

November 15, 2009

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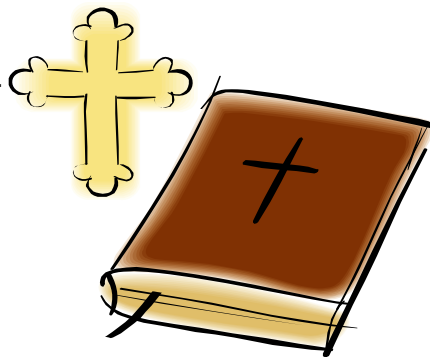
Saint John Vianney

A Mission Church of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish serving you since August 10, 1997
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Greetings, Friends in Christ Jesus.

After having listened to today's homily, I ask you to take seriously the Christian teaching on stewardship. Please pray and ask our Lord to show you what it is He would have you do so that the Catholic faith in Rio Rancho may continue to grow. Remember, all that we have is God given. God asks us to give back. When we give back, God gives more. And if each one of us contributes from his and her surplus of blessings, many wonderful good works will be accomplish.



Have a blessed week.

Fr. Scott Mansfield

Holy Rosary
20 Minutes before each mass
Holy Masses
Saturday4:00PM
Sunday8:00AM
Sunday 10:00AM
Sacrament of Confession
Saturday 3:00-3:45PM

Upcoming Events

Pot Luck	11:10AM, November 29th, 2009
1st Sunday of every month.....	Food Collection for St. Felix Pantry

St. John Vianney Raffle - Outdoor "Sun" Décor

November 29th During our Pot Luck
\$1.00 Tickets on Sale after all masses

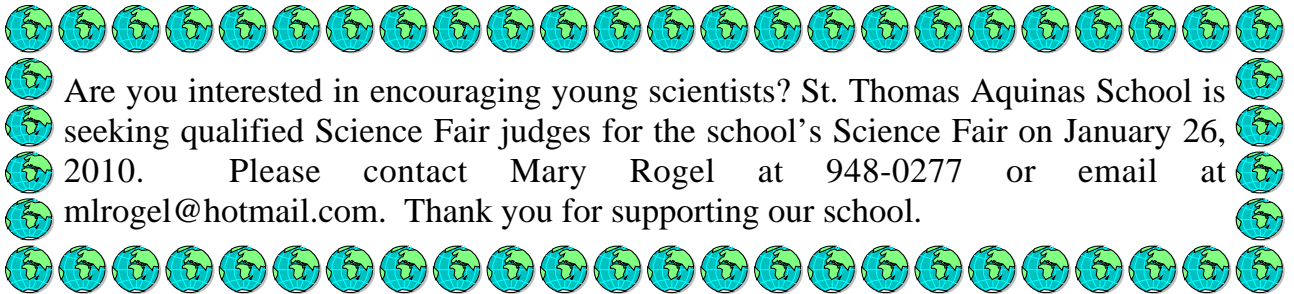
All Proceeds benefit St. John Vianney Mission. Must be present to win.

Please call Loretta Tafuro @ 891-9234 if you're interested in helping sell Raffle Tickets for weekend masses of Nov. 15, 22 and pot luck day Nov. 29



Pot Luck, November 29th, 11:15AM

All you cooks who are in the kitchen for Thanksgiving are asked to made an additional dish to bring to church on the following Sunday for our Pot Luck. On the other hand, you may just be tired of Turkey by Sunday and want to make a different dish to be shared. What is desired most is for you to bring your friendship and share a good time with your fellow parishioners. Out of town guests are welcome so bring them on over.



Are you interested in encouraging young scientists? St. Thomas Aquinas School is seeking qualified Science Fair judges for the school's Science Fair on January 26, 2010. Please contact Mary Rogel at 948-0277 or email at mlrogel@hotmail.com. Thank you for supporting our school.

Observations on Growing Older

*~When you needed the discount you paid full price.
Now you get discounts on everything ... movies, hotels, flights.*

When it comes to giving, some people stop at nothing.

Arts and Crafts Fair

Being held at St. John Vianney
Saturday December 5th
8am-1pm
Benefit for: **Caring 4 Kids and SJV Building Fund**
There will be a variety of over 60 crafters!
Booths range from \$15-\$20
For information call 999-6132 or 261-1488

St. Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving Food Distribution, Saturday, November 21, 2009

The Saint Vincent de Paul annual Thanksgiving Distribution at St. Thomas Aquinas Church is almost here! November 21 is the big day, and we still need lots of food! Non-perishable items include stuffing mix, instant potatoes, gravy mix, cranberry sauce, canned vegetables and canned pumpkin. We are anticipating over 500 families this year, and are thankful for all the help you can give. If you have questions, please call the office at 892-0526.

