

March 14, 2010

Fourth Sunday of Lent

# Saint John Vianney

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Friends in Christ,

I have noticed an increase in the number of people attending Mass at St. John Vianney. This makes me a very happy priest. If you are not registered officially at either St. John or at St. Thomas Aquinas, you can find registration forms on the table in the lobby. If after your search you still cannot find a form, you can ask me and I will get you one.

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Scott Mansfield

**TIME CHANGE SUNDAY**  
**SPRING FORWARD ONE HOUR**  
Be sure and change your clock so you are not late for church Sunday.

**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

<b>Upcoming Events</b>	
No Religious Education .....	March 21st & April 3rd
Altar Server Meeting.....	March 28th - 9:15AM
Holy Thursday Mass .....	April 2nd - 7:00PM
Good Friday Service .....	April 3rd - 7:00PM
Easter Egg Hunt .....	April 4th - 11:15AM
Food Collection for St. Felix Pantry .....	1st Sunday of every month
Food Collection for Kid's Pantry Backpack .....	3rd Sunday of every month

**Altar Server Meeting**  
March 28th 8AM Mass  
Mandatory for all New Altar Servers  
Refreshers for experience Altar Servers



Volunteers needed on  
**Easter Sunday** at 9:15AM to put  
out Easter Eggs for the 11:15  
Easter Egg Hunt.

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

- ◆ Knowing when to come in out of the rain
- ◆ Why the early bird gets the worm
- ◆ Life isn't always fair
- ◆ And maybe it was my fault..

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (do not spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge). His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you could not defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death, by his parents, Truth and Trust, by his wife, Discretion, by his daughter, Responsibility, and by his son, Reason.

He is survived by his 4 stepbrothers; I Know My Rights, I Want It Now, Someone Else Is To Blame, I am A Victim.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone.

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We also like to hear about births, baptisms, marriages or other news about our church members.

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One of the prodigal son's weaknesses was his inability to delay gratification. He wanted what he wanted now, even though it meant squandering resources that could serve him and others well in the future. The ability to forego something today for a greater good tomorrow is an important lesson for stewards of Providence to learn.

**NO FOOD IN CHURCH**

This includes during Religious Education. Please be sure and respect God's House.  
Let us teach our children how to be proper guest in our Lord's House.

***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.

## Last Days and End Times: Will Catholics Be Left Behind - Scriptural Rebuttal

Last week, I attempted to show that the Fundamentalist view that Christ will rule over the restored nation of Israel for a thousand years, reestablishing the OT Jewish religion is a gross mistake. Using the writings of several Early Fathers of the Church, I demonstrated that the OT was abrogated by the NT. This week, I will attempt to show that Scripture supports only Catholic teaching of end times.

### \* The Dispensationalists' Faulty Reading of 1 Thessalonians 4

As I have mentioned before, 1 Thessalonians 4 is the basis of the Fundamentalists' belief in Jesus' *secret* coming to take Gentile believers to heaven and the reestablishment of Israel in the Millennium. 1 Thess. 4:13-17 is noted verbatim: "But we would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, *God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep*. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, *who are left until the coming of the Lord* shall not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend with a *cry of command*, with the *archangel's call*, and with the *sound of the trumpet* of God. And *the dead in Christ will rise first*; then we who are alive, who are left, *shall be caught up together with them in the clouds*, to meet the Lord in the air; and *we shall always be with the Lord*. Therefore comfort one another with these words.(1)

The Thessalonians were unsure whether the dead would have a disadvantage to those alive at the Second Coming. Paul explains two things: firstly, those alive at the Second Coming will not have any advantage over the dead (vv. 15-17); secondly, Paul uses the second person personal to make this point - "we who are alive, who are left" v.15, does not mean the Parousia will happen soon or that he, Paul, will live to see that day. We know the Second Coming is not immanent because Paul says elsewhere that he does not know when it will happen.(2)

Nowhere in 1 Thess. 4 does Paul teach a secret coming of Christ; his main concern is to give solace to the Thessalonians with this teaching: All Christians will meet Jesus at his Second Coming and no one *including the dead* will be left behind. The living will join the dead on that last day and together they will share Eternity with God forever.(3) Reread 1 Thess. 4: 13-17 again. Nowhere does Paul say there will be a secret coming of Christ. He speaks about Christ's *coming, not comings*. How could there be a secret rapture if our Lord's Second Coming will be announced by the *cry of an archangel* and by a *trumpet blast* ?

