



A Voice For Vocations



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Fr. Junipero Serra

Prez Sez – Divine Mercy Sunday



**Beverly Truzzolino
President**

Happy and Holy Easter to all! May we all continue to grow in holiness.

The season of Easter is the most important of all liturgical times that lasts for 50 days! It is the second-longest season on the Church the Calendar, starting on Easter Sunday and concluding on

Pentecost Sunday. It is a period of joyful

celebration, commemorating Jesus' resurrection and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

I'd like to share about Divine Mercy Sunday which is on the second Sunday of Easter. In 1931 Jesus appeared to Sr. Faustina in Poland, a very holy nun known as the "Apostle of Divine Mercy," he expressed his desire for a feast celebrating his mercy and to include a public blessing and liturgical veneration of His image with the inscription "Jesus, I Trust in You."

In 2002, St. John Paul II entrusted the world to Divine Mercy, stating "may the message of God's merciful love, be known to all the people of the earth and fill their hearts with hope. As a Serran I strive for hope and know that God is Merciful;



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even though at times I realize in humility it is a challenge to give mercy and/or to receive mercy.

When I reflect on how Jesus, prioritized God's will over his own I understand that is the only way I can meet the challenge to be merciful with

others and myself. I find peace in the Divine Mercy message along with being grateful for the times others have been merciful with me. If you are not familiar with The Divine Mercy, I encourage you to participate in the novena beginning on Good Friday and ending on Divine Mercy Sunday.

<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena> In addition, participate in Divine Mercy Sunday at Holy Family Church at 2:30pm.

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us; and that He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. May we all trust in Jesus' mercy and continue our Serran ministry to affirm seminarians, priests and religious.

God's Mercy,
Beverly Truzzolino, President

District Doings – Serra Club On-Line Resources

Explore the updated Websites of Serra International, Serra US and S.P.A.R.K.

Over the course of these last few years, there have been significant advances in on-line Serra Club resources for Serra Club members to use and they are readily available to all Serrans.



**Anne Champagne,
Governor, District
#79**

Within these upgrades are many useful tools, which are intended to be helpful in our Mission to affirm and support vocations within our Catholic Church.

Below is a brief recap of these resources. Rest assured that there will be much more to come for all of us

Serrans, but we will start with the basics. Many of you have probably already utilized some of these websites, however, there have been significant updates and additions.

Please independently explore these updated sites, and offer your feedback on any of their features, because this is a work in progress and the US council has encouraged those using these resources to please offer any feedback to continue to improve the content.

SERRA US COUNCIL:
www.serraus.org

YouTube videos can be accessed through this website. There are many interesting videos. There is a recorded video of "Serra Meets", featuring John Liston which includes an informative recounting of the history of the inception of Serra Clubs in Seattle, WA from 1935, upon the occasion of our 90-year anniversary of the establishment of Serra Club.

SERRA INTERNATIONAL

www.serrainternational.org

SERRA S.P.A.R.K. (Serra promotional and Resource Kit)

www.serraspark.org



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<https://serraspark.org/>

This S.P.A.R.K. resource was created to assist vocation directors with programming that is helpful to their ministries, however ANY Serrans would benefit in seeing many popular programs that are utilized nation-wide and globally within parishes to increase awareness of the Serran mission.

Serran Activities

March 1 – Day of Recollection

On March 1st Father Christopher Smith led a mini retreat at ST Cecilia on the theme of Hope for our Serra Club, our guest and parishioners of ST Cecilia.



FR Christopher Smith

He broke his reflection down into three topics.

What is Hope Anyway

- Something new and different is possible.
- When difficult even horrid events challenge our beliefs there is a way out.

- Through God reconciliation, justice, and healing can be achieved.

Obstacles to Having Hope

- Tragedies, betrayals, past disappointments can lead us to cynicism.
- We assume early success in job, family or health will continue forever and setbacks in these things become catastrophic.
- We deny or try to escape pain. Instead we must face it with the hope in Jesus that there is a way up and out.

A Formula for Hope

- Remember when you felt God was with you, i.e. a good time, a blessed event.
- Remember past setbacks and how you worked through them.
- Our Christian lives are rooted in remembrance, the scriptures. Remember to remember, especially the Eucharist
- Look for and acknowledge the signs of hope around you.



Full of Hope



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Its a Full House

Ninety-four (94) people attended the day of reflection including most our City Club and some visitors from the County Club.



A Breakfast Spread for a Hundred

Sunday March 23 - St. John's Seminary

Beverly Truzzolino, President

What a beautiful day we Serrans experienced on Sunday, March 23 at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo. Both Serra Clubs in Orange County car pooled together arriving in plenty of time to pray together at 11:00AM Mass.

