

September 21, 2008

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint John Vianney

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Hello Fellow Parish Members,

Father Mansfield is MIA on his weekly message so you get me. Now don't be too afraid, I am always happy after being able to go camping, which we much enjoyed.

Unfortunately the CEO of my main customer left this week so I've been knee deep in security. And with that thought, what is security? It is really just a shield against evil because if everyone could be trusted, security would not be needed. And with security is the restriction of freedoms. Just look at what some in the government are proposing.

In my small home town, I grew up in, many still do not lock their homes and leave the keys in their cars over night. Can you image? Of course, it may help that you would be hard press to find a home that isn't armed. Their security is not in locks but in respect.

So what the moral of the story? I have no clue but let us all go forth and arm ourselves and promote a more respectful society with your own security.

Respectfully Yours, God Bless You All

— Carl



Holy Rosary

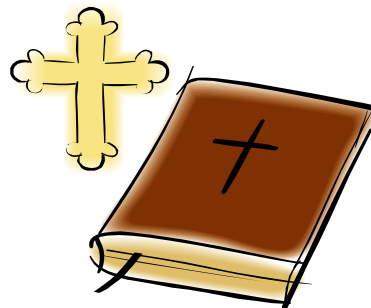
Sunday 7:40AM

Sunday 10:40AM

Holy Mass

Sunday 8:00AM

Sunday 11:00AM



Defending Our Faith by John Lombardo

Voting Catholic in a Non-Catholic World

Catholics represent 24% of the U.S. population. In other words, 1 out of every four Americans profess to be Catholic. It would seem therefore, that the Catholic vote would play an important role in the election of candidates to high office. Not so. There is no such thing as a “Catholic vote” according to some authorities.

Why not? Simply put, Catholics do not vote as a “bloc” but rather have voted for candidates of both major parties. However, the current trend is Catholics, especially those who *practice* their faith by attending at least Sunday mass and receiving the Sacraments vote for candidates whose positions are closer to their values and beliefs as Catholics. In fact, more Catholics are voting for candidates who more closely support the teaching of the Church even if the candidates are outside their party.

Elections therefore have consequences. Over the next four years, the President and U.S. Congress we send to Washington next January will most likely nominate and confirm two new Supreme Court Justices. While the balance of the current Supreme Court has shifted away from extreme judicial activism thanks to the conformation of the latest two Catholic jurists to join the High Court, the majority of the court continue to protect legalized abortion and struck down sodomy laws in Lawrence vs., Texas, decided in 2003.

Over the coming years cases involving very serious issues dividing our country that include same sex ‘marriage’, euthanasia, destructive research on human embryos, adoption rights, and abortion, will likely make their way into the Federal system, and ultimately, the Supreme Court. Hundreds of vacant Federal judgeships are currently being held up by our current pro-death Congress to avoid the confirmation of judges who will appropriately apply the law according to the Constitution. Our current Congress is attempting to tie up many serious cases until after the election hoping to win the election and thus hand pick their own cronies as judges.

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There is a real threat to our civil and religious liberties if the Freedom of Choice Act is passed by a *liberal pro-abortion* President and Congress. *FOCA* will wipe out all state laws on abortion and establish unrestricted abortion as the law of all 50 states. The Hyde amendment which has prevented most abortions from being federally funded through Medicare would be eliminated. The pro-abortion Presidential candidate has already co-sponsored such a bill. Such a law would not only pay for elective abortions but would also strike down all parental notification laws and thwart the Supreme Courts decision that limits partial-birth abortion. In short, *FOCA* would strike down **every** state and federal law that limits abortion.

What else would a pro-abortion Congress and pro-abortion President do? Federal funding for embryo-destructive research would again be proposed. A liberal President would institute policies forcing health care professionals to provide services that violate their consciences. Some states already have such laws. The Mexico City Policy bars U.S. funds for abortions overseas. A pro-abortion President would issue an executive order (as it's been already done before) to restore such funding to taxpayer expense. A pro-abortion President would end U.S. opposition to continued United Nations efforts to impose abortion "rights" on over 100 countries that still significantly restrict abortion. An anti-life administration would defend assisted suicide as a legitimate medical procedure.

We are living in a very problematical time. The current Liberal Party can not be trusted to protect the lives of the unborn, the elderly, or the sick. I was born into this Party the same year FDR was elected for his first term. At this time, FDR's party was pro-worker and pro-family. 60+ years later I finally realized that my Party no longer held FDR's values and I became a pro-lifer.

