

September 27, 2009

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint John Vianney

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Friends in Christ Jesus,

Through this Sunday's Gospel text, our Lord tells us that in order to avoid mortal sin we sometimes have take radical measures. How so? Our Lords tells us to cut off our hands if they lead us to sin, and to gouge out our eyes if our eyes cause us to sin. That's radical. Our Lord, of course, speaks figuratively when He said this. But still we have to often take radical measures to avoid sin. If certain television cable channels lead a person to sin, the person should call the cable company and cancel the subscription. If the Internet leads a person to sin, the person should get content blockers. If that doesn't work, the person should get rid of his computer. If a not so good person leads another person into sin, the person should no longer consider the not so good person a friend. after all, as our Lord says, "it is better to enter heaven with one hand than to enter hell with two hands."

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Scott Mansfield

Holy Rosary

20 Minutes before each mass

Holy Masses

Saturday4:00PM

Sunday.....8:00AM

Sunday..... 10:00AM

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday 3:00-3:45PM

Upcoming Events

9/28/09 6:00PM Altar Server Training

9/30/09 6:30PM @ St. John Vianney Usher Meeting

1st Sunday of every month..... Food Collection for St. Felix Pantry

Altar Server Meetings

New Altar Servers training Sept 28th at 6PM

New St. John Vianney Parish Members:

Elaine Villa

Michael Gallegos

Mayonnaise Jar & Two Drinks.

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and the 2 Drinks. A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, he wordlessly picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous 'yes.'

The professor then produced two Drinks from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

'Now,' said the professor as the laughter subsided, 'I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things - your GOD, your family, your children, your health, your friends and your favorite passions - and if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house and your car. The sand is everything else - the small stuff. 'If you put the sand into the jar first,' he continued, 'there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Go to Church. Spend time with your children. Spend time with your parents. Visit with grandparents. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your spouse out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first - the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.'

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the Drinks represented. The professor smiled and said, 'I'm glad you asked.' The Drinks just shows you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of Drinks with a friend.

The Helpers of God's Precious Infants
Come, Pray and Sacrifice for The Unborn



Holy Family; Pray for us.

The Helpers of God's Precious Infants
Monthly Mass and Procession
Saturday, October 10th with Fr. Rick Zerwas
Incarnation this month co-sponsor San Ignacio Church
1300 Walter St. NE, Albuquerque

Mass Begins: 8:00 A.M. followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a procession to a nearby abortion mill. Then, return to church for Benediction. Invite your family and friends to join you at this peaceful and prayerful event. Potluck social to follow. For more information contact Yolanda at Helpers@Defendinglife.Org or 220-8891.

With a tremendous cry for sins committed in the atrocities of abortion, I pray that parishioners will feel a spark in their hearts to come join and pray for the unborn. Even if one or two out of a whole parish attends this is beautiful. Our Lord desires that prayer come from the heart. We desperately need the intercessions from the Holy Family for our children. Without strong families, we have a failure of society. God bless you for all you do!!!

May God's love be with you all,
Della



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SAY A PRAYER

Little Tony and his family were having Sunday dinner at his grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Little Tony received his plate, he started eating right away. 'Tony! Please wait until we say our prayer.' said his mother. 'I don't need to,' the boy replied. 'Of course, you do.' his mother insisted. 'We always say a prayer before eating at our house.' 'That's at our house.' Tony explained. 'But this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook!'

Dare to Imagine by Carl E Beyer

I was not able to find out who first started using *Dare to Imagine* as a campaign. But let me piggy back on those who came before me with these three words. *Dare to Imagine*. These three words could be the most powerful words you ever hear.

While it is good to pray for World Peace, let us realize that, until our Lord returns this is not likely to happen. We can pray and grow closer to that goal but will not reach it before the Lord's return. On that same note I like to approach what we are able accomplish with these three words. *Dare to Imagine*.

