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Upcoming Events

Friday, November 1

First Friday Mass & Meal

6:30 am – St. Mark

12:30 pm – St. Eliz. Ann Seton

November 3-9

National Vocation Awareness Week

Wednesday, November 13

Board meeting; 7:00 pm

Conference Room 202, Smyth Center, St. Mark Church

Monday, November 18

Dinner meeting; 6:30 pm

Fr. Zach Webb, Holy Trinity Seminary

Canyon Creek Country Club

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

Wednesday, December 11

Board meeting; 7:00 pm

Conference Room 202, Smyth Center, St. Mark Church

Friday, January 3

First Friday Mass & Meal

6:30 am – St. Mark

12:30 pm – St. Eliz. Ann Seton



October Speaker

Our own Bob Baillargeon spoke at our October dinner meeting. After some initial stories about his golf foursome with President George HW Bush and a public service announcement about the Catholic University in Ukraine, Bob provided us with excerpts from the talk that he has provided on the Mystery of Suffering gleaned from the loss of both his first wife after 44 years of marriage and the loss of his second wife after 5 years.

He shared that Christ did not come to remove suffering and that we turn to God in prayers since there are no easy answers. He also explained the stages of grief. He left us with the following words of wisdom to digest at our leisure, "If you want a peaceful death, live a good life."



Vincent Greenwood Ahern

December 7, 1921 – October 21, 2019

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www.ncdserraclub.com

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My Fellow Serrans,

So much to celebrate in the month of November – All Saints Day, All Souls Day, St. Charles Borromeo, St. Martin of Tours, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, St. Albert the Great, St. Margaret of Scotland, The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Cecilia, St. Andrew and the feast of Christ the King. Then before we know it, the season of Advent is right around the corner!

Celebrating the bounty of this season of harvest and plenty, we need to be mindful of our brothers and sisters in need. As we count our blessings especially at Thanksgiving, we should remember the words of our Lord: “Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” What a great opportunity for us to practice our [Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy](#).

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has designated November 3-9 as [National Vocation Awareness Week](#). This is a time to celebrate vocations to the priesthood, consecrated life and diaconate in all parishes. It is also a time to raise awareness of these vocations, and to encourage new ones to take root and grow.

Please take this occasion to reassure your parish clergy that the Serra Club of North Central Dallas supports them and seminarians in our ministry. This is also a great chance to invite your fellow parishioners to join us in Serra.

Looking forward to our Dinner Meeting on Monday, November 18 with Rev. Zach Webb, Associate Director of Formation, Holy Trinity Seminary as our speaker.

In St. Junipero Serra,
Darwin

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

Ed Johnson	Leo Heiting
Tom Demarest	Mary LaFave
Katy Warren	

November Anniversary

Jack & Ofelia Tromba	10
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November Birthdays

Will Alt	7
Vicki Dean	10
Tom Demarest	23

Our Patron - Saint Junípero Serra

(Reprint from <https://serrainternational.org>)

Not only because of his place in American history as the founder of a chain of missions in Mexico and California, but also because of his life of priestly zeal and heroic virtue, Fray Junípero Serra, OFM, was chosen as the patron of our apostolate. This gifted Franciscan friar had occupied the Duns Scotus chair of philosophy in Mallorca, Spain, until he felt the call to commit himself further to the service of Christ as a missionary in the New World. Departing from Cadiz, Spain, in 1748, he made the perilous crossing of the Atlantic Ocean in a small ship, landing at Veracruz on the southern shore of the Gulf of Mexico. From there, he journeyed on foot to Mexico City, where tradition has it that he prayed at the church built over the famous site where the Virgin of Guadalupe appeared to St. Juan Diego in 1531.

Fray Junípero Serra was transferred to the Sierra Gorda region at his own request, and was appointed President of the Sierra Gorda missions in 1751. After nine years, he was asked to undertake his missionary work some 1,200 km away on the Pacific coast of the North American continent, much of the time suffering with an ulcerated leg. Fr. Serra and his fellow Franciscan friars eventually established a chain of missions in Alta California and worked tirelessly to bring Christ to the indigenous peoples. After a lengthy period of missionary activity, Fr. Serra died in 1784 at the San Carlos Borroméo de Carmelo Mission, in Carmel, California, U.S.A. his favorite mission.

Despite the fact that, during his time as a missionary, Father Serra had very little involvement with promoting priestly vocations, today it can only be considered providential that a holy priest who demonstrated such zeal for the salvation of souls would be chosen as the patron of our global vocations apostolate, considering that the primary focus of its work is fostering and promoting vocations to the holy priesthood and to supporting the sacred ministry of priests, those who spend and consume themselves for the salvation of souls.

Fray Junípero Serra attained sainthood when he was canonized by His Holiness Pope Francis on Sept. 23, 2015, in Washington, D.C.



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