

July 12, 2009

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

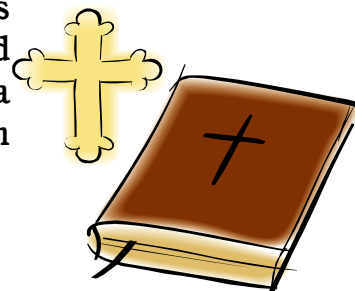
# Saint John Vianney

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Dear friends in Christ Jesus,

Several tragic things happened this passed week, including a lighting strike which left a father dead. Whenever some tragic things happen some person is heard saying, "It's God's will!" Well, no, God does not will tragic events. Our Lord, however, is permissive--He allows whatever happens to happen. Because of this, accidents do happen. At the same time, God has given us freewill, and God will not interfere with our freewill. If He did interfere with our freewill, our freewill would not really be free. Freewill would be negated. But as it is, we enjoy freewill. And with freewill, we make choices, we take some chances. This said, tragic things happen. But remember this: it is our Lord who brings good from tragedy. A man is struck dead by a bolt of lightning, but that same man is moments later taken to experience the glory of God.



Have a blessed week.

Fr. Scott Mansfield

Baptism after the 8:00AM Mass

**July 12th**

Baby: Alexas Marie Bobrowski  
Parents: Julio & Tamara Bobrowski

**July 26th**

Baby: Katelynn Elizabeth DeMarcus

**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**

July 21st, 7PM at St. John Vianney ..... Welcoming Minister Meeting



Congratulations to Conrad Encinias and his wife on their 50th wedding anniversary.

## St. John Vianney's New Parish Members

Sean & Nicole Sena  
Randolph & Rebecca Eck

Mark Sanchez & Andrea Garcia  
Sarah Garcia

### Right to Life

To get the Right to Life newsletter, just e-mail us at [info@rtlhm.org](mailto:info@rtlhm.org). We will put you on for free for 6 months. After that point, you must be a member or a donor which will then give you an annual subscription. Please provide your name, address, telephone number and of course, an e-mail if you have one.

Dauneen Dolce  
Executive Director  
RTLCHM

Frank and Aaron go to the San Leon First Praise and Healing Church revival and listen to the preacher.

After a while the preacher asks anyone with needs to be prayed over to come forward to the front at the altar.

Frank gets in line, and when it's his turn, the preacher asks: "Frank, what do you want me to pray about for you?"

Frank replies: "Preacher, I need you to pray for my hearing."

The preacher puts one finger in Frank's ear, and he places the other hand on top of Frank's head and prays and prays and prays. He prays a blue streak for Frank. After a few minutes, the preacher removes his hands, stands back and asks, "Frank, how is your hearing now?"

Frank says, "I don't know, Reverend, it ain't till next Wednesday."

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Feastday: July 14  
Patron of the environment and ecology

b. 1656 d. April 17, 1680

Kateri was born near the town of Auriesville, New York, in the year 1656, the daughter of a Mohawk warrior. She was four years old when her mother died of smallpox. The disease also attacked Kateri and transfigured her face. She was adopted by her two aunts and an uncle. Kateri became converted as a teenager. She was baptized at the age of twenty and incurred the great hostility of her tribe. Although she had to suffer greatly for her Faith, she remained firm in it. Kateri went to the new Christian colony of Indians in Canada.

Here she lived a life dedicated to prayer, penitential practices, and care for the sick and aged. Every morning, even in bitterest winter, she stood before the chapel door until it opened at four and remained there until after the last Mass. She was devoted to the Eucharist and to Jesus Crucified. She died on April 17, 1680 at the age of twenty-four. She is known as the "Lily of the Mohawks". Devotion to Kateri is responsible for establishing Native American ministries in Catholic Churches all over the United States and Canada. Kateri was declared venerable by the Catholic Church in 1943 and she was Beatified in 1980. Work is currently underway to have her Canonized by the Church. Hundreds of thousands have visited shrines to Kateri erected at both St. Francis Xavier and Caughnawaga and at her birth place at Auriesville, New York. Pilgrimages at these sites continue today.



Kateri Teckakwitha is the first Native American to be declared a Blessed. She is the patroness of the environment and ecology as is St. Francis of Assisi.

