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Fr. Junipero Serra

Prez Sez – Renew Our Prayer Life



**Beverly Truzzolino
President**

attention especially from my husband I have said,

Do you ever feel that you are a martyr? Well, I must say, it's crossed my mind more than once and it's not the kind of martyr that becomes a saint. Defined: a martyr is a person who exaggerates their discomfort or distress in order to obtain sympathy. I confess when I'm exhausted and want some

I feel like a martyr! It's certainly a far cry from the true definition of a martyr: a person who is killed because of their faith and belief in Jesus. Wow, I have a long way to go... How about you? Would you be willing to stand up for your faith in Jesus and die? The Catholic Church recognizes 14,154 men, women and children's martyrs over the centuries. I do not believe a Serran is in that count. Are we truly converted and living our entire life for Jesus or just when it's comfortable?

Many of you attend Mass and/or Adoration and are supportive Serrans at our meetings and events; even at times when it may be inconvenient; I appreciate your efforts as we all move forward to grow in our faith and invite people to Serra Club. Please continue our Serran mission of supporting



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seminarians, priests and religious by our prayers and actions. This year there are twenty-five (25) seminarians and two (2) in discernment. There are six (6) new seminarians.

“Lord, make me eager to advance in the virtues which I need most.” Amen

Sincerely in Christ,
Beverly Truzzolino, President

District Doings – Los Angeles Ordinati Luncheon



Anne Champagne,
Governor, District #79
entry is just steps away from the gates to St. John’s Seminary in Camarillo.

On September 25, 2024, the Serra Club of San Buenaventura hosted an Ordination Day Luncheon for eight (8) of the eleven (11) newly ordained priests for the Diocese of Los Angeles.

This event took place at Padre Serra Parish in Camarillo, whose

The honorees seemed delighted to be in attendance and there were many seminarians at the luncheon as well! The program was opened with a warm welcome from Ed Lupton, District Governor of the Los Angeles area for Serra Club. Following the invocation, Greg Schweitz Past President of Serra USA and Serra International delivered remarks about Serra Club’s mission and re-iterated Pope Francis’ words, “in that Serrans have the unique vocation to being friends to these newly ordained” and that they will always be held in prayer throughout their years of ministry.

After a delicious lunch, the ordinands were introduced to the congregation by Bishop Mark Trudeau, San Pedro Pastoral Region. Then, they were all given a blessing by Rev Joseph Shea, Pastor of St. Rose of Lima, Simi Valley.



This photo depicts the moment in the program when the newly ordained were given personalized desk name plates, compliments of the Serra Club, presented to them by Serra District Governor Ed Lupton.

Let us recognize the amazing work of the San Buenaventura Serra Club, Rosa Palazuelos, their president, Mary Lou, a long-time Serran who has contributed many times over the years to these events, and a special recognition for Theresa Wong, a parishioner from St. Rose of Lima Church in Simi Valley, who invited thirty (30) of the attendees to be present from their parish on this special day.

We Serrans, in the Diocese of Orange, join with them in celebrating their 11 new priests, and thank God for each new priest’s “YES” to God’s call to minister to the faithful in the Los Angeles area.

The names of those ordained in 2024 are: Rev. Jaime Arriaga, Rev. Miguel Cabrera, Rev. Joseph Cho, Rev Thomas Green, Rev Anthony Huynh, Rev Eric Mejia, Rev. Marko Rudela, Rev. Lucio Trinidad Moreno, Rev. Eduardo Pruneda Tovar, Rev. Alejandro Reynaga and Rev. Stephen Watson.



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May God abundantly bless their ministries!

Serran News

New Meeting Time – Begins in September

Serra meetings will return to St. Cecilia's starting in September on the first and third Tuesdays. We'll meet at 6:30AM Mass, followed by a light breakfast and meeting. We plan the meetings to be over by 8:30AM for those who prefer to attend the 8:30AM Mass.

Serran Activities

The Annual Msgr. Sammon Golf Tournament Was A Success



Happy at the 19th Hole

The golf tournament took place at Tustin Ranch Golf Course On September 16th. All golfers, priests and deacons had a terrific time and a perfect weather on the course. Golfers and Serrans joined together afterwards for a lovely meal at Tustin Ranch Golf Club. The attendance was excellent as an extra table was

needed to be set up to accommodate everyone.



Pat Manzo presents Winners' Trophies at the Banquet

Thank you to the County Club for organizing the outing! Next year, same date and place Sept. 15, 2025. Brush up on your golf game and invite a friend to golf too.

Priesthood Sunday - September 29

Serrans covered Masses at St. Cecilia. and Holy Family to distribute spiritual bouquets for all the priests of the Parish on Priesthood Sunday.



