

November 22, 2009

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

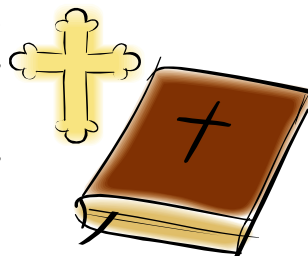
Saint John Vianney

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

Thanksgiving is almost here. Remember that Thanksgiving, while being all about turkey dinner and football, is really about giving thanks to the God who gives all good thing. Sad, isn't it, that so many people, while stuffing their faces, do not take a single moment to thank God for the abundant blessings He gives them each moment of each day. This cannot be the case with us. We give thanks to our God because we know that even every movement of our fingers is due to God's willing it. This being said, there is no better way to celebrate Thanksgiving than to first attend Mass, which is the greatest feast of thanksgiving ever instituted. How could it not be, since it was our Lord who instituted the feast of the Mass. There will be one Thanksgiving day Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas, 9 AM. Please plan to attend, to pray, and to give thanks to God for all His many graces.



Have a blessed Thanksgiving.

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

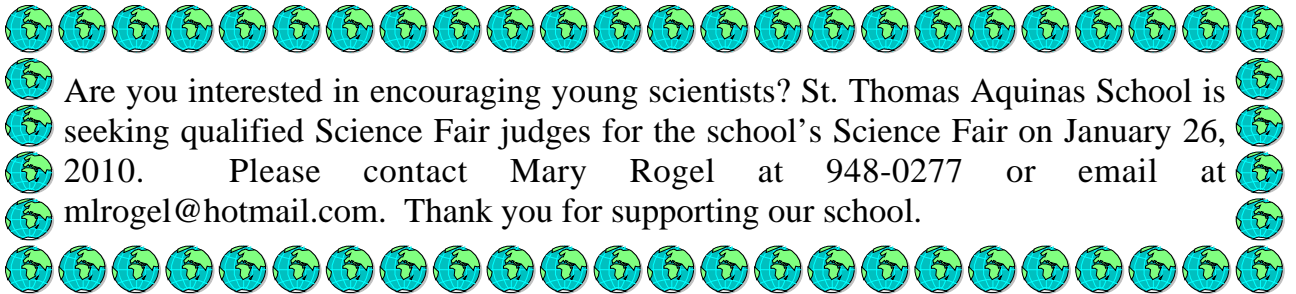
All Proceeds benefit St. John Vianney Mission. Must be present to win.

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

~You forget names ...

but it's OK because other people forgot they even knew you!!!

