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Upcoming Events

Friday, December 6

First Friday Mass & Meal

6:30 am – St. Mark

12:30 pm – St. Eliz. Ann Seton

Sunday, December 8

Christmas Party; 3-6 pm

Don & Carolyn Simoneaux

3201 Melanie Lane, Plano

An Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols; 6:30 pm

Chapel of the Most Blessed Trinity
Holy Trinity Seminary

Wednesday, December 11

Board meeting; 6:30 pm

Conference Room 202, Smyth Center, St. Mark Church

Monday, December 23

Christmas Concert for
Redemptoris Mater Seminary;

time not yet published

St Mark, Plano

Friday, January 3

First Friday Mass & Meal

6:30 am – St. Mark

12:30 pm – St. Eliz. Ann Seton

Wednesday, January 8

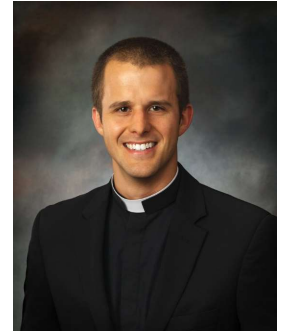
Board meeting; 6:30 pm

Conference Room 202, Smyth Center, St. Mark Church

Monday, January 20

Dinner meeting; 6:30 pm

Carol Ackels, Sr Ignatian Fellow,
Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House
Canyon Creek Country Club



November Speakers

In his role as our chaplain and the pastor of St. Monica parish and as a precursor to being our March dinner speaker, Father Michael Guadagnoli opened the November dinner meeting with a report on the tornado damage in the neighborhoods surrounding St. Monica's and the efforts to clean-up the debris. He shared many stories of people coming together in times of crises.

Father Zach Webb of Holy Trinity Seminary was a key note speaker and provided the attendees of our November dinner meeting with an overview of his roles as Director of Seminarians and Associate Director of Formation. He reported on the 79 seminarians in the 7-9 year formation process for the Diocese of Dallas and outlined the number of anticipated ordinations over the next 4 years (8, 6, 8, and 9). He shared that while this is many more than in the past, it will barely keep up with the number of retirements.

He then recounted the formation process/approach as the seminary is "not a trade school or solely focused on education." Instead the intent is to grow a whole well-developed person. The 4 formation steps to this process that encourages discernment throughout are:

- Human – learning laundry, basic hygiene, family of origin; virtue
- Spiritual – learning not just prayerfulness but deeply knowing God
- Intellectual – learning the Church well enough to teach others about it
- Pastoral – learning to serve

He shared that the national average for those who begin the seminary and continue through ordination is 50%.

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.ncdserraclub.com

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www.serraus.org

My Fellow Serrans,

At this joyous time of year, we can be encouraged by the saints whose feasts we celebrate this month: St. Francis Xavier, St. John Damascene, St. Nicholas, St. Ambrose, The Immaculate Conception, St. Damasus I, Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Lucy, St. John of the Cross, St. Peter Canisius, St. John of Kanty, The Nativity of the Lord, St. Stephen, St. John the Apostle, The Holy Innocents, and the Holy Family.

As we come together with family and friends at Christmas, let us continue to support our Priests, Deacons, Religious and Seminarians with our prayers for their vocations. This is also a great chance to invite your fellow parishioners to join us in Serra.

Many thanks to Don and Carolyn Simoneaux for hosting our annual Christmas gathering at their home. All who were able to attend had a wonderful time sharing delicious food and friendship. As always, fellow Serrans who have passed on throughout the years were missed and remembered in prayer.

Soon, we will be making resolutions for the New Year. May we renew our dedication to strengthen our Faith and our commitment to Serra in 2020. We look forward to the opportunities and challenges it brings.

Please join us next month, when Carol Ackels will speak to us about Montserrat Retreat House at our January 20 dinner meeting.

In St. Junipero Serra,
Wishing everyone a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year,
Darwin

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

Ed Johnson	Leo Heiting
Tom Demarest	Mary LaFave
Katy Warren	

December Anniversary

Bill & Kathy Crowley	4
Peter & Connie Lobo	14
Tom & Belle Marie Demarest	19

December Birthdays

Meg Haerr	3
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Vocation Awareness Program Update

The 31st Vocations Awareness Program (VAP) is underway. The seven (7) Serran clubs of district 46 are already planning the June event. In January, you will receive a save-the-date postcard asking you to attend the Kick-off Brunch (KOB) on Saturday March 14th. Your ongoing support is appreciated.

We ask for your prayers in all that we do for vocations.



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