

January 24, 2010

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint John Vianney

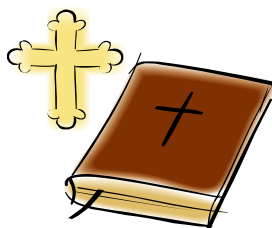
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Friends in Christ,

We remember this month--but not just this month--the millions of babies who have lost their lives because of abortion. Life, from conception to natural death is sacred. Each person is created in the image and likeness of God, is created out of love, is redeemed by Him who redeemed humanity, and is destined for eternity. The little infant in the womb, no matter how tiny, is an actual person, not, as some argue, a blob of stuff waiting to become a person. Heaven help us! End Abortion!

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Scott Mansfield



Rosary Leaders Wanted for the Saturday 4PM Mass. If interested please contact Ed Uhrich or give an Usher your name and phone number. Thank You.

Holy Rosary

20 Minutes before each mass

Holy Masses

Saturday4:00PM

Sunday.....8:00AM

Sunday..... 10:00AM

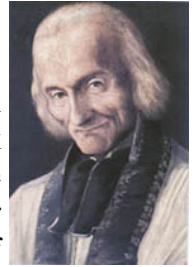
Sacrament of Confession

Saturday 3:00-3:45PM

Upcoming Events

- Food Collection for St. Felix Pantry 1st Sunday of every month
- Pot Luck February 13th after 4PM Mass
- Stations of the Cross Starting February 19th, Fridays at 6PM
- Rick Torretto Classes Starting February 19th, Fridays at 7PM

On Prayer II by Saint John Vianney



Our catechism teaches us, my children, that prayer is an elevation, an application of our mind and of our heart to God, to make known to Him our wants and to ask for His assistance. We do not see the good God, my children, but He sees us, He hears us, He wills that we should raise towards Him what is most noble in us--our mind and our heart. When we pray with attention, with humility of mind and of heart, we quit the earth, we rise to Heaven, we penetrate into the Bosom of God, we go and converse with the angels and the saints. It was by prayer that the saints reached Heaven: and by prayer we too shall reach it. Yes, my children, prayer is the source of all graces, the mother of all virtues, the efficacious and universal way by which God wills that we should come to Him. He says to us: "Ask, and you shall receive. " None but God could make such promises and keep them. See, the good God does not say to us, "Ask such and such a thing, and I will grant it;" but He says in general: "If you ask the Father anything in My name, He will give it you. " O my children! ought not this promise to fill us with confidence, and to make us pray fervently all the days of our poor life? Ought we not to be ashamed of our idleness, of our indifference to prayer, when our Divine Saviour, the Dispenser of all graces, has given us such touching examples of it? For | you know that the Gospel tells us He prayed often, I and even passed the night in prayer? Are we as just, as holy, as this Divine Saviour? Have we no graces to ask for? Let us enter into ourselves; let us consider. Do not the continual needs of our | soul and of our body warn us to have recourse to Him who alone can supply them? How many enemies to vanquish--the devil, the world, and ourselves. How many bad habits to overcome, how many passions to subdue, how many sins to efface! In so frightful and painful a situation, what remains to us, my children? The armour of the | saints: prayer, that necessary virtue, indispensable to good as well as to bad Christians. . . .

Within the reach of the ignorant as well as the learned, enjoined to the simple and to the enlightened, it is the virtue of all mankind; it is the science of all the faithful! Everyone on the earth who has a heart, everyone who has the use of reason ought to love and pray to God; to have recourse to Him when He is irritated; to thank Him when He confers favours; to humble themselves when He strikes.

See, my children, we are poor people who have been taught to beg spiritually, and we do not beg. We are sick people, to whom a cure has been Promised, and we do not ask for it. The good God does not require of us fine prayers, but prayers which come from the bottom of our heart.

Saint Ignatius was once travelling with several of his companions; they each carried on their shoulders a little bag, containing what was most necessary for them on the journey. A good Christian, seeing that they were fatigued, was interiorly excited to relieve them; he asked them as a favour to let him help them to carry their burdens. They yielded to his entreaties. When they had arrived at the inn, this man who had followed them, seeing that the Fathers knelt down at a little

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distance from each other to pray, knelt down also. When the Fathers rose again, they were astonished to see that this man had remained prostrate all the time they were praying: they expressed to him their surprise, and asked him what he had been doing. His answer edified them very much, for he said: "I did nothing but say, Those who pray so devoutly are saints: I am their beast of burden: O Lord! I have the intention of doing what they do: I say to Thee whatever they say. " These were afterwards his ordinary words, and he arrived by means of this at a sublime degree of prayer. Thus, my children, you see that there is no one who cannot pray--and pray at all times, and in all places; by night or by day; amid the most severe labours, or in repose; in the country, at home, in travelling. The good God is everywhere ready to hear your prayers, provided you address them to Him with faith and humility.