Real Men
LOVE
Jesus

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

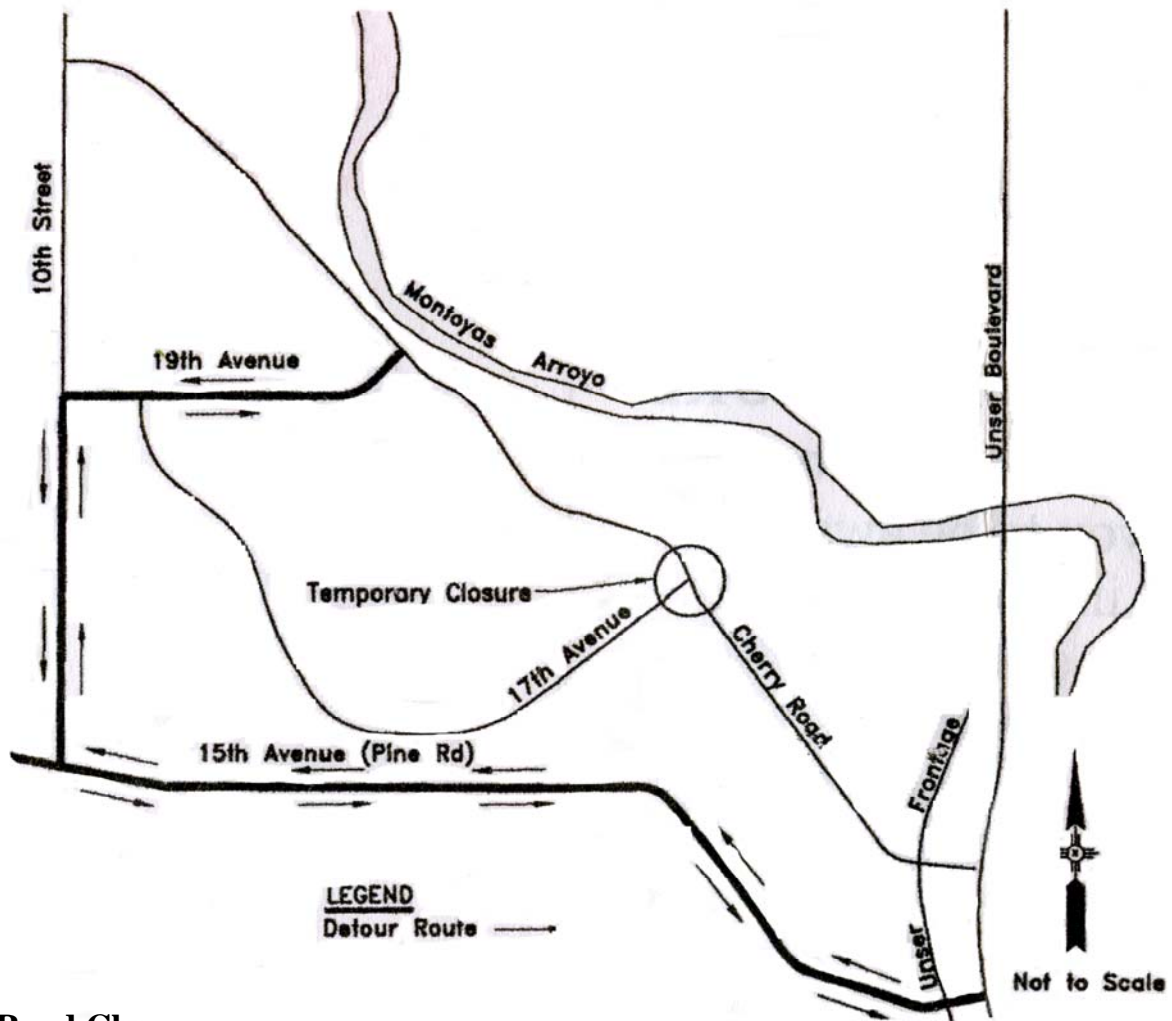
For information call 999-
6132 or 261-1488

ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

The STA Altar and Rosary Society will be selling prints of a beautiful reproduction painting done by Deacon Tom Burns of STA. The 8x10 prints of "La Madonna Nina" (aka "The Madonna of the Streets") will be sold for \$5 each at the A&RS Religious Articles Sales. You can also call Saralee at 792-5516 to reserve your print.

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Road Closure

The intersection of 17th and Cherry will be closed from November 23rd till January 22nd. Please utilize the above map for the alternative route to St. John Vianney Mission Church. If you miss the Pine Road turn off head up Unser; turn left at King; take a left on 10th and proceed to Mass.

Two young boys were spending the night at their grandparents. At bedtime, the two boys knelt beside their beds to say their prayers when the youngest one began praying at the top of his lungs,

"I PRAY FOR A NEW BICYCLE. I PRAY FOR A NEW NINTENDO. I PRAY FOR A NEW VCR..."

His older brother leaned over and nudged the younger brother and said, "Why are you shouting your prayers? God isn't deaf."

To which the little brother replied, "No, but Gramma is!"

Charity and Responsibility by Carl E. Beyer

Let us start this discussion with a couple of definitions derived from the Merriam-Webster Dictionary.

- **Charity:** Generosity and helpfulness especially toward the needy or suffering.

Responsibility: Something for which one is responsible.

These two words, while related, have distinct differences but can be intertwined with each other. The first intertwining is that *charity* is a *responsibility* of any practicing Roman Catholic. The opposite is not true. *Responsibility* is not *charity*. For example I have a *responsibility* to feed and clothe my family. While fulfilling this *responsibility* I am not being charitable but responsible. If my neighbor needs help feeding and clothing his family, it is not my *responsibility* to ensure that this is accomplished. Rather it is *charity* if I assist them in their time of need.

