

March 22, 2009

Fourth Sunday of Lent

# ***Saint John Vianney***

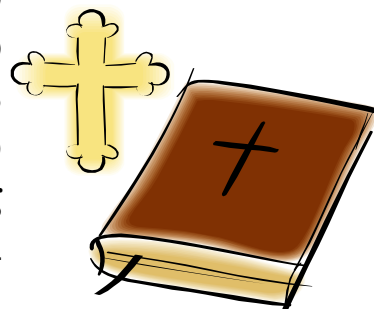
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Friends in Christ Jesus,

I pray that you are having a grace filled Lent. Since the first Sunday of Lent the homilies have focused on the various covenants established by our Lord. I have been asked by a number of people about how and where they can learn more about the covenants. The best place to start, of course, is the Bible. Secondly, the Catechism has a section on the covenants. But what I have found to be a really great source is Scott Hahn's "A Father Who Keeps His Promises." The book is dedicated to the study of the covenants. Too, Scott Hahn's "The Lamb's Supper" is a great tool to understanding the new and everlasting covenant. These and other works of Scott Hahn are available at Holy Family Catholic Store.



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

One Sunday farmer Tony went to church. When he entered he saw that he and the preacher were the only one present. The preacher asked the farmer if he wanted him to go ahead and preach. Farmer Tony said, "I'm not too smart, but if I went to feed my cattle and only one showed up, I'd feed him." So the minister began his sermon.

One hour passed, then two hours, then two-and-a-half hours. The preacher finally finished and came down to ask the farmer how he had liked the sermons.

The farmer answered slowly, "Well, I'm not very smart, but if I went to feed my cattle and only one showed up, I sure wouldn't feed him all the hay."

**BIBLE-CRYPTOVERSE (Scripture verse in code) No.6**

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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

"JESUS SAID TO THEM, IT IS NOT THE HEALTHY WHO NEED A DOCTOR, BUT THE SICK. I HAVE NOT COME TO SAVE THE RIGHTEOUS, BUT SINNERS"

## Saint Guntramnus

Also known as Contran, Gontram, Gontran, Gontranno, Gunthrammus, Gunthramnus

**Memorial** 28 March

### Profile

Grew up without the faith. Son of King Clotaire and Saint Clothildis. Brother of King Charibert and King Sigebert. King of Orleans and Burgundy in 561. Married to Mercatrude. Peacemaker.

He divorced Mercatrude; some time later she became seriously ill, and when her physician could not cure her, he had the doctor murdered. Upon his conversion to Christianity he was so overcome with remorse for the acts of his prior life, he devoted his energy and fortune to building up the Church.

Protector of the oppressed, care-giver to the sick, tender parent to his subjects, open with alms, especially during plague and famine. He strictly and justly enforced the law without respect to person, yet forgave offenses against himself, including two attempted assassins.

**Died** 28 March 592

**Canonized** Pre-Congregation. Declared a saint by his subjects almost immediately upon his death.

**Patronage** divorced people, guardians, murderers

## 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.

(1-5 In previous bulletins found at [sjvnm.org](http://sjvnm.org))

### 6. Church Unity.

Until 500 years ago, there was no questions as to which church one belonged. If one was a devout, Spirit-filled Christian, one was a Catholic! When one considers Jesus' prayer for unity (John 17:11), as well as St. Paul's admonition to the Church at Corinth (1 Cor. 3), it's obvious that the state of Christianity today is not what the Lord had in mind. Jesus came to establish One Church, not 22,000 denominations!

(Reason 7-8 coming in the following weeks)

## Catholicism and Homosexuality - Part 3

I noted in my last article that most homosexuals accept same-sex “marriage” merely as a question of equality with heterosexual marriage. Religious statements of authority will not sway most homosexuals away from this stance. As a result, I have moved the foundation of this thesis from the religious to the scientific. I mentioned in my last article several questions I would attempt to answer in order to show that societies have a life and death interest to secure those institutions which support its primary purpose - survival.

Every society must ensure constancy in the present and provide for its future in order to remain vital. How do we humans provide for future generations? We bear, educate, and socialize our children to take over for us and thus continue the process of continued stability. It is through our children that we find our “social security economically, physically, and emotionally.”(1) I offer this thesis as one who believes totally in the validity of these statements: Marie and I have 10 children to prove it. We all know too well what happens to a stable society when there are not enough children. When F.D.R. initiated Social Security in the 1930’s, there were approximately 12 people paying into it for each recipient. Presently, there are 2+ people paying into Social Security for each recipient. In addition, how do we pay off a current national debt of over 11 trillion dollars noted by Fox News?

