

August 23, 2009

Twentieth First Sunday in Ordinary Time

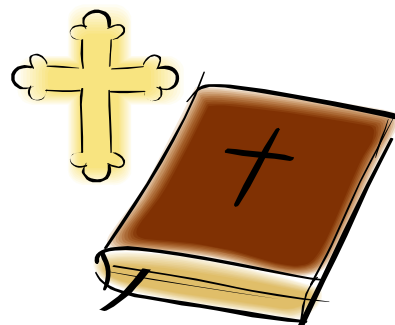
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Jesus Saves



Baptism after the 8:00AM Mass

September 13th

Baby: Daniel Logan Schutten
Parents: David & Seveda Schutten

Baby: Analyssa Aaron Shainin
Parents: Donald & Ashley Shainin

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

8/31/09 3PM..... Vacation Bible School 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

New Parish Members

Allen Medina

Richard & Rosemarie Martinez

Congratulations

Harlan & Maria Harrington, 21st Wedding Anniversary on August 28th

Gerald & Deluving Torres, 22nd Wedding Anniversary on August 29th

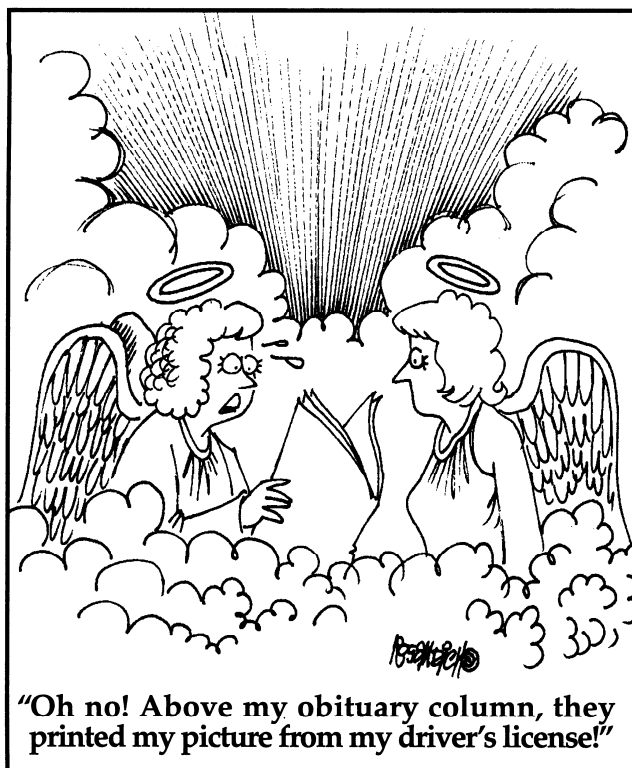
Religious Education Teachers:

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.



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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.

Vacation Bible Study Meeting

There will be a meeting on August 31st at 3:00PM at St John Vianney with Father Mansfield to start forming committees for Vacation Bible School. For those interested in helping with our first VBS please attend. We will pick a date and start bringing together ideas for the theme.

For questions please contact Jennifer Coca at 469-1400 or eMail at cocajennifer@yahoo.com



Why do we love children?

I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a woman in the convertible ahead of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked! As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my 5-year-old shout from the back seat, 'Mom, that lady isn't wearing a seat belt!'

Baptism Notice

ALL paperwork **must** be turn in at St. Thomas Aquinas Office on Tuesday before the Sunday for baptism.

It Pays to Mind Your Own Business

I was walking past the mental hospital the other day, and all the patients were shouting, "13....13....13..."

The fence was too high to see over, but I saw a little gap in the planks so I peeked through to see what was going on.

Someone poked me in the eye with a stick!

Then they all started shouting "14....14.....14..."

Congressional Health Care Plans vs. Catholic Medical Ethics Part 2-Advanced Medical Directives

Dear friends in Christ, this article is concerned with what the Catholic Church teaches in planning end of life decisions. This is something each of us should consider now regardless of age. Last week I discussed what the Federal Government wishes to deposit on us. Until this occurs, we still have a right to self determination. I will try to explain end of life decisions for your consideration.

1. Every hospital and health program that receives Medicare and Medicaid funds must inform you, upon admission, of your rights regarding an advanced directive. For example, should you go to a Lovelace or Presbyterian facility, you would be given a Living Will or Durable Power of Attorney to sign when admitted - a time when most patients are under stress.(1)

2. In addition, many hospitals are instituting “futile care” guidelines that preclude the wishes of a patient unable to communicate. This is where the Protective Medical Decisions Document is most appropriate, PMDD is designed to define what “beneficial” and “appropriate” care means to the patient or his agent who knows the signer’s values and wishes. I previously noted that HR 3200 is concerned with euthanasia, including assisted suicide. An effort is now underway across our country to add euthanasia and assisted suicide to the end of life options. PMDD specifically prohibits euthanasia and assisted suicide.(2)

3. Today, family members are no longer automatically considered to be decision makers for a loved one unable to communicate. Now, unless someone you know has been named as your agent to make decisions for you if you can’t give informed consent, “a health care provider or court appointed guardian who does not know your values and wishes may make critical decisions for you.” (3)

4. Since the enactment of the Health Insurance, Portability, and Accountability Act (HIPPA) was enacted, many health care facilities have refused to give information concerning your condition to anyone-even family members - about a hospitalized adult without prior written consent from the patient.

PMDD allows your agent the authority to get necessary information if the patient is unable to give to give written consent when hospitalized.

