

November 29, 2009

First Sunday of Advent

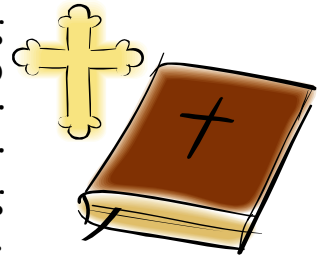
Saint John Vianney

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Friends in Christ Jesus,

Happy Advent.

Thanksgiving has now passed, and we now begin a new liturgical year. The new liturgical year begins with our celebration of Advent, the season leading up to the birth of our Lord. The first two Sundays of Advent are set aside to ponder that which has yet to come--the second coming of our Lord. When will this happen, nobody knows. Whatever the case, we should live each day as if it were our last, loving God and neighbor, receiving faithfully the Sacraments, and living as Christ taught us to live. And so that we can more easily accomplish this, our Lord gave us the Sacrament of Penance. Confession of our personal sins removes the barriers that keep us from drawing close to our Lord. This is why the Sacrament is so important. Please take advantage of the increased Confession times at St. Thomas Aquinas during the Season of Advent. With a clean conscience, we will rejoice at the sight of our Lord we He comes again.



Have a Blessed Advent.

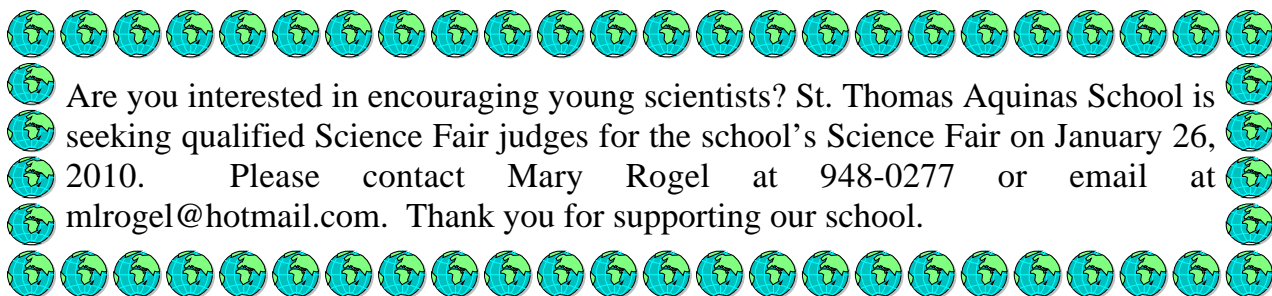
Fr. Scott Mansfield.

- 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	
Holy Day of Obligation	7:00PM Mass, December 8th
1st Sunday of every month.....	Food Collection for St. Felix Pantry

NO CCD this Sunday, November 29th

Please remember to collect toys and other gifts for the needy while the sale are on! We will be having our annual gift wrap soon and everyone will be invited to participate. Julie

 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.

A visiting priest came to a small country town and asked a young boy to direct him to the church where he was preaching that evening. After the boy had given him the directions, the priest said to him: "You must come along tonight and bring all your friends."

"What for?"

"Because I will tell you all how to get to heaven."

"You must be joking. You did not even know how to get to the church."

Observations on Growing Older

~The 5 pounds you wanted to lose is now 15

and you have a better chance of losing your keys than the 15 pounds.

**Jesus is
the reason**

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
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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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- ◆ 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.

Snackers are wanted. Or should we say snack servers are wanted. This is a unique ministries in that it allows the whole family to get involved. If you are interested please see a snacker (those serving snacks and drinks) after mass and they we answer any questions you may have.



A Sunday school teacher was reading a Bible story to her class. "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and turned into salt."
A little boy softly asked, "What happened to the flea?"

Bring you money
and support the
Cub Scouts and
your stomach.
Cub Scout Burrito
Sunday
December 6th

Archdiocese of Santa Fe Pilgrimages for Vocations
2010 Theme "You Are The Beloved" Matthew 3:16-17
To find out more visit the website for May and June Pilgrimages.
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Is Religion the Greatest Threat in Our Time?--Just What Does It Mean To Be Catholic?

Dear friends, I provided 8 questions from my last article for you to answer, questions asked by devout Catholics who have a high degree of commitment to our Catholic faith but lacked the ability to find answers to them. My hope is to help our parishioners to do more than just think about our faith. We cannot defend our faith unless we know and understand it. Karl Keating of Catholic Answers provides the reason why we must know our faith: when people know and understand their faith their lives change for the better: marriages become stronger, families become healthier, children grow to love God and the Church, and our parish will become more dynamic and relevant to our parishioners. So- how did you do answering the 8 questions?

Q. Why is it necessary to tell our sins to a priest versus just telling God?

A. Jesus tells His 12 Apostles "... as the Father has sent 'me' so I send 'you' ... He breathed on them and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and those sins you retain are retained".(John 20:21-23) Because Our Lord gave the apostles the power to forgive sins, He certainly wanted them to use it, desiring them and their successors to be ministers of this sacrament.

