

October 25, 2009

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint John Vianney

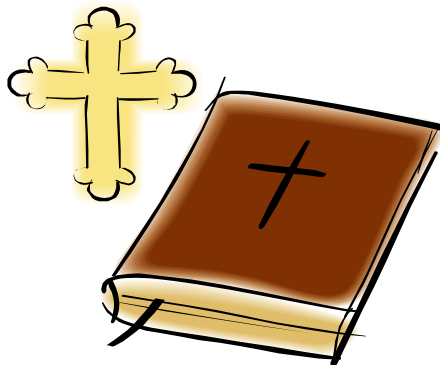
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Friends in Christ,

The bishops of the United States, in light of the H1N1 flu outbreak, have issued new guidelines that affect the liturgy. To begin, the holy water fonts have been removed from the churches. If you wish, you may get holy water from the cistern located at the back of the church. Just bring a holy water container and fill it. This way you can bless yourself before entering the church. Secondly, we will omit the "sign of peace." Thirdly, the bishops have asked us to refrain from holding hands during the Lord's Prayer. Finally, Holy Communion will be distributed under only one species--the Precious Body. The Blood of Christ will be received by priests and deacons only. Sorry for any inconvenience.

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

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

St. Antônio de Sant'Anna Galvão || October 25th || (1739-1822)

God's plan in a person's life often takes unexpected turns which become life-giving through cooperation with God's grace. Born in Guaratingueta near São Paulo (Brazil), Antônio attended the Jesuit seminary in Belem but later decided to become a Franciscan friar. Invested in 1760, he made final profession the following year and was ordained in 1762. In São Paulo, he served as preacher, confessor and porter. Within a few years he was appointed confessor to the Recollects of St. Teresa, a group of nuns in that city. He and Sister Helena Maria of the Holy Spirit founded a new community of sisters under the patronage of Our Lady of the Conception of Divine Providence. Sister Helena Maria's premature death the next year left Father Antônio responsible for the new congregation, especially for building a convent and church adequate for their growing numbers. He served as novice master for the friars in Macacu and as guardian of St. Francis Friary in São Paulo. He founded St. Clare Friary in Sorocaba. With the permission of his provincial and the bishop, he spent his last days at the "Recolhimento de Nossa Senhora da Luz," the convent of the sisters' congregation he had helped establish. He was beatified in Rome on October 25, 1998, and canonized in 2007.

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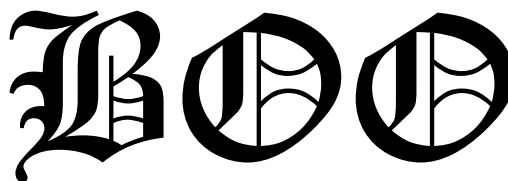
Holy women and men cannot help calling our attention to God, to God's creation and to all the people whom God loves. The lives of holy people are so oriented toward God that this has become their definition of "normal." Do people see my life or yours as a living sign of God's steadfast love? What might have to change for that to happen?

Quote:

During the beatification homily, Pope John Paul II quoted from the Second Letter to Timothy (4:17), "The Lord stood by me and gave me strength to proclaim the word fully," and then said that Antônio "fulfilled his religious consecration by dedicating himself with love and devotion to the afflicted, the suffering and the slaves of his era in Brazil." The pope continued, "His authentically Franciscan faith, evangelically lived and apostolically spent in serving his neighbor, will be an encouragement to imitate this 'man of peace and charity.'"

All Saints Prayer

Father, All-Powerful and ever-living God, today we rejoice in the holy men and women of every time and place. May their prayers bring us your forgiveness and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Remember your faith in our
Lord scares the evil one.

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Student: He sure ought to be - he would be more than 2500 years old!

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Observations on Growing Older

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Enough by Carl E Beyer

Enough! How much is enough? *Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Amen, I say to you, it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."* (Matthew 19:23-24). *"But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."* (Matthew 19:30).

Enough! How much is enough? While we often want our children to have more than we ourselves had, are we doing them an injustice? In raising their standard of living and their expectations, are we edging them ever nearer to the status of "one who is rich"? Is rich a state of mind or is it a measure of earthly goods? Who holds that measuring stick of rich and poor? Are we complacent when we assure the "rich" that as long as they give a little to the poor and live a "holy" life they are assured a place in heaven? This line of questioning is as plentiful as grains of sand in the desert so let us try to tackle a few of these.

