

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

2050 Palisades Avenue, Los Osos, CA 93402

www.seasparishlo.org

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 6-28-2020

June 2020 Pope's Intention: The Way of the Heart

That all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

WELCOME! BIENVENIDOS!

Weekend Masses (Please Register to the Office Cell Phone)

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. (ENGLISH)

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. (ENGLISH)

1:00 p.m. (SPANISH)

Weekday Masses / La Misa Enteré Semana

9:00 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday (ENGLISH)

5:00 p.m. Miércoles (ESPAÑOL)

9:00 a.m. 1st Saturday Mass (ENGLISH)

Communion Services

9:00 a.m. Monday, Thursday (ENGLISH) suspended

Adoration / Adoración

9:40 a.m. Wednesday (ENGLISH)

Divine Mercy, Adoration, Benediction

3:45 p.m. Miércoles (ESPAÑOL)

y La Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia

Sacrament of Reconciliation / Reconciliación

Tuesdays by appointment only/Los martes solo con cita previa

1st Fri. Anointing of the Sick / Unción de los Enfermos

9:00 a.m. (ENGLISH) suspended

5:00 p.m. (SPANISH) suspended

Parish Services see page 2

OFFICE INFO:

Tel.: (805) 528-5319

Fax.: (805) 528-8893

Cell.: (805) 235-8803

Email: seaschurchlo@gmail.com

Open: Physically closed, virtually open

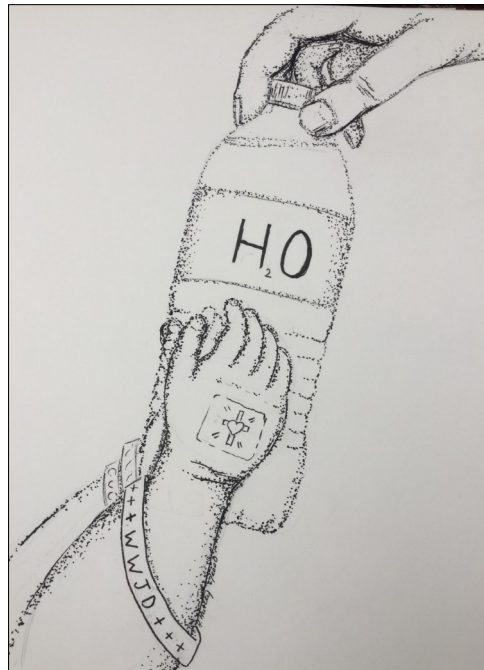
24/7 Anointing of the Sick

or Last Rites: (805) 235-8803

Appointment with Pastor on ZOOM: Tues., Fri.



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And whoever gives only a cup of cold water
to one of these little ones to drink
because the little one is a disciple—
amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.”

Quien diere, aunque no sea más que un vaso de agua fría
a uno de estos pequeños, por ser discípulo mío,
yo les aseguro que no perderá su recompensa”.

Mt 10: 42

PRAYER OF SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON

O Father, the first rule of our dear Savior's life was to do Your Will. Let His Will of the present moment be the first rule of our daily life & work, with no other desire but for its most full and complete accomplishment. Help us to follow it faithfully, so that doing what You wish we will be pleasing to You. Amen.

ORACIÓN DE SANTA ELIZABETH ANN SETON

Oh Padre, la primera regla de la vida de nuestro querido Salvador fue hacer tu voluntad. Dejar que tu Voluntad en el momento presente sea la primera regla de nuestra vida cotidiana y nuestro trabajo, sin ninguna otra voluntad sino hacer tu voluntad plena y completa. Ayúdanos a seguir con fidelidad, para que haciendo lo que deseas seamos más agradables a Ti. Amén.

VISION-MISSION STATEMENT

We are an **all-welcoming Christ-centered** community celebrating our deeply rooted **Catholic traditions**, respectful & appreciative of our **multicultural diversity**, journeying together to share **family values** and **commitment to service**.

