

October 19, 2008

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint John Vianney

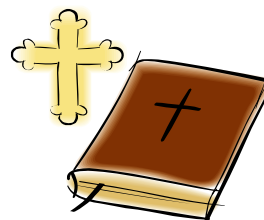
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Friends in Christ Jesus,

The building project is moving ahead very nicely. We still look to move in sometime next month. What I ask now is that you pray for a quick resolve to a sewer pipe issue we are currently contending with. Ask our Lord and our Lady to fix it for us.

About the Saturday afternoon Mass: most of you have expressed a preference for 4 PM. The final decision will be made next week. This means you still have a few days to get your vote in.

Have a blessed week,



Fr. Scott Mansfield

New Times @ New Location / Date TBD

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

Upcoming Events

November 2nd after 11AM Mass Pot Luck

Defending Our Faith by John Lombardo

I. Can You Commit a Sin In The Voting Booth?

Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director, Priests for Life raised this question four and a half years ago during the 2004 presidential election campaign. This question is apropos today. Fr. Frank's reason then and now is simple: he stated that there can be no democracy without virtue and no human activity can be divorced from moral law. In matters of moral law, the Catholic Church does not have the right to remain silent, because morality has to do with human and choices.

Any time we make any kind of decision about what we say, do, or think, we are either affirming or denying moral law; we either come closer to God or go farther away from Him. Each step we take on the journey of life either strengthens us in virtue or enslaves us in vice.(1) I may be in church for Mass singing God's praises amidst a splendid liturgy, yet see someone I don't like and wonder why this guy is going to Communion. I have committed a sin at the most holy point of the Mass.

The theology of sin or virtue is always a combination of my action, my intention and the circumstances surrounding both. So, let us look at one type of voting booth sin. St. Louis Archbishop Raymond Burk says: "Catholics commit a mortal sin by *knowingly* voting for a candidate who advocates abortion. Catholics who support pro-abortion candidates participate in a grave evil. They must show a change of heart and be sacramentally reconciled (go to confession) or refrain from receiving holy Communion."(2)

One cannot vote for any candidate who attempts to advance the violent and destructive activity of abortion without incurring a mortal sin. This teaching has nothing to do with partisan politics since any candidate of any party at any time might take a position advocating abortion {and have}. This teaching remains the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. We don't tell anyone how to vote, but rather explain the moral implications associated with voting.(3)

II. Do Candidates Who Support Abortion Commit a Sin? If So What Penalty Do They Suffer?

This question is the reverse side of the coin and is answered in this years U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops release of political guidelines entitled "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship. This document helps form consciences for political life, not tell folks how to vote or whom to vote for or against. Because the Catholic Church has made its opposition to abortion clear, it has advised pro-abortion "Catholic" politicians to abstain from receiving holy Communion. Pope Benedict XVI also stated that elected officials who support abortion would now be prevented from receiving Communion. The killing of an innocent child is incompatible with receiving Communion, which is receiving the body of Christ, our Papa says.

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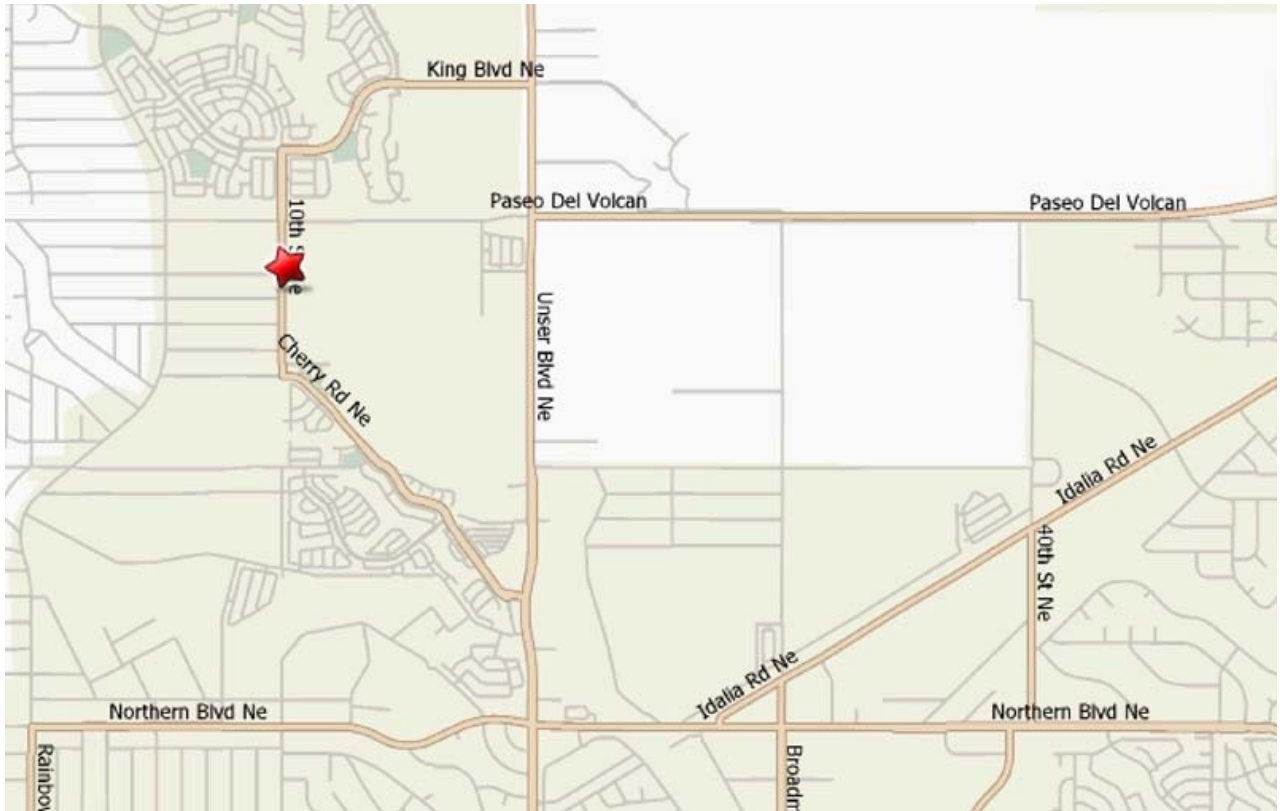
A pro-abortion politician can be excommunicated by his bishop; such a person is then deprived of the sacraments, especially Holy Communion and deprived of Catholic burial. Local bishops have the authority to remove most excommunications when shown true repentance.