Q. Can non-Catholics who are raised Christian take Communion at the Catholic Church?

A. The Church asks that the following people not take Communion: 1. non-Catholics, 2. Catholics in an invalid marriage, 3. Catholics who have broken the one hour fast- unless sick, elderly, in a hospital, or are on medications, 4. Catholics who have not made their first Confession. (1) One must be in union with the Catholic Church to receive the Eucharist. To be in union means to be united in all that the Church teaches, prays, and does. Non-Catholics are not in full or complete union with the Church.(2)

Q. What is the purpose of Confirmation?

A. This Sacrament confirms and strengthens the faith given in Baptism. It was instituted by Christ when he promised to send the Holy Spirit (Jn.14: 15-21) and attested to in the early Church (Acts: 8,19), wherein the bishop (or delegated priest) invokes the gift of the Holy Spirit upon a baptized person and anoints the candidate with holy chrism. (3)

Q. My friends' husbands have had vasectomies, and they say the priests said it was o.k. Is this true?

A. A vasectomy is a form of sterilization that violates the "natural law". The natural law's purpose of sex is procreation. The sexual pleasure given by God within marriage becomes unnatural and even harmful to the spouses when used in a way that deliberately excludes the basic purpose of sex which is procreation. Biblically, vasectomy is obviously wrong. Once a moral principle is established, every application of it need not be mentioned.(4) Anything that intentionally bars procreation is sinful.

Q. Why don't Catholics say the whole Our Father?

A. I assume that the questioner refers to the final doxology many Protestants use, to wit, "For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever". Early in our Church history,

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the Lord's Prayer included this doxology; it was included in the Didache, c.40-140 A.D. I like to refer to the Didache as our first Catechism. However, this prayer of praise to God (doxology) was later dropped because it became a redundant prayer in the Our Father. The Our Father takes up, by inclusion, the first three petitions making this doxology redundant. However, the Church still uses this doxology in ecumenical prayer to this day.(5)

Q. I hear a lot of people mention Vatican II, but I don't really know what it is.

A. Vatican Council II, the 21st ecumenical council of the Church opened October, 1962 by Pope John XXXIII and concluded in 1965. Its purpose was three fold: renew the Church, modernize it, and attempt to bring Christian Churches and denominations into unity through dialogue. The breath, width ,and scope of this topic is much to extensive to answer here. However, check the following sections of the Catechism of the Catholic Church: 111, 597, 748, 816, 1232, 1388, 1513, 1557, 1656, 2068 for some information concerning what Vatican II taught.

Q. Does the Catholic Church believe in Purgatory? I never hear it mentioned at funerals.

A. There is no mention of Purgatory at a funeral Mass or at the burial site because it is the Eucharist which is at the heart of the reality of Christian death. It is here that the Church asks the Father "... to purify his child of his sins and their consequences, and to admit him to the Paschal fullness of the table of the Kingdom..." (6) Only God knows who enters Heaven, Hell, or Purgatory. We, the living, are to pray for the deceased. In addition, there is no teaching opportunity at a funeral Mass to discuss Purgatory because the assembly present at the funeral may include some faithful who rarely attend Mass and friends of the deceased who are not Christian. (7)

Q. Is the Adam and Eve story true?

A. The Book of Genesis covers a incalculable amount of time, stretching from the beginning of the world to about 1500 B.C. The authors of Genesis knew very little about this long period, nor did they care. All they wanted to do was to outline a few highlights about human origins that had religious significance for Israel's view of life while intertwining some traditions about their ancestors that would help them understand how they became a people and a nation.(8) Many elements in the creation story were drawn from myths of the Ancient Near East but rewritten to fit the religious message of the author: why God chose Israel over other nations and why pagan beliefs were not faithful to God's will. The story of Genesis 1-11 is the result of several centuries of thought and reflection, the place to begin the biblical story.(9) Using this context, the story of *Adam and Eve* is not true history. The authors of Genesis wanted to explore... "the awesome wonder of creation, the joys of life, the agony of sin, the fear of death, the terrible human capacity for evil, the existence of God and the questions about his patience and justice. In bold strokes it makes us understand what God's *salvation* meant to Israel."(10) Fascinating stuff!

I am open to hearing from any one in our mission parish who would like to know and understand our Catholic faith better. Providing me with your questions will help decide what is relevant to you and probably other parishioners. Give me a call @ 896-4602. Remember-In God We Trust. Peace