DECLARACIÓN DE NUESTRA VISION y MISIÓN

Somos una comunidad **totalmente acogedora y centrada en Cristo** que celebrando nuestras **tradiciones Católicas** profundamente arraigadas, respetamos y apreciamos nuestra **diversidad multicultural**, caminamos juntos para compartir los **valores de la familia y el compromiso al servicio**.

PARISH STAFF

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ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

MASSES, ADORATION	See pages 1 & 7
CONFESSION	Available on Tuesdays by appointment only. Please call parish office cell phone or email.
INFANT BAPTISM (newborn to 6 y/o)	Visit pastor 3 months before intended date. Emergency baptism (for recipient in danger of death: parent/s call pastor asap [805] 235-8803).
7 y/o & above, ADULT BAPTISM, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION	(English) Email Heather (Spanish) Call Javier at Office Cell phone For English & Spanish Adult Catechesis, please contact Heather or Javier at parish office.
KIDS' FIRST HOLY COMMUNION	Catechism 2020-2021 TBD (A two-year program, starts Gr. 1.) First Holy Communion on 2nd year, usually on Feast of Corpus Christi.
TEENS' CONFIRMATION	Catechism 2020-2021 TBD (A two-year program, starts Gr. 9.) Confirmation on 2nd year, on or after Solemnity of Pentecost.
QUINCEAÑERA	Visit pastor 6 months before intended date; Must be enrolled in Confirmation Program; Attend Quinceañera Class.
PRESENTACIÓN	Temporarily suspended due to COVID-19
WEDDING	Visit pastor 6 months before intended date;
ANNULMENT	Call parish for appointment with pastor.
ANOIDING OF THE SICK	Contact 1(805) 235-8803.
LAST RITES	24/7 Contact asap 1(805) 235-8803.
FUNERAL	Call parish office asap.
BLESSING of NEW VEHICLE, RELIGIOUS ITEMS	Temporarily suspended due to COVID-19
BLESSING of NEW HOUSE, NEW SHOP	Temporarily suspended due to COVID-19
VISIT CHURCH for PERSONAL PRAYER & ADORATION	Temporarily suspended due to COVID-19
SPIRITUAL COUNSELING	Call parish office cell
MINOR EXORCISM (Deliverance Prayer) NOT solemn exorcism	Call parish office cell

PRAYER OF POPE FRANCIS TO MARY, HEALTH OF THE SICK

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of all, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that,

as you did at Cana of Galilee,

joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,

to conform ourselves to the Father's will

and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself,

and bore our sorrows to bring us,

through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

IN NEED OF A PRIEST FOR LAST RITES, OR NEED TO CONTACT THE OFFICE

It is best to contact the office staff via email: seaschurchlo@gmail.com, or the office cell phone: 805-235-8803. The office is physically closed.

ATENCIÓN: FELIGRESES HISPANOS

Hemos movido nuestra Misa de Español SEAS del Viernes a MIÉRCOLES con la esperanza de que la señal wifi sea lo suficientemente fuerte como para transmitir en vivo.

La Divina Misericordia y Hora Santa es de 3:45 pm a 4:45 pm
Misa en Español 5:00 pm a 5:30 pm

Gracias por su paciencia mientras encontramos formas de hacer la Misa tanto en persona como en línea.

We have moved our SEAS Mass in Spanish on Friday to WEDNESDAYS with the hope that the WiFi signal is strong enough to transmit livestream. Thanks for your patience as we work to find ways to do Mass in person & livestream to better serve our parishioners.

OFFICE IS STILL VIRTUALLY OPEN

The parish office is virtually open by office cell phone from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm on Tuesdays and Fridays. Office emails will also be replied to during these times, if needed.

RECONCILIATION / RECONCILIACIÓN

The Sacrament of Reconciliation, also known as the Sacrament of Confession or Penance, is available to everyone on Tuesdays by appointment only. To schedule this Sacrament please contact the parish office via email or by calling 805-235-8803. Our office staff will call you back on Tuesdays and Fridays during office hours.

