

January 31, 2010

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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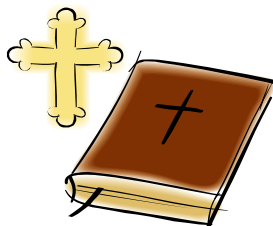
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Friends in Christ Jesus,

I am writing today to encourage each of us to get to Mass on time. The previous Sunday, I noticed about one hundred people arriving after the start of Mass. Remember that the Mass is the Banquet of the Lord. If we were invited to the White House for dinner with the President and the First Lady, we would certainly not be late. The Mass is more than a dinner with the President and the First Lady, the Mass is the eternal banquet with our Lord and Savior, the Creator of the all that is and is to come. And when is the proper time to leave the church? The proper time to leave is after the conclusion of Mass, after the padre exits the church. I understand that sometimes being late or having to leave early is unavoidable, but please make a real effort to arrive to Mass on time and not leave early.

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

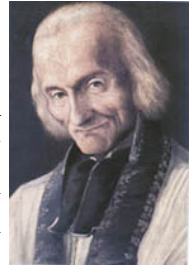
Food Collection for St. Felix Pantry 1st Sunday of every month

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

Catechism on Pride by Saint John Vianney



Pride is that accursed sin which drove the angels out of paradise, and hurled them into Hell. This sin began with the world. See, my children, we sin by pride in many ways. A person may be proud in his clothes, in his language, in his gestures, even in his manner of walking. Some persons, when they are in the streets, walk along proudly, and seem to say to the people they meet, "Look how tall, how upright I am, how well I walk!" Others, when they have done any good action, are never tired of talking of it; and if they fail in anything, they are miserable because they think people will have a bad opinion of them . . . others are sorry to be seen with the poor, if they meet with anybody of consequence; they are always seeking the company of the rich. . . if by chance, they are noticed by the great people of the world, they boast and are vain of it. Others take pride in speaking. If they go to see rich people, they consider what they are going to say, they study fine language; and if they make a mistake of a word, they are very much vexed, because they are afraid of being laughed at. But, my children, with a humble person it is not so. . . whether he is laughed at or esteemed, or praised, or blamed, whether he is honoured or despised, whether people pay attention to him or pass him by, it is all the same to him.

My children, there are again people who give great alms, that they may be well thought of - that will not do. These people will reap no fruit from their good works. On the contrary, their alms will turn into sins. We put pride into everything like salt. We like to see that our good works are known. If our virtues are seen, we are pleased; if our faults are perceived, we are sad. I remark that in a great many people; if one says anything to them, it disturbs them, it annoys them. The saints were not like that -- they were vexed if their virtues were known, and pleased that their imperfections should be seen. A proud person thinks everything he does is well done; he wants to domineer over all those who have to do with him; he is always right, he always thinks his own opinion better than that of others. That will not do! A humble and well-taught person, if he is asked his opinion, gives it at once, and then lets others speak. Whether they are right, or whether they are wrong, he says nothing more.

When Saint Aloysius Gonzaga was a student, he never sought to excuse himself when he was reproached with anything; he said what he thought, and troubled himself no further about what others might think; if he was wrong, he was wrong; if he was right, he said to himself, "I have certainly been wrong some other time. " My children, the saints were so completely dead to themselves, that they cared very little whether others agreed with them. People in the world say, "Oh, the saints were simpletons!" Yes, they were simpletons in worldly things; but in the things of God they were very wise. They understood nothing about worldly matters, to be sure, because they thought them of so little importance, that they paid no attention to them.

Ground Hog Day

I regret to inform you that once again our Church Calendar is sadly lacking the great holiday of Ground Hog Day. On the other hand when is the land time you seen a Ground Hog in New Mexico? I think we should start the Prairie Dog Day. On February 2nd if the Prairie Dog has to dig through the snow to get out of his den then obviously he is lost and needs to return to New Mexico. Be sure on February 2nd to start the day off with either the greeting of Happy Ground Hog Day or Happy Prairie Dog Day. God Bless New Mexico's Great Weather.



**Come, Pray and Sacrifice for The Unborn.
The Helpers of God's Precious Infants
Monthly Mass and Procession
Celebrant Fr. Stephen Imbarrato
Saturday, February 13, 2010
San Ignacio Church
1300 Walter St. NE, Albuquerque**

Mass Begins: 8:00 A.M. followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a procession to a nearby abortion mill. We will then, return to church for Benediction. Invite your family and friends to join you at this peaceful and prayerful event. For more information contact Yolanda at Helpers@Defendinglife.Org or 266-4100.

POT LUCK

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



Mathew 7:1-6 **Stop judging, that you may not be judged. For as you judge, so will you be judged, and the measure with which you measure will be measured out to you. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove that splinter from your eye,' while the wooden beam is in your eye? You hypocrite, remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter from your brother's eye.**

Clearly Jesus was speaking about Hypocrisy not judging. Everyone will be judged as they judge.

