

March 8, 2009

Second Sunday of Lent

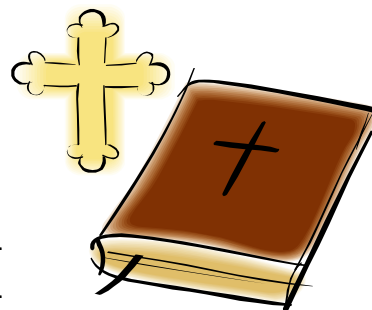
# Saint John Vianney

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Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings.



As Lent progresses, some questions have been asked about certain things. What not to eat on Fridays, for example, is a question that has surfaced. As one friend asked, "Is chicken allowed?" For those of us bound by the Lenten abstinence discipline, no meat is to be consumed on Fridays. The ban includes chicken. Fish, however, can be consumed. I don't mind settling for a grilled cheese sandwich and a bag of Cheetos. Another question came up about Holy Week Masses and services being celebrated in our new home. As a rule, all such Masses and services must be held only at the parish's mother church. This means that all Holy Week events will be celebrated only at St. Thomas Aquinas.

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Scott Mansfield

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### **Holy Rosary**

20 Minutes before every mass

### **Holy Masses**

Saturday ..... 4:00PM

Sunday ..... 8:00AM

Sunday ..... 10:00AM

### **Sacrament of Confession**

Saturday ..... 3:00-3:45PM

### **Stations of the Cross**

Friday ..... 7PM

## Please Welcome our New St. John Vianney Parish Members

Peter & Annette Sclafani  
 James & Patricia Wood  
 Joseph & Tammie Jaquez  
 Rocky & Judith Garcia  
 Tenica Conway & James McGuire  
 Sylvia Pottenger  
 George & Jamielyn Bleicher  
 Juliette Rubi  
 Felicia Tellez  
 Evelyn Garcia  
 Aaron & Pamela Quinones  
 Gabriel & Argenhna Guerrero

Joanna Rodriguez  
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 Maria Celino  
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 Kurt Whyte  
 Michael & Monica Molina  
 John & Paula Alexander  
 Kimberly Di Miceli  
 Larry & Myra Pompeo  
 Ivan & Eryka Martinez  
 Chad & Gina Luallin

**BIBLE-CRYPTOVERSE (Scripture verse in code) No.4**

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Answer in next week bulletin. Some Hints on back page.  
 Send solution to [bulletin@sjvnm.org](mailto:bulletin@sjvnm.org) and we will post your name next week.

Solution submissions by: Rose Chimento, James Cutler

"I will give thanks to the LORD because of his righteousness and will sing praise to the name of the LORD most high"



**HELPERS  
OF  
GOD'S  
PRECIOUS  
INFANTS**

**COME PRAY AND SACRIFICE FOR THE UNBORN**

*Saturday, March 14th, 2009*

**Monthly Mass and Procession**

**Father Bennett J. Voorhies celebrant**

**Mass at 8:00 a.m. at San Ignacio Church**

**Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish, co- sponsor**

**8 Reason to Become Catholic** (or Stay That Way) by Michael Matthews

In the last few decades, it has become commonplace for many Protestants to view Catholicism as a dead tradition, perhaps even as a cult. This may be your view of the Catholic Church. You may have had some bad experiences with Catholics in your past; or you may just find all that Catholic dogma a bit much to swallow.

At the same time, many Catholics have left the Church for what they perceive as greener spiritual pastures elsewhere. Perhaps you were raised Catholics, but find yourself experiencing the Lord's presence in a more powerful way in a church of a different tradition.

Whatever your reason for avoiding, leaving or considering leaving the Catholic Church, there are a few facts about the Church that you may interest you in your spiritual journey.

(1-3 In previous bulletins found at [sjvnm.org](http://sjvnm.org))

**4. Reverence of Sacred Scripture.**

In any Catholic Mass, besides the various Scripture-based prayers, one will hear at least 2 readings from Scripture, 3 including the Psalm, and 4 on Sundays! It is possible for a faithful Catholic to hear virtually the entire Bible read aloud during the course of 3 years. As St. Jerome put it, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ".