Para una cita para el Sacramento de la Penitencia y de la Reconciliación, llame al teléfono de la oficina por favor. 805-235-8803

STATUES OF ST. JUNÍPERO SERRA

July 1st is the Feast Day of St. Junipero Serra, a Catholic Priest and Friar of the Franciscan Orders who established Missions in Upper and Lower California when California was owned by Spain, before it belonged to Mexico. Fr. Serra was born on Nov. 24, 1713 in Majorca, Spain and died Aug. 28, 1784 and is buried at Carmel Mission Basilica, Carmel by the Sea. He was canonized on Sept. 23, 2015 by Pope Francis, and is known as the Patron Saint of California.

Please see the letters from the California Catholic Conference and our Bishop Daniel Garcia about the statues of St. Junipero Serra and their removal. They are attached to the end of this bulletin. (pgs. 9 & 10)

MASS REMINDERS

- 1) The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation issued on March 12, 2020, is still in effect until further notice.
- 2) Even with the resumption of public liturgies, parishioners who are particularly vulnerable should be urged to remain home (e.g. over the age of sixty, have an existing heart or lung conditions, diabetes, or are otherwise immuno-compromised). Such individuals should not volunteer or be asked to volunteer to fulfill liturgical ministries. Likewise, parishioners who feel sick in any way, those with a fever or cough, and those who live with a person found to be positive for COVID-19, should be urged to refrain from public gatherings, including liturgical celebrations, until a doctor determines it is safe for them to do so.
- 3) Even with the return to Mass, we know that many of our parishioners will continue to join with us virtually through continued Mass on our parish YouTube Channel, parish website, and Facebook.
- 4) To register for daily Mass or returning to weekend Mass, please contact the office at seaschurchlo@gmail.com or call 805-235-8803. You need to call to register for each Mass. Thanks!
- 5) Weekend Liturgy aids and the S.E.A.S. parish bulletin will continue to be emailed to parishioners whose email we have. (To add your name, just send an email to the office email.) They are also available on the parish website and MyParishApp.

WELCOME BACK!
OUR PARISH IS NOW RE-OPEN FOR MASS! PRAISE BE TO GOD!

THANKS FOR CALLING TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE AT ALL MASSES!
¡GRACIAS POR LLAMAR PARA RESERVAR TU ESPACIO EN TODAS LAS MISAS!



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Thank you to everyone this last weekend for allowing your photo to be taken and your permission to put your photo/your family's photo into the parish bulletin!

¡Gracias a todos por permitir que se tome su foto y su permiso para poner su foto (y de su familia) en el boletín de la parroquia!



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PARISH MOVIE NIGHT ON FORMED.ORG

The Miracle of Father Kapaun: The Story of an American Spiritual & Military Hero

<https://watch.formed.org/the-miracle-of-father-kapaun-the-story-of-an-american-spiritual-military-hero>

Emil Kapaun—priest, soldier, and Korean War hero—was a rare man. He was awarded posthumously the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military award, and is also being considered by the Vatican for canonization as a saint.

Just as remarkable are the many non-Catholic witnesses who attest to Father Kapaun's heroism: the Protestants, Jews, and Muslims who either served with the military chaplain in the thick of battle or endured with him the incredibly brutal conditions of a prisoner of war camp. These Korean War veterans, no matter their religion, agree that Father Kapaun did more to save lives and maintain morale than any other man they know.

FORMED.org is free as our parish has a subscription. Just click & paste URL into your browser for this online book.

WAYS TO GIVE TO S.E.A.S. AMIDST THE PANDEMIC

Thank you for your generous donations! No amount is too small or too large. All donations are greatly needed and appreciated.

- 1) Drop your donation into the mailbox at the front of the Church. It is secure. Please label it with your name, and if it is a red envelope donation, please mark it as such. Thanks!
- 2) From the parish website under the tab labeled 'Ministries', click on 'Stewardship' in the drop-down box, then click 'electronic donation' and click on the blue words: Secured Online Donations
- 3) Scan the QR code on the front page of the bulletin with your cell phone or Tablet.
- 4) Send a check in the mail to S.E.A.S. at 2040 Palisades Ave., Los Osos

Thank you again for your continued support of our parish! May God bless you!