Haven House

We put out some keychain cards for The Haven House and Albertson in the back. When you shop at Albertson have the card scanned. Albertson will then donate a percentage of your purchase to Haven House. Haven House is the only domestic violence service provider and emergency shelter for women and children in Sandoval County. This is certainly a worthy cause.

POT LUCK

February 13th After 4PM Mass.
Come celebrate before the coming Lenten season with your fellow parishioners.



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a **Breakfast** on **Sunday, January 24th** after the **7:00 AM** and **9:00 AM** masses. The delicious breakfast will be served in **St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Father D'Arco Hall**. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon or sausage, juice, coffee and other goodies,

COST ONLY \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Please join us.

The Knights of Columbus, in conjunction with United Blood Services, will be holding a **Blood Drive** on **Sunday, January 24th** at **St. Thomas Aquinas Church**. When you have successfully donated, in appreciation of your being a hero to others in need, you will **receive a thank you ticket good for the Knights of Columbus breakfast** after the 7:00 AM and 9:00 AM masses.

"Art reproductions of "THE CRUCIFIXION" are available! Some 8 x 10 – inch color reproductions of Michael Carpenter's beautiful painting still can be purchased at the Knights of Columbus breakfast in St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Father D'Arco Hall on Sunday, January 24th. Stop by or reserve your print in a protective sleeve by calling Bill McCarty at 681-0570. Still Only \$10.00.

Ramblings by Carl E Beyer

I have now written two articles that I just cannot post in this bulletin. The article I was going to post this week is just too hard to read. John Lombardo who proofs my articles usually have some nice comments on the articles but this week his comment was “excellent finalizing here”. I think this was code for “Thank God I am done proofing this”.

I like to publically thank John Lombardo for proofreading all my articles. John takes my poorly written and even poorer grammar articles and increases my IQ for you all of you to see. John is not proofing this article so you will just have to struggle through it with my poor writing and grammar. To those who know me with my scraggly beard, long hair and poorly fitted clothes this is like John giving me a hair cut, shave and putting me in a fitted suit. Underneath it is still me but my outward appearance is much better and easier on the eyes. John cleans me up. Thank you John for giving your time and encouragement with the articles.

So I am going to ramble. This has to be better than the fluff that I had tried to write in the previous two articles that did not make it in. I may resurrect those two articles when I feel more inspired. I think I may need to get out more to get some inspiration. As I write this article my solar power watch is sitting in my window sill hoping it will recharge. I go out so seldom that my watch is not being charged. This is not totally true because I am walking but I never take my watch for walks. Maybe that is the problem, my watch is feeling neglected.

From my recollection the last snow fall over two inches was back in 2006 and yet this has been a very cold winter. I know this because my gas bills have been wallet breaking. So much for Global Warming. Actually the other day I heard it is now suppose to be refer to as “Climate Change”. Well anyone over thirty knows we have climate change. Sometimes we have dry summers, sometimes wet summers. Some winters are cold and some are warmer. In recorded history there have been summers when crops did not grow because it was too cold all summer. But now it is our fault and soon they hope to tax us for it. This reminds me of the cartoon of the guy hanging out on the corner with the sign saying “Repent, The World is Ending Tomorrow”. Our demise and the world’s demise is not to be known by us. I like to see some snow at least once a winter that accumulates a couple of inches. The other night I watched the big flakes falling but within fifteen minutes it turned to rain. Thursday the snow had whiten the ground for at least one hour. I gave up and went a walking.

Speaking of walking, it has been hard to get the miles in. The spirit is willing but body is weak and the mind is weaker. I notice the other day that the trail I am making across the desert is starting to have shape. This is true because I saw a rabbit running down the trail with the dogs dreaming of catching it. Makes you wonder if the dogs ever get frustrated or they just see the rabbits as entertainment. One dog will head off and the other three will follow like they are in a race to nowhere. I have often wondered what the eight pound dog would do if he caught a rabbit since most are twice as big as him. I imagine him hanging on while the rabbit drags him away. But hey a dog can dream, right!

I hope you all are all excited about the upcoming Saturday Pot Luck. This is Saturday, February 13th, before Lent. Over the years, we at St. John Vianney have had a number of Pot Luck Lunches but this will be the first Pot Lunch Dinner. This is your chance for all those

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who normally attend the Sunday masses to meet those who normally attend the Saturday mass. Our past two Pot Lucks were tremendous successes with a large number of people attending. There is always plenty of great food along with great company.

