



# Serra Mensajero

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## Upcoming Events

### Friday, August 3

First Friday Mass & Lunch

12:30 pm – St. Eliz. Ann Seton

### Monday, August 20

Dinner meeting; 6:30 pm

Dave Woodyard, CEO Catholic Charities of Dallas

Canyon Creek Country Club

### Friday, September 7

First Friday Mass & Lunch

12:30 pm – St. Eliz. Ann Seton

### Monday, September 17

Dinner meeting; 6:30 pm

Dr. Patty Hughes

Canyon Creek Country Club

### Friday, October 5

First Friday Mass & Lunch

12:30 pm – St. Eliz. Ann Seton

### Monday, October 15

Dinner meeting; 6:30 pm

Canyon Creek Country Club

### Friday, October 19

Holy Trinity Seminary Dinner

### Saturday, October 27

Vocation Day of Reflection

University of Dallas Chapel

### Friday, November 2

First Friday Mass & Lunch

12:30 pm – St. Eliz. Ann Seton

### Monday, November 19

Dinner meeting; 6:30 pm

Canyon Creek Country Club



## July Speaker Summary

During our July dinner meeting, Monsignor John Bell, pastor of Our Lady of Angels parish in Allen and Judicial Vicar for the Diocese of Dallas, provided an insightful description of the changes to the marriage tribunal process since Vatican II. He explained that the changes have streamlined the process in the spirit of "the Gentle Judge, Lord Jesus." Prior to the changes, there were only 18% of the diocese world-wide that had fully functioning tribunal systems. Now that the location of the filings has been broadened, the use of lay judges has increased, and the number of judges required for the tribunal has been decreased in some cases, the number of cases reviewed has dramatically increased and for some the resolution has been expedited. He shared that the main intent was to move from an acrimonious view of judgement to one of peaceful resolution to allow participants to remain faithful in the Church.

Monsignor Bell also shared his view on the roles of Serra in both the development and support of seminarians as he has witnessed through his work at Holy Trinity Seminary and the support of priests as he has experienced through his own vocation. He thanked us for our continued prayerful support of the religious.



Don Simoneaux presented President Jim Duffy with the Serra International Foundation Banner Award in recognition of the donations by North Central Dallas Serra Club members during 2017.

*Serra Mensajero* is the monthly newsletter for North Central Dallas which reports activities, provides news to members, and supports Club goals.

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[www.serraus.org](http://www.serraus.org)



**Serra Club of North Central Dallas**  
**Presidents Message**  
**August 1, 2018**

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This is the first month of our new 31 Club. As you know we made a few changes to the original version of Serra's 31 Club allowing those who because, of Age, Health, Work or just because Life got in the way on your assigned day, you may pray the rosary in lieu of attending Mass on that day.

On our particular day during Mass or while saying the rosary, we agree to specifically pray for all priests, sisters, brothers, deacons and lay ministers who have served or are serving our parish and that future church vocations in particular our seminarians are forth coming.

If you have not had an opportunity to sign up, please let me know which date you would like to choose and I will immediately update our calendar.

Date/Month	Date/Month
1 Jerry Hurster, Larry Montz	16 Darwin Hutchison
2 Barbara Johnson	17 Open Date
3 Bill Crowley	18 Tom Demarest
4 Meg Haerr	19 Open Date
5 Bob Baillargeon	20 Tony Schmidt
6 Open Date	21 Open Date
7 Bill Condon	22 Open Date
8 Open Date	23 Kathi Thompson
9 Mary LaFave, Pete LaFave	24 Ralph Armstrong
10 Vicki Dean	25 Mary McGraw
11 Jim Duffy	26 Dawn Epping
12 Open Date	27 Chris Taylor
13 Open Date	28 William Larsen, Dan O'Connell
14 Open Date	29 Open Date
15 Don Simoneaux	30 Open Date
	31 Open Date

**August Birthdays**

Mary LaFave	4
Bob Baillargeon	8
Don Simoneaux	21
Agnes Denvir	24
Larry Montz	25
Ann Larriviere	29
Jack Tromba	31

**PRAY FOR THE HEALING POWER OF GOD FOR:**

Ed & Bernadette Johnson	Jerry Hurster
Tom Demarest	Mary LaFave
Leo Heiting	Annette Schmidt
Bill Crowley	

**August Anniversaries**

Ralph & Rosemary Armstrong	15
John & Felicia Fitzpatrick	17
Paul & Jo Ficalora	19
Tony & Annette Schmidt	24

Recent Articles of note:



Our phones have become the serpent in our Garden of Eden and ancient wisdom can help *Commentary by Joshua J. Whitfield is pastoral administrator for St. Rita Catholic Community in Dallas*

<https://www.dallasnews.com/opinion/commentary/2018/07/28/phones-become-serpent-eden-ancient-wisdom-can-help>



Bishop Burns reflects on his first year as shepherd of the Diocese of Dallas

<http://www.texasatholic.com/2018/02/02/bishop-burns-reflects-on-his-first-year-as-shepherd-of-the-diocese-of-dallas/>



A Culture of Vocations *by Mary Lou Seewoester*

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