CONTINUED PRAYERS DURING COVID-19

Let us continue to pray for those who have died from the COVID 19 virus.

Let us continue to pray for those who are sick.

Let us pray for all health care professionals and essential workers.

Let us keep in our prayers the many health care professionals within our S.E.A.S. parish already caring for those with COVID-19 and for those families who have a loved one preparing to work with the sick, and for the anxiety they and their families experience.

Let us pray for those Religious who are being sent to help with the ill in their Orders who have been on the front lines helping the sick as well as the poor, and to volunteer where needed within the hospitals and communities.

PLEASE REMEMBER ST. ELIZABETH'S IN YOUR WILL

A great way to **help our parish become financially stable** is to remember your parish church in your **Will or Trust**. To make sure the entire amount (100%) will go to St. Elizabeth's, please word the bequest like this: **"I leave a bequest of \$_____ to ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH at 2050 Palisades Avenue, Los Osos, CA 93402."** If you wish to privately discuss this matter with Fr. Joey, please call parish cell 805-235-8803 or email him at frjoeyseasparishlo@gmail.com.

Thank you for considering SEAS for your final distribution.

NEED ASSISTANCE IN YOUR ADVANCE HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVE, FUTURE CATHOLIC FUNERAL & ESTATE PLANNING?

Fr. Joey can help you.

For confidential discussion, please email him at frjoeyseasparishlo@gmail.com or leave message at (805) 235-8803

2020 AMA: GROW IN FAITH

WE HAVE MET OUR DIOCESAN GOAL! THANK YOU!!!
Money donated now returns to our parish.

Your generous gift to the 2020 Annual Ministry Appeal will help those in need and provide support and services to our brothers and in sisters in Christ, as we Grow in Faith within the diocese and our local parish.

Our goal this year is \$40,000.

\$11,500 of the money returned by the Diocese will go toward the repair and asphaltting of the parking lots as well as light sensors in the bathrooms. May God bless you for your great generosity.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

Annual Ministry Appeal: Grow in Faith

Information reflective of Diocesan Report: **22 June 2020**

Donors through S.E.A.S.:	25
Amount Pledged	\$ 13,638.00
Total Amount Donated:	\$ 11,928.00
Amount Needed by Diocese:	\$ 8,500.00
Amount Returning to SEAS:	\$ 3,428.00

BULLETIN SPONSORS

Thank you to our bulletin sponsors! They are listed on the last page of this bulletin. Some of them are 'Essential Businesses.' If you happen to use their service, please be sure to mention that you saw their add in our bulletin and thank them for supporting our parish.

Let us also remember to support our local essential businesses, which benefits our community and economy especially in this difficult time.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,

Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there

And unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Jesús mío, creo que estás realmente presente en el Santísimo Sacramento, te amo sobre todas las cosas, y te deseo en el interior de mi alma. Ya que en este momento no puedo recibirte sacramentalmente, ven al menos espiritualmente a mi corazón; estando dentro de mí, yo te abrazo y me uno todo a Ti. No permitas nunca que me separe de Ti. Amen.

PRAYER FOR AFTER COMMUNION: ANIMA CHRISTI

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O Good Jesus, hear me. Within your wounds hide me. Permit me not to be separated from you. From the wicked one, defend me. At the hour of my death, call me and bid me close so that with your that with your angels and saints I may praise you for ever and ever. Amen.

