

February 28, 2010

Second Sunday of Lent

Saint John Vianney

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Friends in Christ Jesus,

As Lent enters the second week, it is time to begin thinking about the Sacrament of Confession. As usual, at St. Thomas Aquinas, the Sacrament of Confession will be made extra available during the Lent Mission, but also during Holy Week. However, we priests always encourage you to avoid the long lines and receive the Sacrament early. Not only are confessions heard each day at St. Thomas Aquinas, confessions are heard at St. John Vianney each Saturday afternoon beginning at 3. There is no better way to celebrate Lent and Easter than with a clean soul.

Have a blessed Lent!

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	
Food Collection for St. Felix Pantry	1st Sunday of every month
Stations of the Cross	Fridays at 6PM

Kid's Pantry Backpack Program

Our neighbors, the Colinas del Norte Elementary School will be starting The Kid's Pantry Backpack Program. Many children at the schools have been stuffing their pockets with food from the cafeteria because they do not have much to eat over the weekends when school is out, or when school is closed for holidays, snow days, etc. The Pantry Program was started to help these children and families have nutritious meals on the weekends. Every Friday, the program will provide backpacks full of nutritious, kid friendly food to children who might need additional food over the weekend. Over 70% of the Colinas students receive free or reduced school lunches.

They plan to serve 10-15 children through May 2010. Their goal is to ensure that each of these kids goes home with a backpack full of well-balanced food. If they receive more supplies than the present children can use, they will serve more kids. They are asking for single serving, easily opened and prepared food donations. Each week the program needs:

- ◆ Stew/soup/canned pasta in pop top cans or microwaveable packages
- ◆ Ramen noodles
- ◆ Reduced fat, shelf stable milk (white and/or chocolate) such as Horizon individual milk cartons
- ◆ Single serving tuna or chicken (especially those that include crackers and mayo packs)
- ◆ Fruit cups
- ◆ Granola bars and breakfast bars
- ◆ Microwaveable macaroni and cheese
- ◆ Individual snack crackers or cookies
- ◆ Individual oatmeal packets
- ◆ Pudding cups
- ◆ Individual servings of cereal
- ◆ 100% juice box drinks

A GOLFER known for his bad temper walked into the pro shop and plunked down big bucks for a new set of woods. The staff all watched to see what happened after he used them for the first time, more than half expected he'd come back demanding his money back. But the next time he came in, the golfer was all smiles. "They're the best clubs I've ever had," he said. "In fact, I've discovered I can throw them at least 40 yards farther than I could my last ones."

They need individual sized items because many must carry the backpacks themselves. Large boxes may be too big for smaller children to carry. We would like to collect for the program on the 3rd Sunday of each month. As you remember, we collect for St. Felix Pantry on the first Sunday of each month. So many have such simple, yet essential needs! Thank you for your generosity...we have received so many "Thank you's" from the St. Felix Pantry and Catholic Charities for all the good our small parish has done for them.

Julie Burnside

BEST POEM IN THE WORLD

I was shocked, confused, bewildered
As I entered Heaven's door,
Not by the beauty of it all,
Nor the lights or its decor.

But it was the folks in Heaven
Who made me sputter and gasp--
The thieves, the liars, the sinners,
The alcoholics and the trash.

There stood the kid from seventh grade
Who swiped my lunch money twice.
Next to him was my old neighbor
Who never said anything nice.

Herb, who I always thought
Was rotting away in hell,
Was sitting pretty on cloud nine,
Looking incredibly well.

I nudged Jesus, 'What's the deal?
I would love to hear Your take.
How'd all these sinners get up here?
God must've made a mistake.

'And why is everyone so quiet,
So somber - give me a clue.'
'Hush, child,' He said, 'they're all in shock.
No one thought they'd be seeing you.'

