

June 21, 2009

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# ***Saint John Vianney***

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

Thanks to all who made our first potluck a big success. Those who cooked, those who helped set up and clean up, and those who showed up to enjoy the feast are greatly appreciated. We will do it again soon.



Secondly, Summer will sooner than later be exhausting its time, so now is the time to think about getting your child registered for religious education. It is also the time to consider becoming a religious education teacher or helper. As we grow, so too does the number of children, children who have the right to religious education. And, by the way, as I see it, in a few short years we will begin erecting a permanent building in which classes will be held. Of course, my good stewardship and your good stewardship will expedite this future project.

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

## St. John Vianney's new Parish Members

Charles & Fasiola Teague || Julio & Tamara Bobrowski || Brian & Dorothy Jeffries

*Congratulations to all Potluck winners*

*And*

*Congratulations to all the Giveaway winners*

*Thank You to all Donors who gave so generously:*

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Tony, Aaron, and Frank were on the bus home from elementary school, when a fire engine zoomed past their bus with blaring sirens.

The three kids noticed a Dalmatian dog on the front seat of the fire engine. Tony said, "They use that dog to keep crowds back."

"No," said Aaron, "he's just for good luck."

But Frank knew better, "No, the dog's job is to find the nearest fire hydrant."

### Concentrate on this Sentence

'To get something you never had, you have to do something you never did.' When God takes something from your grasp, He is not punishing you, but merely opening your hands to receive something better. Concentrate on this sentence.... ***'The will of God will never take you where the Grace of God will not protect you.'***

## **~DEATH~**

WHAT A WONDERFUL WAY TO EXPLAIN IT .

A sick man turned to his doctor as he was preparing to  
Leave the examination room and said,  
'Doctor, I am afraid to die.

Tell me what lies on the other side.'  
Very quietly, the doctor said, 'I don't know.'  
'You don't know? You're, a Christian man,  
And don't know what's on the other side?'  
The doctor was holding the handle of the door;  
On the other side came a sound of scratching and whining,

And as he opened the door, a dog sprang into the room  
And leaped on him with an eager show of gladness.  
Turning to the patient, the doctor said,  
'Did you notice my dog?  
He's never been in this room before.  
He didn't know what was inside.  
He knew nothing except that his master was here,

And when the door opened, he sprang in without fear  
I know little of what is on the other side of death,  
But I do know one thing...  
I know my Master is there and that is enough.'



## **Garden Corner**

The other day we boiled some carrots, beets, beets greens and whole peas with a little butter and salt. All the vegetables were from the garden. The boiled vegetables were delicious though the pea pods were not edible. As reported in an earlier bulletin I was going to find out for myself why peas are shucked and now I can tell you why. Peas pods are stringy! You could use them to floss your teeth. Though I may still boil them whole next time and just shuck them when I eat them. The first radish crop are pulled and eaten with another crop planted. The raspberries are having a rough time but there is still hope for the plants to make it. There are strawberries runners everywhere with a few stray strawberries to be eaten with the hope of a large crop later. The peas are pretty much done with the turnips taking their bed for a later crop. I am really impressed at how large the potatoes plants are getting but until we dig them this fall there is no telling on how they are doing. We finished off the cherries for the year and wish we had more cherries trees. Ripening as I write are the peaches and we are consuming them. It turned out that no apples made it so we await another year. Pulling the thumbnail carrots for eating now while we await the canning carrots to mature. The cherry tomatoes are teasing us with a few here and there but the plants are getting big and they are full of green tomatoes. The beets are getting ready to be canned into pickles beets any week now. The hanging tomatoes has not impressed me much this year yet but it is still early in the summer. I will report later in the season on further progress. It is not too late for some crops so go forth and plant. — Carl

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

### God Exists - So What?

Dear friends, my previous three articles, based on St. Thomas Aquinas' *The Summa Theologica: The Existence of God* (Prima Pars, Q.2, proving God's existence without doubt, were logical but cold. Fr. Pat McCloskey, O.F.M. notes that "reason" may prove a Supreme Being but hardly a God who creates people in the divine image and wants to share divine life with them". (1) How can we know and then show that our Creator God is the same God we see in Scripture - "a God who creates people in the divine image and wants to share divine life with them". (2) I believe the key is to understand that God's Law consists of several bodies of law and probably more we know nothing about. For example, the United States has many bodies of law each of which governs an aspect of our life here in America: federal laws, state laws, local laws, etc. (3) God's ultimate and eternal law is called eternal law which St. Thomas Aquinas defines as "...that type of Divine Wisdom, as directing all actions and movements". (4)

Natural Law, a concept to which I referred to in Part 3, is a part of eternal law. As such, it is an integral part of Catholic theology. "Natural Law refers to those moral precepts that a rational creature can understand without any special revelation such as - murder is wrong, and assumes that reason has a roll to play in understanding God". (5) This is the probable link between Creator God and God the Father that can bridge the chasm between Reason and Faith.