November 18

Dedication of St. Peter and Paul

St. Peter's is probably the most famous church in Christendom. Massive in scale and a veritable museum of art and architecture, it began on a much humbler scale. Vatican Hill was a simple cemetery where believers gathered at St. Peter's tomb to pray. In 319 Constantine built on the site a basilica that stood for more than a thousand years until, despite numerous restorations, it threatened to collapse. In 1506 Pope Julius II ordered it razed and reconstructed, but the new basilica was not completed and dedicated for more than two centuries.

St. Paul's Outside the Walls stands near the Abazia delle Tre Fontane, where St. Paul is believed to have been beheaded. The largest church in Rome until St. Peter's was rebuilt, the basilica also rises over the traditional site of its namesake's grave. The most recent edifice was constructed after a fire in 1823. The first basilica was also Constantine's doing.

Constantine's building projects enticed the first of a centuries-long parade of pilgrims to Rome. From the time the basilicas were first built until the empire crumbled under "barbarian" invasions, the two churches, although miles apart, were linked by a roofed colonnade of marble columns.

Comment:

Peter, the rough fisherman whom Jesus named the rock on which the Church is built, and the educated Paul, reformed persecutor of Christians, Roman citizen and missionary to the Gentiles, are the original odd couple. The major similarity in their faith-journeys is the journey's end: Both, according to tradition, died a martyr's death in Rome—Peter on a cross and Paul beneath the sword. Their combined gifts shaped the early Church and believers have prayed at their tombs from the earliest days.

Quote:

"It is extraordinarily interesting that Roman pilgrimage began at an...early time. Pilgrims did not wait for the Peace of the Church [Constantine's edict of toleration] before they visited the tombs of the Apostles. They went to Rome a century before there were any public churches and when the Church was confined to the *tituli* [private homes] and the catacombs. The two great pilgrimage sites were exactly as today—the tombs, or memorials, of St. Peter upon the Vatican Hill and the tomb of St. Paul off the Ostian Way" (H.V. Morton, *This Is Rome*).

Little Billy knelt beside his bed and prayed, "Dear God, if You can find some way to put the vitamins in candy and ice cream instead of in spinach and cod liver oil, I would sure appreciate it. Amen"

Is Religion the Greatest Threat in Our Time?

If you had your druthers, how would you tweak Catholic doctrine, practice, or liturgy? A gentleman from Wichita, Kan. answered this question thusly-Try reading the Bible and start with John 3:16 and John 14:6. This, he says, “is the completeness of being a Christian”. Another gentleman noted that the Apostles Creed is the definition of the Christian faith and any church which cannot accept the Creed is not Christian. A third gentleman explained that he left the chaos of Protestantism to become Catholic. He found little organizational unity or doctrinal agreement among his Protestant brethren.(1) For us, what does it mean to be Catholic? Please answer the following questions as best you can concerning what the Church teaches:

- ◆ “Why is it necessary to tell our sins to a priest versus just telling God?”
- ◆ “Can non-Catholics who were raised Christian take Communion at the Catholic Church?”
- ◆ “What is the purpose of Confirmation?”
- ◆ “My friends’ husbands have had vasectomies, and they say the priests have said it is O.K. Is that true?”
- ◆ “Why don’t Catholics say the whole Our Father?”
- ◆ “I hear a lot of people mention Vatican II, but I don’t really know what it is.”
- ◆ “Does the Catholic Church believe in purgatory? I never hear it mentioned at funerals.”
- ◆ “Is the Adam and Eve story true?”(2)

The answers to these eight questions spring from Scripture, the Sacraments, morality, and doctrine.

Years ago, when I was growing up, we expected these question to be asked by our Protestant friends or the unchurched who might be curious about Catholic beliefs and practices. These questions, my fellow parishioners, actually came from Catholic parents who were sending their children to Catholic schools or C.C.D. programs. These are parents who have a high degree of commitment to our Catholic faith. Consider this - if such parents woefully lack the ability to find the answers to these questions, yet are committed to giving their children the opportunity to grow in the Catholic Faith, how do we respond to the rest of the congregation who are much less committed? Most parishioners who attend Sunday Mass and want their children to keep the Faith yet cannot answer these questions *are* good people. They have a *hunger* for Our Lord but have little knowledge of their faith. These good folks will find evangelization of others difficult. Without knowledge of our Faith, the challenges of/to our Catholic Church will go unanswered. (3)

Our Catholic Church needs each of us to help in its mission to spread the Gospel in our neighborhoods. Why? Because there are not enough priests, religious educators or knowledgeable catechists who can do the job. As a new mission parish, we have an opportunity to find ways wherein we can develop a systematic method of “educating the minds and converting the hearts of its people; everything else is just window dressing”.(4) I am willing to discuss these issues with **anyone** interested in developing a plan to help our parishioners know

