

July 20, 2008

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Saint John Vianney

A Mission Church of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish serving you since August 10, 1997  
1100 Hood Road, Rio Rancho, NM 87124

Hello Fellow Parishioners,

Father Mansfield is **MIA** so I get the privilege of filling the front page.

Start making preparations for our annual Pot Luck on August 10th. This will be our Mission Church 11<sup>th</sup> year anniversary and could very well be our last pot luck at St. Thomas Aquinas School. So who is donating steaks for the last one?

We blessed our home this past weekend and it made me wonder how many people do this on a regular basis. You can find the approved blessing on the web at “<http://www.stcharleschurch.org/faith/prayer/houseblessing.htm>”. Of course, speak with Father Mansfield to see if he can do this for you but this is something that can be done yourselves as a family. We did this ourselves, since I didn’t get a write up, I figure Father Mansfield was busy ☺. If you have need of Holy Water no need to work up a plan on how to secure some secretly. Just ask one of our very helpful Sacristians and they will assist you. Bring your own bottle, clearly marked that it will contain Holy Water. It is recommended to store Holy Water in a refrigerator to preserve it, which is why you need to clearly mark the bottle.

Yours in Christ,  
Carl



## Holy Rosary

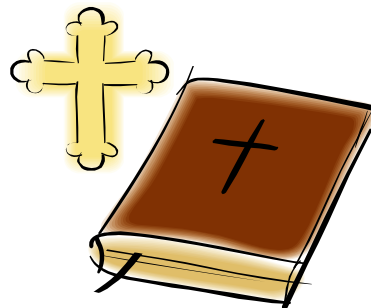
Sunday ..... 7:40AM

Sunday ..... 10:40AM

## Holy Mass

Sunday ..... 8:00AM

Sunday ..... 11:00AM



**Altar Server Meeting**  
**July 27th (Cancelled)**  
**August 3rd (Rescheduled)**  
**After the 11AM Mass**

## **St. Mary Magdalene, July 22nd**

St. Mary, whom Jesus converted, and who witnessed His moments with Mary, His Mother, and St. John, was called Magdalene from the town of Magdala in Galilee, Clement of Alexandria and others identify her with the woman who washed Jesus' feet with her tears. Others regard her as Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus. She followed Jesus with other devout women during his Public Life. After His Resurrection, Jesus appeared first to Mary Magdalene and then to His Apostles.

It is an ancient tradition in Provence, France, that St. Mary Magdalene or Mary the sister of Lazarus, together with Lazarus, Martha, and some other disciples of our Lord, being expelled by the Jews, put to sea and landed at Marsilles; and that St. Lazarus became the first Bishop of that See.

The feast of St. Mary Magdalene is celebrated by the Greeks as well as the Latins on this date. However, in the instructions given with the latest edition of the Roman Calendar, the Latin Church has stipulated that the feast is solely that of the woman to whom Christ appeared and not that of the sister of Lazarus or the penitent woman.

## Quilt of Holes

As I faced my Maker at the last judgment, I knelt before the Lord long with all the other souls.

Before each of us laid our lives like the squares of a quilt in many piles; an angel sat before each of us sewing our quilt squares together into a tapestry that is our life.

But as my angel took each piece of cloth off the pile, I noticed how ragged and empty each of my squares was. They were filled with giant holes. Each square was labeled with a part of my life that had been difficult, the challenges and temptations I was faced with in every day life. I saw hardships that I endured, which were the largest holes of all.

I glanced around me. Nobody else had such squares. Other than a tiny hole here and there, the other tapestries were filled with rich color and the bright hues of worldly fortune. I gazed upon my own life and was disheartened.

My angel was sewing the ragged pieces of cloth together, threadbare and empty, like binding air.

Finally the time came when each life was to be displayed, held up to the light, the scrutiny of truth. The others rose; each in turn, holding up their tapestries. So filled their lives had been. My angel looked upon me, and nodded for me to rise.

My gaze dropped to the ground in shame. I hadn't had all the earthly fortunes. I had love in my life, and laughter. But there had also been trials of illness, and wealth, and false accusations that took from me my world, as I knew it. I had to start over many times. I often struggled with the temptation to quit, only to somehow muster the strength to pick up and begin again. I spent many nights on my knees in prayer, asking for help and guidance in my life. I had often been held up to ridicule, which I endured painfully, each time offering it up to the Father in hopes that I would not melt within my skin beneath the judgmental gaze of those who unfairly judged me.

And now, I had to face the truth. My life was what it was, and I had to accept it for what it was.

I rose and slowly lifted the combined squares of my life to the light.

An awe-filled gasp filled the air. I gazed around at the others who stared at me with wide eyes.

Then, I looked upon the tapestry before me. Light flooded the many holes, creating an image, the face of Christ. Then our Lord stood before me, with warmth and love in His eyes. He said, 'Every time you gave over your life to Me, it became My life, My hardships, and My struggles.

Each point of light in your life is when you stepped aside and let Me shine through, until there was more of Me than there was of you.'

May all our quilts be threadbare and worn, allowing Christ to shine through!

God determines who walks into your life....it's up to you to decide who you let walk away, who you let stay, and who you refuse to let go.'



*You are cordially invited to attend;  
St. John Vianney's  
First Annual Silent Auction & Dinner*



## **Le Soir Pour Se Souvenir!**

*Saturday, August 2 from 5-9pm  
at the Catholic Center*

*Come enjoy a Black & White Semi Formal evening  
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*Joanna Dunn at 897-2169*

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## ***Prayer Corner***

Let us join as a community in prayer for our fellow parishioners and/or their family members.

- ◆ John Lombardo - For his upcoming surgery and recover thereafter.
- ◆ Robert Hoover - For his recovery of his heart attacks.
- ◆ Phillip Garcia - For his soul and peace to his family.
- ◆ All our brave men and women keeping our country free.

To add someone you wish us to pray for please eMail [bulletin@sjvnm.org](mailto:bulletin@sjvnm.org).

Thank you for your prayers.

## **Children's Letters to God**

Dear GOD,  
In school they told us what You do. Who does it when You are on vacation?  
-Jane

Dear GOD,  
I read the Bible. What does begat mean? Nobody will tell me.  
Love, Alison

Dear GOD,  
Are you really invisible or is that just a trick?  
-Lucy

Dear GOD,  
Is it true my father won't get in Heaven if he uses his bowling words in the house?  
-Anita



Dear GOD,  
Did you mean for the giraffe to look like that or was it an accident?  
-Norma

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Volunteer Schedule	July 20, 2008		July 27, 2008	
	8:00AM	11:00AM	8:00AM	11:00AM
<b>Ushers</b>	Tom Anderson John Christensen	Phil Griego Ed Uhrich	Karl Lucero James Dory	Tony Quinones Frank Charles
<b>EM of Holy Communion</b>	David Crawford	Margaret Chavez	Julie Burnside	Gerri Hover
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