**COLD WINTER!**

The Blackfeet asked their Chief in autumn, if the winter was going to be cold or not. Not really knowing the answer, the chief replies that the winter was going to be cold and that the members of the village were to collect wood to be prepared. Being a good leader, he then went to the nearest phone booth and called the National Weather Service and asked, "Is this winter to be cold?" The man on the phone responded, "This winter was going to be quite cold indeed." So the Chief went back to speed up his people to collect even more wood to be prepared. A week later he called the National Weather Service again, "Is it going to be a very cold winter?" "Yes," the man replied, "its going to be a very cold winter." So the Chief goes back to his people and orders them to go and find every scrap of wood they can find. Two weeks later he calls the National Weather Service again and asks "Are you absolutely sure, that the winter is going to be very cold?" "Absolutely" the man replies, "the Blackfeet are collecting wood like crazy!"

## **I must not FEAR** by Carl E Beyer

*"I must not fear. Fear is the mind-killer. Fear is the little-death that brings total obliteration. I will face my fear. I will permit it to pass over me and through me. And when it has gone past I will turn the inner eye to see its path. Where the fear has gone there will be nothing. Only I will remain."* ---Frank Herbert, Dune - Bene Gesserit Litany Against Fear

In my younger days I used to carry the above quote with me in my wallet. I am sure it did not make me fearless but it reminded me to face my fears. It helped to give me courage during those times of irrational and detrimental fear. These are fears that hold us back from our dreams. This is the fear that causes us to say to ourselves afterward, "why didn't I do that?".

We can start the discussion of fear by first realizing that not all fear is bad. Fear of a hungry lion is most likely going to save your life and is not irrational. Fear of your wife will usually lead to a much happier marriage. Fear of the Lord will help us to stay on that straight and narrow path. Fear can help protect our general physical and spiritual health.

Then there are those fears that are the mind-killers, those irrational fears that prevent us from enjoying life and growing as God's children. Fears that, when we take time to look back over our life, we will see have caused us regret because they kept us from doing what we really wanted to do or should have done. We need to prevent these little-deaths from fear.

Let us jump right into a common and complicated fear, the fear of death. This fear is something that all of us will face and no one alive can avoid. As Christians this is an illogical fear because we know we are going to meet our maker and have eternal life. But a fear it is, and this fear can be that "little-death" from the Bene Gesserit Litany. In dwelling on this fear, we may forget about living with quality of life. What does living with "Quality of Life" mean? I believe it means enjoying life and contributing to other people happiness. Life is so great it deserves our full attention and enjoyment. Spend time with friends and family, dwelling in their love. Spend time indulging in those activities that bring you happiness. Do not spend one moment of your life fearing death. Death can come suddenly like that thief in the night when we least expect it or it can come gently after a long and productive life; but that is not for us to know or choose. Face the hard cold fact of death and get on with living.

The next fear is one which teenagers face when desiring to court the one who makes their heart go pitter-patter, the fear of rejection. It all starts with getting up the courage to ask her/him on a date and either being on that cloud nine with unspeakable joy or getting rejected and believing that mud has more value than you. Rejection does not stop there. As we face rejection throughout our lives in jobs, relationships, financial decisions, and an abundance of other activities fear is nearby. There are two simple choices when facing the fear of rejections. The first and unacceptable choice is to take every step we can to avoid the rejection. A simple example is staying with a job that is detrimental to our well-being so we do not have to face rejections when searching for a job. The second choice is to face those rejections and continue on. I have always been intrigued with Colonel Sanders who in his sixties went on the road selling his secret chicken recipe. This is a man who faced rejection and allowed it pass over and through him and lived to age ninety so he could laugh at that fear. Let us all join with the Colonel and laugh at rejection and see it simply as a learning experience.

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The fear of being trapped is easily illustrated by anyone who fears going into an MRI machine. Just the thought of going through one of those machines gives me the shivers. This is a totally illogical fear since they are not going to trap you in the MRI machine. The fear of being trapped can also be a relationship fear. Just ask those who avoid commitment for fear of being “trapped” in a relationship. They are blind to all the benefits of a monogamous relationship in their fear of being trapped. Do not let this fear rule your life. Explore the possibilities and keep those trapped fears at bay. Life is meant to be shared and what better way than with the love of your life.

There are certainly a number of other fears that could be discussed but I prefer to write in general about fear. Let us pick apart the Bene Gesserit Litany, as it appears in Frank Herbert’s science fiction work Dune, line by line. “*I must not fear.*” First as we discussed there are good fears. We could change this line to “*I must not fear irrationally.*” Fear in its most brutal form will stop us from growing closer to God. It will turn our mind to self-preservation and not to the tasks God wants us to fulfill. How many times, as Christians, have we not spoken out against evil and evil deeds because we are fearful of the consequences? We may be afraid of being labeled a right-wing religious fanatic. Fear is the tool of the Evil One and he wields it well. Beware.