Alma de Cristo, santifícame. Cuerpo de Cristo, sálvame. Sangre de Cristo, embriágame. Agua del costado de Cristo, lávame. Pasión de Cristo, confórtame. ¡Oh, buen Jesús!, óyeme. Dentro de tus llagas, escóndeme. No permitas que me aparte de Ti. Del maligno enemigo, defiéndeme. En la hora de mi muerte, llámame. Y mándame ir a Ti. Para que con tus santos te alabe. Por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES, READINGS & INTENTIONS

DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	READINGS YEAR A
Vigil Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 27 June 2020	10:00am Funeral Mass of +Gabriel Caliboso 5:30pm English Sunday Mass	5:30pm Russel Wells	2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a Ps 89: 2-3, 16-19 Rom 6:3-4, 8-11 Mt 10:37-42
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 28 June 2020	9:00am English Sunday Mass 1:00pm Spanish Sunday Mass (Weekend Recorded Masses available online on our Parish YouTube and Facebook)	9:00am Grace Hurley 1:00pm	2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a Ps 89: 2-3, 16-19 Rom 6:3-4, 8-11 Mt 10:37-42
Monday 13th Week Ordinary Time 29 June 2020	<i>Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles</i> 9:00am Online Recorded English Mass (Available from Mission SLO, EWTN, or the Catholic TV Network)	9:00am Not a regularly scheduled SEAS Mass	Acts 12:1-11 Ps 34: 2-9 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday 13th Week Ordinary Time 30 June 2020	9:00am English Mass (SEAS Daily Masses and Adoration are available online on our Parish YouTube Channel)	9:00am †Geronimo Sison	Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12 Ps 5: 4b-8 Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday 13th Week Ordinary Time 1 July 2020	<i>Saint Junipero Serra, Priest</i> 9:00am English Mass 9:45am Eng Divine Mercy, Adoration and Benediction 3:45pm Sp Divina Misericordia, Adoración y Benedición 5:00pm Spanish Mass	9:00am Karen Pedigo 5:00pm	Am 5:14-15, 21-24 Ps 50: 7-13, 16b-17 Mt 8:28-34
Thursday 13th Week Ordinary Time 2 July 2020	9:00am Online Recorded English Mass (Available from Mission SLO, EWTN, or the Catholic TV Network)	9:00am Not a regularly scheduled SEAS Mass	Am 7:10-17 Ps 19: 8-11 Mt 9:1-8
Friday 13th Week Ordinary Time 3 July 2020	<i>Saint Thomas, Apostle</i> 9:00am English Mass	9:00am	Eph 2:19-22 Ps 117: 1b-2 Jn 20:24-29
Vigil Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 4 July 2020	9:00am 1st Saturday English Mass 5:30pm English Sunday Mass	9:00am Tom & Ann Sciortino 5:30pm †William B. Pedigo, Jr.	Am 9:11-15 Ps 85: 9ab, 10-14 <u>Mt 9:14-17</u> Zec 9:9-10 Ps 145: 1-2, 8-11, 13-14 Rom 8:9, 11-13 Mt 11:25-30
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 5 July 2020	9:00am English Sunday Mass 1:00pm Spanish Sunday Mass	9:00am Larry & Diane Wright 1:00pm	Zec 9:9-10 Ps 145: 1-2, 8-11, 13-14 Rom 8:9, 11-13 Mt 11:25-30

LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING / OREMOS POR

* Timothy Ketcherside	* Robert Ruiz	* Mary de Angelo	* Nola, Nick, Louis, Dolores, Estrela, Jaelynn Soto	* Madeline Bozena
* John LeNoue	* June Vivianne	* Jessica Ketcherside	* Brian Pedigo and family	* Meekayla Bejarano
* Peter Hewitt	* Sylvia Radford	* Fr. Derek Hughes	* Shawn Clarke	* Dee Mace
* Jere Bresnan	* Eleanor Brown	* Joe O'Brien	* Regina Helm	* Freddie Fernandez
* Fely Platou	* Sarah & Josh Matthews	* Dolores R. Buena	* Guido Palermo	* Albert Calizo
* Mary Cavagnaro	* Michael Vella	* Rosemarie Greenville	* Delores Doyle	* Margherita 'Rita' Davis
* Bonifacio Garcia	* Lila Martinez	* Aaron Kondziela	* Russell Wells	* Loren Hamlin
* Michael Culbertson	* Darleen Krouse	* Maggie Quinn	* Jacque Lohmeier	* Ann Farrelly
* Steven Greenville	* Carolyn Lemos	* Donna Nichols	* John Miller	* Lori Manfredi
* Rafael & Margarita Garcia	* Toshi Meehan	* Colleen Clark	* Barbara Pinedo	* Lois Thompson
* Frances Meehan	* Robert Green Sr.	* Leonora Eublera	* Pancho Pinedo	* Diane Wright
* Emily Sumner	* Susi Reich	* Daniel Quintana	* Ann Harris	* The Wright Family
* David Wright	* Sidney & Dorsey Dunton	* Mark Woehrl	* Ernestine Beavers	* The Kunemoto Family
* Aurea Cruz	* Elisa Fajardo	* The Rivers Family	* Brian Hampton	
* Nathan Berry	* Irene Castaneda	* Daniel Nunez		