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**Do not let your worries get the best of you,
remember, Moses started out as a basket case.**

Observations on Growing Older
*~Notice everything they sell in
stores is "sleeveless"?!?!*

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Sirach 5:8 says, "Do not depend on dishonest wealth, for it will not benefit you in the day of calamity." Honesty and integrity are hallmark qualities of stewards of Providence. Nothing, including great temporal wealth, is worth risking eternity with the Lord. Your financial life is an open book to the Lord. Live it accordingly.

**Come, Pray and Sacrifice for The Unborn
The Helpers of God's Precious Infants
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Saturday, March 13, 2010
San Ignacio Church
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Mass Begins: 8:00 A.M. followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a procession to a nearby abortion mill. Then, return to church for Benediction. Invite your family and friends to join you at this peaceful and prayerful event. Potluck social will follow. For more information contact Yolanda at Helpers@Defendinglife.Org or 220-8891.

Last Days and End Times: will Catholics Be Left Behind - Rebuttal

Last weeks' discussion concerned the Dispensationalist view of end times. Over the course of the next few weeks, I will discuss the many extant problems that view of the Rapture has.

* A Faulty view of our Catholic Faith

The Catholic Church is not the temporary, transitional facility Dispensationalists claim Her to be. This view is grossly unbiblical. "Sacred Scripture calls the church the Body of Christ (Ephesians 5: 23; Colossians 1: 24), the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:3), the Bride of Christ that Jesus marries at the end of time (Revelation 21:9)." (1) Did not Jesus say "... and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age." (2) The Navarre Bible New Testament's foot note translates this to be " until the end of time." (3) How would Jesus do this? St. Matthew tells us that Jesus would establish His church on the Rock of Peter: " I will give you , Peter (not someone in the future) the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven."

Nowhere in the Bible can one find the misconception that Jesus' Bride, the Church, was merely a passing phase until the restored kingdom of Israel comes into being. In fact, this gross misconception flies in the face of Biblical evidence that the Kingdom of God *is the Catholic Church*. For whatever unbiblical reason, Dispensationalists continue to promote the hypocritical view that the Catholic Church is the "corrupt religion joined with the Anti-Christ - the Whore of Babylon." (5)

* A Faulty View of Israel

Last week I noted that Dispensationalists believe that the Jews will accept Jesus as their savior and become people of the kingdom. Thus, the OT will be restored. Such thinking is ungrounded in Scripture. In short, this belief is false. I will offer two forms of proof: 1st, I will show what the Early Church taught; 2nd, what Holy Scripture specifically says.

The Early Fathers of the Church were well versed in the relationship between the OT and the NT. St. Theophilus of Antioch [died ca A.D.185/191] noted that God is the author of the Law, both Old and New-both were inspired by the one Spirit of God. (6) Further, we know that the purpose of the Old Law was to prepare for the coming of Christ. St. Ignatius of Antioch in his letters to the Philadelphians, [cir. A.D.110] noted that "Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, the Prophets, the Apostles, and the Church are joined in the unity of God. However, the Gospel has something of a preeminence in view of the coming of the Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ, His passion, and the Resurrection. The beloved Prophets had a message pointing to Him (Jesus), but the Gospel is the fulfillment..." of OT Scripture.(7) These writings preface the final step that totally refutes the Dispensationalist view of Israel.

The Catholic Church has taught for almost two thousand years that the OT is fulfilled in the NT. The OT priesthood is fulfilled in Christ's priesthood. OT sacrifices of lambs, goats, cattle, etc are fulfilled in Jesus' sacrifice on Calvary. Thus, the OT Israel is totally fulfilled in the

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NT Catholic Church- God's New Israel noted in Galatians 6:16. (8)

Proof of the above is duly noted in the words of the Early Fathers of the Church

1. *God is the Author of the Law, the Old and the New.*

St. Theophilus of Antioch writes: "...in regard to the righteousness which the law enjoined, the Prophets and the Gospels are found to be consistent with each other, because they all spoke as being inspired by the one Spirit of God. St. Irenaeus [ca A.D.140-ca A.D.207] wrote in his "Against Heresies" that both the OT Law and the NT Gospels must have one and the same Author-God. The greatest Commandment in both the OT and NT is to love the Lord God wholeheartedly; the Second Commandment is like it, to love one's neighbor as oneself. Thus, since these precepts are the same in both Testaments and point to the same God, it isn't possible to be saved without adherence to this teaching. (9) Tertullian [ca A.D. 197], St. Clement of Alexandria [ante A.D. 202] , Origen [ca A.D. 220-230] along with many other writers all attest to this thesis.

