

“Always forward, never back.”...

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**Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord.
Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.**

- Romans 12:11-12



"How could the Church fulfill her vocation

**without cultivating a constant relationship with the Eucharist,
without nourishing herself with this food which sanctifies,
without founding her missionary activity
on this indispensable support?"- St John Paul II**

Image above: *Body and Blood* - Mark Jennings (2011)

St Junipero Serra

Nee Spain ~ Franciscan Priest

Zealous preacher, Professor, Untiring Missionary

Known as "*Father of California*"

Motto: "**Always forward, never back.**"

Deep Eucharistic devotion. Baptized over 6000.

Founded numerous missions in California.

Introduced many varieties of fruits and vegetables, including grapes,
and laid the foundation for the agriculture industry in California. He
also introduced dairy cows and cheese making.

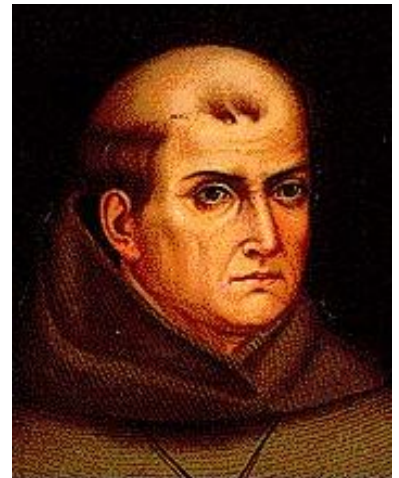
FEAST DAY - July 1

**"All my life I have wanted to be a missionary. I have wanted to
carry the Gospel message to those who have never heard of God
and the kingdom He has prepared for them." - St Junipero**

[Click here: Bl. Junipero Serra - YouTube \(2 mins\)](#)

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St Junipero Serra, pray for us!



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 Junipero Serra and all the saints, an increase of laborers for your Church, fellow laborers 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 forever and ever. Amen

[Via Serra USA.](#)