Friends, I have been accused of explicitly opposing the election of a political candidate. Fortunately criticizing a candidates policy positions is not “express advocacy”. Endorsing or opposing the election of a political candidate is express advocacy and is a violation of IRS 501(c)3 rules. I will explain Catholic teaching as best I can--you must make a personal decision to follow Catholic teaching or not. It is always your choice to sin or not. **Peace dear friends and God Bless.**

(P.S. All my monographs are reviewed by our Vicar prior to publication.)

- (1) “Sinful Voting”, Fr. Frank Pavone, Bi-Weekly Column,1/26/04
- (2) Archbishop Raymond Burk, interview in “National Catholic Register, by Catholic News Service June,2004
- (3) Ibid.

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



Tony was taking a Scripture course discovered a burglar in his kitchen. Since he has no weapon to scare him off, he raised his hand and shouted, “Acts 2:38.”

The burglar froze and didn’t move, so Tony called 911. The police arrived and were amazed to find the burglar still frozen where he stood.

“What did you say to him?” they asked Tony.

Tony replied that he just quoted scripture to him: “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven.”

As the cops put the burglar in the squad car, they asked him, “Why did his scripture verse scare you so much?”

“Scripture?” said the burglar, “I thought he said he had an axe and two 38s!”

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WISH LIST

Once more I wish to thank all the people who stopped at me or stopped by while I was at the table this past weekend and tossed money at me (!!) for any needs of the church or sponsored something. So many never stopped more than a few minutes, so I never got their names, but I thank them nonetheless. Thank you to Peg and Rob Chaves and Cheryl and Morris Montoya who each sponsored a ciborium. Thank you also to the Vincent and Angela Valdez family, James Uhrich, April and Jeremy McClellan, and Tina Pacheco, who each sponsored some of the altar server clothing. Anyone who would like to donate towards these sets of clothing, we would be glad of sponsorship. A surplice cost us \$35 and a cassock \$45. You can sponsor one, both or part of either.

Our humeral veil and cope with stole is bought and we are waiting for it to arrive. Our tabernacle is in the mail, and I hope it will arrive by Sunday so everyone can see it. The candle lighter, courtesy of Petrita Lopez-O'Neil and Patrick is here as well. We were also fortunate enough to find two large wardrobes for vestments at a quarter the on-line price at Big Lots (thank God for discount stores!). We are still looking for a countertop height dresser with approximately 4 full-width drawers for linens. The deeper the dresser is, the better. Maybe we can look at an art paper store for those. If anyone knows of any dressers like this, please let me or Father or Loretta Tafuro know.

To all the sewing angels who told me they were willing to help with linens and covering chairs...We have ordered the chair fabric and hope it will be in before we open the church! As soon as I can re-boot my computer, I will contact you and we will work on altar linens.

Julie

Prayer Corner

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

- ◆ 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 faith base voting from all parishioners.
- ◆ 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 pastor was greeting folks at the door after the service. A women said, “Father, that was a good sermon.” The priest replied, “Oh, I have to give the credit to the Holy Spirit.” “It wasn’t THAT good!” she said.



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 19, 2008		October 26, 2008	
	8:00AM	11:00AM	8:00AM	11:00AM
Ushers	James Dory John Christensen	Tony Quinones Carl Beyer	Tom Anderson James Dory	Ed Uhrich Carl Beyer
EM of Holy Communion	Jose Guillen	Pinky Bjornstad	Jeremy McClellan	Coz Madrid
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