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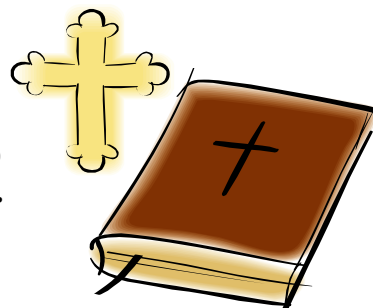
Sixth Sunday of Easter

# Saint John Vianney

A Mission Church of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish serving you since August 10, 1997  
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Friends in Christ,



With the spring semester of school coming to an end, I take this opportunity to thank our wonderful teachers of religious education. Led by Edwinna Herrera, our teachers have given 100% of themselves to the formation of our young people. God has really blessed St. John Vianney Mission by calling them to serve us as teachers. For this I am very happy. Please remember, though, that the religious training of God's children begins at home, with the parents. Yes, we break now for Summer, but we do not take a break from worshipping and following and praying to and learning about our Lord. This is an everyday, at every moment of everyday mission.

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Scott Mansfield

**Holy Rosary**

20 Minutes before each mass

**Holy Masses**

Saturday .....4:00PM

Sunday .....8:00AM

Sunday..... 10:00AM

**Sacrament of Confession**

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

**Upcoming Events**

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

June 14th after 10AM Mass ..... Pot Luck

## New Parish Members

David & Mary Foster  
Alfonso & Tina Flores  
Michael & Heather Sandoval  
Joseph Montano & Andrie Holmes

Derik & Erica Gallegos  
Sinfer Rael  
Jose & Karina Padilla

### The New Colossus

... Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates  
shall stand  
A mighty woman with a torch, whose  
flame  
Is the imprisoned lighting, and her name  
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand  
Glow world-wide welcome; her mild eyes  
command  
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities  
frame.  
"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!"  
cries she  
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your  
poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning to breath  
free,  
The wretched refuse of your teeming  
shore.  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to  
me,  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"  
Emma Lazarus



## 2009 First Communion Pictures

Many thanks for John Reynolds for taking and posting the First Communion Pictures. Visit our website at [www.sjvnm.org](http://www.sjvnm.org) and click on *Links* and then *2009 1st Communion Pictures* to view a slideshow of the pictures. If you see a picture you like, right click on it and do *save pictures as* to save on your PC. Should work on most PCs. Enjoy.

Written by a 15 yr. old School Kid in Ohio :  
New Pledge of Allegiance  
Since the Pledge of Allegiance & The Lords Prayer  
are not allowed in Schools anymore because the word  
'God' is mentioned...

### **NEW SCHOOL PRAYER:**

Now I sit me down in school  
Where praying is against the rule  
For this great nation under God  
Finds mention of Him very odd..

If Scripture now the class recites,  
It violates the Bill of Rights..  
And anytime my head I bow  
Becomes a Federal matter now...

Our hair can be purple, orange or green,  
That's no offense; it's a freedom scene.  
The law is specific, the law is precise.  
Prayers spoken aloud are a serious vice.

For praying in a public hall  
Might offend someone with no faith at all.  
In silence alone we must meditate,  
God's name is prohibited by the state.

We're allowed to cuss and dress like freaks,  
And pierce our noses, tongues and cheeks..  
They've outlawed guns, but FIRST the Bible.  
To quote the Good Book makes me liable.

We can elect a pregnant Senior Queen,  
And the 'unwed daddy,' our Senior King.  
It's 'inappropriate' to t each right from wrong,  
We're taught that such 'judgments' do not belong..

We can get our condoms and birth controls,  
Study witchcraft, vampires and totem poles.  
But the Ten Commandments are not allowed,  
No word of God must reach this crowd.

It's scary here I must confess,  
When chaos reigns the school's a mess.  
So, Lord, this silent plea I make:  
Should I be shot; My soul please take!  
Amen



The children had all been photographed, and the teacher was trying to persuade them each to buy a copy of the group picture. "Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say, 'There's Jennifer, she's a lawyer,' or 'That's Tony, He's a doctor.' A small voice at the back of the room rang out, "And there's the teacher, she's dead."

## Defending Our Faith - A Series On Apologetics by John Lombardo

### The Existence of God: Does God Exist-Part 2

Dear Friends, my initial foray in this series provided the first proof of the existence of God-the argument from motion. This argument states that since the universe is in motion, something or someone must have set it in motion. Today I offer several additional arguments which prove the existence of God.

