

May 3, 2009

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saint John Vianney

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Friends in Christ,

This weekend St. Thomas Aquinas Church and John Vianney Mission congratulate our first Communicants. This time of first Communions should be a time for all of us to recall the joy of our first reception of the Blessed Sacrament. This should be a time for all of us to rededicate ourselves to devotion this awesome gift of our Lord. How can any Christian doubt the true presence of Christ Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar I do not know. I say this given what Jesus said about His flesh and blood, and how we are to consume His body and blood. Let no person confuse you. What we as Catholics believe about the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist is TRUTH. I can confidently say this because the TRUTH -- CHRIST JESUS -- taught us this TRUTH.

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Scott Mansfield

Holy Rosary

20 Minutes before each mass

Holy Masses

Saturday4:00PM

Sunday.....8:00AM

Sunday..... 10:00AM

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday 3:00-3:45PM

Upcoming Events

June 10th, 7PM at St. Thomas Aquinas ChurchEucharistic Minister Meeting

June 14th after 10AM Mass Pot Luck

New Parish Members

Samuel & Mary G. Martinez
Juan & Celina Mendoza
Pat & Stephanie Baca
Michael & Sandra Romero

Ginger Weber
Teresa Montoya
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Garcia

National Day of Prayer on May 7

While every day should be National Prayer day, it is good that this day has yet to be outlawed. So pray for our government leaders to grow closer to God.

Last Week Solution submissions by: James Cutler

"YOU WILL WALK IN THE WAYS OF GOOD MEN AND KEEP TO THE PATHS OF THE RIGHTEOUS. FOR THE UPRIGHT WILL LIVE IN THE LAND"

Registration for next school year 2009-2010 catechism classes have started. Edwina has sent home the registration forms for the children already attending SJV but if they want to switch from St Thomas they will need to register with SJV.

If you missed the Sexual Misconduct Workshop, the next workshop it will be held at the Archdiocese of Santa Fe Catholic Center on May 16th from 9-12pm. Please call Loretta Tafuro @ 891-9234 to get registered. If you have taken the workshop and haven't turned your copy in, it's important that we have a copy of it ASAP.

A member of a certain church, who previously had been attending services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, the preacher decided to visit him.

It was a chilly evening. The preacher found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his preacher's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited.

The preacher made himself at home but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, the preacher took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone then he sat back in his chair, still silent.

The host watched all this in quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The preacher glanced at his watch and realized it was time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow, once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the preacher reached the door to leave, his host said with a tear running down his cheek, 'Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon. I shall be back in church next Sunday.'

We live in a world today, which tries to say too much with too little. Consequently, few listen. Sometimes the best sermons are the ones left unspoken.

The Existence of God: Does God Exist?

I know I'm preaching to the choir, but I will be using this topic as a introduction to several other issues I wish to raise later on. However, I would like to make this point: "No Catholic should pass beyond the age 16 without being able to answer clearly, both to himself and to others, the challenges of those who do not believe in Christ, or who do not believe in the Catholic Church.... Every catholic have a good grounding regarding the reasonableness of his beliefs, lest he fall victim to the superficial objections to the Catholic Faith which have been refuted over and over again for years and even centuries."(1)

Do we Catholics live up to the standard noted above? Defend this proposition: God Exists. How would you start your research? Why not start with a prayer to the Holy Spirit. I can guaranty He will guide you to the appropriate sources. I was led to St. Thomas Aquinas's Summa Theologica wherein I found his five proofs for God.(2).