2. *The Purpose of the Old Law was to prepare for the coming of Christ.*

St. Justin the Martyr in his Second Apology [inter A.D. 148-161] describes how Christ has become the sacrificial Lamb required to be sacrificed as the Passover. The two sacrificial lambs to be sacrificed for the feast, one the scapegoat , the other the sacrifice, show the two Comings of Christ: the first is Jesus the scapegoat at His Crucifixion, and the second is Jesus' Second Coming at the end of the world.(10)

3. *The Old Law is therefore abrogated by the revelation of the New Law.*

St. Ignatius of Antioch [ca A.D. 110] is one of the most blunt writers on this topic. Mincing no words he says: "It is absurd to have Jesus Christ on the lips and at the same time to practice Judaism. Christianity did not base it's faith on Judaism, but Judaism on Christianity, in which every tongue believing in God is brought together." (11)

I have a specific reason in using the writings of the Early Fathers of the Church rather than Scripture at this juncture; I wanted to show that the writings of these second and third century Church Fathers demonstrates the continuity of Catholic doctrine and teaching. What they taught then, we continue to teach now. There is complete continuity over 19 centuries. Over the next several weeks, I will bring Scripture into play to further show the incongruity of the Fundamentalist position on this topic. **PEACE**

(1) Beginning Apologetics -8- The End Times by Father Frank Chacon and Jim Burnham, p. 12

(2) The Navarre Bible New Testament, Matt. 28:20

(3) Ibid, p. 83, footnote

(4) Beginning Apologetics - 8-, p. 12

(5) Ibid, noting Revelation 18

(6) The Faith of the Early Fathers, vol.1, by William A. Jurgens, p. 76, # 185

(7) Ibid, p. 23, #60

(8) Beginning Apologetics - 8 -, p.12

(9) The Faith of the Early Fathers, vol. 1, p. 94, # 230

(10) Ibid, pp.59,80, # 134b; #188

(11) Ibid, p. 20, #46; p.19, #45

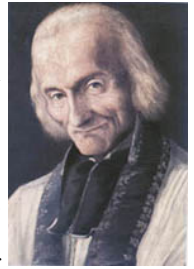
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Catechism on Salvation II by Saint John Vianney

The happiness of man on earth, my children, is to be very good; those who are very good bless the good God, they love Him, they glorify Him, and do all their works with joy and love, because they know that we are in this world for no other end than to serve and love the good God.



Look at bad Christians; they do everything with trouble and disgust; and why, my children? Because they do not love the good God, because their soul is not pure, and their hopes are no longer in Heaven, but on earth. Their heart is an impure source which poisons all their actions, and prevents them from rising to God; so they come to die without having thought of death, destitute of good works for Heaven, and loaded with crimes for Hell: this is the way they are lost forever, my children. People say it is too much trouble to save one's soul; but, my children, is it not trouble to acquire glory or fortune? Do you stay in bed when you have to go and plough, or mow, or reap? No. Well, then, why should you be more idle when you have to lay up an immense fortune which will never perish -- when you have to strive for eternal glory?

See, my children, if we really wish to be saved we must determine, once for all, to labor in earnest for our salvation; our soul is like a garden in which the weeds are ever ready to choke the good plants and flowers that have been sown in it. If the gardener who has charge of this garden neglects it, if he is not continually using the spade and the hoe, the flowers and plants will soon disappear. Thus, my children, do the virtues with which God has been pleased to adorn our soul disappear under our vices if we neglect to cultivate them. As a vigilant gardener labours from morning till night to destroy the weeds in his garden, and to ornament it with flowers, so let us labor every day to extirpate the vices of our soul and to adorn it with virtues. See, my children, a gardener never lets the weeds take root, because he knows that then he would never be able to destroy them. Neither let us allow our vices to take root, or we shall not be able to conquer them.