#### *2. An argument from **cause**: The universe must have a first efficient cause in order to exist.*

It is a given that nothing can be the efficient cause (something which produces an effect or result) of or by itself. Logic tells us that the efficient cause cannot precede itself in time. This sequence is an impossibility. The Law of Causality states: anything which begins to exist must have been brought into existence by something distinct from itself. This law can stand on its own; it needs no proof.(1) Here is a simple example: each one of us was created through the causality, the act, of our parents. There is no possibility that any act of our own was involved. In addition, it is impossible for an efficient cause to go on into infinity. This is so because the first cause is the cause of the intermediate cause which is then the cause of subsequent causes and finally the cause of the ultimate-final-cause. As you can see, without the first cause, there will not be an ultimate cause nor any intermediate causes. We can now say that without a First Efficient cause among all the other intermediary efficient causes, there cannot be intermediary causes nor an ultimate cause. In addition, if efficient causes can continue into infinity, then logically, there cannot be a First Efficient cause nor can there be an ultimate effect. Take another look at the logic noted above. If anything can go on into infinity, and we know infinity has no beginning and no end, then you do not need a First Efficient Cause. Therefore, we have to admit that there must be and is a First Efficient cause whose name we know is God.(2)

#### *3. An argument from **existence**:*

In order for all things 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.

We know that in nature there are things that are possible to exist. We also know that they may not exist at a specific point in time. Consider this: Everything in nature is possible to be, that is, to have existence at some time; likewise it is also possible for such entities not to have existence. For example, each of us was conceived and given subsequent birth. The fact that we were born precludes another possible child to be born in our place at the same time. We come into existence only because of something or someone already in existence to wit our parents. The obverse is also true-if at sometime nothing was in existence, it would be impossible for

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anything to have begun to exist; thus even now, nothing would be in existence-which is absurd. It seems obvious as Thomas says that “there must exist something the existence of which is necessary. But every necessary thing either has its necessity caused by another, or not.”(3) We showed in Argument 2 the necessity of a First Cause. So to here; anything and any body in existence cannot be the cause of its existence. Therefore, the name of this First Cause we call God.

There are two additional arguments which we shall cover next time: an argument from *goodness* and an argument from *death*. These arguments, as you may see, are logical but very cold. I want to eventually tie in the fact that a logical Creator God can also be a loving God who gave us His only Son, Jesus to be our Savior. I will also use this theme when I cover the anti-God ranting of the Left.

Last Sunday was a very special day. I wish each and every mom a most blessed and happy year. Marie, thank you so very much for making me a dad. God bless us, every one.

(1) Catholic Apologetics, by Fr. John Laux, M.A., p.3

(2) Summa Theologica : The existence of God (Prima Pars, Q.2) by St. Thomas Aquinas

(3) Ibid.

## Saint William of Rochester

*Also known as* William of Perth

*Memorial:* 23 May

### *Profile*

William led a wild and misspent youth, but as an adult he had a complete conversion, devoting himself to God, caring especially for poor and neglected children. He worked as a baker, and gave every tenth loaf to the poor. He attended Mass daily, and one morning on his way to church he found an infant abandoned on the threshold. He named the baby David, and adopted him, and taught him his trade.

Years later he and David set out on a pilgrimage to the Holy Lands. During a stopover in Rochester, England the boy David turned on William, clubbed him, cut his throat, robbed the body, and fled. Because he was on a holy journey, and because of the miraculous cures later reported at his tomb, he is considered a martyr.

A local insane woman found William's body, and plaited a garland of honeysuckle flowers for it; she placed the garland on William, and then on herself whereupon her madness was cured. Local monks, seeing this as a sign from God, interred William in the local cathedral and began work on his shrine. His tomb and a chapel at his murder scene, called Palmersdene, soon became sites of pilgrimage and donation, even by the crown. Remains of the chapel can be seen near the present Saint William's Hospital.

*Born* 12th century at Perth, Scotland

*Died* throat cut in 1201 at Rochester, England

*Canonized* 1256 by Pope Innocent IV

*Patronage* adopted children

	Sacristans	Ushers	EM of Holy Communion	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors
Sat May 16th 4:00PM	David Crawford	Eddie Crespin Theresa Lopez Bill Deneen	Coz Madrid	Bill McCarty	Victoria Perez Emilio Crespin Josh Storms	Bill McCarty Pam McCarty
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### *Prayer Corner*

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

- ◆ For Idela Romero that she be comforted through their illnesses. (5/10)
- ◆ For Frank Duran that he be comforted during this time of illness. (5/10)
- ◆ 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.

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

# Job Corner

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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

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- ◆ 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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**IN GOD WE TRUST**