(Reason 5-8 coming in the following weeks)

## Catholicism and Homosexuality - Part 2

My research located an excellent essay on this topic written by Burman Skrable, in which he explains how to talk to folks who refuse to accept a religious argument when discussing homosexuality. I will use these next several weeks to give voice against the secular press's defense of homosexuality since the mainstream secular press is the force which beats the drum for this latest development of the sexual revolution.(1)

The predominant tact used by the secular press is to ask this question: "what does marriage have to fear" from same-sex marriage? The answer given by mainstream columnists is "nothing". To them, same-sex marriage is merely a question of equality: if a man and a woman can marry, then to deny a same-sex marriage is obviously unjust discrimination. These columnists "conform to the homosexual pressure groups' concept that homosexuality is at least a completely harmless, if not an entirely good, thing."(2)

To these columnists, right-wingers (usually Catholics), who would question the validity of "gay" marriage raise a couple of invalid arguments: 1. they have "talked to God" directly or indirectly to make sincere arguments on religious grounds, or 2. they are homophobes who think "gays" are just weird.(3)

My thrust in this discussion is to show that the usual arguments used by the Church through its bishops, priests, and others are generally religious statements. As a rule, such arguments would not sway either the left-wing columnists nor most homosexuals because they are religious statements of authority or belief rather than an argument based on what they consider fact. The sexual revolution questions almost every doctrine held by our Catholic Church, putting it and us at a definite disadvantage. I find Mr. Skrable's thesis refreshing because he notes the "need to move the foundation of our argument from the religious to the scientific.(4)

The social sciences have proved the validity of the Churches' religious beliefs. For example, we know that all "societies have a life-and-death interest in ensuring their own survival, and thus a responsibility to act to further that interest".(5) So, what is marriage? And, does the state have an interest in marriage? Mr. Skrable sets out three parameters that will flesh out reasons why traditional marriage between a man and a woman is a basic requirement for the survival of any society. Every society has two requirements to exist: it must maintain stability in the present and ensure that its future is secure. Guess what the focus of these two requirements are. Children! Any society prepares for its future by and through its children. "Children are our social security, economically, physically, and emotionally. If there are not enough of them, there will eventually be a disproportion between those able to work and those who cannot, and the burden of supporting the dependant population can become so severe that it strains society's bonds" (6) The United States, having legalized abortion, has allowed the murder of 50,000,000+ babies over a period of 36 years. During this time, how many doctors, research scientists, lawyers, judges, even Presidents of the USA were killed? Most of us depend on Social Security

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for our retirement, after paying into Social Security all of our work-productive years. We have been told time and again that Social security is broke and broken; that even our children's children will be unable to pay this debt. Can you see how much better off we and our country could have been had these 50,000,000+ babies been allowed to live?

Catholics have believed that marriage and the fruit of marriage, children, are the corner stone of all societies. The social sciences have also proven this to be true. Thus, there is nothing particularly religious about my argument. Societies have, literally, a life and death interest to secure those institutions that support its purpose-survival. What structures support the viability of society? Why do societies recognize marriage? What societal needs are satisfied by marriage? What characteristics should marriage have to fulfill this role? How does extending the privilege of marriage to same-sex couples "affect the ability of marriage to do what societies need it to do?" (7) These and many other questions will be addressed in later writings. May God bless us and the United States of America. PEACE

(1) Homosexual Marriage: Much to Fear by Burman Skrable, ewtn.com/issues/homomarr.txt

(2) This Rock, Jan. 2009,p.44 by Peggy Frye

(3)Homosexual Marriage by Burman Skrable, ewtn.com/issues/homomarr.txt

(4) Ibid

(5) Ibid

(6) Ibid

(7) Ibid



Fasting is  
something  
we do  
religiously:  
We eat what  
we want and  
pray we don't  
gain weight.

	Sacristans	Ushers	EM of Holy Communion	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors
Sat Mar 7th 4:00PM	David Crawford	Ed Uhrich Tom Medrano Nick Coca III	Ana Marie Hartenhoff	Ed Uhrich	Jorden Juarez James Uhrich	Vicky Howell David Crawford
Sun Mar 8th 8:00AM	Margaret Chavez	James E Dory John Christensen Jim Cutler	April McClellan	Frances Perko	Charles Lucero Fernando Lucero	David Schutten Peggy Riley
Sun Mar 8th 10:00AM	Donna Madrid	Tony Quinones Aaron Quinones Gary Vigil Ariana Eck	Carrie Jenkins Coz Madrid John Jenkins	Rochelle Quinones	Victoria Perez Krista Savela Kevin Savela Angela Jenkins	Pinky Bjornstad Connie Dudon
Sat Mar 14th 4:00PM	Donna Madrid	Phillip Griego Tom Medrano	Jeremy McClellan	Bill McCarty	Rocky Peyton	Annette Montoya April McClellan
Sun Mar 15th 8:00AM	Julie Burnside	Bill Deneen Tom Anderson David Schutten	Harlan Harrington	Evelyn Romero	Sergio Guillen Albert Ibarra	Julie Burnside Racquel Torres
Sun Mar 15th 10:00AM	Geri Hoover	Tony Quinones Frank Charles James E Dory Juan Serna	Loretta Tafuro John Lombardo James Sandoval	Pinky Bjornstad	Jessica VLS John Reynolds Amanda Vigil Gary Vigil	Michael Tafuro Rochelle Quinones