“*Fear is the little-death that brings total obliteration.*” This is an easy one. Fear can lead us to a life where we never expand our soul. Fear can drive us so far inside ourselves that we may never find our way back out. Pray for the poor souls that are caught so far inside the circle of fear that ever poking their heads out again is beyond their comprehension. Please fight this and avoid the obliteration so that you can enjoy your life as God intended.

“*I will face my fear.*” Yes, head on and with God’s intervention. Pray and pray hard for the courage to face your fears. In those moments of fear try saying the Rosary to calm your fears. Do not be discouraged if you do not succeed the first time. Try, try and try again and you can push past those fears. Do not waste time and energy avoiding those fears which the Devil has placed in your path. Imagine that you are on a team. The winning team. God’s team. And the other side is the Devil’s team. The Devil’s team can never win unless you listen to their whispering of fearful thoughts: “you cannot score”, “you are not good enough”, “you are not strong enough”, all to feed on your fears. Face them. Overcome them. You are a winner on God’s team.

“*I will permit it to pass over me and through me.*” Passing through and over me means you should not allow the fear to control you. This is a short one to understand. Do not dwell on the fear and do not waste any time on it. Enough said.

“*And when it has gone past I will turn the inner eye to see its path.*” In a nutshell, I believe this means to do a self-evaluation of one’s fear. Examine what the cause of the fear is. Examine how you overcame it. Find its path so you can repeat that path when fear occurs in the future. Make this path a well worn path.

“*Where the fear has gone there will be nothing. Only I will remain.*” I would change “Only I will remain” to “the expanded I will remain”. How can you say “only” when after facing and overcoming your fear you are so much more. Then, on the other hand, “I” in and of itself is powerful. The world revolves around “I” after all. No matter how selfless and compassionate we are, we live in our own body and therefore the “I”. It is the “I”, without the burden of the fear, weighing us down.

Go forth and do not fear. When you look around at church, know that you are on the winning team. God Bless you all. Go team go.

	Sacristans	Ushers	EM of Holy Communion	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors
Sat Jul 11th 4:00PM	Julie Burnside	Ed Uhrich Eddie Crespin	Coz Madrid	Mary McMillian	Emilio Crespin James Uhrich Victoria Perez	Julie Burnside Peggy Riley
Sun Jul 12th 8:00AM	Donna Madrid	Jim Cutler John Christensen Tom Anderson James E Dory	Jose Guillen	Frances Perko	Charles Lucero Peter Lucero	Petrita Lopez David Schutten
Sun Jul 12th 10:00AM	Geri Hoover	Ariana Eck Brian Padilla Gary Vigil Nick Coca III	George Parascandola Loretta Tafuro Teresa Medrano	Pam McCarty	Jessica VLS Jamie VLS Krista Savela Kevin Savela	Pinky Bjornstad Ana Padilla
Sat Jul 18th 4:00PM	David Crawford	Phillip Griego Bill Deneen	Ana Marie Hartenhoff	Anna Sellman	Drew Garcia Josh Storms Victoria Perez	Annette Montoya Vicky Howell
Sun Jul 19th 8:00AM	Julie Burnside	Tom Anderson David Schutten Karl Lucero Jim Cutler	Jeremy McClellan	Evelyn Romero	Charles Lucero Peter Lucero Albert Ibarra	April McClellan Racquel Torres
Sun Jul 19th 10:00AM	Margaret Chavez	Gary Vigil Frank Charles Juan Serna Ariana Eck	Loretta Tafuro Rosie Root Margaret Chavez	Pinky Bjornstad	Gary Vigil Amanda Vigil Jen Reynolds John Reynolds	Michael Tafuro Peggy Riley

### ***Prayer Corner***

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

- ◆ For Healing and Peace for Nickolas (4 years old - broken femur) and his family. (6/28)
- ◆ 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 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

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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.
- ◆ Only for St. John Vianney Parish Member not a friend of a friend of a friend.
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Lord, hold our  
troops in your loving  
hands. Protect them  
as they protect us. Bless them and their  
families for the selfless acts they perform  
for us in our time of need.  
Amen.

**IN GOD WE TRUST**