

February 7, 2010

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint John Vianney

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Last Week Message IS Worth Repeating so read on and take to Heart
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

Holy Rosary

20 Minutes before each mass

Holy Masses

Saturday..... 4:00PM

Sunday 8:00AM

Sunday 10:00AM

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday..... 3:00-3:45PM

Join us in a LENTEN SERIES ON THREE SACRED IMAGES by Rick Torretto. February 19th, Our Lady of Guadalupe; February 26th The Image of Divine Mercy, March 5th, The Shroud of Turin, and March 12th, All Three are a Message of Hope and Healing. Each Friday at 7:00 p.m. after the Stations of the Cross.

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

POT LUCK

February 13th After
4PM Mass.

Come celebrate
before the coming
Lenten season with
your fellow
parishioners.

**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
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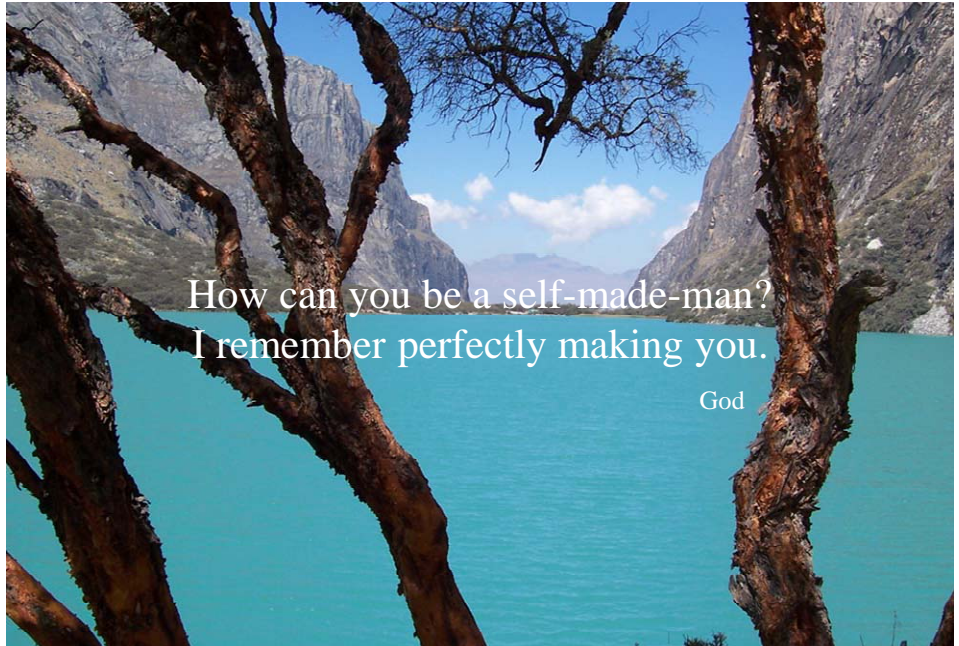
**If you get melted chocolate all over
your hands, you are eating it too slowly.**

Observations on Growing Older
*~Now that you can afford
expensive jewelry, it's not safe
to wear it anywhere.*

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.

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cold...
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were holding
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How can you be a self-made-man?
I remember perfectly making you.

God

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.

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.



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.**

Notice that Jesus says **“REMOVE THE SPLINTER FROM YOUR BROTHER’S EYE”**

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The parishioners at St John Vianney Mission Church has been very good at not leaving early but we have been slipping lately. Father leaves, then you leave. It is that simple. Really, where do you have to be that you have to rush out of church? Are you afraid that you may go over your one hour in Church? If and when Father ends mass with a starter gun, then the race will be on. Otherwise slow down and enjoy the company of your fellow parishioners. The race is off. The Last will be First. When Mass ends that does not signal the end of your Christian’s commitment. Be a Christian and leave mass courtesy of Father and of your fellow Christians.

Great Men by Carl E Beyer

As a father I hope that the first great man in your life was your father. Unfortunately this was not true for me. My step-father was in my life from age three till age twenty one when he passed away. Maybe he was a role model in what not to do.

There were great men who were very positive in my life. Allow me to share their characters with you. First when I think of great men, I hardly ever think of great men in history whose greatest achievements are to get themselves into the news and into history books. When I think of great men, I think of those who quietly went about their lives being honorable and charitable to their fellowman: men who not so much through words but through their characters make you want to emulate them. These men believed in God, Family and Country without wearing it on their sleeve. So without further delay, let me write about some of these men who with their individual qualities so positively affected me.

