

August 9, 2009

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint John Vianney

A Mission Church of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish serving you since August 10, 1997
1000 26th Ave NE, Rio Rancho, NM 87144

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Friends in Christ,

When you see Carrie Jenkins be sure to thank her for making our angel windows. Carrie put much time and love into making them. They add much to our sanctuary. Thanks also to hPaul Vigil for elevating our statue stands. And while we admire our windows and statue pillars, we enjoy our potluck lunch in honor of St. John Vianney. Thank to all who will be bringing, or who brought, food. Yum! We will be hosting yet another potluck in a few weeks. They are, of course, a great way for us to welcome new comers and to get to know each other.



Have a blessed week,

Fr Scott Mansfield

Baptism after the 8:00AM Mass

September 13th

Baby: Daniel Logan Schutten

Parents: David & Seveda Schutten

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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

8/30/09 After 10AM Mass	Religious Education Teachers Meeting
9/06/09 After 10AM Mass	Parent's Religious Education Meeting
9/13/09 After 10AM Mass	Religious Education Classes Start
1st Sunday of every month.....	Food Collection for Charity

Welcome our new parish members:

Manuel & Antonia Martinez
Spencer & Roselle Harris

James & Teresa Pickowitz

Religious Education Teachers:

Meeting 08/30/09 after 10am Mass

Parent's Meeting: 09/06/09 after 10am Mass

Classes Begin: 09/13/09 at 11:15-12:30

Please register if you have not already done so.

DID NOAH FISH?

A Sunday school teacher asked, Tony, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark? 'No,' replied Tony. 'How could he, with just two worms?'

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Yesterday's the past, tomorrow's the future, but today is a gift. That's why it's called the *present*."

from *The Joyful Noiseletter*
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Ushers / Rosary Leaders Wanted

Ushers are needed for the 4PM Mass on Saturday.

Rosary Leaders are needed for the Sunday 10AM Mass.

If you are able to serve in either positions please give your name/eMail/number to one of the Ushers.

Right to Life - 2009 STATE FAIR VOLUNTEER FORM – SEPT. 11-27

REQUIREMENTS TO BE A VOLUNTEER

1. Each volunteer must be willing to be trained before working in the booth. This is true for those who have worked previous years because the subject of the booth is both abortion and euthanasia. New materials and information must be covered.
2. Each person must make a commitment to fill the time period(s) for which he or she volunteered. To fail in this aspect creates havoc for the State office and puts undue burden on other volunteers who have to make adjustments. **PLEASE DO NOT CHANGE TIMES.**

Understanding these conditions, I wish to volunteer for this important educational event for The Right to Life Committee of New Mexico.

NAME: _____ Tele: (H) _____ (W) _____
ADDRESS: Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____
Zip Code: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

I will work a TWO hour period at the booth _____ I will do additional periods: _____
I will work as a supervisor for a six-hour shift 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. I will do other shifts _____.

The State Fair starts Friday, Sept. 11 and ends Sunday, Sept. 27, 2009. I prefer the day and time period I have checked: (Please put date after the day of the week.) If you are volunteering for more than one day, please put the dates after the time period. (Sample: 11:00 - 1:00 9/8 and 9/13)

STATE FAIR SCHEDULE:

DAYS: Mon. _____ Tues. _____ Wed. _____ Thurs. _____ Fri. _____ Sat. _____ Sun. _____

TIME PERIODS:

9:00 A.M - 11:00 A.M _____	11:00AM – 1:00 P.M. _____
1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. _____	3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. _____
5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. _____	7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. _____

TRAINING SESSIONS: At 12:15 p.m. – 12:45p.m. or 5:30 - 6:00 starting Sept. 1 through Sept. 11. All sessions start promptly and you must be there for most of the training to be considered trained for the booth. **ON FRIDAYS, THERE WILL ONLY BE THE 12:15PM TRAINING SESSION.**

Please check the day and time you will attend a training session. Please keep this appointment, as we can't have too many at one time, so sessions are limited. Those who respond first, get the first choice.

TUE: 9/1 _____ WED: 9/2 _____ THUR: 9/3 _____ FRI: 9/4 _____
TUE: 9/8 _____ WED: 9/9 _____ THUR: 9/10 _____ FRI: 9/11 _____

Questions can be directed to Dauneen Dolce, 881-4563. Fax this form to: 1-505-881-8002 or mail this application to: The Right To Life Committee of New Mexico, 2413 Wyoming Blvd. NE Ste A, Albuquerque, N.M. 87112. Or e-mail this to: info@rtl nm.org. The deadline for returning this form is September 1.

Dirt Roads by Carl E Beyer

Sometimes I wish all of life reflected our attitude when we travel on dirt roads. The moment you hit a dirt road your thinking process changes. You drop the city-loner attitude and take on the country community attitude; that country attitude that causes your hand to rise, almost with a mind of its own, to give a wave to someone you see walking beside the road.