As we sit in our chairs and enjoy mass at St. John Vianney, we are enjoying the fruit of Msgr Raun's and Arch-Bishop Sheehan's dream. Just over ten years ago they *Dared to Image* a new church in Rio Rancho. With that daring, action was taken. Land was purchased and a temporary location was chosen to start having Sunday Mass. The rest is history as the saying goes. Because of one *Dare to Imagine* project we now are able to develop our own projects. I have a dream about our church. I *Dare to Image* a Church which is a community of God loving believers whose favorite part of the week is going to church to spend time with God and with their fellow believers. I *Dare to Image* that we, as a church and a community, will be that shining example God looks upon when he needs a smile.

On a personal basis let us start with one example that is very personal to a large number of people. This example is the nicotine habit that grips so many people. I know this immediately brings to mind cigarettes but let me list the different kinds of tobacco habits: Beedi, Chewing tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes, Creamy snuff, Dipping tobacco, Electronic cigarette, Gutka, Hookah, Kreteks, Roll-Your-Own, Snuff, Snus, Topical tobacco paste and Tobacco water. So many ways to have this bad habit is an indication of just how hard this habit is to beat.

All the non-addicted people are thinking right now, "They should just quit". I like to think of myself as a logical person and yes logically why not just quit. Save that \$7 a pack and just quit. If only it was that easy. Losing a habit, even a bad habit, can be like losing a best friend. Every time we turn around we are looking for that friend. That one habit that is always there taunting us. This is where those three words can be so powerful - *Dare to Imagine*. *Dare to Imagine* your life without that bad habit. *Dare to Imagine* yourself depending on yourself, depending on God, depending on your True Best Friend, and/or depending on a healthy habit.

Dare to Imagine that you are not the creation of your circumstances. God has given us free will and with that free will we can imagine. For example, your circumstances may have placed you in a dysfunctional family. You did not choose your birth family. But *Dare to Imagine* that you can make a different family. *Dare to Image* that when you can start your own family, you will use all your strength, prayers and resources to develop that functional family based on God's guidance.

We may have been raised to believe that going to church every Sunday makes you a Roman Catholic. But *Dare to Imagine* to live your life as a Roman Catholic. Every day in every

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activity you choose to be a Roman Catholic. No living a double life: one as a business man who does anything to get ahead and another as a Sunday parishioner. *Dare to Image* incorporating values into your business practices that would allow you, at the end of the day to examine your conscience to place your business deeds in the lus column.

Please do not *Dare to Image* your significant others as something else. No, these three words are for you and you alone. I do not want anyone coming to me and saying that now they have no peace in their lives because their spouse is *Daring to Image* them as someone else. We all know that the biggest waste of time is to change someone else because we do not like who they are. That does not mean you cannot influence someone else by your positive behavior changes. There is no better way to influence those around you than to lead by positive example. *Dare to Image* that you are that person that quietly, in your everyday activities, is being observed as a role model by your fellow man.

When I think of the one that who took this to the extreme I think of God. God *Dared to Image* that by giving us free will we would use this gift to put so many smiles on his face. God *Dared to Image* that his people would recognize this gift, rejoice in this gift and choose it to spread this gift. God so love mankind that he *Dared to Image* that mankind, when given the gift of free will, would make the choice for good. *Dare to Image* that we will make God's dream come true.

Tonight when you are laying your head on your pillow and examining your daily activities be sure to pay close attention to those activities that you are not proud of. *Dare to Image* yourself without these activities. *Dare to Image* that you will find a different productive activity to replace that negative one. As with most things in life, miracles are rare. Progress may be slow but keep at it to make sure progress. Do not get discourage; your *Dare to Image* project may not easy and fast. The most precious accomplishments take much time and energy to accomplish. These projects are seldom accomplished alone. Seek out that person who will give you the moral support to accomplish that *Dare to Image* project. Know that you are never alone because every positive project has God as a partner. Drop to your knees and ask for God's guidance and support. God's support the sure thing that is ever present in life.

God Bless you all. Go forth and *Dream to Image*.

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On Envy by Saint John Vianney

Envy is a sadness which we feel on account of the good that happens to our neighbour.