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WHEN is Mass? I heard people say that if you make Mass before Father does the Gospel reading you made it in time. Makes me wonder why we have the two readings. Must be for the "early" people. Then for sure Mass is over after communion. If you receive communion then you made your obligation and can leave, correct? Get real fellow parishioners!!! Let us make it really simple. YOU should be in the Chapel longer that FATHER. YOU should be entering the Chapel BEFORE FATHER enters and YOU should be LEAVING the Chapel after FATHER leaves. I look forward to seeing everyone at Church early. If you are able to make it to Mass twenty minutes early then come and join us as a community in the most Holy Rosary. God Bless.

Last Days and End Times: Will Catholics Be Left Behind? Part 3

Last write up we discussed the meaning of “The Millennium, and The Rapture” from a Catholic point of view. As noted, almost all Protestants, Fundamentalists, and Evangelicals use Revelation 20 as the basis of their literal belief in the Millennium. They literally believe the Millennium will last exactly 1000 years and occur on the earth sometime in the future. These folks attempt to make an historical connection between the Rapture (when Christians are taken up to heaven after death) and the Millennium (when Christ takes those living at the end of the world who are still *alive* into heaven also). 1 Thess. 4:17 is claimed as the basis for this belief. “... then we who are also alive, who are left, shall be caught up together with them (the dead in Christ) in the clouds to meet the lord in the air; and so we will always be with the Lord.” (1)

Response: Those living at the Lord’s Second Coming will have no advantage over the dead just. The Church has traditionally taught that God’s reign began with Jesus’ death and resurrection. The “thousand years” is merely a figurative number to describe the reign of His Church on earth. (2) The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reinforces this fact at nos. 664, 668-682.

Prior to the mid 1800’s the only interpretation of the Millennium and Rapture, though not called this, has been Catholic. It wasn’t until approximately the 1830’s that the first of two other Protestant interpretations was born. The belief called postmillennialism, was big in the 19th Century. It taught “ that the world is being Christianized over time and that Christ’s return will follow a long period of righteousness and peace on the earth called” the Millennium”. These post-millennialists do not take the number “1000” literally, but they do interpret “the reign Christ” to mean that the earth will have a paradise-like period before Christ’s Second Coming and the Last Judgment.(3) This view was popular in the 19th Century at a time when most people had an optimistic view of the world. Most folks believed the world was generally at peace and things were getting better.

The 20th century Protestants looked at the world differently from their postmillennium brothers especially after two world wars and the many atrocities that occurred throughout the world. Premillennialists, as they are called, “believe that the 1000 years is an earthly golden age during which the world will be thoroughly Christianized.”(4) Unlike the Postmillennialists, these people believe this will take place after the Second Coming not before, and that Jesus will reign physically on earth during the 1000 year millennium. They literally believe that the Final Judgment will occur only after the millennium (1000 years) is over.(5)

Premillennialism is currently popular among Evangelical and fundamentalist Protestants. This belief of Jesus being a world wide King for 1000 years on earth before the Final Judgment, is not supported by Scripture. Matthew is very clear on this point: “For the Son of man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay every man for what he has done” (6) ;“and when the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all nation, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.....and they (the goats) will go

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away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”(7)

Simply put, the Bible does not depict a 1000 year period between the Second Coming and the Final Judgment. Catholics united for the Faith is exceptionally clear on this point. The Catholic Church teaches that Jesus will return only once “to judge the living and the dead” (cf. Apostles Creed), not two or three times. Therefore, the general resurrection of dead and Last Judgment, wherein Jesus gathers unto Himself all His faithful, follows simultaneously just as the Bible notes: Matt. 13:36-39; John 12:48

Matt. 13:36-39 is Jesus’ parable of the weeds. Jesus is the sower of the good seed, the devil is the sower of the weeds. Satan sows his snares which prove productive in some people: inevitably, children of God live alongside the children of the evil one; good and evil happen all the time. But at the end of time, Christ, the victorious Son of God, will judge all and give each person what he or she deserves. (8)

John 12:48 along with Matt. 13:36-39 point to the Last Judgment which occurs on the “last day” at the end of the age; the resurrection of the righteous (aka the Rapture to most Fundamentalists) occurs on the “last day” at the end of the age. In short, they both happen on the same day of Jesus’ return ie “the day of the Lord.(9)

Should anyone wish to see a basic Fundamentalist eye-opening understanding of the Rapture, please see www.raptureready.com/crockett/populate.html. I would appreciate your feedback concerning this site. Until next week: **PEACE**

- (1) The Navarre Bible-New Testament, footnotes, p.528
- (2) Cf. Catholics United for the Faith@cuf.org/faithfacts/details_view.asp
- (3) Ibid.
- (4) The Essential Catholic Survival Guide, by Staff of Catholic Answers, p. 260
- (5) Ibid.
- (6) Matt. 16:27, noted in ECSG, p.260
- (7) Matt. 25:31-32,46, noted in ECSG, pp. 260-261
- (8) The Navarre Bible-New Testament, footnotes, pp. 40-41
- (9) [cuf.org/faith facts/details_view.asp](http://cuf.org/faith_facts/details_view.asp)

Q: What happened when the groundhog met the dogcatcher?
A: He became a pound hog!

