



Saint Serra

Saint Serra Club of Colorado Springs

"Always forward, never back"



Saint Serra Club of Colorado Springs Newsletter

MARCH 2021

President Janet Zabukovic's Message

Dear Fellow Serrans:

It is amazing to reflect on the fact that nearly a year ago, so very much changed with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting shut-downs, closures, and restrictions that have evolved over this past year. We were in the season of Lent when the first shutdowns occurred and here we are in the season of Lent again a year later.

But for all that has changed the past year, Lent and the reason for this penitential season remains unchanged. Lent is designed for reflection and for preparation for the Christ's Passion and Resurrection. We are called to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during this season. Despite the challenges we face in the face of the pandemic, we can and must continue to prepare ourselves for Easter during these weeks of Lent. Serra USA offers weekly Lenten reflections from Bishop Thomas Daly. Increased time in prayer and in reading scripture are also important ways to prepare. We can choose to fast more than the required days of fasting. The CRS Rice Bowl is one way we can participate in almsgiving.

I would encourage all of you to remain active in Serra. We have monthly hours for prayer together on the first Thursday of the month. For now, this prayer time occurs via Zoom online at 3:00 PM on the first Thursday of each month. We also have our regular third Thursday gatherings, which have also been held via Zoom. The 2021 Serra dues are now due, so I encourage those who have not yet paid their dues, to please send them to Serra Club at the Diocese and Tom Plush, our treasurer, will pick them up there. We also are in need of Serrans to sponsor our seminarians; our goal is to have more than one Serran supporting each of our seminarians. Please see this newsletter for a list of current seminarians and their sponsors. If you would like to sponsor a seminarian, please contact Jon or Claudine Duncan or Doris Thomas or any member of the Serra Board.

Our Serra Club continues to work on building our membership. Serra is once again sponsoring the St. Junipero Serra Membership Contest. Please continue to think about people in your life who might be interested in becoming a Serran. Our Membership Vice Presidents are meeting to plan ways that we can reach out to potential members. Membership growth is the job of all of us!

During this Lenten Season, as we prepare ourselves to focus on the Passion of Christ and then rejoice in his Resurrection, I encourage each of us to spend extra time in prayer for an increase in vocations, for those in formation, for those discerning, and for those already ordained.

Jan Zabukovic



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Continue to pray for all our members during this very difficult time, especially: Barbie Henry, Maralyn Legleiter, Betty Plush, Janelle O'Keeffe, healing for Denny and for Mary Hayes, Joan Gawlik and her family, and Joe DeBenedittis.

Chaplain Father Kyle Ingels Message

Dear Serrans,

This past weekend, Bishop Sheridan dedicated the St John Henry Newman Chapel and Catholic Student Center. It was a very hectic but exciting and beautiful day. We have begun Sunday Mass and daily Mass Monday through Thursday. Please continue to pray for me, as there is still a great deal to be done!

St John Henry Newman once said, "growth is the only evidence of life." For our Church to flourish, we must continue to evangelize and share the good news of the Gospel. We can not allow covid or anything else to isolate us from the mission we were given at our baptism.

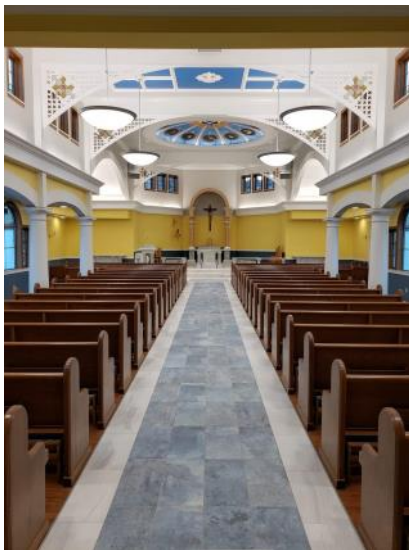
I encourage all Serrans to think of new ways to recruit new members to our apostolate of prayer and friendship for our clergy, seminarians, and men and women in consecrated life. As we begin to resume more regular activities, we need more collaborators to assist us in this important work.