Envy, my children, follows pride; whoever is envious is proud. See, envy comes to us from Hell; the devils having sinned through pride, sinned also through envy, envying our glory, our happiness. Why do we envy the happiness and the goods of others? Because we are proud; we should like to be the sole possessors of talents, riches, of the esteem and love of all the world! We hate our equals, because they are our equals; our inferiors, from the fear that they may equal us; our superiors, because they are above us. In the same way, my children, that the devil after his fall felt, and still feels, extreme anger at seeing us the heirs of the glory of the good God, so the envious man feels sadness at seeing the spiritual and temporal prosperity of his neighbour.



We walk, my children, in the footsteps of the devil; like him, we are vexed at good, and rejoice at evil. If our neighbour loses anything, if his affairs go wrong, if he is humbled, if he is unfortunate, we are joyful. . . we triumph! The devil, too, is full of joy and triumph when we fall, when he can make us fall as low as himself. What does he gain by it? Nothing. Shall we be richer, because our neighbour is poorer? Shall we be greater, because he is less? Shall we be happier, because he is more unhappy? O my children! how much we are to be pitied for being like this! Saint Cyprian said that other evils had limits, but that envy had none. In fact, my children, the envious man invents all sorts of wickedness; he has recourse to evil speaking, to calumny, to cunning, in order to blacken his neighbour; he repeats what he knows, and what he does not know he invents, he exaggerates. . . .

Through the envy of the devil, death entered into the world; and also through envy we kill our neighbour; by dint of malice, of falsehood, we make him lose his reputation, his place. . . . Good Christians, my children, do not do so; they envy no one; they love their neighbour; they rejoice at the good that happens to him, and they weep with him if any misfortune comes upon him. How happy should we be if we were good Christians. Ah! my children, let us, then, be good Christians and we shall no more envy the good fortune of our neighbour; we shall never speak evil of him; we shall enjoy a sweet peace; our soul will be calm; we shall find paradise on earth.

	Sacristans	Ushers	EM of Holy Communion	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors
Sat Sep 26th 4:00PM	David Crawford	Phillip Griego Eddie Crespin Mike Philbin	Janis Crespin	Anna Sellman	Emilio Crespin Chase McMillan James Uhrich	David Crawford Annette Montoya
Sun Sep 27th 8:00AM	Julie Burnside	David Schutten James E Dory Jim Cutler Karl Lucero	Ana Marie Hartenhoff	Jose Guillen	Peter Lucero Charles Lucero Shane Herrera	April McClellan Petrita Lopez
Sun Sep 27th 10:00AM	Donna Madrid	Aaron Quinones Gary Vigil Nick Coca III Ariana Eck	Pinky Bjornstad Rosie Root Brian Padilla	Rochelle Quinones	Drew Garcia Karla Del Cid Jen Reynolds John Reynolds	Connie Dudon Michael Tafuro
Sat Oct 3rd 4:00PM		Phillip Griego Frank Charles Mike Philbin	Esther Wilcox	Anna Sellman		Bill McCarty Pam McCarty
Sun Oct 4th 8:00AM		Tom Anderson David Schutten Karl Lucero Eddie Crespin	Jeremy McClellan	Sheila Howard		Julie Burnside April McClellan
Sun Oct 4th 10:00AM		Tony Quinones Aaron Quinones Nick Coca III Gary Vigil	Janis Crespin Geri Hoover John Lombardo	Peggy Riley		Pinky Bjornstad Vicky Howell

Prayer Corner

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

- ◆ For Harvey Angers 88 yrs young, Alzheimers, going into a home.(9/20)
- ◆ For the soul of Bill Rounds, and for his wife, Vickie, healing and peace. (9/03)
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ All our brave men and women of the world keeping their country free.
- ◆ For the lonely that they find comfort in the heart of Our Blessed Mother Mary as she too suffered the loneliness of Christ's death.

Prayers are kept on the list for a month then need to be resubmitted.

Thank you for your prayers.

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