Later fellow Parishioners. God Bless You All. Go forth and ramble with someone.

A man decided to go on a safari. He took his faithful pet dog along for company. One day the dog starts chasing butterflies and before long he discovers that he is lost. So, wandering about he notices a leopard heading rapidly in his direction with the obvious intention of having lunch.

The dog thinks, "Oh Boy, I'm in danger now." Then he noticed some bones on the ground close by, and immediately settles down to chew on the bones with his back to the approaching cat.

Just as the leopard is about to leap, the dog exclaims loudly, "Man, that was one delicious leopard. I wonder if there are any more around here?" Hearing this the leopard halts his attack in mid stride, as a look of terror comes over him, and slinks away into the trees. "Whew", says the leopard. "That was close. That dog nearly had me."

Meanwhile, a monkey who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree, figures he can put this knowledge to good use and trade it for protection from the leopard. So, off he goes. But the dog saw him heading after the leopard with great speed, and figured that something must be up.

The monkey soon catches up with the leopard, spills the beans and strikes a deal for himself with the leopard. The cat is furious at being made a fool of and says, "Here monkey, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine."

Now the dog sees the leopard coming with the monkey on his back, and thinks, "What am I going to do now?" But instead of running, the dog sits down with his back to his attackers pretending he hasn't seen them yet. And just when they get close enough to hear, the dog says, "Where's that monkey. I just can never trust him. I sent him off half an hour ago to bring me another leopard, and he's still not back!!"

Polish Dinner Dance Benefit

St. Felix Pantry is hosting its 16th annual Polish Dinner-Dance on Saturday, January 30, beginning at 5:30 p.m., at Fr. D'Arco Hall at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Live Music and dancing will accompany the traditional Polish food. Tickets must be purchased in advance and will not be available at the door. Tickets are on sale now at St. Felix Pantry, 4020 Barbara Loop (off 528), or at the Felician Sisters Convent, 4210 Meadowlark Lane SE. The price is \$12.00 for adults and children over 12; \$5.00 for children under 12.

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.

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Many small business owners have great talent when managing the core of their business, but haven't developed the skills to manage its finances. This often spills over and leads to problems on the personal financial front. Seek counsel (Pr. 15:22) so you can be an effective steward of Providence over both your small business *and* personal affairs.

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.

Prayer Corner

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

- ◆ For healing and a great recovery for Sharon Thompson after surgery, and for her husband, Bob. (1/17)
- ◆ For Nick Lombardo health and peace to his family with his illness. (1/10)
- ◆ For healing for Joan Bock, and strength and God's care for her and for her family. (1/3)
- ◆ 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 Jan 23rd 4:00PM	David Crawford	Mike Philbin Phillip Griego Therese Lopez	April Karen McClellan	Anna Sellman	Jamie VLS Jessica VLS Josh Storms	Bill McCarty Pam McCarty
Sun Jan 24th 8:00AM	Julie Burnside	James E Dory Jim Cutler John Christensen Juan Serna	Ana Marie Hartenhoff	Jose Guillen	Jacob Valdez Rocky Peyton Sergio Guillen	Jose Guillen David Schutten
Sun Jan 24th 10:00AM	Donna Madrid	Tony Quinones Aaron Quinones Ariana Eck Gary Vigil	Pinky Bjornstad Rosie Root Coz Madrid	Pinky Bjornstad	Krista Savela Delaney Kast Josh Kast Amanda Vigil	Ana Padilla Peggy Riley
Sat Jan 30th 4:00PM	David Crawford	Bill Deneen Ed Uhrich James Sandoval	Jose Guillen	Ed Uhrich	Scott Harris Chase McMillan Kyle Herkenhoff Robert Harris	David Crawford Vicky Howell
Sun Jan 31st 8:00AM	Julie Burnside	David Schutten Jim Cutler Tom Anderson James E Dory	Julie Burnside	Frances Perko	Charles Lucero Peter Lucero Shane Herrera	Petrita Lopez Geneva Torres
Sun Jan 31st 10:00AM	Donna Madrid	Tony Quinones Aaron Quinones Nick Coca III Brian Padilla	Teresa Medrano John Lombardo Geri Hoover	Rochelle Quinones	Krista Savela Angela Jenkins Gary Vigil Ariana Jenkins	Connie Dudon Michael Tafuro

Observations on Growing Older

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were unheard of and a mouse was something that made you climb on a table.



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