The first one was our high school wrestling coach. Mr. Genthert became our coach my junior year in high school. He was an extraordinary coach in a small town which only graduated sixty seniors in my class. Mr. Genthert had placed nationally in college wrestling and, not being a country bumpkin, was a breath of fresh air. I remember in one of our first practices he gave a typical motivational speech but it was like nothing we had heard before. In the speech he informed us that we were going to train so hard that when we had our first match and he said jump we would jump with no thought given of how or why. Our actions were going to become reflexes more than thoughts. We lived in a small town so I was on the varsity team beginning in my freshman year. I lost every match that year. My sophomore year provided me an even record. I still had that loser mentality when I started my junior year. In my first match I was getting pinned and about to give up when I looked at coach and he said "bridge". Bridge is pushing your body up by your neck. There was no thought about whether I could or should or how. I bridged and knocked the guy off and came back to win. I learned from coach that with hard work and determination one could accomplish tremendous things. I won the Frontier League my Junior and Senior years and I owed that to Mr. Genthert. Looking back, he was likely in his mid twenties and was sometime more friend than authoritative figure but we learned a lot through his grit and determination. I often wonder what I could have accomplished with four years of his leadership. As Co-Captain of the team he worked closely with me and helped develop my leadership skills. Mr. Genthert's leadership was authoritative with a mix of humor. I remember the time our heavy weight wrestler informed us he had not eaten in twenty four hours. But clearly his white powder lips from the doughnut he had just eaten gave him away. It could have been a confrontation but it was just too funny and the heavy weight was a jolly guy you just had to love.

The next person I would like to write about is Tom Sweredoski. My senior year found me working on a farm that was closing down. When I was getting prepared to go down to the next farm looking for farm work a car drove up with a guy on the hood whopping and hollering. My boss spoke to them and after they left I asked who they were. He said it was the farmer down the road and his help. I commented that his help was pretty wild and was informed that it was Tom on the hood. Well that really perked my curiosity and I went down and was hired. Tom was first generation Polish. His parents came from Poland to the US. They were what we referred to

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as the Pollock's from the Hill. This was a term of endearment because these guys were so tough that they farmed the Catskills where no one else could make a living. Tom's personal story was that he was seriously hurt as a kid and spent almost a year in the hospital to recover. You never know it by looking at him because he was tough. He joined the Army and did two tours in Vietnam. I like to say he did it because he was patriotic but that was not the reason. You see Tom was a farmer and his dream was to buy a farm. He was afraid if he started farming and then was drafted it would mess up his plans. So he did two tours so he would not get drafted. Upon returning he bought a farm which no one else would purchase. They were still farming with horses and this was the seventies. The soil was poor and the farm rundown. Tom made a living at it and in doing so showed his character. When he went to buy the farm down the road it was not a computer financial background check as we see today. No, it was a question of character. The previous farmer knew Tom was one tough Pollock and nothing would stop him from making the farm a success. He was able to buy the farm on character alone. Man, we worked hard and played hard. The very best people I ever knew were these Polish people. They treated you like one of the family and were loyal beyond belief. I worked on that farm till my junior year in college. I worked weekends and summers when I was home from college. I remember one winter break at home when I saw Tom and I thought he was sick. He was nothing but skins and bones. I asked him what was wrong. He just smiled and ask me to join him in the woods cutting cedar fence post. The snow was up to our waist and Tom, his brother, and I went about cutting those posts. Plowing through the snow dragging or carrying post I realize Tom was simply working himself to skins and bones. We would milk the cows in the morning, head to the woods to cut posts all day and return to milk the cows in the evening. We had fun doing it. We plowed fields and picked stone until our hands bled but we did it together and he would not ask you to do anything that he himself would not do. He taught me the meaning of never giving up, pushing yourself, to be a true friend while still having fun. Tom died in his early forties of a blood clot to his brain. Tom was a great man, great friend and he taught me what it meant to be tough and loyal.

Last but certainly not least was my wife's father Ray Lucero. Ray welcomed me into his family with the great love he had. Ray raised nine children without complaint. He was a humble man whose inner strength was incredible. In 1992 Ray walked with Gloria and I to Tome for Good Friday. May sound easy but that was a twenty three mile walk and Ray was 65. He never asked to rest even while walking in his dress shoes. I still do not know how he did it. He never went on walks but just did it by character. Ray served illegally in WWII at the age of 15 ½. Can you image sending your fifteen year old to war? He was a quiet and generous man and was taken too early at age sixty-nine. He was a great example of taking care of family. The day he died he called his family to his bedside and blessed everyone. He was a great man to the last day.

