



## St. Serra Mass – December 7

Our sixth grade students and teachers are thoughtfully preparing for our next Mass, The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which will be held on Monday, December 7 at 10:30 a.m. in our Student Activity Center. Although the actual Feast Day is December 8, our Parish Priests were available on Monday to celebrate this Mass for us.

Once again, due to COVID-19, we are unable to allow our whole student body to attend the Mass nor are we able to invite our parents and guests to join us in person, but you may view the live-streaming Mass on our website, [Serraschool.org](http://Serraschool.org), under “Parents Only”. Please note a password is required. You can login a few minutes before the 10:30 a.m. start of Mass.

As sixth grade students will be the only grade attending Mass, they are required to wear their Formal Uniform on this day. Students in the other grades *do not* need to dress in Formal Uniform. It is our intent to have the Eucharistic Ministers visit each of the other classrooms after Mass, to distribute communion or a blessing to the children.

As has been tradition over the years for every Mass here at St. Serra, we ask that the students maybe do some extra chores to allow them to bring in some change or small bills to contribute to the Missionary Childhood Association (MCA).

### **About the Missionary Childhood Association (MCA)**

Founded in 1843, the **Missionary Childhood Association** (formerly Holy Childhood Association) is an international organization whose membership is made up of students in Catholic elementary schools and religious education programs. It is an organization dedicated to fostering children’s awareness of the missionary nature of the Church.

Authorized by the Vatican, and in collaboration with the U.S. Bishops, MCA distributes educational and fund-raising programs to schools and religious education programs throughout the United States. It is sometimes known as the Pontifical Association of the Missionary Childhood because it is sponsored in a special way by the Pope. It is the official agency of the Holy Father for the distribution of the fundraising proceeds realized through the efforts of children for their underprivileged brothers and sisters in Third World situations.