This passage is used by Dispensationalists to teach Jesus will come secretly to snatch Christians from earth to heaven in order to escape the seven year tribulation. Nowhere in this entire passage is there a whisper of seven years or the tribulation. (4) In fact, there is absolutely no mention of Jesus coming to earth and switching direction to bring the just to heaven before the tribulation, and them coming back after the destruction of the Anti Christ at the end of the world. **Nothing** in the Bible says anything about Jesus making a U-turn after Christians meet

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him in the air. (5)

The key word in this discourse is the Greek word apantesis- “to meet”. As an aside, the major language of St. Paul’s day was Greek. St. Paul or his stenographer wrote in Greek thus necessitating that “The interpreter must go back wholly in spirit to those remote centuries of the East and with the aid of history, archaeology, ethnology and other sciences, accurately determine what modes of writing the authors of that period would likely use, and in fact did use. (5-a-) This word *apantesis* refers to the ancient practice of a city’s elders (prominent citizens) going out of the city to welcome a king or dignitary and escorting him back to the city. Please note, the city’s elders *leave* the city, *meet* the dignitary, and then *return* with him back to the city. The city’s elders change direction not the dignitary. He continues to his destination. Holy Scripture uses the word *apantesis* in this same way throughout the Bible.(6)

Accordingly, at the end of time when all Christians rise to meet [apantesis] Jesus, in the clouds. Jesus does not make a U-turn and sneak back to heaven . We, on the other hand, will turn around and escort our King to His destination - earth. “1 Thess. 4:17 is not describing a terrifying ‘left - behind’ rapture . Rather, it is describing our glorious participation in Christ’s Second Coming. We will rise up to meet our Lord in the air and then share His triumphant arrival as He takes possession of earth and brings an end to human history.” (7)

Bear in mind this truth: every assertion made by the Sacred Scripture writer is true, according to the meaning he wishes to express it and did express it. In addition, only the Catholic Church has the special gift of inerrancy in teaching Sacred Scripture. “The task of giving an authentic interpretation of the Word of God, whether in its written form or in the form of Tradition, has been entrusted to the living, teaching office of the Church alone... exercised in the name of Jesus Christ.” Thus, the job of interpretation is entrusted to the bishops in communion with the Pope.”(8)

Thank you, those of you who persevered to the end of this monograph. This topic is very difficult to absorb , yet is necessary to understand the fullness of our Faith. I hope to conclude this topic next week, God willing. Until then, may He Bless and keep you. **PEACE**

(1) Beginning Apologetics-8- The End Times, by Father Frank Chacon and Jim Burnham, p 13

(2) The Navarre Bible New Testament, footnotes to 1 Thess. 4: 15-18, 5: 1-2

(3) Beginning Apologetics-8- The End Times, by Father Frank Chacon and Jim Burnham, p 13

(4) *Ibid*, p 13

(5) *Ibid*, p 13-14

(5a) Reading The Old Testament, by Lawrence Boadt, p 13

(6) Beginning Apologetics-8- The End Times, by father Frank Chacon and Jim Burnham, p 13-14

(7) *Ibid*, p 16

(8) CCC 84

**All the BLOOPERS actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:**

- ◆ The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
- ◆ The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.'
- ◆ The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'
- ◆ Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- ◆ Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community.
- ◆ Smile at someone who is hard to love.
- ◆ Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.

## Catechism on Sin II by Saint John Vianney

Sin is a thought, a word, an action, contrary to the law of God.

By sin, my children, we rebel against the good God, we despise His justice, we tread under foot His blessings. From being children of God, we become the executioner and assassin of our soul, the offspring of Hell, the horror of Heaven, the murderer of Jesus Christ, the capital enemy of the good God. O my children! if we thought of this, if we reflected on the injury which sin offers to the good God, we should hold it in abhorrence, we should be unable to commit it; but we never think of it, we like to live at our ease, we slumber in sin. If the good God sends us remorse, we quickly stifle it, by thinking that we have done no harm to anybody, that God is good, and that He did not place us on the earth to make us suffer.



Indeed, my children, the good God did not place us on the earth to suffer and endure, but to work out our salvation. See, He wills that we should work today and tomorrow; and after that, an eternity of joy, of happiness, awaits us in Heaven. . . . O my children! how ungrateful we are! The good God calls us to Himself; He wishes to make us happy forever, and we are deaf to His word, we will not share His happiness; He enjoins us to love Him, and we give our heart to the devil. . . . The good God commands all nature as its Master; He makes the winds and the storms obey Him; the angels tremble at His adorable will: man alone dares to resist Him. See, God forbids us that action, that criminal pleasure, that revenge, that injustice; no matter, we are bent upon satisfying ourselves; we had rather renounce the happiness of Heaven, than deprive ourselves of a moment's pleasure, or give up a sinful habit, or change our life. What are we, then, that we dare thus to resist God? Dust and ashes, which He could annihilate with a single look. . . .

By sin, my children, we despise the good God. We renew His Death and Passion; we do as much evil as all the Jews together did, in fastening Him to the Cross. Therefore, my children, if we were to ask those who work without necessity on Sunday: "What are you doing there?" and they were to answer truly, they would say, "We are crucifying the good God. " Ask the idle, the gluttonous, the immodest, what they do every day. If they answer you according to what they are really doing, they will say, "We are crucifying the good God. " O my children! it is very ungrateful to offend a God who has never done us any harm; but is it not the height of ingratitude-to offend a God who has done us nothing but good?

It is He who created us, who watches over us. He holds us in His hands; if He chose, He could cast us into the nothingness out of which He took us. He has given us His Son, to redeem us from the slavery of the devil; He Himself gave Him up to death that He might restore us to life; He has adopted us as His children, and ceases not to lavish His graces upon us. Notwithstanding all this, what use do we make of our mind, of our memory, of our health, of those limbs which He gave us to serve Him with? We employ them, perhaps, in committing crimes.