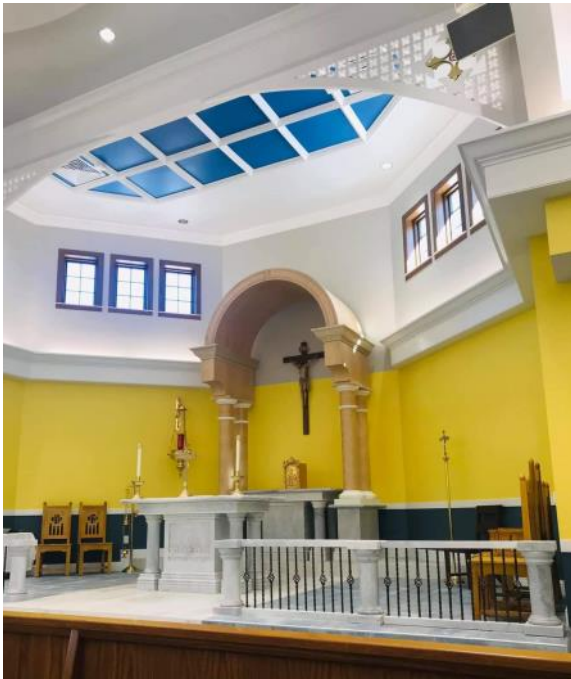
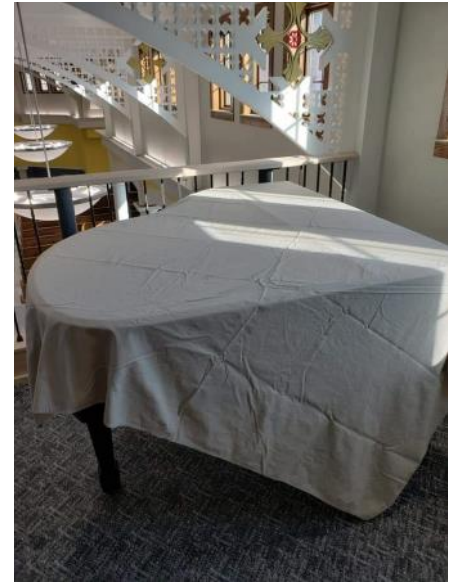
Know of my prayers for you. I hope you will visit the Newman Center soon!

St. Junipero, pray for us.



The new St John Henry Newman Chapel at the Catholic Student Center, University of CO, Colorado Springs





Vocation Report Claudine and Jon Duncan

We have our Serra Prayer for Vocations & Rosary on the first Thursday of each month at 3 pm. The Zoom details will be sent prior to the event.

As a reminder, our daily Holy Rosary prayer is still going on, led by Marty's husband, Lee Broestl. Thank you to those that have been joining.

- Weekdays at **5 pm**
- Weekends at **8 am**

- Dial-in #: 1-813-769-0500, passcode: 820-308-393

Or

- Join via your PC / Mobile Device: www.joinme.com, meeting code: 820 308 393

Please continue your prayers for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Jon & Claudine Duncan

SERRA MEETS

Please mark your calendar to join the next "SERRA MEETS" webinar on Saturday, March 13, beginning at 10 AM (Mtn). This month's speakers are Father Luke Ballman and his assistant, Father Tom Hanley. Fr. Ballman, a priest of the Archdiocese of Atlanta, is Executive Director of the U. S. Bishops' Secretariat for Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations (CCLV). He is a regular speaker at the Serra Rally and reports especially on trend data regarding new priesthood ordinations.

Serra Club Current Officers:

President – Jan Zabukovic

Vice-President – Vacant

Secretary – Marty Broestl

Treasurer – Tom Plush

VP Vocations – Claudine and Jon Duncan

VP Programs – Jerry Schaefer

VP Communications – Dennis Palsgrove

VP Membership – Pat Van Matre and Joel Kostyrka

Newsletter Editor – Dennis Palsgrove

Trustees – Charlene Pardo and Eleanor Gentilini

SAVE THE DATE *** MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 4th at 3:00pm An online "ZOOM" Prayer time. We will begin with praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. We will also be saying the Rosary for Vocations. Jon Duncan will host the ZOOM meeting and will send an email invitation to each member with login information.. Join the ZOOM Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/9955357113> Meeting ID: 995 535 7113 And/or, dial-in 1-669-900-9128 Meeting ID: 995 535 7113

