuries. Most were Chinese laity but others were missionaries from various countries.

The Eastern Orthodox Church recognizes 222 Orthodox Christians who died during the Boxer Rebellion. On the evening of June 11, 1900, leaflets were posted in the streets calling for the massacre of all Christians and anyone who should dare to shelter them.

The Roman Catholic Church recognizes 120 Catholics who died between 1648 and 1930. They were canonized on October 1, 2000 by Pope John Paul II. Of the group, 87 were Chinese lay people and 33 were missionaries. Eighty-six died during the Boxer Rebellion.

(For those who might not know, the Boxer Rebellion was an anti-imperialist, anti-foreign, and anti-Christian uprising in China between 1899 and 1901, toward the end of the Qing dynasty.)

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Saint Emily de Rodat 1787 - 1852

(Feast Day – September 19)

Born near Rodes, France in 1787, Emily de Rodat became a nun at St. Cyr when she was just eighteen. In 1815 after much dissatisfaction, she decided her vocation was in teaching poor children. With the approval of her spiritual advisor and the aid of three assistants, she began her work. This was the start of the Congregation of the Holy Family of Villefranche. It grew rapidly, establishing its own motherhouse and branches.

Thirty-eight institutions were established prior to St. Emily's death. She had, eventually, extended the activities of the Congregation to include caring for unfortunate women, orphans and the aged.

She was canonized on April 23, 1950 by Pope Pius XII.