Recruiting for The 31 Club



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Additionally our Chaplain along with Serran helpers manned the 31 Club Calendar after the Masses to collect names of parishioners to be prayer warriors once a month for vocations.

New Chaplin Appointed



Beverly Welcomes Deacon Bill to our Chaplaincy

On September 17th our president, Beverly Truzzolino, welcomed Deacon Bill Weeks on board as our new Chaplain. It was a long hard search to find a replacement for Father Cheeyoon, We finally found our match.

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Melda Arick, Recorder

On September 3rd Sister Kimberly Spoke on Vocation Formation - Sister

Kimberly Nguyen, Vocation Director for Lovers of the Holy Cross (LHC), spoke along with a novice, Sr. Anh and an aspirant Catherine. They shared about their vocations. LHC serve in Orange, Los Angeles, and San Bernardino Counties. They are Lovers of the Holy Cross which means they are in love with the man on the cross, not the cross. The LHC were founded by a French Bishop in Vietnam who loved Christ Crucified and serving his brothers and sisters. Their Mother house is in Gardena.



SR Kimberly Nguyen

There are a total of ninety (90) sisters with thirty (30) in formation. Nine (9) aspirants are living with the sisters and are discerning, Seven (7) are novices and fourteen (14) have taken temporary vows and refer to themselves as

“The 14 Stations”. They live the vows with the sisters and share in the community.

Catherine, an aspirant, shared her personal story stating she was lost and looking for a purpose in her life. She only wanted to find love, assuming that love would be with a man and to marry. However, she felt called to spend time in church which led her to feel at peace and that God wanted her to go deeper in her relationship.

Her vocation discernment started and she decided to enter at age seventeen (17). Catherine is learning what it means to love with a sacrificial love as Jesus did, learning discernment of spirits, learning to pray, and attending days of



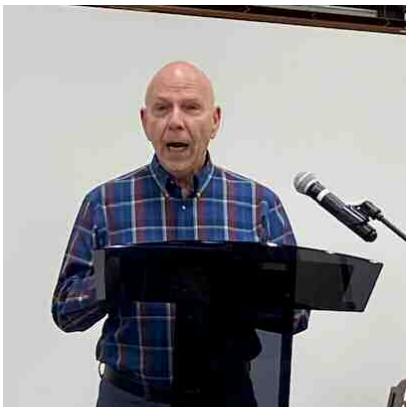
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recollection. She has developed a true relationship with God by attending a Come and See retreat. It was at Mater Dolorosa where she came to know the crucified Jesus.

When a sister is professed, she receives a ring to wear on her right hand, symbolic of a heart relationship with Christ. Sister also shared the variety of areas where they could use some financial assistance. Anyone who would like to donate to Lovers of the Holy Cross to assist with their needs can mail contributions to: LHC Vocation, 10734 S. Widener Ave., Whittier, CA 90603

September 19th Dan Truzzolino Spoke on The Feast of the Stigmata - St. Francis of Assisi and other Stigmatists.



Dan Truzzolino Speaks on ST Francis

Do you know who was the first Stigmatic? Dan opened with the prayer to St. Francis of Assisi. It is believed that St. Francis was the first to receive the stigmata. It May have been St. Paul, but there is no proof.

St. Francis of Assisi gave up everything to follow the Lord. That is how he lived his life as all saints did. The event in his life that changed him was while kneeling before the crucifix, Jesus talked to him and told him to “build my church”. This crucifix is in the Basilica of St. Clare in Assisi.

St. Francis received the stigmata. The night that he received the stigmata, a dazzling light appeared, and in the center was a core of blinding light. It grew with many lights, dancing and changing bright colorful lights. Jesus appeared in the middle. Bright lights shot out from Jesus towards Frances and marked him with the stigmata. Frances fell in a pool of his blood on the ground. His marks are just scars and he wanted to hide them from view.

Saints like St. Francis, St. Padre Pio, and St. Claire had compassion and love. They prayed and wanted to suffer with Jesus. There are 321 people with the stigmata. It’s not known for sure but it is believed that 90% of those blessed with stigmata were women. Maybe because they are more compassionate and can tolerate more pain than men!

St. Catherine of Ricci’s stigmata appeared weekly for 12 years. St. Padre Pio bled continually, losing a cup of blood daily.

Dan closed his talk with the prayer to our Mother of Sorrows.

On October 1st Ann Champaign Spoke on the Serra Convention.

Anne Champagne went to the Serra International Conference in New Orleans in the summer. She came to discuss the agenda at the conference. Anne is the District Governor of the Pacific Region of Serra, LIS Council Board. The head of the conference was Cardinal Thomas Collins, who is a very wonderful man. He is the Archbishop and Cardinal of Toronto. The logo was “Ask and you shall receive”. His favorite Psalm 100 is “Serve the Lord with gladness and come to the Lord with joyful song “.



