



SERRA CLUB OF CANBERRA

Newsletter March 2021

The Five Elements of Serra

- ✠ Spiritual growth in Christ
- ✠ Religious education of the laity
- ✠ Encouragement of church vocations
- ✠ Responsive lay leaders
- ✠ Association in Christian fellowship

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Serran Prayer for Vocations

O God who wills not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech you, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, Saint Joseph her spouse, Saint Junípero Serra and all the saints, an increase of labourers for your Church, fellow labourers with Christ, to spend and consume themselves for souls, through the same Jesus Christ Your Son who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer for the Perseverance in Vocations

O God, you have constituted your Only-Begotten Son supreme and eternal Priest for the glory of your majesty and the salvation of mankind: grant that those whom he has chosen ministers and dispensers of his mysteries may be found faithful in fulfilling the ministry they have received. We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

St. Joseph – Feast Day Friday, 19th March, 2021

Reminders

REMEMBER to say the Serran Prayer DAILY and 31 Club commitment.

Trustees Meeting

No Trustees Meeting in April.

Rosary 6.10 p.m., Monthly Mass 6.30 p.m. Thursday 8th April, 2021 at 6.10 p.m. Holy Trinity, Curtin followed by **Dinner** 7.30 p.m. at the Private Dining Room Southern Cross Club, Woden. **Guest Speaker:** Fr. Norvin Dias (Assistant Priest, St. Christopher's Cathedral).

Forthcoming Events

18th February – 25th March

WALK IN THE SPIRIT – ARCHBISHOP'S 2021 LENTEN RENEWAL EXPERIENCE

led by Archbishop Prowse. available at <https://cgcatholic.org.au/walk-in-the-spirit/>.

2nd April is Good Friday therefore no Adoration at Mary Help of Christians, Pearce and St Christopher's Cathedral.

7th April (First Wednesday): Adoration St. Brigid's Dickson, **Serra commitment** - 12.00 noon-1.00 p.m.

7th May (First Friday): next Adoration at St. Christopher's Cathedral following 12.15 p.m. Mass.

Sunday Mass Online Canberra

Mass each Sunday at 11.00 a.m., see the Catholic Voice Canberra Website: <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/ma-ss-online/>.

Celebrate Every Wednesday, Especially First Wednesdays, in Honor of St. Joseph

It's time to honor St. Joseph in particular ways on the day dedicated to him.

This Year of St. Joseph inspires us to honor St. Joseph in many ways we might have forgotten or not have known. One of them is honoring him in a particular way on Wednesdays. We already honor his wife Mary on Saturdays, the day dedicated to her, and we pay honor to Jesus' Passion and his Sacred Heart on Fridays, the day dedicated to both.

Traditionally, the Church has named Wednesday as a day to honor St. Joseph. "St. Joseph plays a prominent part in popular devotion: in numerous popular traditions," the Holy See's Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy tells us, starting

Always to go forward, never to turn back

with “the custom of reserving Wednesdays for devotion to St. Joseph, popular at least since the end of the seventeenth century.”...

St. Joseph represents fatherhood, care, protection, a happy death, and sanctified work. He has been called “the Shadow of the Father”.

Joseph is one of the essential members of the Holy Family...
(National Catholic Register)

The educational pilgrimage of St. John Paul II and its impact on the world

February 22, 2021 – by George Weigel (extracts only)

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University chaplain: Creating zones of freedom for students

After his ordination to the priesthood in 1946 and two years of graduate study in Rome, Karol Wojtyla returned to Cracow, where Cardinal Adam Stefan Sapieha directed him to create a new ministry to university students at the height of Stalinist repression in Poland. This was dangerous work, as organized Catholic activities with young people were banned by the communist regime. But Father Wojtyla was very good at it, and his experience as a university chaplain left an indelible mark on his understanding that true education forms good habits of the heart as well as useful skills and good habits of the mind...

From this chaplaincy experience, Karol Wojtyla took two convictions that would shape his papal ministry and his thinking about education.

First, he came to understand that young people want to be challenged to heroism. Thus when, as pope, he created World Youth Days around the world, he repeated time and again a challenge to the millions of young adults who flocked to be with him: **Never, ever settle for less than the spiritual and moral grandeur that the grace of God makes possible in your life.** You will fail; we all do. But that is no reason to lower the bar of expectation. Pick yourself up, dust yourself off, seek reconciliation; but never, ever settle for anything less than the greatness that is waiting to be born from within you.

And secondly, Wojtyla learned from his young friends in Cracow (and later in his work as a university professor at Lublin) that young people want to love with a pure love, a love that makes oneself into a gift for another even as one receives the gift of another. From this conviction would grow Wojtyla’s groundbreaking book on human sexuality, *Love and Responsibility*, and his even more creative *Theology of the Body*, both of which have had a considerable impact on the Church, especially in religious education and sacramental preparation... [https://www.catholicworldreport.com/2021/02/22/the-educational-pilgrimage-of-st-john-paul-ii-and-its-impact-on-the-world/]



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[Iraq will always remain in my heart. I ask all of you, dear brothers and sisters, to work together, united for a future of peace and prosperity that leaves no one behind and discriminates against no one. I assure you of my prayers for this beloved country. #ApostolicJourney](#)