Go forth and tell that great man, you know, how much you appreciated him. Go forth and be that great man or woman so you can be a positive influence. Go forth and realize God made you strong and by being a child of God you are strong. God Bless You All.

Tough times never last, but tough people do. ...Robert H. Schuller

Catechism on Pride II by Saint John Vianney



Pride is an untrue opinion of ourselves, an untrue idea of what we are not.

The proud man is always disparaging himself, that people may praise him the more. The more the proud man lowers himself, the more he seeks to raise his miserable nothingness. He relates what he has done, and what he has not done; he feeds his imagination with what has been said in praise of him, and seeks by all possible means for more; he is never satisfied with praise. See, my children, if you only show some little displeasure against a man given up to self-love, he gets angry, and accuses you of ignorance or injustice towards him. . . . My children, we are in reality only what we are in the eyes of God, and nothing more. Is it not quite clear and evident that we are nothing, that we can do nothing, that we are very miserable? Can we lose sight of our sins, and cease to humble ourselves?

If we were to consider well what we are, humility would be easy to us, and the demon of pride would no longer have any room in our heart. See, our days are like grass--like the grass which now flourishes in the meadows, and will presently be withered; like an ear of corn which is fresh only for a moment, and is parched by the sun. In fact, my children, today we are full of life, full of health; and tomorrow, death will perhaps come to reap us and mow us down, as you reap your corn and mow your meadows. . . . Whatever appears vigorous, whatever shines, whatever is beautiful, is of short duration. . . . The glory of this world, youth, honours, riches, all pass away quickly, as quickly as the flower of grass, as the flower of the field. . . . Let us reflect that so we shall one day be reduced to dust; that we shall be thrown into the fire like dry grass, if we do not fear the good God.

Good Christians know this very well, my children; therefore they do not occupy themselves with their body; they despise the affairs of this world; they consider only their soul and how to unite it to God. Can we be proud in the face of the examples of lowliness, of humiliations, that Our Lord has given us, and is still giving us every day? Jesus Christ came upon earth, became incarnate, was born poor, lived in poverty, died on a gibbet, between two thieves. . . . He instituted an admirable Sacrament, in which He communicates Himself to us under the Eucharistic veil; and in this Sacrament He undergoes the most extraordinary humiliations. Residing continually in our tabernacles, He is deserted, misunderstood by ungrateful men; and yet He continues to love us, to serve us in the Sacrament of the Altar.

O my children! what an example of humiliation does the good Jesus give us! Behold Him on the Cross to which our sins have fastened Him; behold Him: He calls us, and says to us, "Come to Me, and learn of Me, because I am meek and humble of heart." How well the saints understood this invitation, my children! Therefore, they all sought humiliations and sufferings. After their example, then, let us not be afraid of being humbled and despised. Saint John of God, at the beginning of his conversion, counterfeited madness, ran about the streets, and was followed by the populace, who threw stones at him; he always came in covered with mud and with blood. He was shut up as a madman; the most violent remedies were employed to cure him of his pretended illness; and he bore it all in the spirit of penance, and in expiation of his past sins. The good God, my children, does not require of us extraordinary things. He wills that we should be gentle, humble, and modest; then we shall always be pleasing to Him; we shall be like little children; and He will grant us the grace to come to Him and to enjoy the happiness of the saints.

	Sacristans	Ushers	EM of Holy Communion	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors
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
Sat Feb 13th 4:00PM	David Crawford	J.D. Strickland Carl Beyer Ed Uhrich	David Crawford	Anna Sellman	Jamie V Loben Sels Jessica V Loben Sels Victoria Perez	Bill McCarty Pam McCarty
Sun Feb 14th 8:00AM	Julie Burnside	Mike Philbin James E Dory Juan Serna Tom Anderson	David Schutten	Frances Perko	Sergio Guillen Vincent Valdez Peter Lucero	Jose Guillen Geneva Torres
Sun Feb 14th 10:00AM	Donna Madrid	Tony Quinones Aaron Quinones Ariana Eck Nick Coca III	Coz Madrid Eddie Crespin Janis Crespin	Rochelle Quinones	Emilio Crespin Kyle Herkenhoff Jordan Juarez Drew Garcia	Connie Dudon Ana Padilla

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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