

October 12, 2008

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint John Vianney

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Friends in Christ,

Welcome once again Father Tim Martinez to St. John Vianney. I am away this weekend, visiting my brother in Phoenix.

Last Sunday, I mentioned the addition of a Saturday evening Mass. This, of course, will coincide with the opening of our new parish hall. While a time has not yet been decided, many of you have expressed your opinion. At the moment, a majority want a 4 PM Mass. Please feel free to let me know your opinion. Just so you know, I have no preference. I will happily celebrate Mass at whatever time the majority of congregants want. Once a time is decided on, the Confession time will be decided.

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Scott Mansfield



In thanksgiving to all the prayers offered for Bob and I.
Thank you!!
Bob & Gerri Hoover

**October 19th Altar Server meeting
after the 11AM Mass**

Upcoming Events

November 2nd after 11AM Mass Pot Luck

Defending Our Faith by John Lombardo

Can Catholics Vote for Candidates Who Support Intrinsically Evil Acts? **

My last monograph concerned conscience formation in regard to voting Catholic. Catholics have a prior obligation to correctly form their conscience by following the teaching of the Magisterium, that is, the teaching office of the Church which Jesus gave to the apostles and their successors - the pope, bishops, pastors, and priests - to teach on His behalf. (1) Our conscience is formed only in accordance with Church teaching.

“Churches , under current law, can not say ‘Vote for John Smith’”. But there are other things Churches can say and have said: “We encourage all citizens, particularly Catholics, to embrace their citizenship not merely as a duty and privilege, but as an opportunity meaningfully to participate in building the culture of life....We must exercise that power in ways that defend human life, especially those of God’s children who are unborn, disabled or otherwise vulnerable. We get the public officials we deserve. Their virtue--or lack thereof-- is a judgment not only on them, but on us....we urge our fellow citizens to see beyond party politics, to analyze campaign rhetoric critically, and to choose their political leaders according to principle, not party affiliation or mere self-interest.” {n.34} (2)

So did the Church “tell people how to vote?”

How about the following line taken from the Vatican’s Doctrinal Note on The Participation of Catholics in Political Life: “A well-Formed Christian conscience does not permit one to vote for a political program or an individual law which contradicts the fundamental contents of faith or morals.” {n.4}(3)

Did the Vatican “tell people how to vote” or not?

“Unlike disagreements we have about our immigration policy, universal health care, affordable housing etc., a correct conscience recognizes and knows some choices always involve doing evil and can never be done even as a means to a good end. These choices include elective abortion, euthanasia, physician-assisted suicide, the destruction of embryonic human beings in stem cell research, human cloning, and same-sex “marriage”. These acts are intrinsically evil, that is, evil in them selves. Catholics can never promote or justify intrinsic evil.”(4) Thus, a Catholic cannot knowingly vote for a candidate who supports such acts without committing a mortal sin.

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Did I “tell people how to vote” or not?

Fr. Frank Pavone noted in a previous By-weekly Column that if one is wrong on abortion, you can't be right on other issues. To permit abortion, but then cry out for the right to work, housing, education, health care, and so forth, is to say these other rights belong to some people but not to everyone. These rights apparently belong to those who are allowed to live. Those snuffed out by abortion, etc have no rights. Therefore, these rights cannot be human rights because not all humans have a claim to them. Doesn't this trivialize those other rights and put them on a very questionable foundation?

Fr. Pavone asks this question: “If you permit abortion, on what basis do you defend the other rights? Why do we care for the poor? Because they have a right to food, clothing, and shelter. But why do they have a right to those things? Because they have a right to live. Why are we concerned about unemployment? Because people have a right to make a living. Why do they have that right? Because they have a right to live. It all comes back to that foundational right. Abortion is not the only issue, but neither is the foundation of a house the only part of a house. Take it away, however, and see how well you can build the rest.”

If abortion is wrong, then you can't be right on any other issue simply because the “core” of every issue is the dignity of the human person whose right to life is not under the control of any other person. Fr. Pavone notes that a person's dignity comes from this fact alone: that he/she is **human** and not because someone else decides to grant that right at some point in time. Any human right begins when life begins, otherwise it is not a human right. It is nothing more than some sort of benefit bestowed for another reason.

If the right to life can be taken away from some humans, as abortion does to the children in the womb, then you can take away from those same humans all their other human rights, because none of these other rights made such a claim upon your respect that you had to let those people live to possess it.

Pope John Paul II has noted that when the right to life isn't protected, cries for other human rights are “false and illusory”. When one is wrong on abortion, one can't be right on anything else. (5)

**We have a moral duty to vote--no option. Therefore, it is permissible where two candidates vie for the same position to vote for the candidate who offers the least harm to innocent human life and dignity.