Some of you may wonder what the fuss is about these two words. The reason I raise this issue is because there are people who are not giving to charity because by fulfilling their *responsibilities* they feel they are charitable. In previous discussions I have asked people what they do for *charity*. Their quick answer usually is that they take care of their aging parents, nieces, nephews and/or other family members. While some may consider this *charity*, I say this is a *responsibility* which leaves them lacking in *charity*. Even our government, as inept as it is sometimes, is able to figure out that giving to family is not *charity*. Even the most evil person will often take care of their family out of *responsibility*.

A common response people give as an excuse for not giving to charity is that they need charity themselves. While this is sometimes true, most of the time it is not. This generally is a reply from someone who has confused the two words “needs” and “wants”. How often have you heard someone say they need a new car? Hardly ever is this true, generally they want a new car. They do not need a new car. If I may say so, I want a new vehicle myself. But I do not need one. My 2001 RAV4 is still getting me where I need to go. While many adults may sometimes get the words needs and wants confused, we should be very clear in teaching our children the difference. If we can separate our needs from our wants most of us will find we can easily start supporting charities instead of believing we need charity.

There are some who will say they are charitable because they give to charity anytime they are asked for money for a “worthy cause”. Sometimes this is code for nothing is worthy of their money. Charity should be a responsibility where in you decide to give a percentage of income to charity. If anyone has been inattentive at Mass I humbly remind you that the Church asks you to give five percent of income to the Church and five percent to other charities. Realizing that going from almost zero percent to ten percent may be hard for some families, may I suggest that you make a commitment to give one percent more than last year until you reach that ten percent mark.

The most irritating to me are public officials who feel that they do not need to give to charities since they work for the “public good”. For all public officials, up to the highest office, let me advise you that you are wrong. Stop giving your one half of one percent out of the

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millions you earn yearly and become the Christian you pretend to be. This also goes for all volunteers who are paid. In the charitable sense, if you are paid you are not a volunteer. If you are paid you are an employee. I admire anyone who is able to make their living in a job assisting the needy. That makes you a good person, but it does not fulfill your charitable obligation. This includes anyone using “new math” to explain that if I were not working this job I could be earning twice as much so therefore I am giving my equivalent in salary to charity.

In my opinion, the responsibility of charity should go further than writing a check. Though writing a check is a very good start. There are some charities that call themselves charities merely to collect money for a well paid staff. When deciding where to give your money, a good place to start is to find out the charity’s administrative costs. Here are the five worst charities as listed at www.charitynavigator.org: American Tract Society 68.0%; Boys Choir of Harlem 66.3%; National Council of Negro Women 64.0%; Bay Area Discovery Museum 60.7%; The Fresno Metropolitan Museum 58.4%.

Using the website www.charitynavigator.org, I have been able to check out some of the charities my family supports. One is Christian Foundation for Children and Aging whose website is www.cfcausa.org. This charity is rated with four stars (the highest rating) and has an administrative cost of 3%. Another very good charity is World Vision whose website is www.worldvision.org. They are rated four stars with an administrative cost of 4.6%. I was disappointed to find that Paralyzed Veterans of America, which I have supported in the past, is rated with only one star. Even though they have only a 6.3% Administrative Expense their Fundraising Expense was 30.3%.

When donating consider national and world charities but do not forget our local charities which assist those in our own backyards. Certainly one charity promoted by St John Vianney Mission is Birthright of Rio Rancho, 2704 Southern Blvd SE Suite 7, 87124, 891-1430. Are you interested in feeding and clothing those in need? Then give to St Felix Pantry, 4020 Barbara Loop SE, 87124, 891-8075. Want one of the easiest and best charities? Utilize the envelope given by the church for the Society of St Vincent de Paul, 892-0526. With domestic abuse affecting so many, be sure and give to the Haven House, PO Box 15611, Rio Rancho, 896-4869 to help protect the innocent. If you are a pet lover like me, be sure to check out Watermelon Mountain Ranch, 1512 Deborah Rd SE #203, 87124, 771-0140. I am proud that our Church is very pro-life so do not forget Right To Life Committee of New Mexico, 2800 San Mateo NE, Suite 107, Albuquerque, 87110, 881-4563. I know there are many other worthy charities which I have not listed here. I offer my pardon to them.