I was reminded of this during my latest camping trip. Either everyone is taking my writing to heart and camping, or the current economy is encouraging people to seek a less expensive vacation. I, of course, believe it must be the first option but I know that some of you may disagree with that. I have never seen so many campers as I have this summer. Traveling up Forest Service Road 376 in Jemez, every camp spot was taken and new ones were being staked out. There is no cost to camp beside the road. The only inconvenience is using a portable potty. Since purchasing my Jimmy Thunder Box from Australia, I have been very happy. All you web surfers can look up “Jimmy Thunder Box” to check it out.

OK, I will get back on track. Until recently, when camping, we would see a vehicle drive by every once in a while. Now FS-376 seems as though it is a major highway with constant traffic. As often as we could we would wave to the passing vehicles and most people would wave back. It is that dirt road attitude. Take the same two families and stick them in a Wal-Mart and they could pass within inches of each other and not exchange a word or any hint of neighborly love. Stick them out on a dirt road and they are neighbors without a word being spoken. We wave and they wave back in mutual camper comradeship.

There are those few who do not wave and probably do not understand the comradeship shared on dirt roads but I know, in time, they will not be able to help themselves and their hands will raise involuntarily with a friendly wave. Dirt roads have that effect on people.

You need not travel very far to see this in action. Just take a short ride over to Rainbow Road and wave to a passing vehicle and they, most often, will wave back. It may just be that the dirt roads make us slow down a little bit, and in doing so, we become more observant of our surroundings. In slowing down, some may say we have less time for life enjoyments, but I say, in slowing down we live a fuller life. I love going out on the dirt roads and exploring the countryside. Going on a road where few people have been before feeds that adventurer side in most of us. Anyone who has not taken the time to go to the end of Rainbow Road heading north is missing a treat. This drive is not advisable in a low rider but my small RAV4 makes it easily. Do not stop till the road ends and then you better stop.

Aside from camping my favorite recreation is walking on dirt roads. Give me a dirt road where I can stop the vehicle and reach back and let my four dogs out before me and that is living. The very act of watching the dogs being able to run free reminds me of why God gave us free will. I know we humans do bad things but how God must smile when He looks down and sees people enjoying their free will. And just as we know that our dogs will return to us if we are good masters so God must know that anyone who knows God's love will return to him.

Nothing can beat walking with your best friend and his dogs. To be able to spend time discussing life, getting second opinions and bouncing ideas between each other is what life is all about. I know some of you are thinking that you can do that anytime, but I disagree. There are

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just too many distractions in most settings to have the quiet time that you have on a true dirt road where your footsteps are the only ones you find in the road's dust.

I have mixed feelings about desert roads opposed to the forest roads. There are distinct differences. On the forest road we enjoy such greenery but there are also those pesky bugs. Personally when I think of the H-E double hockey sticks I think of being locked in a room full of mosquitoes. Deer flies are second on that list. When visiting recently in New York, I went to check out some things in the country and those deer flies made me do all my exploring from inside my vehicle. The shade on a forest road is so enjoyable on hot days it can almost make you forget about bugs.

The first disadvantage of the desert road is obvious when the sun pounds down on you to remind you that you are no match for the sun. The advantage, though, is no pesky bugs, which scores high with me. Another advantage is you can see as far as your eyesight allows. Running into the occasional rattlesnake is a low point. I had to call my 8 pound dog off the rattle snake he was looking up to the other day. That dog seldom comes when I call him but he took this opportunity to back down and come to me. While we personally can avoid them, the dogs are always digging cactus nettles from their paws. It is tempting to wish for a row of maple trees beside the road I walk but then the path would become too popular and I would be off to a more traditional desert road.

Let us all take a vow to take time to enjoy the dirt roads that cross our paths. Everyone can be on a dirt road either driving or walking within ten minutes of where you live. Go out and get that vitamin D that is so lacking in our life. Just be sure and take some sunscreen.

God Bless You all. May all the dirt roads of your life lead you closer to your neighbors and to God.

A man owned a small farm in South Carolina . The South Carolina Wage & Hours Department claimed he was not paying proper wages to his help and sent an agent out to interview him.

"I need a list of your employees and how much you pay them", demanded the Agent.

"Well," replied the farmer, "there's my farm hand who's been with me for 3 years. I pay him \$400.00 a week plus free room and board.

The cook has been here for 18 months, and I pay her \$300.00 per week plus free room and board.

There's the half-wit. He works about 18 hours every day and does about 90% of all the work around here. He makes about \$10.00 per week, pays his own room and board, and I buy him a bottle of Bourbon every Saturday night. He also spends time with my wife occasionally."

"That's the guy I want to talk to.....the half-wit", says the Agent.

"That would be me", replied the farmer.