(1) This Is Our Faith, by Michael Pernock, p.91

(2) Memo-Priests For Life, Fr. Frank Pavone's Bi-Weekly Column: Sept. 13, 2004

(3) Ibid

(4) Monograph, “Catholics Who Knowingly Vote For A Candidate Who Advocates Abortion Commit A Mortal Sin,” by John Lombardo

(5) Memo-Priests For Life, Fr. Frank Pavone's Bi-Weekly Column: Sept. 27, 2004

The 98-year-old Mother Superior from Ireland was dying.

The nuns gathered around her bed trying to make her last journey comfortable. They tried to give her some warm milk to drink but she refused. One of the nuns took the glass back to the kitchen where she remembered the bottle of Irish whiskey received as a gift the previous Christmas. She poured a generous amount into the warm milk.

Back at Mother Superior's bed, she held the glass to her lips. Mother sipped a little, then a little more, and before they knew it she had drunk the whole glass.

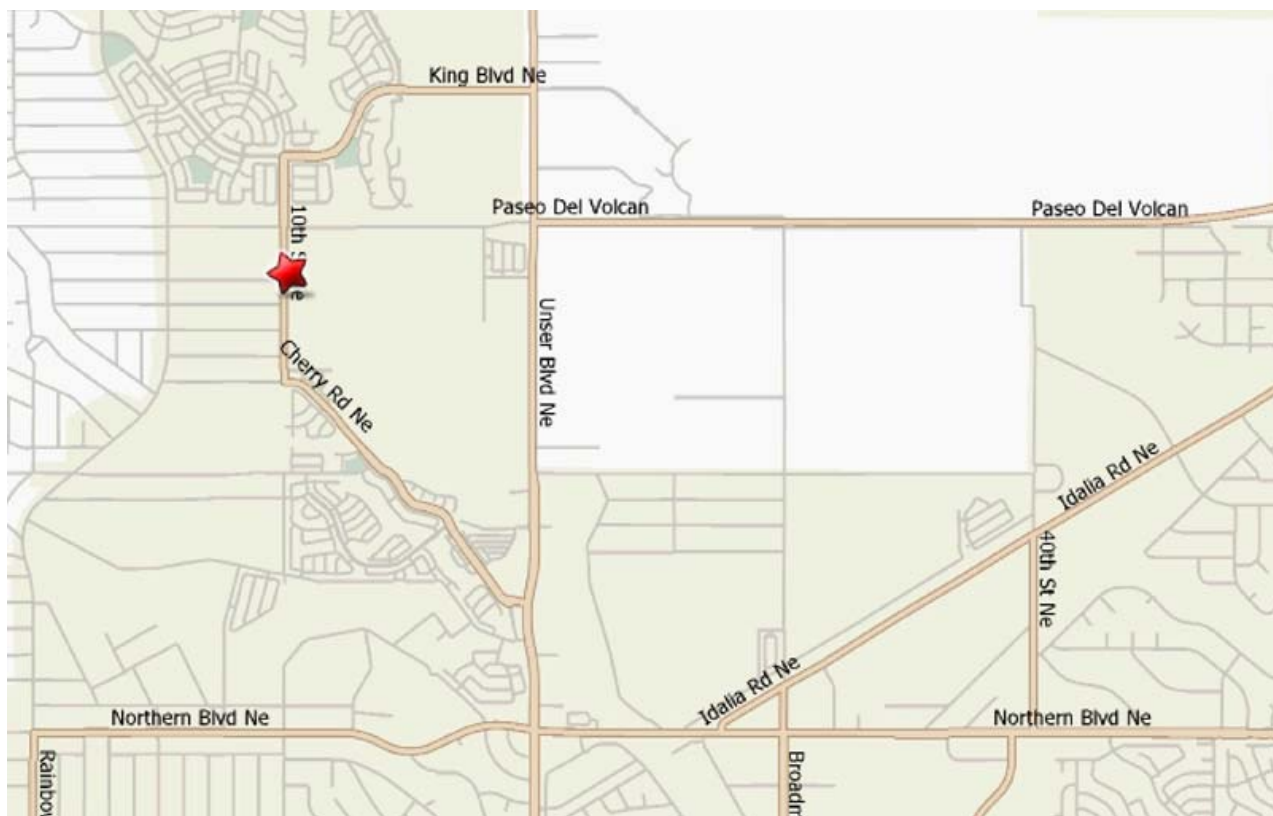
"Mother," the nuns asked with earnest, "please give us some wisdom before you die."

She raised herself up in the bed and with a pious look on her face said, "Whatever you do, don't sell that cow!"

New Times @ New Location

- ◆ CCD classes to change to 11:15AM
- ◆ 8AM and 10AM Mass Confirmed
- ◆ Saturday afternoon mass is undecided between 4PM and 6PM

Map to New Location. Stop by and check it out.