How much is enough? I know I have enough and then some. If I had to say how much is enough I would come back to the basic question of "Do you have a roof overhead and food on the table?" That may be a little simplistic but many in the world would define that as rich. In having that richness of a roof over our heads and food on the table, then what is our responsibility as rich people? Do we need to give away all our excesses to enter the kingdom of God? Oops, more questions. I have been attending a class at St. Thomas which is teaching the "7 Steps to Becoming Financially Free, A Catholic Guide to Managing Your Money". I think the title is a little contradictory to the theme of class. I have changed my thinking about money based on the class. If you had asked me a month ago, I would have told you how I handle "my" money. It is "my" money since I earned it, I deserve it, and therefore I am entitled to it. But after attending the classes I have turned my thinking around. I think the class should be called "A Catholic Guide to Managing God's Money." God grants me the ability to earn the money. In his generosity I was born in this great country with all its opportunities and riches. When we are given God's money we should be responsible and manage it wisely. Wisely, not only for our general welfare, but also so that we have excesses to give to the poor, the needy and the church.

While we want our children to have more than we ourselves had, are we doing them an injustice? In raising their standard of living and expectations are we edging them ever nearer to the status of "one who is rich"? These questions are hard ones since we love our children and do not want to see them suffering. We want them to be comfortable but, in making them so, are we giving them a false sense of what is needed to enter the kingdom of God? The first logical step here is the old adage of setting a good example. Be generous to others while living a more simple life yourself. Let your kids know you tithe and which charities you support. Remind them that your current status of living is not the status you started out with. If you are like me, there have been plenty of mistakes made along the way. Share them with your children and explain why they were mistakes. God did not give us the commandment of "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods" because a few people, including myself, have those urges. No, he gave us this commandment because the majority of people have this temptation. Oh what I would give to have... Be careful with that one because the devil's ears perk up when he hears a statement like

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that. On concluding this question I would say live life as a good example; explain to your kids how rich you are and teach them to be generous to others while denying their own covetous urges.

Is rich a state of mind or is it measure in earthly goods? Who holds that measuring stick of rich and poor? As Catholics, I believe we should say rich is a state of mind in-so-far as we are rich in God. But for the sake of this article we are using rich as in earthly goods. Now the real question is who is holding the measuring stick? As a fifth-grader growing up in upstate New York I would have said anyone in my class who did not have holes in their jeans and had more than one pair of pants was rich. That did not mean I considered us poor; that was merely my richness measuring stick back then. That summer between fifth and sixth grade when I worked on the farm and had money to buy my own clothes, I was rich. I went to school and did not have to wear the same pants every day. You see, rich is clearly dependent on our current financial situation. My freshmen year in college my roommate informed me when we met that he came from a poor family. A couple of months later his parents and six siblings showed up for a visit all wearing parkas. Again, not a big deal, but I had come from 40 degree below winters and I had never owned a parka. We did it the old fashioned way. We dressed in layers, meaning we put on everything we could find to stay warm. I inquired and found out that my roommate was not very poor; they were just not rich like his other friends. The first assumption I found flawed even back then is that if you are not rich then you are poor. I knew poor people living in shacks; wearing patched up hand me downs; whose children always had the poor sad hungry look on their face; parents working any odd jobs they could find; that was poor. The lack of a big house, or not having all new cars, not going on yearly vacations, not eating at fancy restaurants, not having “family” money is not in any stretch of my imagination poor. Yes rich is relative but I believe the measurement should simply be if you have a roof overhead and food on the table, then you are rich. Be sure and share that richness with God by helping the poor, the needy and the Church.

Are we complacent when we assure the “rich” that as long as they give a little to the poor and live a “holy” life then they are assured a place in heaven? I believe we are. In this matter, the poor have it much easier, in that they are assured a place in the kingdom of God. To have a place in the kingdom of God, they need to believe in God, serve God and lead a holy life. But the rich man has to do all that and more. When God grants a person the ability to be rich he then has the responsibility to use his wealth to serve God. Does this mean the rich man must give away his riches? No but it does mean that in every action, in every situation, in all instances he must be as generous as his money allows. God is not being served when the rich man bargains against a poor man to his own advantage. The rich man has the privilege of hiring the poor man for a job that needs to be done and paying him generously. If I may say, in my fifteen years of doing businesses with “rich” people, they have always bargained in their own self-interest and seek reasons for refusing to pay for services rendered. This comes back to the idea that it is “just business”. I cannot see how God will accept that a person can do evil if it is done in the name of business. This defies logic in my opinion. All you truly rich people with excess money I implore you to lead your life, in every action, to seek the approval of God so that you may enter the kingdom of God.