Birthright of Rio Rancho is celebrating life with their 5th annual Hearts Afire for Life Spaghetti Dinner, Dance & Silent Auction on Saturday, February 20th from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at St. Thomas Aquinas DeArco Hall in Rio Rancho. The ticket price is \$5 for children under 12, \$10 for anyone over 12, or \$50 a family. Tickets are on sale NOW. Get yours today! Hearts Afire for Life is our main fundraiser that celebrates life and raises money to provide the free services of pregnancy testing, material assistance, education, prevention and client counseling. Bring a baby item to the event and receive a chance in our Baby Benefit drawing. Tickets are available at Birthright of Rio Rancho, 2704 Southern Blvd Ste 7 or Holy Family Religious Supplies, 9421 Coors Blvd NW, ABQ. For more information call Debbie at 331-3132 or stop by.



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.

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An important part of estate planning is consideration of end-of-life decisions from a Catholic perspective. *A Catholic Guide to End-of-Life Decisions* from The National Catholic Bioethics Center offers a concise explanation of Church teaching on advanced directives, health care proxies, euthanasia, and physician-assisted suicide. It is available online at www.ncbcenter.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.

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.

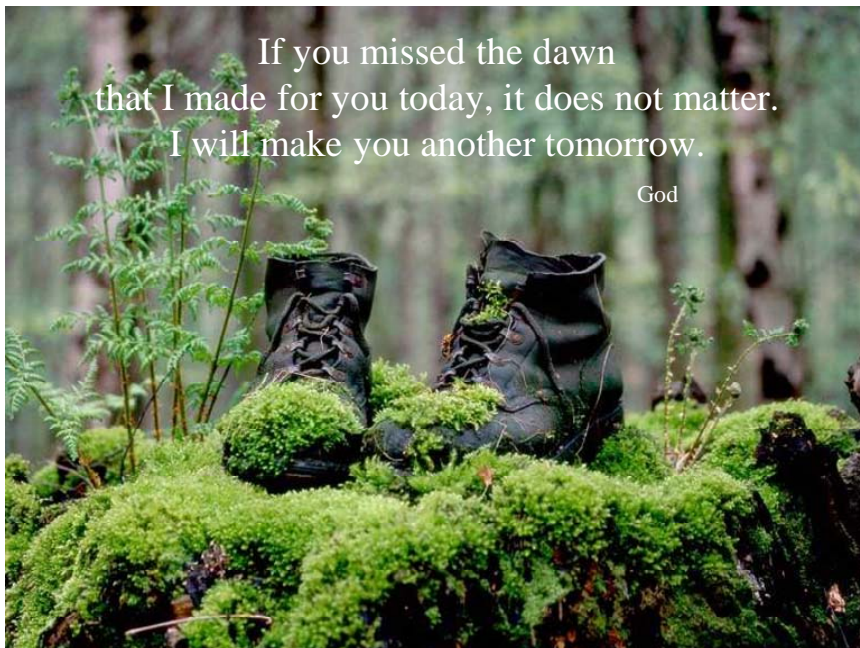
Thank you for your prayers.

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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
Sat Feb 6th 4:00PM	David Crawford	Bill Deneen Therese Lopez James Sandoval	Jeremy McClellan	Bill McCarty	Alura McClellan Josh Storms Chase McMillan	April McClellan Lillian Ortiz
Sun Feb 7th 8:00AM	Christine Garcia	Tom Anderson David Schutten John Christensen Carl Beyer	Jose Guillen	Sheila Howard	Shane Herrera Albert Ibarra Dominic Ortiz	Annette Montoya Julie Burnside
Sun Feb 7th 10:00AM	Geri Hoover	Tony Quinones Aaron Quinones Brian Padilla Gary Vigil	John Jenkins Carrie Jenkins Rosie Root	Rochelle Quinones	Angela Jenkins Ariana Jenkins Gary Vigil Amanda Vigil	Rochelle Quinones Peggy Riley

Observations on Growing Older

~You use more 4 letter words ...

"what?" ... "when?" ???



If you missed the dawn
that I made for you today, it does not matter.
I will make you another tomorrow.

God

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