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD. LET YOUR PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM.

†Helen Penwell	†William Schanberger	†Dick O'Melveny	†Ruth Casper	†Guadalupe Haugh	†Jaime Manuel
†Charles Penwell	†UMartha Smith	†Jim Stewart	†Fr. Ray Roh	†Julia Keefe	†Medallana Patague
†Harold Platou	†Eusebio Galo	†Jaime Repollo	†Joyce O'Brien	†Bishop Richard Garcia	†Margaret Lucero
†Larry Mischel	†Melinda Rose	†Paulina Y. Andres	†Mariano Rustria	†William K. Lander	†Tiburcio Castillo
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†Gertrude Stinson	†Guillermo dela Cruz	†Dennis A. O'Brien	†Sherman Lemos	†Joseph Carlson	†Edwin Quintana
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†Ofelia Labra	†Anatalia Ortiz	†Selestino Salgado	†Erich Reich	†Manuel Ayala Arroyo	†Candido Orlino Aurelio, Sr.
†Severino Repollo	†ULolita dela Cruz	†Mary Prendergast	†Mike Wright	†Shirley Matthews	†Helen Conti
†Justo Yasay	†Mason & Simon Brito	†Melecia Garcia	†Fr. Lawrence Betrozoff	†David Bresnan	†Sheila Pouraghabagher
†Joe Greene	†Pat Wright	†Felicitas Castillo	†Nick Miller	†Lydia Caloca Green	†Claudette Steenberg
†Cristina Patterson	†Joseph Cavagnaro	†Antonio Medrano	†General Mason	†Myrna Oliveros	†Frank Wasley
†Filippo Mazzulla	†Manuel John Reis.	†Tambo	†Mary Friedman	†Mina Cantorna	†Enet Suyat
†Elena Aurelio	†Lawrence Utte	†William (Bill) Kemble	†Shirley Rustria	†Adela Patague	†Cindy Castillo
†Homero Paredes	†Margaret Utte	†Diana Nishiura	†Gerry Weltman	†Remy Lejeune	†Helen Maciel
†Fermina Manuel	†Joe Fraga	†Grace Tevis	†Evelyn Pellaton	†Anthony Sperlazzo	†Elvira Ceballos
†Deacon Jim Cooper	†Msgr Joseph Stieger	†Jerica Elaine Harris	†Chuck Ice	†Cecilia Deines	†Kenneth Duke Pace
†Emma Nieman	†Fr. Ken Brown	†Paul Landry	†Mary Jo Semonsen	†Doris Stanley	†Jeanette Thomsen
†Rodrigo Martinez	†Fr. Michael Bell	†Casamira Asuncion	†Kevin Lynch	†Aric Clarke	†Loren Ketcherside
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†Simonne Townsend	†Cleta Tambo	†Cresciana Gaila	†Beverly Jean Rocha	†Adelaida Gabatin	
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Letter to the People of God of the Church of Monterey

June 23, 2020

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

In these recent days, several pastors of our Mission parishes have repositioned some statues of St. Junípero Serra. This was done to protect them from possible desecration by violence.