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There were many amazing speakers one of whom was the Archbishop of New Orleans, Gregory Aymond. The theme of the conference was Christian Joy, which is the love of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Serra clubs are here to serve. We pray for vocations through Serra prayers, Holy Hours, and Eucharistic Adoration. We support Priests, Religious and those in Formation. We, also support Diocesan Vocations through school programs, contests – posters, and essays, and through recognition at picnics and award ceremonies.



Bishop Thomas Collins

Doing all of this, we do not stand alone. We are one of 200 Serra Clubs in the U.S. with 7,500 Serrans and 450 Serra Clubs with 12,500 Serrans in the world. We will know our Lord through adoration and the knowledge of scripture.

Anne left a few handouts for us to read. One is “What is the culture of Vocations.” The other is a Message of his Holiness Pope Francis for the 61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations. And lastly, “Why a Serra Club is Special”. All are good and knowledgeable reading. She had a great time learning more about the Serra club and getting to experience New Orleans.

Below are two links for Cardinal Collins talks at the New Orleans 2024 convention. The first one is the talk referenced in the presentation, the second is at the end of the convention.

Archbishop Emeritus Thomas Cardinal Collins - Presentation at SI Convention, New Orleans, 2024: <https://youtu.be/5aLYkEkg9xU?si=6wCrDLoLiL54eLG>

Cardinal Collins "Closing Mass" Homily: https://youtu.be/R9K0K3W3xqM?si=yD8_oe34oNU3PcQb

On October 15 - Rebecca Ritcher came to teach us about the Holy Souls in Purgatory and how we can pray them up to heaven.



Rebecca Ritcher Scares the Purgatory Out of Us

Rebecca Ritcher taught Culinary Art, Fashion and Child Psych at Edison High school for 19 years. Currently she is a parishioner at St. Mary's by the Sea Church and works at the parish food bank and teaches First Holy Communion.

Rebecca is a member of the Legion of Mary and The Purgatory Society in Hawaiian Gardens.

St. Padre Pio said that there were more holy souls coming up the mountain to hear him preach than there were people, meaning that there are many souls around us all the time.

Rebecca presented a lot of information on the holy souls in purgatory. She recommended *The Prayer of Jesus on the Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary* (prayer to blind Satan.)



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Jesus: "This prayer is an instrument in your hands. By collaborating with Me, Satan will be blinded by it; and because of his blindness, souls will not be led into sin."

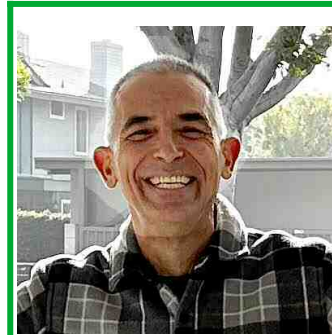
Should be prayed 3-4 times a day for the souls. We living in California most likely need to say it 3-4 times more! This is all taken from the Spiritual Diary of Elizabeth Kindelmann.

October 15 was the anniversary of Bishop Todd Browns' death. We are to offer all our prayers and sacrifices for the Bishop to be released from purgatory on the anniversary of his death as we would for anyone's on the anniversary of their death. Dr. Jerry Wright at St. Peter Chancel Catholic Church, head of the Purgatory Society, says that is our duty to pray for our grandparents and parents' souls. They need to get prayed out of purgatory.

She shared a first-class relic of St. Junipero Serra housed in Santa Barbara. Many of us touched the relic with our wedding rings, rosaries, scapulars, medals, and other sacramentals, which are now third-class relics.



Chaplain's Corner



Deacon Bill Weeks

Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

Trusting that God's peace and grace be upon each of you this day as we move into one of the most beautiful times of the calendar year - Fall. I am always amazed

how all of creation brings to undergo a true transformation during this special time. Transformation of one's body, spirit and essence are a gift from Our Heavenly Father. The ability to continue becoming something wondrous through His almighty power is miraculous. As we look out this season into His world here on earth, let us praise His Most Holy Name for this great gift and enter into this time allowing Him to transform us, as well – transform our bodies to become more holy; transform our minds to become more like Him and His ways; transform our spirit so that we, too, may give all of ourselves, like Him, in all we do; as well as transform our essence to shine with His glory.

St. Paul said it best when he addressed the Romans long ago, "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – His good, pleasing and perfect will." Some of us might be afraid of transformation, especially as we move on in life. We might become more anxious about what this transformation may lead to, perhaps limitations on certain physical and mental abilities.