In addition to hosting Serrans, it was also Discernment Weekend for a very large group of



men discerning the priesthood. What a showing for Christ! Seeing all these men dressed in suits and ties, who are considering leaving their professional occupations to work for Christ at almost no salary, was extremely heartwarming! These men were sincere and prayerful. Some men who were there for the Discernment weekend shared with smiles that the weekend is awesome and/or God spoke to me that I am in the right place. Our Serra prayers for an increase in religious vocations to the priesthood was certainly working in a very positive way. Let's keep up the prayers !





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Having Lunch with Your Seminarian

A beautiful buffet was served with brisket, salmon, so many vegetables, a salad bar, and ice cream and homemade ginger and chocolate chip cookies. It was all so yummy! Following lunch, Pat Manzo presented the seminary with a \$1000 donation from the golf proceeds to help the seminary with expenses.



T'was a Beautiful Day

My adopted seminarian, Samuel Nguyen and his seminarian friend, Francis Ang, a son of the County Club member Margot Ang, conducted a

tour of the seminary grounds, classrooms, and activity lounges.

Mother Nature cooperated with a gorgeous 78 degree day. Truly it was a day the Lord had made, let us rejoice and be glad. If you were unable to attend Seminary Sunday this year, do schedule this event on your calendar for next March when we Serrans are invited once again to St. John's Seminary for Seminary Sunday.

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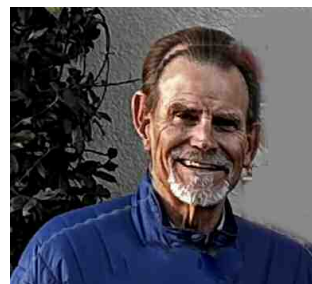
Melda Arick, Recorder

On March 4th We Celebrated our Fat Tuesday Potluck Breakfast.

After eating our way through a smorgasbord of scrumptious entrees and deserts, Mark Kreyche Lead A Group Discussion on Hope using questions from Father Christopher Smith's retreat on Saturday, March 1st). (See Day of Recollection article above)

The March 18th Meeting Canceled for the Convoy to St John's Seminary

On April 1st Mark Kreyche Gave a Presentation on the Prodigal Son



Mark started with a nine (9) minute video, "Will You Return to Him?" by Ascension Press. After this Fourth Week of Lent video, Mark read the gospel of the Prodigal Son. After the presentation and the song, "Come Back to Me", he gave the floor over to table discussions.



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We discussed several questions:

- How are we representing God in our lives?
- How are we looking at Jesus this Lent?
- In what particular way are we most in need of His love?

The April 15th Meeting Canceled in Reverence to Holy Week

Coming Events

Meetings:

- **Tuesday, May 6, 2025** - St. Cecilia 6:30 AM Mass in the church, followed by continental breakfast, speaker, and business meeting.
- **Tuesday May 20, 2025** - St. Cecilia 6:30 AM Mass in the church, followed by a continental breakfast, speaker, and business meeting
- **Tuesday June 3, 2025** - St. Cecilia 6:30 AM Mass in the church, followed by a continental breakfast, **Induction of Officers**, speaker, and business meeting.
- **Tuesday June 17, 2025** - St. Cecilia 6:30 AM Mass in the church, followed by a continental breakfast, speaker, and business meeting.

June 7 - Ordination of Deacon Oliver Coughlin. - Save this date to join the club in attending the Ordination of Deacon Oliver Coughlin at Christ Cathedral.

Forty upcoming deacons are in formation for the Diocese of Orange over the next few years.

Ordination Luncheon - July or August.

Hopefully we will schedule it for July 15 or August 5 . The final date and site will be sent out as soon as we can pin down the Bishop's schedule and finalize the site.

Happy Birthday

| Name | Month | Day |
|--------------------------------|-------|-----|
| Fr. Cheeyoon Chun | March | 2 |
| Anne Champagne | March | 3 |
| Gloria Suess | March | 10 |
| Loretta Callopy | March | 13 |
| Steve Oliver | March | 14 |
| Sr. Louise Ann Micek (Birth) | March | 20 |
| Rosemarie Tsutsumi | April | 23 |
| Sr. Louise Ann Micek (Baptism) | April | 25 |

Prayer List

Deceased

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marge Turk and for her family.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bob Moore and for his family.
- 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 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.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Bible and for his family.

Sick

Please pray for the intentions and speedy recovery of:



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Andy Sison (recovering from an auto accident),
Carol DeFeo, Deacon Bill Weeks, Michael
Feeney, Mary's Kitchen, Sr Louise Ann Micek,
Kathy Robinson, Jeanne Warren, Dan McKelvie,
Nancy Ivary, Kimberly Hills Leibe, August
Overholdt, Jen Mauson, Maureen Renden, Sister
Virtue, and our Serran travelers.

2024-25 Officer Roster

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