### *Prayer Corner*

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

- ◆ Narciso Aragon for his eternal soul as he passed on January 30th.
- ◆ Manuel Romero - For a liver transplant / recovery.
- ◆ Healing and God's care for Ken Mayer, Sydney Mayer, and Mary Q. Haygood.
- ◆ For our country leaders to make the right decision for the well being of our country.
- ◆ For guidance to our leaders for the removal of the stain of abortion from our country.
- ◆ All our brave men and women of the world keeping their country free.

Thank you for your prayers.

Thank you for reading our bulletin.

Any suggestions, comments, prayers or articles can be sent to [bulletin@sjvnm.org](mailto:bulletin@sjvnm.org). We also like to hear about births, baptisms, marriages or other news about our church members.

## ***FOUND ON THE WEB***

During our freshman year at a Catholic university, one of my roommates decided that he would be giving up pizza for Lent. By itself, this is completely unremarkable. Food-related Lenten sacrifices are fairly common. What's notable about roommate's pizza abstinence was the fact that he started on the first weekend in December and carried through the end of our final exams. Mr. Observant, it turns out, confused Lent with Advent. We didn't have the heart to tell him.

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Back in the mid sixties when Batman was on twice a week, my brother, Tom, who was then in fourth grade, gave up the Thursday night show. That had to be tough. On Wednesday the show would close with "To Be Continued ..." and poor Tommy never found out how the episode ended. Now that's character in my book.

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I gave up Starbucks one year, giving the Sunday collection what would be my morning tithe to Juan Valdez. I was such a horrible, grumpy, miserable soul that my friends made me vow that I'd never do that again!

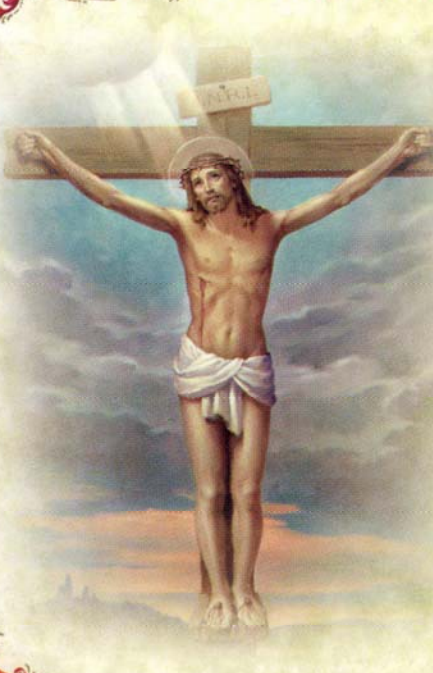
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Several years ago, my non-Catholic niece who hated wearing dresses announced that she was giving up something up for Lent. My sister, pleased that her daughter was having such reflective thoughts, asked her what she planned to sacrifice. When she responded that she was giving up wearing dressy things, my sister responded, "Abigail, that's like saying, 'Gee, I think I'll give up poking myself in the eye with a sharp stick for Lent!'"

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<p><b>Debi Wendt - Realtor</b>  <b>Discovery I</b>  263-7095 Cellular  898-4660 Direct  mariska564@aol.com</p>	<p>I asked my wife, 'Where do you want to go for our anniversary?'  It warmed my heart to see her face melt in sweet appreciation.  'Somewhere I haven't been in a long time!' she said.  So I suggested, 'How about the kitchen?'  And that's when the fight started....</p>	
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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Prayers to Jesus</i></p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Prayers to Jesus</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PRAYER BEFORE  A CRUCIFIX</b></p> <p>Look down upon me, good and gentle  Jesus, while before Your face I humbly  kneel, and with burning soul  pray and implore  You to fix deep in my heart lively  sentiments of faith, hope, and charity,  true contrition for my sins,  and a firm purpose of amendment,  while I contemplate with great love and  tender pity Your five wounds,  pondering over them within me,  having in mind the words which David  Your prophet said of You, my Jesus:  "They pierced My hands and My feet;  they numbered all My bones."</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be  to the Father, etc., for the intention  of the Holy Father.</i></p>
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**IN GOD WE TRUST**