Remember that such thinking is of the evil one who wishes to paralyze us and render us helpless devoid of allowing ourselves to partake in God's plan for all of life. Free yourselves to enjoy what will come through, with and in God. Fall into this



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time knowing full well what will come – only goodness and kindness all the days of your life.

In Christ Jesus now and forever,
Deacon Bill Weeks

Meet Our New Serrans

New Members Inducted

Patty Baer called up new members to be formally inducted and receive their Serra Club pins. See picture below.



**l. to r. Mary Ellen and Mike Keating,
and Maryle Olivier**

My Bio Maryellen Keating

Being open to God's will is most important in my life.

Secondly, tied to the hip to My Beloved-Mike of nearly 45 years...where we try to reach out to other both individually and together, not forgetting each other.

Some of our interests have been: Marriage Prep and preparing the Little Ones-Holy Communion, Soup Kitchen, Mental Health Ministry, and Women's Fellowship.

To spend quality time, engaged together.

To see God's beautiful creation through nature-the spectacular beauty of sunsets.

And to remember to relax and keep Holy the Lord's Day.

To find fun in Life and again most importantly His will as we humbly seek Him. Amen

Interests: *FAMILY* walks, puzzles, King's Corners, music-singing Hymns, exercise, jokes, couple walks, art coloring and Women's Club.



Michael & Maryellen Keating
My Bio Mike Keating

I was raised in Chicago but moved to Orange County after finishing college in upstate New York. I met Maryellen at church. Our first date was a Diabetes Bike-a-thon. We were married more than 40 years ago. We were fortunate to work in Marriage Preparation and taught First Communion students in Sunday School for many years. I worked in aerospace until my recent retirement. We both taught STEM to elementary students during the summer for a few years. I



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hope to continue to work in STEM while retired. We enjoy community and church activities as well as frequent walks. We look forward to learning and growing with the Serra Club.

My Bio Maryle Olivier

Born in New York state, moved to North Carolina in 1979. I moved to California with two (2) friends after graduating from college with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) in 1984.



Seafarer Maryle Olivier

I've been a nurse since 1983, worked in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit (SICU) at UCLA and then transferred to the Emergency Department (ED) at UCI in 1989. I retired in 2021 after 38 years of nursing.

Steve and I were married in 1987.

We have two sons, Zach and Sam. Zach is married with an adorable son! He

works now at SpaceX as a data scientist. His wife, Tiffany is a clinical psychologist but currently is a stay at home mom.

Sam is living in New Mexico working for the Los Alamos National Lab with his PHD in computational science. He has a girlfriend, Lauren, who is wonderful and is from Huntington Beach!

In retirement we are traveling, volunteering, learning new things, working out and enjoying life.

Coming Events

Meetings: Tuesday, November

5, 2024: St. Cecilia Catholic Church, 1301 Sycamore Ave., Tustin, 92780. 6:30 AM Mass in the church, followed by a continental breakfast, speaker, and business meeting. **Speaker:** Deacon Anthony Palazzolo, Holy Trinity parish, Ladera Ranch. Deacon will share his conversion and vocation story with our club.

Tuesday November 19, 2024 Meeting

Speaker (tentative): Moses Nunez, Youth Minister, St. Cecilia.

Friday, November 22, 2024: Holy Spirit

Vocations Committee Banquet: Beverly, Anne and Rosemarie are attending. RSVP deadline is Nov. 3. Contact Beverly, ruzzfam@yahoo.com ASAP if you plan to attend. Cost \$55.

December 8, 2024: Christmas Party has been confirmed at – Sisters of St. Joseph, St. Joseph's Hall, 440 S. Batavia, Orange, 92868

December 14, 2024 Transitional Diaconate: Oliver Coughlin will be ordained a transitional deacon on December 14th.

March 1, 2025 Day of Recollection: Father Christopher Smith will lead the retreat

2005 TBD: St. John's Seminary Visit with Mass and lunch. Date to be announced

Happy Birthday

Name	Month	Day
Carl Manning	Sept.	12
Melda Arick	Oct.	4
Kathy Robinson	Oct.	9



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Prayer List Deceased

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Charlie McCarthy and for his family.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bob Defeo and for his family.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Bible and for his family.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Messerschmidt and for her family.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul Dan Phalanx (father in law of Deacon Bill) and for his family.

Sick

Please pray for the intentions and speedy recovery of

Michael Feeney, Mary's Kitchen, Sr Louise Ann Micek, Kathy Robinson, Jeanne Warren, Dan McKelvie, Nancy Ivary, Kimberly Hills Leibe, August Overholdt, Jen Munson, Maureen Reider and our Serran travelers.

Please keep Carol Defer & Deacon Bill in your prayers.

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