So, how does this analysis provide a reason, a basis, to show that the Source of our cherished right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness in our Declaration of Independence is God? Thomas Jefferson, a non-Christian, recognized that religious concepts written in the Declaration would nourish the religious liberty sweeping the country in his time. Thus, the following was written: "When in the Course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bonds," those citizens are merely claiming the gifts "to which the Laws of Nature and of Natures God entitled them." Then, "we hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."(6)

What is religious freedom? The most important words in our Declaration concerning religious freedom are "endowed by their creator". These words point to one unreputed source: God. Thomas Jefferson, more of a Deist than anything else, believed these rights come from God: the God who gave us life...gave us liberty at the same time. (7) Jefferson further noted that the English rulers, under no circumstance, ever had any authority over the rights of conscience because such rights of conscience could never be given to any ruler. He says, "We are answerable for them to our God".(8) The idea that our liberties are the gift of God, i.e. that freedom comes from God, is the very foundation of this new American conception of rights in general. Now, when our rights come from social compact, - today we would call this local, state, nation laws - such laws can be altered or abrogated, by a majority of Counselors', Legislators or Congress as they so deem. However, Jefferson believed that if our rights come from God, such rights are "immutable and inviolate" regardless of any majority who opposes such rights.(9)

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There were problems for Jefferson when defining and protecting religious liberty, He did not want the State to be involved in defining or protecting religious freedom- if the state tolerates a religious belief it can also withhold it. We know that a God-given right is quite different.(10)

Conservative Christians have their best argument in determining that these inalienable rights come from a Creator: “Judeo-Christian tradition influenced the creation of our nation. Divinely ordained rights grew in part from the biblical injunction that God created man in his own image.” Jefferson might call his deity Nature Knowing that many other Americans would believe in Jesus or Yahweh. “Either way, if rights come from God, they were sacrosanct”.(11) These rights cannot be altered and speak for themselves.

Dear friends, I wanted today’s monograph to reflect the basis that our Declaration of Independence and Constitution are God centered and the rights and responsibilities contained in these documents are untouchable from any abridgment. However, when a Harvard law school dean, who has taught countless numbers of law students, including our president, that the Bill of Rights and Constitution merely provides suggestions for legal interpretation or is a “living” document that changes over time to adjust to current situations, then you can understand the problems we have today. Too many folks in Washington, D.C. believe that the rights in our Bill of Rights and Constitution come from “social compact” and therefore subject to change. Phooey! The Constitutional Law course I took agrees with what I’ve written above. The Bill of Rights and Constitution are to be interpreted, not changed.

More in two weeks. God Bless us, Every One.

1. “What Kind of God Can Reason Prove?”, by Fr. Pat McCloskey, O.F.M., St. Anthony Messenger, p.48
2. Ibid.
3. “The Law of God”, This Rock, by Jimmy Arken, vol. 11,# 10- Oct.,2000
4. ST 1-11:93:1, noted in Law of God Ibid #3
5. Ibid.
6. Ibid
7. Founding Fathers, by Steven Waldman, p. 92
8. Ibid., p.92
9. Ibid., p.92
10. Ibid., p.93
11. Ibid., p.93

### **Good: Support for Abortion at Lowest in 15 Years**

WASHINGTON D.C. (LIFENEWS.COM – APRIL 29, 2009)

A poll of 1,521 adults conducted March 31-April 21 by Pew Research finds support for legal abortions has dropped. Results found that 46% of Americans say abortion should be legal (28% in most cases, 18% in all cases), and 44% of Americans believe abortion should be illegal (28% in most cases, 16% in all cases). Among religious groups, support for abortion has steadily declined since August among white mainline Protestants (from 69% to 54%), and just 23% of white evangelical Protestants now favor abortion, down from 33% in August and 28% in October. However, Catholics did not see the same pro-life shift as did mainline Protestants. Only 2% more want abortions to be illegal.

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The above was taken from the Right to Life Committee of New Mexico’s June newsletter. Stop by [www.rtlm.org](http://www.rtlm.org) for more information. Why are our Protestants Brothers and Sisters 10% higher in opposing abortions? See <http://www.lifenews.com/nat5011.html> for the stats.

The head of the Sandoval RTL is our own parishioner, Larry Uhrich, who can be emailed at [uhrichlarry\\_and\\_catherine@hotmail.com](mailto:uhrichlarry_and_catherine@hotmail.com). God Bless you Larry and Catherine.

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### ***Prayer Corner***

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

- ◆ For the soul of Idela C. Romero (June 8, 2009) mother and for the soul of Manuel A. Romero Jr. (April 11, 2009) son. (6/21)
- ◆ For Healing and Peace for Bill Rounds, and for his wife, Vickie (6/14)
- ◆ Prayers for the soul of Richard Fusco on the first anniversary of his passing on June 28th. (5/31)
- ◆ For the soul of Mary Haygood who went to her maker on May 20th. (5/24)
- ◆ For Jon Bock's healing, complete and rapid recovery, and for his family's strength. (5/24)
- ◆ For Fr. Whorton on his deployment, and especially for his family, and for all those families in our community affected by this deployment, that they all remain under God's loving care. (Till he returns)
- ◆ 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](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                |
|--------------|--|----------|----------------------|
| Marty Aragon | Will do yard work and light hauling. (6/21)  | 239-9553 | fjpmga@cableone.net  |
| Betsy Karner | Medical, legal transcription, secretarial. My office or yours. Pick up and deliver. (5/20) | 892-1243 | danielkarner@aol.com |

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A minister was planning a wedding at the close of the Sunday morning service. After the benediction he had planned to call the couple down to be married for a brief ceremony before the congregation. For the life of him, he couldn't think of the names of those who were to be married.

"Will those wanting to get married please come to the front?" he requested.

Immediately, nine single ladies, six widows and two single men stepped to the front.

Carl & Gloria Beyer celebrated their 20th Wedding Anniversary through the Roman Catholic church on June 18th. Carl is also celebrated his 20th Baptism-day.

## IN GOD WE TRUST