- ◆ An argument from *motion*: Since the universe is in motion, something or someone must have set it in motion.
- ◆ An argument from *cause*: The universe must have a first efficient cause in order to exist.
- ◆ An argument from *existence*: In order for all thing to exist, there must be something or someone that is in existence and does not receive existence from something else. In other words, there must be something or someone which is not dependent for its existence from something else.
- ◆ An argument from *goodness*: The fact there are differing degrees of goodness in the world means that there must be some standard or perfection of goodness against which we can measure lesser goods.
- ◆ An argument from *death*: All things in the created universe eventually die, which is an indicator that the universe will likewise follow in some manner. It will end. But in order to be on such a course in the first place, something or someone must have set it on that course. Essentially, where there is death there must be birth.(3)

An argument from motion concerning whether God exists has detractors. These folks say that if one of two things are infinite, the one that is not infinite would be destroyed. The word "God" means he is infinite goodness. If God existed, there would be no evil in the world, but evil exists in the world. Therefore God does not exist. The argument from *motion* saves the day. It is an irrefutable fact that the universe is in motion. In fact many things are in motion in our universe. We know motion is not self-starting; someone or something puts it in motion. Motion can be defined as the reduction of something from *potentiality* to *actuality*. It is therefore clear that nothing can be the mover and the moved at the same time. Whatever is in motion must be put in motion by another. Consider this example: fire is actually hot. Wood, on the other hand, is potentially hot. When fire is provided to the wood the wood becomes actually hot wood. A

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thing cannot be both a mover and moved at the same time. Thomas notes that whatever is in motion must be put in motion by someone or something else. One can continue this sequence almost indefinitely but not into infinity, because then there would be no first mover. If something has moved perpetually how could there have been a First mover? Since something can't come from nothing, there can't be motion unless there is a first mover, put in motion by no other; and this we understand to be God.(4)

I plan to complete this topic in my next presentation but with as little reference as possible to *Teleological* or *Cosmological Argument*. I had to work through this lingo in college; I don't want to put you through the same agony. Peace to all and God bless us, everyone.

1. Catholic Apologetics, by Fr. John Laux, M.A., back cover
2. Summa Theologica: The Existence of God (Prima Pars, Q 2), St. Thomas Aquinas
3. Ibid.
4. Catholic Apologetics, by Fr. John Laux, M.A., p.3



Come, Pray And Sacrifice For The Unborn

Monthly Mass and Procession with
Father Conrad Osterhout, CFR

Saturday, May 9th, 2009
San Ignacio Church
1300 Walter St. NE

Mass begins 8:00 am
Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Procession to nearby abortion mill
Return to church for Benediction

Invite your family and friends to this
peaceful and prayerful event

Pot luck social to follow in the park

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The visiting church school supervisor asks little Johnny during Bible class who broke down the walls of Jericho. Little Johnny replies that he does not know, but it definitely was not him.

The supervisor, taken aback by this lack of basic Bible knowledge goes to the school principal and relates the whole incident. The principal replies that he knows little Johnny as well as his whole family very well and can vouch for them, if little Johnny said that he did not do it, he as principal is satisfied that it is the truth.

Even more appalled the inspector goes to the regional Head of Education and relates the whole story. After listening he replies: "I cannot see why you are making such a big issue out of this; we will get three quotations and fix the wall."

	Sacristans	Ushers	EM of Holy	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors
Sat May 2nd 4:00PM	Margaret Chavez	Theresa Lopez Ed Uhrich Ariana Eck	Ana Marie Hartenhoff	Mary McMillian	James Uhrich Chase McMillan	Pinky Bjornstad David Crawford
Sun May 3rd 8:00AM	Julie Burnside	David Schutten James E Dory John Christensen Eddie Crespin	Harlan Harrington	Sheila Howard	Shane Herrera Sergio Guillen Delanee Kast Josh Kast	Jose Guillen Geneva Torres
Sun May 3rd 10:00AM	Geri Hoover	Tony Quinones Aaron Quinones Jim Cutler Gary Vigil Juan Serna	Carrie Jenkins John Jenkins John Lombardo	Rochelle Quinones	Ariana Jenkins Angela Jenkins Rocky Peyton Karla Del Cid	Vicky Howell Peggy Riley
Sat May 9th 4:00PM	David Crawford	Phillip Griego Eddie Crespin Juan Serna	Jeremy McClellan	Anna Sellman	Victoria Perez Emilio Crespin Josh Storms	Annette Montoya April McClellan
Sun May 10th 8:00AM	Julie Burnside	Tom Anderson Bill Deneen James E Dory John Christensen	Julie Burnside	Frances Perko	Peter Lucero Charles Lucero	Petrita Lopez David Schutten
Sun May 10th 10:00AM	Geri Hoover	Tony Quinones Frank Charles Ariana Eck Aaron Quinones	Coz Madrid Loretta Tafuro Margaret Chavez	Pinky Bjornstad	Krista Savela Kevin Savela Jen Reynolds John Reynolds	Michael Tafuro Connie Dudon

