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Upcoming Events

Due to the current constraints on assemblies, we are not listing any future events.

While daily masses are now available we encourage you to seek out the online resources for Sunday masses. Some may find comfort in attending their home parishes or the Bishop Burns' masses.

Alternatively, take this opportunity to celebrate the unity of the Catholic church by celebrating mass somewhere else.

Through Facebook, I have seen links to services at Subiaco Abbey and Washington DC National Cathedral among others.



My dear Serrans,

It is hurricane season! Jesus Christ is with us as we ride the storms of life. And yet, Jesus is that presence of peace Who strengthens us to hope in Him, to have the courage even to face our fears and walk on water. Let us keep our eyes and our hearts trained on Christ in the wind as well as in the calm of the eye of the storm.

Saturday (August 15th) is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This year, because it falls on a Saturday, it is not a day of obligation to attend Mass. On November 1, 1950, in the encyclical *Munificentissimus Deus*, Pope Pius XII defined the dogma of the Assumption. He solemnly proclaimed that the belief that Our Blessed Mother was taken body and soul into heaven at the close of her earthly life is part of the deposit of faith, something that many had already come to believe! Mary is the "beginning and pattern of the Church" (preface of the Assumption) who has benefited from Her Son Jesus Christ's saving act of redemption. May Our Blessed Mother as Queen of Heaven pray for us so that we, too, may join her in our eternal home with Her Son Jesus Christ.

In Christ,

Fr. Michael Guadagnoli

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Serra web sites

North Central Dallas Serra Club
www.ncdserraclub.com

Serra USA Council
www.serraus.org

Fellow Serrans

When I was a young boy, I really loved reading Butler's Lives of the Saints. While we have more time to devote to spiritual reading, check your local library to see if they have ebooks (electronic copies) or curbside service so that you can learn more about these ordinary human beings who devoted their everyday lives to God.

How appropriate that the month of August begins with celebrations of two great saints whose dedication to the priesthood is so well known, St. Alphonsus Liguori and St. John Vianney! These are followed by the commemoration of the dedication of the basilica of St. Mary Major, the Transfiguration of the Lord, St. Sixtus II, St. Cajetan, St. Dominic, St. Lawrence, St. Clare, St. Jane Frances Chantal, Sts. Pontian and Hippolytus, St. Maximilian Kolbe, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. John Eudes, St. Bernard, St. Pius X, the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Bartholomew, St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz, St. Monica, St. Augustine and the Passion of St. John the Baptist. Each of these holy men, women and feasts offer examples and lessons of love that we can imitate today and always.

Last month, I asked our NCD phone committees to contact each of our members in a friend-to-friend outreach. I hope that this was a bright spot in your day and you enjoyed hearing voices of fellow Serrans who called to say hello! Keeping in touch and encouraging each other in these uncertain times is so important. I'm so glad we can share our faith, hope and love with each other as we move through these challenges with the help of our patron, St. Junipero Serra.

May our unity and fraternity in Serra bring us closer spiritually even though physically, we cannot be together at this time. Please watch your email for details of upcoming ways we can live our Serran vocation to promote, encourage and support vocations.

In St. Junipero Serra,
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**PRAY FOR THE HEALING
POWER OF GOD FOR:**

Tom Demarest	Leo Heiting
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August Anniversary

Ralph & Rosemary Armstrong	15
June & Troy Cooper	16
John & Felicia Fitzpatrick	17
Tony & Annette Schmidt	24

August Birthdays

Sylvia Windham	3
Mary LaFave	4
Bob Baillargeon	8
June Cooper	20
Don Simoneaux	21
Larry Montz	25
Ann Larriviere	29
John Tromba	31

In response to the destruction of statues of St. Junipero Serra, some prelates have taken the time to share statements in defense of our patron and his legacy. If you have the time, we encourage you to write to these bishops/archbishops to thank them for their support. Find links to their statements and contact information (usually at the bottom of the linked page) below.

Most Rev. Robert Barron

Auxiliary Archbishop of Los Angeles, CA

[Archbishop Barron's statement](#)

[Contact information](#)

Most Rev. Salvatore J. Cordileone

Archbishop of San Francisco, CA

[Archbishop Cordileone's statement \(1\) and \(2\)](#)

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Most Rev. Thomas A. Daly

Bishop of Spokane, WA

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[Bishop Daly's statement](#)

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Most Rev. José H. Gomez

Archbishop of Los Angeles, CA

[Archbishop Gomez's statement](#)

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Most Rev. Donald J. Hying

Bishop of Madison, WI

[Bishop Hying's statement](#)

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Most Rev. Jaime Soto

Bishop of Sacramento, CA

[Bishop Soto's statement](#)

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31 Club

The 31 Club is a commitment by Serrans to attend Mass or say the rosary to pray for vocations on a specific day each month. If interested in participating, contact Dawn Epping (dawn.epping@yahoo.com).

1 st Larry Montz	8 th Sylvia Windham	14 th June Cooper	19 th Barbara Johnson	26 th Dawn Epping
2 nd Barbara Johnson	9 th Peter LaFave	15 th Don Simoneaux	20 th Tony Schmidt	27 th Chris Taylor
3 rd Bill Crowley	Mary LaFave	16 th Darwin Hutchison	21 st	28 th Bill Larsen
4 th Meg Haerr	10 th Vicki Dean	17 th Rob Larriviere	22 nd Kathi Thompson	Dan O'Connell
5 th Bob Baillargeon	11 th Jim Duffy	Ann Larriviere	23 rd Kathi Thompson	29 th Kay Hogan
6 th John Fitzpatrick	12 th Dennis Epping	John Fitzpatrick	24 th Ralph Armstrong	30 th
7 th Bill Condon	13 th	18 th Tom Demerest	25 th Mary McGraw	31 st