March 18th 12:00pm The Serra Club's monthly meeting will begin at 12 noon. We will begin with **Mass** shared via ZOOM.. Following the mass, our program Chair, Jerry will share presentations of beloved **Saint Patrick**

Join the ZOOM Meeting <https://ZOOM.us/j/9955357113> Meeting ID: 995 535 7113

For those who are not familiar with ZOOM, it is an application for your smart phone, tablet, or computer to provide shared video and audio chat services, see below for instructions;

For our meetings via Zoom (virtual meetings), you can either just dial-in to the meeting via your phone, and/or join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

To join by phone, use the details below:

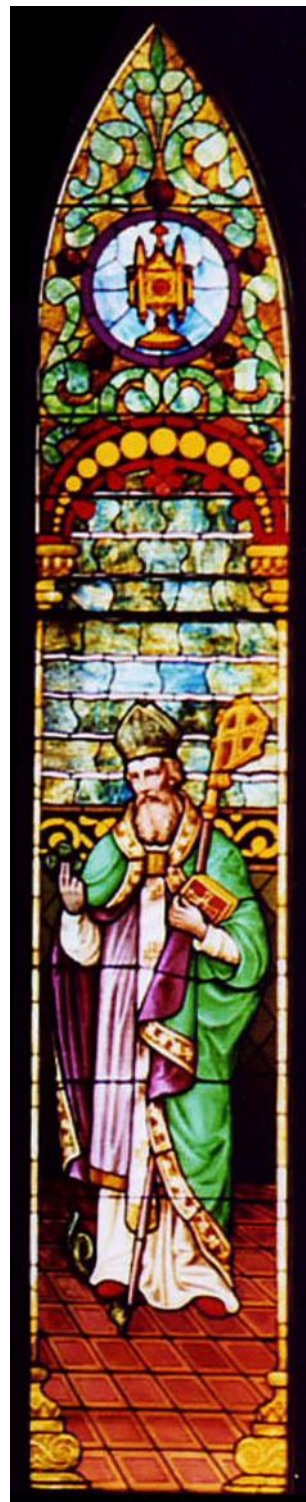
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To join via your computer, tablet or smartphone:

1. Open your computer's internet browser and navigate to the Zoom website at Zoom.us
2. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click "Download" in the web page's footer.
3. On the Download Center page, click "Download" under the "Zoom Client for Meetings" section.
4. The Zoom app will then begin downloading.
5. Once installed, you will need to log into your Zoom account, which can be set up via the Zoom website if you don't already have one. Once created, you can use Zoom as normal for all of your video calls and online meeting needs.

A Zoom account is not required if you are strictly joining Zoom Meetings as a participant. If someone invites you to their meeting, you can join as a participant without creating an account. ... A Zoom account is only required if you need to create your own meetings and send invitations to participants.

Is Zoom secure, yes it is:



St Patrick

St Mary's Cathedral

Membership Report

A few weeks ago (Tues Feb 16, 2021) I (Joel Kostyrka Co-VP Membership) participated in a US Membership Committee Conference Call (Webinar). The 'main event' featured two speakers (Ed Lupton & Emily Cudnik). I'll try to summarize the main points of each – emphasis on what we as our local 'club' can do. Candice Tyrrell (Serra US VP of Membership) facilitated. I found it generally quite interesting!

Ed spoke first. He's from Ventura, CA and is the Serra USA Pacific region co-director.

He first stated that for the restoration of the San Gabriel Mission (fire damage) – a total of \$34,000 was raised & presented to Archbishop Gomez (LA archdiocese) & to the mission pastor.