So, how much is enough will need to be defined by you. **But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what time of the night the thief was coming, he would have been on the alert and would not have allowed his house to be broken into.** (Matthew 24:43) Jesus’ statement reminds us to not wait until we have enough to become holy because the hour of our judgment is not to be known by us. Today is the day to examine your richness and how your richness can serve God.

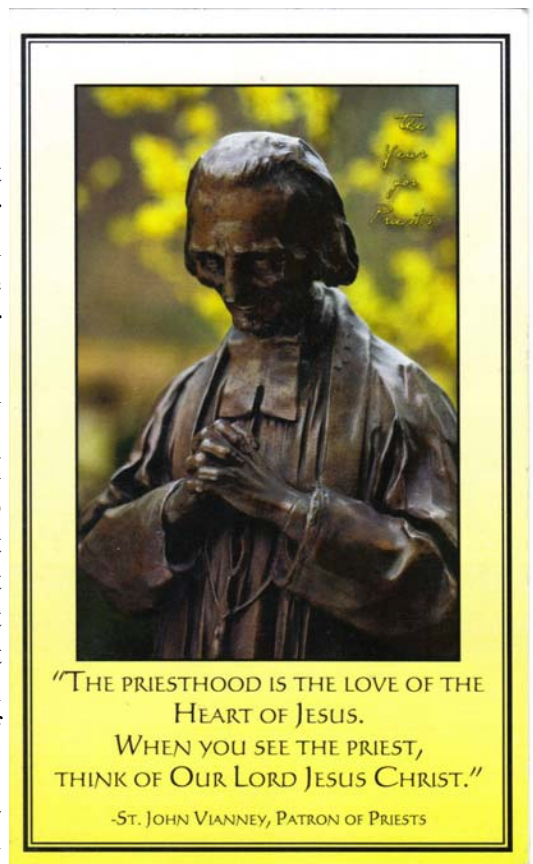
Go forth and spread the wealth. Go forth and be good stewards of the gifts God has given to you. Go forth and lead your life as if you will be seeking to enter the Kingdom of God in the very near future. God Bless you all.

On Hope by Saint John Vianney

My children, we are going to speak of hope: that is what makes the happiness of man on earth. Some people in this world hope too much, and others do not hope enough. Some say, "I am going to commit this sin again. It will not cost me more to confess four than three." It is like a child saying to his father, "I am going to give you four blows; it will cost me no more than to give you one: I shall only have to ask your pardon. "

That is the way men behave towards the good God. They say, "This year I shall amuse myself again; I shall go to dances and to the alehouse, and next year I will be converted. The good God will be sure to receive me, when I choose to return to Him. He is not so cruel as the priests tell us." No, the good God is not cruel, but He is just. Do you think He will adapt Himself in everything to your will? Do you think that He will embrace you, after you have despised Him all your life? Oh no, indeed! There is a certain measure of grace and of sin after which God withdraws Himself. What would you say of a father who should treat a good child, and one not so good the same. Would you not say that the father is not just. Well! God would not be just if He made no difference between those who serve Him and those who offend Him. My children, there is so little faith now in the world that people either hope too much, or they despair. Some say, "I have done too much evil; the good God cannot pardon me:' My children, this is a great blasphemy; it is putting a limit to the mercy of God, which has no limit -- it is infinite. You may have done evil enough to lose the souls of a whole parish, and if you confess, if you are sorry for having done this evil, and resolve not to do it again, the good God will have pardoned you.

A priest was once preaching on hope, and on the mercy of the good God. He reassured others, but he himself despaired. After the sermon, a young man presented himself, saying, "Father, I am come to confess to you:' The priest answered, "I am willing to hear your confession:' The other recounted his sins, after which he added, "Father, I have done much evil; I am lost!" "What do you say, my friend! We must never despair:' The young man rose, saying, "Father, you wish me not to despair, and what do you do?" This was a ray of light; the priest, all astonishment, drove away that thought of despair, became a religious and a great saint. . . . The good God had sent him an angel under the form of a young man, to show him that we must never despair. The good God is as prompt to grant us pardon when we ask it of Him as a mother is to snatch her child out of the fire.



	Sacristans	Ushers	EM of Holy Communion	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors
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Sun Oct 25th 10:00AM	Geri Hoover	Tony Quinones Aaron Quinones Ariana Eck Juan Serna	Carrie Jenkins John Jenkins Loretta Tafuro	Rochelle Quinones	Rocky Peyton Angela Jenkins Ariana Jenkins Jessica VLSels	Rochelle Quinones Peggy Riley
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Prayer Corner

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

- ◆ For Arthur Ordaz who has just found out he has cancer. Please pray for his healing. (10/08)
- ◆ 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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