Saint John Mary Vianney: On Communion

To sustain the soul in the pilgrimage of life, God looked over creation, and found nothing that was worthy of it. He then turned to Himself, and resolved to give Himself. O my soul, how great thou art, since nothing less than God can satisfy thee! The food of the soul is the Body and Blood of God! Oh, admirable Food! If we considered it, it would make us lose ourselves in that abyss of love for all eternity! How happy are the pure souls that have the happiness of being united to Our Lord by Communion! They will shine like beautiful diamonds in Heaven, because God will be seen in them.



Our Lord has said, Whatever you shall ask the Father in My name, He will give it you. We should never have thought of asking of God His own Son. But God has done what man could not have imagined. What man cannot express nor conceive, and what he never would have dared to desire, God in His love has said, has conceived, and has executed. Should we ever have dared to ask of God to put His Son to death for us, to give us His Flesh to eat and His Blood to drink? If all this were not true, then man might have imagined things that God cannot do; he would have gone further than God in inventions of love! That is impossible. Without the Holy Eucharist there would be no happiness in this world; life would be insupportable. When we receive Holy Communion, we receive our joy and our happiness. The good God, wishing to give Himself to us in the Sacrament of His love, gave us a vast and great desire, which He alone can satisfy. In the presence of this beautiful Sacrament, we are like a person dying of thirst by the side of a river -- he would only need to bend his head; like a person still remaining poor, close to a great treasure -- he need only stretch out his hand. He who communicates loses himself in God like a drop of water in the ocean. They can no more be separated.

At the Day of Judgment we shall see the Flesh of Our Lord shine through the glorified body of those who have received Him worthily on earth, as we see gold shine in copper, or silver in lead. When we have just communicated, if we were asked, "What are you carrying away to your home?" we might answer, "I am carrying away Heaven." A saint said that we were Christ-bearers. It is very true; but we have not enough faith. We do not comprehend our dignity. When we leave the holy banquet, we are as happy as the Wise Men would have been, if they could have carried away the Infant Jesus. Take a vessel full of liquor, and cork it well -- you will keep the liquor as long as you please. So if you were to keep Our Lord well and recollectedly, after Communion, you would long feel that devouring fire which would inspire your heart with an inclination to good and a repugnance to evil. When we have the good God in our heart, it ought to be very burning. The heart of the disciples of Emmaus burnt within them from merely listening to His voice.

I do not like people to begin to read directly when they come from the holy table. Oh no! what is the use of the words of men when God is speaking? We must do as one who is very curious, and listens at the door. We must listen to all that God says at the door of our heart. When you have received Our Lord, you feel your soul purified, because it bathes itself in the love of God. When we go to Holy Communion, we feel something extraordinary, a comfort which pervades the whole body, and penetrates to the extremities. What is this comfort? It is Our Lord, who communicates Himself to all parts of our bodies, and makes them thrill. We are obliged to say, like Saint John, "It is the Lord!" Those who feel absolutely nothing are very much to be pitied.

	Sacristans	Ushers	EM of Holy Communion	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors
Sat Aug 8th 4:00PM	David Crawford	Ed Uhrich Eddie Crespin	George Parascandola	Bill McCarty	Chase McMillan Victoria Perez	Annette Montoya Vicky Howell
Sun Aug 9th 8:00AM	Margaret Chavez	James E Dory Tom Anderson John Christensen David Schutten	Laurie Storms	Frances Perko	Shane Herrera Sergio Guillen Josh Kast	Jose Guillen Racquel Torres
Sun Aug 9th 10:00AM	Geri Hoover	Tony Quinones Aaron Quinones Mike Philbin Ariana Eck	Brian Padilla Pinky Bjornstad Ana Marie Hartenhoff	Rochelle Quinones	Krista Savela Kevin Savela Gary Vigil Amanda Vigil	Michael Tafuro Peggy Riley
Sat Aug 15th 4:00PM	David Crawford	Phillip Griego Eddie Crespin	James Sandoval	Pam McCarty	Drew Garcia Josh Storms	Rosie Root David Crawford
Sun Aug 16th 8:00AM	Julie Burnside	David Schutten Tom Anderson James E Dory Jim Cutler	Julie Burnside	Evelyn Romero	Albert Ibarra Charles Lucero Peter Lucero	April McClellan Geneva Torres
Sun Aug 16th 10:00AM	Geri Hoover	Tony Quinones Ariana Eck Gary Vigil Brian Padilla	Carrie Jenkins John Jenkins Teresa Medrano	Pinky Bjornstad	Angela Jenkins Ariana Jenkins John Reynolds Jen Reynolds	Connie Dudon Ana Padilla

Prayer Corner

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

- ◆ For the soul of Sgt. Joseph “Joe” Anthony Harris and for his family members. (7/22)
- ◆ For Healing and Peace for Bill Rounds, and for his wife, Vickie (7/19)
- ◆ 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.

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

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your life defines who you are.**

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