Ed was emphatic that he does Not like the term "Club" – he thinks we should consider it a "Vocation Ministry". In fact he uses "Serra Vocation Ministry" when he signs items for Serra. He would like to eliminate "Dues" – suggested "voluntary donation" instead. Ed feels that ideally every parish should have a "Serra Ambassador" – so that vocation programs could be implemented in all parishes. He mentioned having envelopes on hand (containing brochure, application form, letter from Serra president) that he can give to a prospective member he might encounter. Candice mentioned that their Houston club was considering changing their name to "Serra Apostolate" – was told to hold off by Serra US.

The second speaker was Emily Cudnik – VP of Vocations Serra Cleveland West club (Ohio).

She was 'galvanized' to join Serra after the priest who was to marry them (2002) was falsely accused of impropriety. "The Good Priests need our support". Points Emily made: "Membership is everyone's business". Encourage members to bring friends. Their club has a person in charge of "Social Media" (to those who use it). Emily said that many of their guest speakers "are not from the club, they may not know anyone in the 'audience'" – so she encourages the speakers to invite guests. These friends of members & speaker guests are potential members. "Don't assume anything about anyone" (her background in sales).

What Emily does before/during/after a club meeting where she has invited a Prospective member.

She has a Serra pamphlet ready to give to prospects – she'll try to get their email. Within 48 hrs, sends out email to invite to next event. Ask questions, give Specific driving directions (not just the address!), 'the correct door to enter', etc. A couple days prior, Emily calls the prospect. She feels that Social Media postings of club events are NOT invitations – rather they are "Something that I Could do". Younger folks have trouble committing. Emily will tell prospect on this call – "I'll watch for you, save you a seat, call me if you get lost or need directions" If they're a "no-show" – will email afterwards "are you OK?" (family emergency, no babysitter, stuck at work, or just forgot!) and mention next event (repeat above process)

Hopefully they do arrive – then Emily will sit with them, ask them if they have any questions, what did they think?, walk them to the door at the conclusion, see that they know how to get home from the location; she'll have membership paperwork ready. In addition, Emily will follow up with an "Thank You" email (or even better, with a handwritten note if she has their address). And of course, will mention the next event (Important to follow-up)

"Membership is not a one-person job"

Mary (a commentor) stated that (at least in their club) "Many members don't want to do Zoom". Emily stated that their club hosted two "Practice Zoom Calls" (to help their older members become familiar with Logging on, turning on their microphone, etc).

Lastly, Emily stated that she advertises to members of "Theology on Tap" and "Young Catholic Professionals (YCP)". Both of these groups (I believe) cater to age 21 – 39; as members 'age out' – she invites them to Join Serra.

Joel Kostyrka

Pat Van Matre (VP Membership)

Pope Francis proclaims “Year of St Joseph”

With the Apostolic Letter “Patris corde” (“With a Father’s Heart”), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a “Year of Saint Joseph” from December 8, 2020, to December 8, 2021.



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NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME



Serra International New Member Application

Serra Club of

Club Number

District Number

National Council

New Member Information

Title:

First Name

Middle Initial

Last Name

Date of birth:

Email address:

Telephone Number:

Street address:

City:

State:

Postal Code:

Country:

Spouse Information

☐ Spouse is joining concurrently with applicant named above

☐ Spouse is already a Serran (fill out NAME only)

Name:

Email address:

Telephone Number:

Sponsor Information

Email address:

Telephone Number:

Signature of applicant:

Signature of sponsor:

Pastor's approval signature (or witness to pastor's approval):

Serra club officer signature:

Office:

Date Joined:

New Member Fee: \$11.75

☐ I have included \$11.75 for each new member indicated on this application.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

3/4 Bishop Michael Sheridan birthday

3/21 Rev. Ju Hong (Joseph) Jeon birthday

3/21 Rev. Brad Noonan birthday

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,
DEFEND US IN BATTLE.
BE OUR PROTECTION AGAINST
THE WICKEDNESS AND
SNARES OF THE DEVIL.

MAY GOD REBUKE HIM
WE HUMBLY PRAY;
AND DO THOU, O PRINCE
OF THE HEAVENLY HOST,
BY THE POWER OF GOD,
CAST INTO HELL SATAN
AND ALL THE EVIL SPIRITS,
WHO PROWL THROUGH THE
WORLD SEEKING THE
RUIN OF SOULS. AMEN.