It is unclear exactly what groups are attacking these and other Serra statues throughout the state. Some indeed represent those with strong feelings regarding the treatment of indigenous peoples by European colonizers. The Church cannot support such violence imposed on any group, nor can it support the violent destruction of sacred symbols of any faith community.

With regard to today, the Church stands with all the victims of our times. No greater spokesman can be found for the poor, the marginalized, the victimized immigrant, the victims of war, etc., than Pope Francis. We see such spirit in the work of Catholic Charities and Catholic Relief Services. Many Catholic theologians write and reflect on the 'victims of history' and the importance of 'remembering' their history and 'giving voice' to even the dead who are victims of injustice, and their narrative. We do so precisely through the lens of the memory of Jesus and his suffering and death. The theological reflections of our Church motivate us to work for human dignity, justice and charity for all peoples today – especially the victimized and marginalized.

With regard to the times of St. Serra, it is important to state what an esteemed historian and scholar, Professor Robert Senkewicz stated: It is not legitimate to make Serra a stand-in for the entire 65 years of mission experience in California. In canonizing St. Serra, the Catholic Church did not intend to bless all that happened in the missions from their beginning to the end. Pope Francis and Pope Benedict XVI have reminded us that the saints are not people who have never made mistakes or sinned, but rather are people, even in their imperfect humanity, who allowed the Light of God to penetrate their hearts and shared it with others. After exhaustive investigation it is clear St. Serra made heroic sacrifices to protect the indigenous people of California from their Spanish conquerors and soldiers. He sacrificed a successful life in Spain to travel halfway around the world to live the rest of his life among people he had never seen but genuinely loved. He did this and endured many hardships expressly for purposes of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We feel scholarship in fact supports the Church's views on Fr. Serra.

In some Lenten sermons, Serra indicated his preferred missionary strategy quoting Psalm 33: "Taste and see that the Lord is good." This was his goal. During these troubled times let us be beacons of the goodness of God, like Fr. Serra, and bring Light where there is often darkness.

In Christ,

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California Catholic Conference Issues Statement on Removal of St. Serra Statues in the State

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SACRAMENTO – *The California Catholic Conference of Bishops has issued the following statement in response to the removal of St. Junipero Serra statues in the state:*

"The movement to confront racism within our society during these past weeks has been, at times, challenging but it has provided bold new hope for every American that our nation can begin to transform key elements of our racist past and present. We vigorously and wholeheartedly support a broad national coalition, especially in its peaceful dedication to eliminating racism against members of the African-American and Native American communities.

"During the past week the specific question of removing statues of political, military and cultural leaders of the past has gained momentum. If this process is to be truly effective as a remedy for racism, it must discern carefully the entire contribution that the historical figure in question made to American life, especially in advancing the rights of marginalized peoples.

"In calling for the removal of images of Saint Junipero Serra from public display in California, and in tearing down his statue in San Francisco and in Los Angeles, protesters have failed that test. As Archbishop Cordileone pointed out in his recent statement:

St. Serra made heroic sacrifices to protect the indigenous people of California from their Spanish conquerors, especially the soldiers. Even with his infirmed leg which caused him such pain, he walked all the way to Mexico City to obtain special faculties of governance from the Viceroy of Spain in order to discipline the military who were abusing the Indians. And then he walked back to California.

And lest there be any doubt, we have a physical reminder to this day: everywhere there is a presidio (soldiers' barracks) associated with a mission in the chain of 21 missions that he founded, the presidio is miles away from the mission itself and the school. St. Junipero Serra also offered them the best thing he had: the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ, which he and his fellow Franciscan friars did through education, health care, and training in the agrarian arts.

"The historical truth is that Serra repeatedly pressed the Spanish authorities for better treatment of the Native American communities. Serra was not simply a man of his times. In working with Native Americans, he was a man ahead of his times who made great sacrifices to defend and serve the indigenous population and work against an oppression that extends far beyond the mission era. And if

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that is not enough to legitimate a public statue in the state that he did so much to create, then virtually every historical figure from our nation's past will have to be removed for their failings measured in the light of today's standards."

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