If not enough babies are born there will be a deep disproportion between those able to work and those who cannot. Then, the burden of supporting our dependant population is quite severe as you can see from the percentages above. This strains society’s bonds. Now consider how the marriage between one man and one woman provides for society’s future as opposed to homosexual “marriage”. Marriage is the foundation of our future by formally constituting the *family*. Societies have **not** found any method other than the traditional family- husband, wife, and natural children- as the way to providing “stability in the present and for our future.”(2) The family is the corner stone on which all subsequent units are based. Marriage is a child’s first school where values and mores are taught, where they learn how to interact with one another and later to unrelated other people. This community, based on love, *is not replicated in any other setting*.(3) Anyone who has undertaken the task of raising a family-even an observer-will agree.

Raising a family is truly awesome and quite difficult. Bearing and raising a family is hard work and quite expensive. It is in society’s interest to ease these burdens and even reward what is at the center of its stability and continuation. Society can do this by elevating the stature of the family and inducing its citizens to follow in the footsteps of their parents and grandparents and form families.(4) We should now be able to see that a marriage between a man and a woman is a formal institution structured by society to meet its needs for a stable present and continued existence in the long run.

Society recognizes marriage legally and morally but with positive and negative aspects. Legally, society may grant financial benefits, e.g. rights of inheritance, tax deductions, etc to marriage couples. In our recent past, society has even assigned certain prohibitions which might

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weaken marriage such as barring or restricting divorce, adultery, sodomy, contraception, etc.(5) Remember this date, August, 1930, when the Anglican Church weakened the total ban on contraception, a tiny crack in the dam which eventually destroyed it, discarding most of the other prohibitions against marriage.

I hope to conclude this topic in part-4. In the meantime, may God bless all of us.

**PEACE**

(1) Homosexual Marriage: Much to Fear, by Burman Skrable, ewtn.com/issues/homomarr.txt p.2-3

(2) Ibid. p.2-3

(3) Ibid. p. 2-3

(4) Ibid. p. 2-3

(5) Ibid. p. 2-3



	Sacristans	Ushers	EM of Holy Communion	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors
Sat Mar 21st 4:00PM	David Crawford	Ed Uhrich Phillip Griego Nick Coca III	Rosie Root	Peggy Riley	James Uhrich Jordan Juarez	Peggy Riley Rosie Root
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Sun Mar 22nd 10:00AM	Geri Hoover	Frank Charles Aaron Quinones Gary Vigil Brian Padilla	Pinky Bjornstad John Lombardo Margaret Chavez	Pinky Bjornstad	Amanda Vigil Gary Vigil Ariana Jenkins Jen Reynolds	Bill McCarty Pam McCarty
Sat Mar 28th 4:00PM	Donna Madrid	Ed Uhrich Tom Medrano	David Crawford	Ed Uhrich	Rocky Peyton James Uhrich	David Crawford Lillian Ortiz
Sun Mar 29th 8:00AM	Julie Burnside	Bill Deneen James E Dory Tom Anderson	Julie Burnside	Catherine Uhrich	Sergio Guillen Fernando Lucero	Jose Guillen Racquel Torres
Sun Mar 29th 10:00AM	Margaret Chavez	Tony Quinones Juan Serna Jim Cutler David Schutten	Loretta Tafuro John Lombardo Margaret Chavez	Peggy Riley	Drew Garcia Jamie VLS Jessica VLS Krista Savela	Vicky Howell Pinky Bjornstad

### *Prayer Corner*

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

- ◆ Antonio Valdez-Father of Toni Saiz who passed away a year ago on March 31st
- ◆ 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.

Prayers are kept on the list for a month then need to be resubmitted.

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.

## ***Job Corner***

Who	Skill Description	Phone	eMail
Mr. Jobless	Cobol programmer.	888-8888	jobless@rr.com

### **Rules for posting**

- ◆ Listing needs to resubmitted each week.
- ◆ Keep Skill Description to two short sentences.
- ◆ No business listing, that what the back page ads are for.
- ◆ Only for St. John Vianney Parish Member not a friend of a friend of a friend.
- ◆ Send your job needs to [bulletin@sjvnm.org](mailto:bulletin@sjvnm.org).
- ◆ More rules to come.

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**A Sunday School teacher asked her class why  
Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem.  
A small child replied, 'They couldn't get a baby-sitter.'**

***Holy Family***

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<p><i>Prayers to Jesus</i></p> 	<p><i>Prayers to Jesus</i></p> <p><b>PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY</b></p> <p>Lord Jesus Christ, who, being made subject to Mary and Joseph, did consecrate domestic life by Your unspeakable virtues; grant that we, with the assistance of both, may be taught by the example of Your Holy Family, and may attain to its everlasting fellowship. Who lives and reigns, world without end. Amen.</p> <p>(Indulgence, 5 years; plenary under usual conditions, four month's recitation). (Raccolta, No.276)</p>
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