Prayer Corner

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

- ◆ For Tony Quinones complete healing and guidance toward better health. (4/25)
- ◆ For the late Manuel Romero's Family to know he is with his Lord. (4/25)
- ◆ For Healing and Peace for Bill Rounds, and for his wife, Vickie (5/3)
- ◆ For the strength and courage of the disabled, sick, elderly, and dying
- ◆ 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.

We also like to hear about births, baptisms, marriages or other news about our church members.

Job Corner

Who	Skill Description	Phone	eMail
Marty Aragon	Will do yard work and light hauling. (5/3)	239-9553	fjpmga@cableone.net
Paula Glennon	Bookkeeping, accounting, audit, proofreading, clerical. Part-time, temp, or special projects. (4/5)	891-8536	dmgpmg@aol.com

Rules for posting

- ◆ Listing needs to resubmitted each month.
- ◆ Keep Skill Description to two short sentences.
- ◆ No business listing, that what the back page ads are for.

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Coordinator	Ed Uhrich
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Head Sacristan	Gerry Hoover
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Head Welcoming Ministry	Loretta Tafuro
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Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals	St Thomas Parish - 892-1511

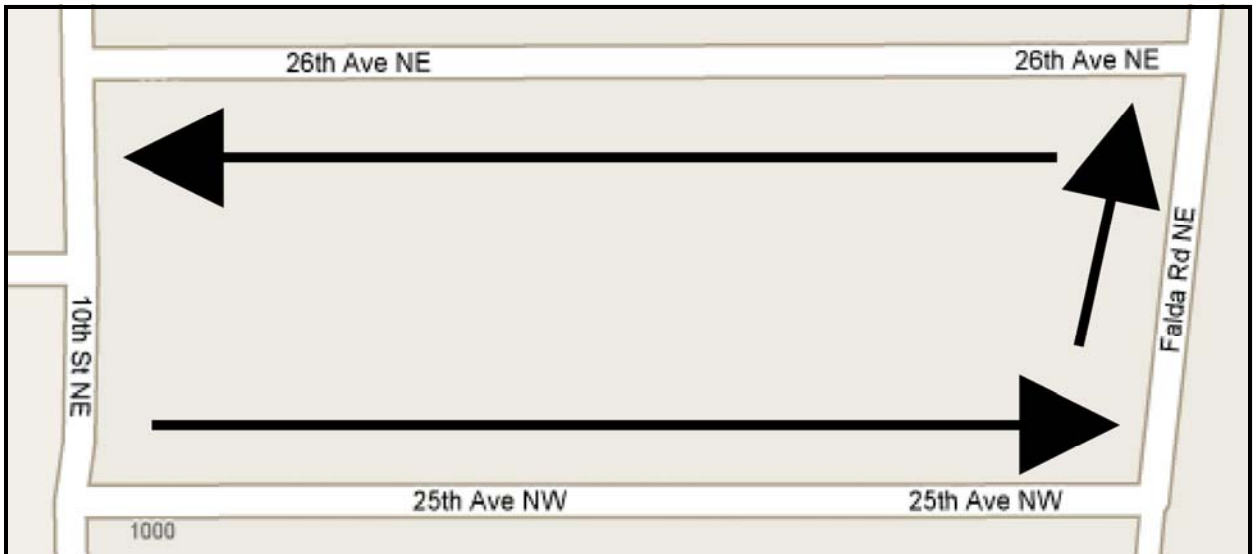
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There has been some congestion while exiting mass so if some of you could take the alternate route this may help relieve the congestion. Simply take a left down a little way to the paved road of Falda and take another left and another left and you are back on 10th Street NE. Thank you for doing your part. On the other hand you could hang around and get to know your fellow parishioners while the traffic thins out.

IN GOD WE TRUST