This four item preface is one of the reasons the Archdiocese of Santa Fe has authorized an Advanced Medical Directive in the form of a Power of Attorney for Medical Affairs. The Archdiocese believes, as I do, that a “Living Will” is an ineffective and unnecessary document. In fact, the Archdiocese discourages the use of “Living Will” documents. “A Living Will is a document... in which the signer gives power and authority to an ‘attending physician’ to withhold or withdraw medical interventions under certain circumstances. Because the ‘attending physician’ may be a total stranger who is completely unfamiliar with the signer’s values and wishes, terms in the document may be interpreted by the physician in a manner unintended by the signer.”(4)

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Catholic hospitals and other Catholic health care institutions provide appropriate opportunities to prepare for death. Catholic institutions provide all necessary information to its patients so they understand their physical condition. These very ill persons should be given appropriate medical information so they can address morally legitimate choices available to them. (5)

Every human being has a moral obligation to use ordinary means or proportionate means to preserving his or her life. "Proportionate means are those that in the judgment of the patient offer reasonable hope of benefit and do not entail an excessive burden or impose excessive expense on the family or the community."(6)

There should always be a presumption in favor of providing nutrition and hydration to all patients, including patients who require medically assisted nutrition and hydration, "as long as this is of sufficient benefit to outweigh the burdens involved to the patient".(7) "The free and informed judgment made by a competent adult patient concerning the use or withdrawal of life-sustaining procedures should always be respected and normally complied with unless it is contrary to Catholic teaching."(8)

Friends, what I have noted above has been reviewed and approved by the Archdiocese attorney, at the behest of Archbishop Sheehan, in January, 2006 and is in accord with the Statutes of the State of New Mexico. However, I have a caveat pertaining to this subject. Where Federal law collides with a State law concerning the same subject, Federal law trumps state law. In this case, Catholics and other Christians would be presented with a conundrum. Would Federal law interfere and/or overrule our religious principles? I hope, trust, and pray that our First Amendment right of Freedom of Religion will be protected. I am in the process of building an information-library to expose, as well as I can, the gross impropriety our Congress people are foisting on us as time and space allows. More later.

A Special Note: I use Catholic web sites as much as possible for Catholic answers needed in my article. However, when I tried to pull up information from the Catholic Answers web site I was advised my answer was hacked by a cybercrime hacker. We are hated by many in this world of ours. However, persistence in spreading the truth always wins out. More later. We are blessed because In God We Trust. Peace!

1. International Task Force on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide-Protected Medical Decisions Document, #1

2. Ibid. #2

3. Ibid. #4

5. Summary of Catholic Medical Ethics, Archdiocese of Santa Fe Advanced Medical Directives, Pg.2

6. Ibid. Pg. 2

7. Ibid. Pg. 2

8. Ibid. Pg. 2-3

I finally got my head together,
now my body is falling apart.

The Helpers of God's

Precious Infants



JOIN US FOR THE 3RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE HELPERS OF GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS

*Monthly Mass and Procession
Saturday, September 12, 2009
With Fr. Stephen Imbarrato*

*Mass begins: 8:00am
Followed by Exposition of
The Blessed Sacrament*

*San Ignacio Church
1300 Walter St. NE
Albuquerque*

*Procession to nearby abortion mill
Return to church for Benediction*

*Pot luck social to follow in
the park across the street
from the church.*

*Call Project Defending Life
at 266-4100
for more information or go to
www.defendinglife.org*

Bring your family and friends to this peaceful and prayerful event.

	Sacristans	Ushers	EM of Holy Communion	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors
Sat Aug 22nd 4:00PM	David Crawford	Ed Uhrich Bill Deneen Therese Lopez Juan Serna	Rosie Root	Anna Sellman	James Uhrich Drew Garcia	Vicky Howell Annette Montoya
Sun Aug 23rd 8:00AM	Julie Burnside	Karl Lucero Tom Anderson James E Dory Eddie Crespin	David Schutten	Jose Guillen	Shane Herrera Sergio Guillen Delaney Kast	Jose Guillen Petrita Lopez
Sun Aug 23rd 10:00AM	Donna Madrid	Brian Padilla Ariana Eck Nick Coca III Tony Quinones	John Lombardo Ana Padilla April Karen McClellan	Bill McCarty	Jessica VLS Jamie VLS Kevin Savela Krista Savela	Rochelle Quinones Michael Tafuro
Sat Aug 29th 4:00PM	David Crawford	Phillip Griego James Sandoval Mike Philbin	Esther Wilcox	Mary McMillian	Chase McMillan Josh Storms Victoria Perez	David Crawford Peggy Riley
Sun Aug 30th 8:00AM	Julie Burnside	Carl Beyer Jim Cutler Gary Vigil Karl Lucero	Harlan Harrington	Catherine Uhrich	Sergio Guillen Charles Lucero Peter Lucero	Lillian Ortiz David Schutten
Sun Aug 30th 10:00AM	Geri Hoover	Tony Quinones Aaron Quinones Nick Coca III Ariana Eck	Eddie Crespin Janis Crespin Geri Hoover	Rochelle Quinones	Rocky Peyton Josh Kast John Reynolds Jordan Juarez	Pinky Bjornstad Rosie Root

Prayer Corner

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

- ◆ For Joanne Beyer to know peace with her impending meeting with our Lord.
- ◆ 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 (8/16)
- ◆ For Fr. Whorton on his deployment, and his family, 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.

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Peace: Hold your Dad's hand during "Our Father"
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