1. Catholicism For Dummies, by Rev. John Trigilio Jr., PhD,ThD, Rev. Kenneth Brighenti, PhD, p.149

2. Catechism of the Catholic Church , 1395

3. Catholic Dictionary, by Rev. Peter M.J. Stravinskias, Ph.D.S.T.D. ,p. 216

4. The Essential Catholic Survival Guide, by The Staff of Catholic Answers, pps.281-282

5. CCC 2855, 2759

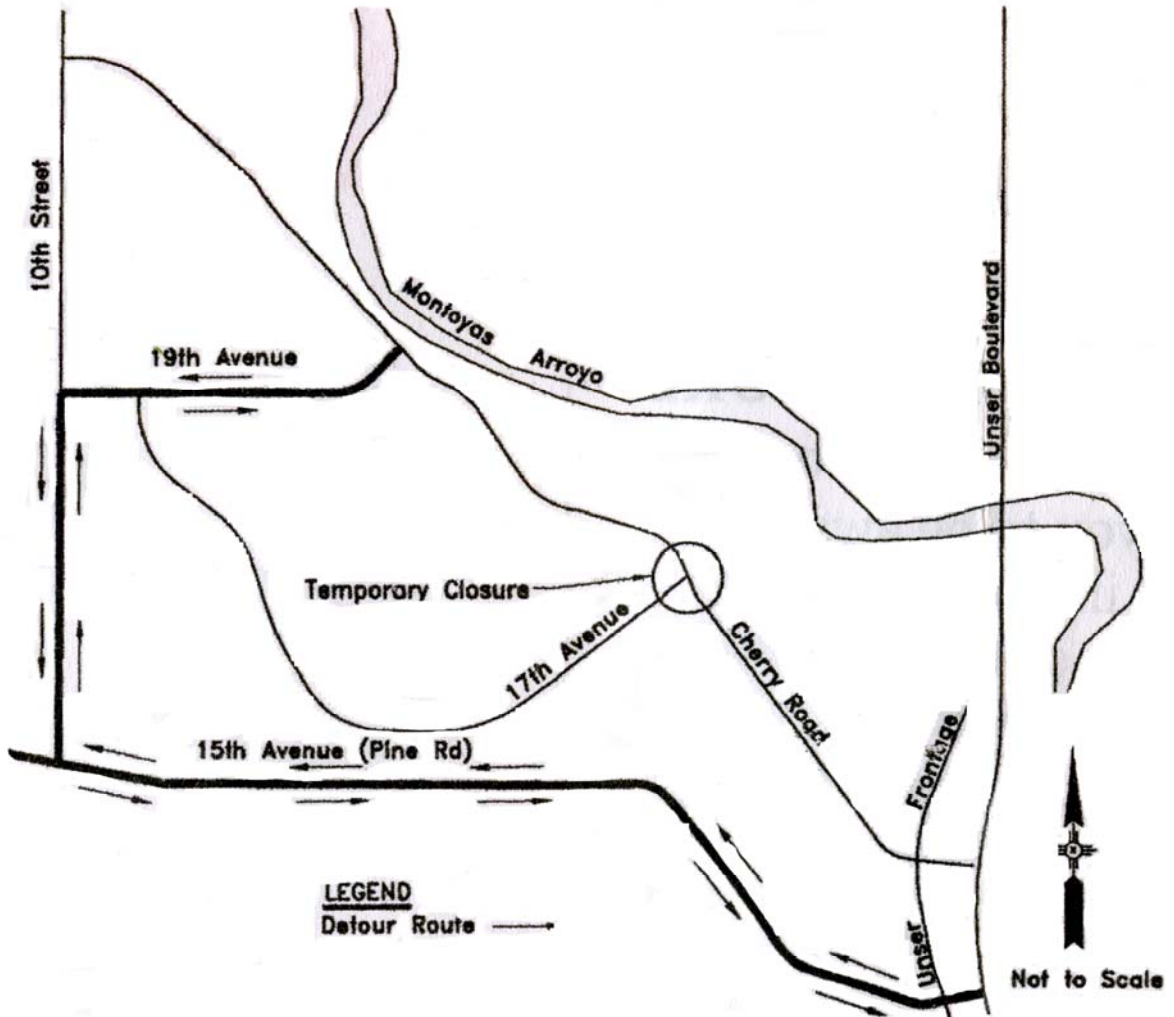
6. CCC 1689

7. CCC 1688, 1689

8. Reading The Old Testament, by Lawrence Boadt, p.109

9. Ibid , p.109

10. Ibid , p.110



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.

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
Advent*

	Sacristans	Ushers	EM of Holy Communion	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors
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 VLS Jamie VLS Jordan Juarez	Rochelle Quinones Vicky Howell
Sat Dec 5th 4:00PM	David Crawford	Therese Lopez J.D. Strickland Mike Philbin	Rosie Root	Bill McCarty	Josh Storms James Uhrich Kyle Herkenhoff	David Crawford Peggy Riley
Sun Dec 6th 8:00AM	Julie Burnside	Tom Anderson Bill Deneen John Christensen Carl Beyer	Julie Burnside	Sheila Howard	Peter Lucero Charles Lucero Shane Herrera	Jose Guillen Geneva Torres
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Tue Dec 8th 7:00PM		Brian Padilla Juan Serna Tony Quinones James Sandoval	Carrie Jenkins David Schutten John Lombardo	Rochelle Quinones	Ariana Jenkins Angela Jenkins Peter Lucero Drew Garcia	Pinky Bjornstad Pam McCarty

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 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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