



A Voice for Vocations

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OUR MISSION is to foster, affirm and promote vocations to the priesthood, religious life, deaconate and lay ministries and, through this, to deepen our members' personal faith. life.



DECEMBER

3rd Nancy Ivary
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JANUARY

4th Werner Deffner
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PREZ SEZ



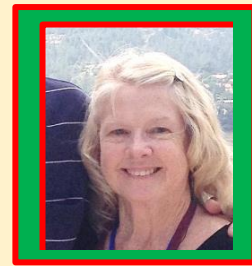
THE SEASON OF FAITH AND HOPE !

So much of the month of December is concerned with hope, the symbol of the first Advent wreath candle. We are looking forward with faith and hope, living for what will be. Advent is a season of prayer, of waiting, of opportunity. The Passover question is applicable here: "How is this night different from all other nights?" God's gift to all of us this Christmas is his son. If we prepare ourselves, we will attune our hearts to the prompting of the Holy Spirit who then gives us courage to respond to this gift. What would you like to change or improve during the next liturgical year? One priest's motto was that he is a Christian for his own sake, but a priest for others. I dare to paraphrase his statement: For my own sake I am a Catholic Christian; for the sake of others I am a Serran. All of us Serrans are lights for our seminarians and other Religious in our lives. We bring the light of Jesus to them. I like the quote from Leo Tolstoy, "Just as one candle lights another and can light thousands of other candles, so one heart illuminates another heart and can illuminate thousands of other hearts". Let's do that for one another this Christmas.

SEE PG 2, "PREZ SEZ"

DISTRICT DOINGS

Anne Champagne
Governor, District #79



DID YOU MISS THE CHICAGO SERRA INT'L CONVENTION?



BE SURE TO GO TO THE S.I. RALLY IN TEXAS!

Serra, Now More than Ever



This year we will meet in Irving, Texas at the [Westin Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas](#) (just outside Dallas/Fort Worth).

DREZ SEZ CONT.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR ADVENT

"Throughout this season of Advent, we pray for evangelization and so many catechists who seek to communicate the Gospel. May all catechists, who have been summoned by the Lord to announce the Word of God be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit."

Christmas Blessings!



City Club Newz

DEC-JAN SPEAKERS

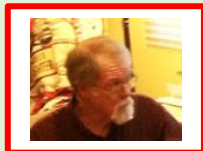
DEC 7 Fr. Cheeyoon Chun St. John Paul II



JAN 4 TBD

JAN 18 Jim Daze

St. Padre Pio



MEDITATION FOR THE NEW LITURGICAL YEAR

ALL JOINED IN PRAYER

[Peter and Paul were] very different individuals: Peter, a fisherman who spent his days amid boats and nets, and Paul, a learned Pharisee who taught in synagogues. When they went forth on mission, Peter spoke to Jews, and Paul to pagans. And when their paths crossed, they could argue heatedly, as Paul is unashamed to admit in one of his letters (cf. Gal 2:11). In short, they were two very different people, yet they saw one another as brothers, as happens in close knit families where there may be frequent arguments but unfailing love. Yet the closeness that joined Peter and Paul did not come from natural inclinations, but from the Lord. He did not command us to like one another, but to love one another. He is the one who unites us, without making us all alike. He unites us in our differences. . . .

Acts brings us to the source of this unity. It relates how the newly born Church was experiencing a moment of crisis: Herod was furious, a violent persecution had broken out, and the Apostle James had been killed. And now Peter had been arrested. The community seemed heedless, everyone fearing for his life. Yet at that tragic moment no one ran away, no one thought about saving his own skin, no one abandoned the others, but all *joined in prayer*. From prayer they drew strength, from prayer came a unity more powerful than any threat. . . .

Let us notice something else: at that dramatic moment, no one complained about Herod's evil and his persecution. . . . It is pointless, even tedious, for Christians to waste their time complaining about the world, about society, about everything that is not right. Complaints change nothing. Let us remember that complaining is the second door that closes us off from the Holy Spirit. . . . The first is narcissism, the second discouragement, the third pessimism. Narcissism makes you look at yourself constantly in a mirror; discouragement leads to complaining and pessimism to thinking everything is dark and bleak. These three attitudes close the door to the Holy Spirit. Those Christians did not cast blame; rather, they prayed. In that community, no one said: "If Peter had been more careful, we would not be in this situation." No one. Humanly speaking, there were reasons to criticize Peter, but no one criticized him. They did not talk about Peter behind his back; they talked to God.

We today can ask: "Are we protecting our unity, our unity in the Church, with prayer? Are we praying for one another?" What would happen if we prayed more and complained less, if we had a more tranquil tongue?

Pope Francis, *Homily*, June 29, 2020.

Jorge Mario Bergoglio, SJ, was archbishop of Buenos Aires from 1998 until his election as pope in 2013. Pope Francis has proclaimed a Gospel of joy and peace, of care for the poor and for the earth, "our common home."



Serra Christmas Parties Are The Best!

Be there!

At Champagnes' House

17631 Orange Tree Lane, Tustin
714/721-7137

Sunday, December 12th

2:00-5:00 pm

BRING

❖ an appetizer
or dessert

❖ Gift donations to:

CATHOLIC WORKER. They are to be for ADULTS only. The items asked for are: socks, underwear, gloves, beanies, blankets. If you wrap them (which is preferred), please stipulate whether for a man or woman and the size. NO GIFT CARDS, PLEASE.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: Target Gift Cards

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (at St. Joseph Church):
Target Gift Cards
Food For Less (Northgate) Gift Cards

MEET OUR NEW MEMBER DONNA SILVA



My parish is St. John Neuman in Irvine. I'm married; Richard and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary this year. We have two children (one of which is adopted) and two grandchildren. After living in Oregon for 25 years, we moved back to California in May of 2019 to help care for my sister who has Alzheimer's.

I was very involved with my church and community while in Oregon. I was a Eucharistic Minister, on the Liturgy committee, part of the Nocturnal Adoration team and am a Benedictine Oblate with Mt. Angel Abbey. I was employed with Marion County Senior Services as a Senior Meals on Wheels site coordinator.

My sister's condition has declined and she has moved to memory care, so I'm now available to get more involved. I am currently doing weekly Eucharistic Adoration, helping with St. John Neuman Charites and at the Library. I also volunteer weekly at Catholic Charities Food Pantry in Santa Ana.



Seminarian Vincent Nguyen brought joy and delight to our meeting. How about YOU bringing a friend?