Do you want to really be happy? Charity is one of the best self-help things you could ever do in your life. If you want to find someone who is happy, find someone who gives their treasures freely to charity. If you are feeling depressed, abandoned, of low self-esteem, betrayed, lost and/or confused, seek out a way to serve in a charitable organization. By helping others you will be helping yourself. Have you ever wondered why the more you try to fulfill your own needs the more emptiness you find? Want to meet an unhappy person? Just find someone who talks mostly about themselves. Want to find a happy person? Find someone who speaks mostly of others and their good deeds.

Go forth and give generously to responsible charities. Go forth with the knowledge that God wants you to be happy and happiness is achieved by helping others. God Bless you all.

Job Corner

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- ◆ Listing needs to resubmitted each month.
- ◆ Keep Skill Description to two short sentences.
- ◆ No business listing, that what the back page ads are for.
- ◆ Only for St. John Vianney Parish Member not a friend of a friend of a friend.
- ◆ Send your job needs to bulletin@sjvnm.org.

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.

***Happy
Thanksgiving***

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.

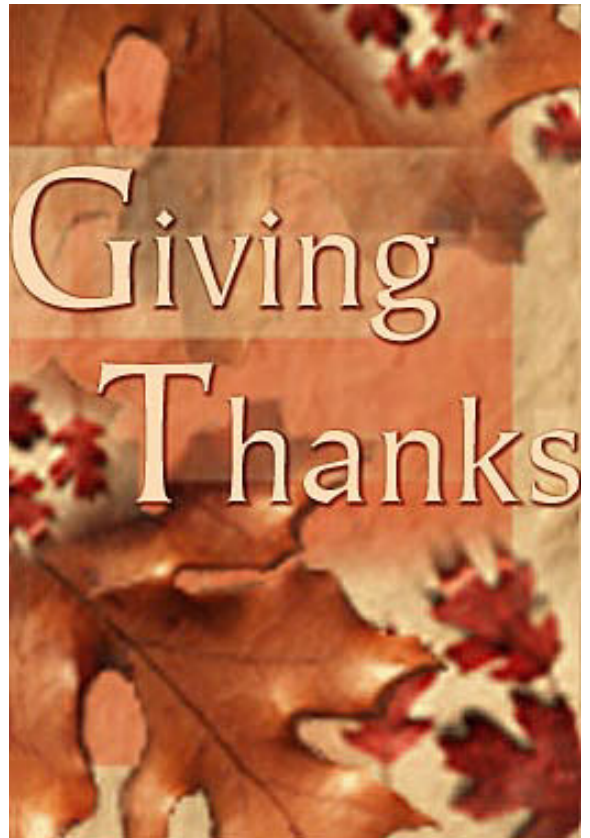
Prayers are kept on the list for a month then need to be resubmitted.

Thank you for your prayers.

	Sacristans	Ushers	EM of Holy Communion	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors
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
Sat Nov 28th 4:00PM	David Crawford	David Schutten Juan Serna Therese Lopez	David Crawford	Anna Sellman	Josh Kast Josh Storms Delaney Kast	Annette Montoya Bill McCarty
Sun Nov 29th 8:00AM	Julie Burnside	James E Dory Bill Deneen Tom Anderson James Sandoval	Jeremy McClellan	Jose Guillen	Peter Lucero Sergio Guillen Vincent	April McClellan Julie Burnside
Sun Nov 29th 10:00AM	Donna Madrid	Tony Quinones Aaron Quinones Brian Padilla Nick Coca III	Carrie Jenkins John Jenkins Teresa Medrano	Pinky Bjornstad	Kyle Herkenhoff Jessica VLSels Jamie VLSels Jordan Juarez	Rochelle Quinones Vicky Howell

Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God, we thank you for this earth, our home;
 For the wide sky and the blessed sun,
 For the salt sea and the running water,
 For the everlasting hills
 And the never-resting winds,
 For trees and the common grass underfoot.
 We thank you for our senses
 By which we hear the songs of birds,
 And see the splendor of the summer fields,
 And taste of the autumn fruits,
 And rejoice in the feel of the snow,
 And smell the breath of the spring.
 Grant us a heart wide open to all this beauty;
 And save our souls from being so blind
 That we pass unseeing
 When even the common thornbush
 Is aflame with your glory,
 O God our creator,
 Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.



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