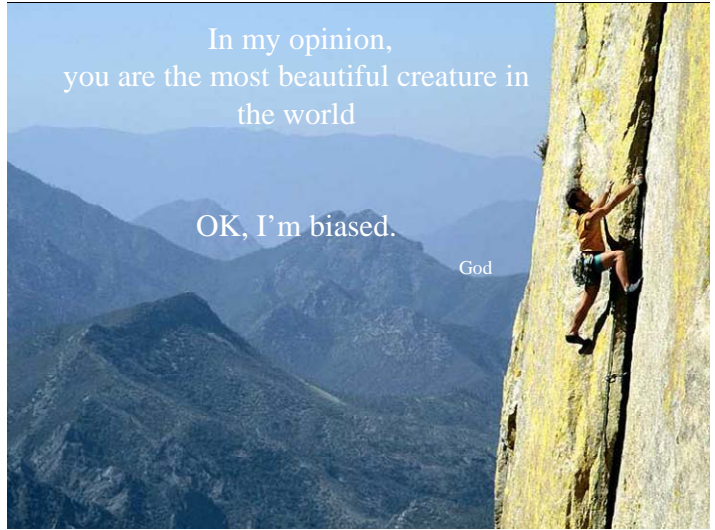
The good God, my children, has given us eyes to enlighten us, to see Heaven, and we use them to look at criminal and dangerous objects; He has given us a tongue to praise Him, and to express our thoughts, and we make it an instrument of iniquity--we swear, we blaspheme, we speak ill of our neighbour, we slander him; we abuse the supernatural graces, we stifle the salutary remorse by which God would convert us. . . . we reject the inspirations of our good guardian angel. We despise good thoughts, we neglect prayer and the Sacraments. What account do we make even of the Word of God? Do we not listen to it with disgust? How miserable we are! How much we are to be pitied! We employ the time that the good God has given us for our salvation, in losing our souls. We make war upon Him with the means He has given us to serve Him; we turn His own gifts against Him! Let us cast our eyes, my children, upon Jesus fastened to the Cross. and let us say to ourselves, "This is what it has cost my Saviour to repair the injury my sins have done to God. "

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A God coming down to the earth to be the victim of our sins! A God suffering, a God dying, a God enduring every torment, because He has put on the semblance of sin, and has chosen to bear the weight of our iniquities! Ah, my children! at the sight of that Cross, let us conceive once for all the malice of sin, and the abhorrence in which we should hold it. . . . Let us enter into ourselves, and see what we ought to do to repair our past sins; let us implore the clemency of the good God, and let us all together say to Him, from the bottom of our heart, "O Lord, who art here crucified for us, have mercy upon us! Thou comest down from Heaven to cure souls of sin; cure us, we beseech Thee; cause our souls to be purified by approaching the tribunal of penance; yes, O God! make us look upon sin as the greatest of all evils, and by our zeal in avoiding it, and in repairing those we have had the misfortune to commit, let us one day attain to the happiness of the saints. "

We utilize an eMail notification for our volunteers at St. John Vianney. We are missing the eMails for the following volunteers: Drew Garcia, Frances Perko and Geneva Torres. If this is you or you know their eMail address can you please send it to bulletin@sjvnm.org. Thank you. for your assistance.



**Observations on Growing Older**  
*~Everybody whispers.*

**Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisers.**

	Sacristans	Ushers	EM of Holy Communion	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors
Sat Mar 13th 4:00PM	David Crawford	Bill Deneen Eddie Crespin Mike Philbin	Janis Crespin	J.D. Strickland	Delaney Kast Emilio Crespin Victoria Perez	Bill McCarty Pam McCarty
Sun Mar 14th 8:00AM	Julie Burnside	Juan Serna James E Dory Tom Anderson John Christensen	Harlan Harrington	Frances Perko	Vincent Valdez Peter Lucero Charles Lucero	David Schutten Julie Burnside
Sun Mar 14th 10:00AM	Geri Hoover	Tony Quinones Nick Coca III Ariana Eck John Valdez	John Lombardo Ana Padilla Margaret Chavez	Rebecca Eck	Amanda Vigil Gary Vigil Krista Savela James Uhrich	Vicky Howell Lillian Ortiz
Sat Mar 20th 4:00PM	David Crawford	Therese Lopez James Sandoval Bill Deneen	Eddie Crespin	Anna Sellman	Jamie Van Loben Sels Jessica Van Loben Sels Chase McMillan	Connie Dudon April McClellan
Sun Mar 21st 8:00AM	Julie Burnside	Juan Serna Tom Anderson James E Dory Jim Cutler	Jose Guillen	Evelyn Romero	Dominic Ortiz Karla Del Cid Sergio Guillen	Petrita Lopez Annette Montoya
Sun Mar 21st 10:00AM	Christine Garcia	Tony Quinones Mike Philbin Ariana Eck Brian Padilla	John Lombardo Loretta Tafuro Rosie Root	Liz Martinez	Delicia Garcia Jacob Valdez Josh Kast Jordan Juarez	Michael Tafuro Peggy Riley

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