WISH LIST

I want to thank everyone who stopped by the table after Mass to fondle the new ciboriums, the Stations and the altar servers clothing. We have had all the Stations sponsored, one or two of the ciboriums, one of the sets of altar server clothing, the monstrance, and the humeral veil, cope, and stole! What an overwhelming response! I will be in the back hall again after Mass with more altar server sets and anything else we get in that still needs to be paid for. If you and several others wish to sponsor a set of clothing, a ciborium, or anything else, please feel free! The altar server sets are \$35 for a surplice (the white over-shirt) or \$45 for the cassock (the black part). I am happy to get anything towards the clothing, it doesn't have to be the whole \$35 or whatever. We had to purchase 3 complete sets for the altar servers, so that took a chunk of change. The ciboriums cost \$300 each. Perhaps several people can pool their resources to sponsor one of those.

I have ordered the tabernacle and it might be in by this weekend. I am hoping the censor and stand will be in by then, too.

Thank you to all the people who sponsored the Stations of the Cross (in order): Henry and Diana Rivera, Sheila Garcia, Robert and Sharon Thompson, Mr. & Mrs. Leo Padilla, Ed Uhrich and family (four stations), Lillian Ortiz, Mary and Loren Tirone, the Lopez family, Rebecca Eck, Jo Tirone, and the McClellan family.

Thank you again to Michelle Sotelo for the tabernacle. Thank you to Carrie Brazinski for the donation towards the humeral veil, cope and stole and well as a few other things. Thank you to Mary E. Gallegos-Holmes who helped purchase the humeral veil, cope and stole. Thank you to the Parascandola family for sponsoring of a set of altar server clothing.

God bless everyone who has helped in this big effort to have our own church!

Julie

Prayer Corner

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

- ◆ For baby Hailey's successful heart surgery and quick recovery!
- ◆ Manuel Romero - For a liver transplant / recovery.
- ◆ Mary Q. Haygood – For her health.
- ◆ Healing and God's care for Ken and Sydney Mayer.
- ◆ Mary Gallagher, who's practically a saint and already has so many challenges, for her successful healing after breast cancer surgery
- ◆ For our country leaders to make the right decision for the well being of our country.
- ◆ 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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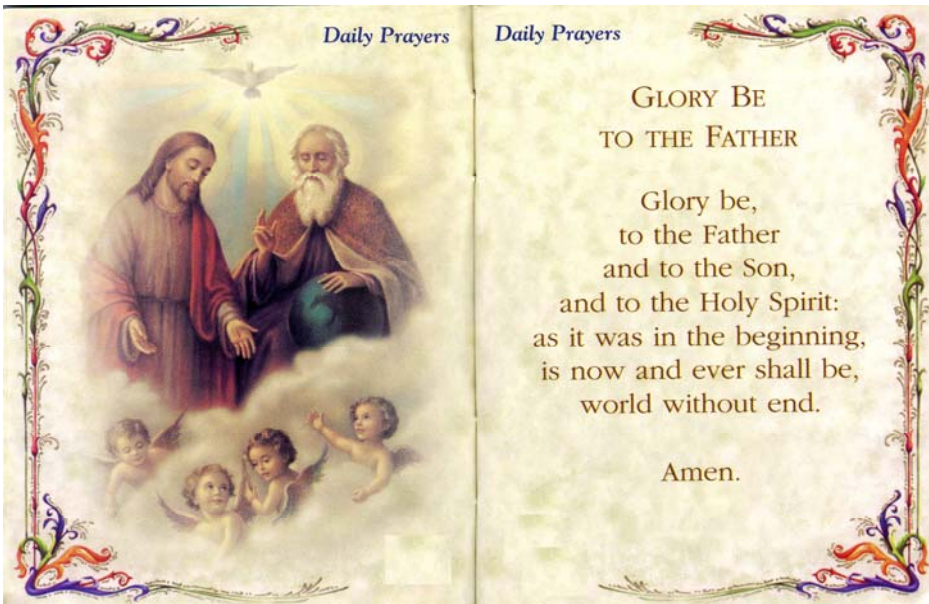
Holy Rosary

Sunday.....7:40AM
 Sunday..... 10:40AM

Holy Mass

Sunday.....8:00AM
 Sunday..... 11:00AM

The children were all lined up for their first confession when Little Tony’s turn came. The priest ask him to confess his sins, and the boy promptly replied “Father, I threw a stone at Ed.”
 “That was a very misguided thing to do, my son,” said the priest patiently.
 “It wasn’t misguided at all,” said little Tony. “I hit him.”



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.

Volunteer Schedule	October 12, 2008		October 19, 2008	
	8:00AM	11:00AM	8:00AM	11:00AM
Ushers	Tom Anderson James Dory	Ed Uhrich Phil Griego	James Dory John Christensen	Tony Quinones Frank Charles
EM of Holy Communion	Harlan Harrington	Anna Marie Hartenhoff	Jose Guillen	Pinky Bjornstad
Rosary Leader	Sheila Howard	Mary Bell Lucero	Evelyn Romero	Rochelle Quinones
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