One day, an anchorite being in a forest with a companion, showed him four cypresses to be pulled up one after the other; the young man, who did not very well know why he told him to do this, took hold of the first tree, which was quite small, and pulled it up with one hand without trouble; the second, which was a little bigger and had some roots, made him pull harder, but yet he pulled it up with one hand; the third, being still bigger, offered so much resistance, that he was obliged to take both hands and to use all his strength; the fourth, which was grown into a tree, had such deep roots, that he exhausted himself in vain efforts. The saint then said to him, "With a little vigilance and mortification, we succeed in repressing our passions, and we triumph over them when they are only springing up; but when they have taken deep root, nothing is more difficult; the thing is even impossible without a miracle. "

Let us not reckon on a miracle of Providence, my children; let us not put off till the end of our life the care that we ought daily to take of our soul; let us labor while there is yet time -later it will no longer be within our power; let us lay our hands to the work; let us watch over ourselves; above all, let us pray to the good God -with His assistance we shall always have power over our passions. Man sins, my children; but if he has not in this first moment lost the faith, he runs, he hastens, he flies, to seek a remedy for his ill; he cannot soon enough find the tribunal of penance, where he can recover his happiness. That is the way we should conduct ourselves if we were good Christians. Yes, my children, we could not remain one moment under the empire of the devil; we should be ashamed of being his slaves. A good Christian watches continually, sword in hand, the devil can do nothing against him, for he resists him like a warrior in full armour; he does not fear him, because he has rejected from his heart all that is impure. Bad Christians are idle and lazy, and stand hanging their heads; and you see how they give way at the first assault: the devil does what he pleases with them; he presents pleasures to them, he makes them taste pleasure, and then, to drown the cries of their conscience, he whispers to them in a gentle voice, "Thou wilt sin no more. " And when the occasion presents itself, they fall again, and more easily than the first time. If they go to confession he makes them ashamed, they speak only in half-words, they lower their voice, they explain away their sins, and, what is more miserable, they perhaps conceal some. The good Christian, on the contrary, groans and weeps over his sins, and reaches the tribunal of Penance already half justified.

	Sacristans	Ushers	EM of Holy Communion	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors
Sat Feb 27th 4:00PM	David Crawford	Bill Deneen Ed Uhrich Eddie Crespin	Esther Wilcox	J.D. Strickland	Krista Savela Josh Storms Emilio Crespin	Vicky Howell Rosie Root
Sun Feb 28th 8:00AM	Julie Burnside	Mike Philbin James E Dory Jim Cutler David Schutten	Harlan Harrington	Sheila Howard	Sergio Guillen Peter Lucero Charles Lucero	Annette Montoya Julie Burnside
Sun Feb 28th 10:00AM	Christine Garcia	Tony Quinones Carl Beyer Ariana Eck Juan Serna	Teresa Medrano Ana Padilla Jose Guillen	Judith Conner	Karla Del Cid James Uhrich Rocky Peyton Delicia Garcia	Lillian Ortiz Michael Tafuro
Sat Mar 6th 4:00PM		Therese Lopez J.D. Strickland Juan Serna	Pinky Bjornstad	Pam McCarty	Josh Storms Jamie Van Loben Sels Jessica Van Loben Sels	David Crawford Rosie Root
Sun Mar 7th 8:00AM		Tom Anderson Mike Philbin Jim Cutler John Christensen	David Schutten	Sheila Howard	Albert Ibarra Sergio Guillen Shane Herrera	Jose Guillen Geneva Torres
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Prayer Corner

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

- ◆ Please pray for Marie Montoya health. (2/14)
- ◆ 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 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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