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and understand our Catholic faith better. Interested parishioners may call me at 896-4602. My reason for developing such a plan is simple: I am a “cultist” according to a former U.S. Attorney General and members of this current administration:

“A cultist is one who has a strong belief in the Bible and the Second Coming of Christ; who frequently attends Bible studies; who has a high level of financial giving to a Christian cause; who home schools for their children; who has accumulated survival foods and has strong belief in the Second Amendment; and who distrusts big government. Any of these may qualify a person as a cultist but certainly more than one of these would cause us to look at this person as a threat and his family as being in a risk situation that qualifies for Government interference.” Janet Reno, Attny. General of the United States during an Interview on CBS “60 minutes” on June 26, 1999.

If we cannot defend our faith then what? I have tried to explain many facets of our faith for our St. John Vianney parishioners these past 3 years. I cannot stop now. Remember - Keep the Faith because In God We Trust. **Peace.**

1. Rio Rancho Journal, OP-Ed, Saturday 11/5/05

2. Our Sunday Visitor, January 2, 2004, by Greg Erlandson, President of OSV publishing

3. Ibid.

4. Ibid.

A Holy man was having a conversation with the Lord one day and said, 'Lord, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like.' The Lord led the holy man to two doors. He opened one of the doors and the holy man looked in.

In the middle of the room was a large round table.. In the middle of the table was a large pot of stew, which smelled delicious and made the holy man's mouth water. The people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles that were strapped to their arms and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful. But because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths.. The holy man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering.

The Lord said, 'You have seen Hell. They went to the next room and opened the door. It was exactly the same as the first one.

There was the large round table with the large pot of stew which made the holy man's mouth water. The people were equipped with the same long-handled spoons, but here the people were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking.

The holy man said, 'I don't understand. 'It is simple,' said the Lord. 'It requires but one skill. You see, they have learned to feed each other. The greedy think only of themselves.' When Jesus died on the cross, he was thinking of you..

Remember that I will always share my spoon with you!

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Angelus

V. The angel of the Lord announced unto Mary.

R. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it unto me according to your Word.

Hail Mary...

V. And the Word was made flesh.

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: We beseech you, O Lord, pour your grace into our hearts, that as we have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

St. Thomas Aquinas Arts and Crafts show will be held **November 14th and 15th in Father D'Arco Hall from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Crafters will have Jewelry, Stained glass, Ceramics, Hand sewn items, Wooden Crafts, Christmas items and much more. Food will also be available. All spaces have been sold out. Everyone welcome. **For further information call Elaine Yont 896-2400.**

	Sacristans	Ushers	EM of Holy Communion	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors
Sat Nov 14th 4:00PM	David Crawford	Ed Uhrich Juan Serna Therese Lopez	James Sandoval	Peggy Riley	Kyle Herkenhoff Victoria Perez Delaney Kast	Annette Montoya Vicky Howell
Sun Nov 15th 8:00AM	Julie Burnside	James E Dory Jim Cutler Tom Anderson John Christensen	David Schutten	Evelyn Romero	Charles Lucero Peter Lucero Dominic Ortiz	Jose Guillen Geneva Torres
Sun Nov 15th 10:00AM	Donna Madrid	Tony Quinones Aaron Quinones Eddie Crespin Nick Coca III	Ana Padilla Janis Crespin Carl Beyer	Rochelle Quinones	Angela Jenkins Ariana Jenkins Jordan Juarez Jacob Valdez	Lillian Ortiz Pinky Bjornstad
Sat Nov 21st 4:00PM	David Crawford	Ed Uhrich Bill Deneen Therese Lopez	April Karen McClellan	Anna Sellman	Emilio Crespin Josh Kast Delaney Kast	Rosie Root David Crawford
Sun Nov 22nd 8:00AM	Julie Burnside	John Christensen Mike Philbin James Sandoval Jim Cutler	Jose Guillen	Jose Guillen	Albert Ibarra Shane Herrera Azura McClellan	David Schutten Julie Burnside
Sun Nov 22nd 10:00AM	Geri Hoover	Tony Quinones Aaron Quinones Ariana Eck Gary Vigil	Pinky Bjornstad Eddie Crespin Geri Hoover	Bill McCarty	Gary Vigil Amanda Vigil Delicia Garcia Karla Del Cid	Michael Tafuro Ana Padilla

Prayer Corner

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

- ◆ For Sister Marguerite Bartz soul. God Bless Her.(11/15)
- ◆ For Arthur Ordaz who has just found out he has cancer. Please pray for his healing. (10/08)
- ◆ 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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