Dear friends, what I have written is not conjecture. Legislation concerning many of these subjects has been drafted and awaits the results of the November 4, 2008 election. Please go-to www.catholicsvotecatholic.com for more information. This website is the source from which I obtained this weeks monograph. I hope to follow today's monograph with a moral view of Catholic voting. In the meantime - **PEACE**

Information on our Wish List

Dear Friends:

So far, we have had a heart warming amount of response to our pledge requests for the new church building. I apologize in advance if I fail to note anyone who has pledged recently, but this bulletin goes to the printer in mid week, so some pledges may not be noted in time.

- ◆ Thank you to Brenda and Jessica Vogsland who have pledged a purple chasuble.
- ◆ Thank you to Anthony and Linda Infantino who have bought the RCIA and Baptism books.
- ◆ Thank you to Bill and Pam McCarty who have pledged the altar bells.
- ◆ Thank you to Michelle and Toni Saiz who have pledged some money towards the censor, incense boat and stand. (Michelle & Toni, I need your phone number). We still need more pledges towards these items.
- ◆ Thank you to Mary E. Gallegos-Holmes who has pledged some money towards the humeral veil and cope.

We still need more pledges towards this item.

We still need to pledges towards the items noted above and towards the holy water bucket and sprinkler.

Anyone who can sew and would be willing to help with making some simple altar linens, please call me at 250-5353. Also, anyone who can help with simple re-upholstering of box seat chairs, we need to get started on some we were given for the altar.

Sandi Villa-Gomez, I need to see you...I have your potluck pans.

Thanks all. Julie Burnside

September 28th after the 11AM Mass is the
Leaders of Ministries Meeting

How do you know if you should attend? Check
the next page of see if your name is mention.

Please ensure that you are there for this important
meeting about the needs of our new location.

HELPERS OF GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS

COME SARIFICE FOR THE UNBORN
Saturday, October 11, 2008

MONTHLY PRAYER VIGIL WITH
FATHER DOUG MITCHELL
Clemente Parish, this month's co-sponsor
with Mass at 8:00 AMat San Ignacio Church

The priest was sitting one afternoon in the sacristy of his church, just behind the statue of Mary, when one of the little girls from the parish approached the statue.

“Dear Our Lady, Can I bring my friend Cheryl to the parish picnic next month? She’s not a Catholic.”

The priest heard this.

“She can’t come,” he boomed.

At which the supplicant piped up:

“You keep quite God. I’m talking to your Mother.”

Prayer Corner

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

- ◆ Gerry Hoover - For her recovery from her recent illness.
- ◆ Manuel Romero - For a liver transplant / recovery.
- ◆ Mary Q. Haygood – For her health.
- ◆ Healing and God's care for Ken and Sydney Mayer
- ◆ All our brave men and women of the world keeping their country free.

To add someone you wish us to pray for please eMail bulletin@sjvnm.org.

Thank you for your prayers.

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Thank you for reading our bulletin. Any suggestions, comments or articles can be sent to bulletin@sjvnm.org. We also like to hear about births, baptisms, marriages or other news about our church members.

Scott and Tony were talking about their golf game. Scott said, "I got kicked off the course today for breaking sixty."

Tony looked at him, amazed. "Breaking sixty? That incredible!"

Scott smiled and said, "Yeah, I never knew a golf cart could go that fast!"

Upcoming Events


September 28th, After 11AM Mass..... Ministries Leader Meeting

October 3 Bob and Gerri Hover awards at St. Francis

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Volunteer Schedule	September 21, 2008		September 28, 2008	
	8:00AM	11:00AM	8:00AM	11:00AM
Ushers	John Christensen James Dory	Tony Quinones Frank Charles	Tom Anderson John Christensen	Ed Uhrich Phil Griego
EM of Holy Communion	David Crawford	John Jenkins	Julie Burnside	Margaret Chavez
Rosary Leader	Evelyn Romero	Pinky Bjornstad	Fran Perko	Rochelle Quinones
Altar Servers	Shane Herrera Fernando Lucero	Ariana Jenkins Jordan Juarez	Charles Lucero Peter Lucero	Tabetha Chavez Rocky Peyton
Readers	David Crawford Petrita Lopez	Rochelle Quinones Lillian Ortiz	Julie Burnside Peggy Riley	Pam McCarty Bill McCarty
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