

March 21, 2010

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saint John Vianney

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Friends in Christ,

With only two weeks of Lent to go, we are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Easter. The three priests of St. Thomas Aquinas will be hearing confessions during this weeks Lent Mission at St. Thomas Aquinas. Please take time to "come clean." Go to confession. As for the Lent Mission, please check the St. Thomas bulletin for details. I can assure you that you will very much enjoy this years Lent mission. See you there.

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

Upcoming Events

No Religious Education	March 21st & April 3rd
Altar Server Meeting.....	March 28th - 9:15AM
Holy Thursday Mass	April 1st - 7:00PM
Good Friday Service	April 2nd - 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
Stations of the Cross	Fridays at 6PM
Mandatory Evening of Reflection for Eucharistic Ministers.....	June 2nd - 3PM

Altar Server Meeting
March 28th After 8AM Mass
Mandatory for all New Altar Servers
Refreshers for current Altar Servers



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

St Thomas Aquinas is looking for Eucharistic Ministers to assist at the First Communion at the Santa Ana Star Center, Saturday, May 1st at 10:00AM.

Last year they had over 6,000 people in attendance and could have used several more EMs. If you would like to help out, call Karen Taylor at 896-7985. Your help would be appreciated.

This was written by an 8-year-old . He wrote it for his third grade homework assignment, to 'explain God.'

EXPLANATION OF GOD:

- ◆ 'One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn't make grownups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way he doesn't have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.'
- ◆ 'God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times beside bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because he hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in his ears, unless he has thought of a way to turn it off.'
- ◆ 'God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting his time by going over your mom and dad's head asking for something they said you couldn't have.'
- ◆ 'Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Chula Vista . At least there aren't any who come to our church.'
- ◆ 'Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work, like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of him preaching to them and they crucified him But he was good and kind, like his father, and he told his father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said O.K.'
- ◆ 'His dad (God) appreciated everything that he had done and all his hard work on earth so he told him he didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So he did. And now he helps his dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important.'
- ◆ 'You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time.'
- ◆ 'You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God!
- ◆ Don't skip church to do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong. And besides the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway..'
- ◆ 'If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know He's around you when you're scared, in the dark or when you can't swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids.'
- ◆ 'But...you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and he can take me back anytime he pleases.

And...that's why I believe in God.'

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In today's second reading, St. Paul gives good advice: "Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13-14). Stewards of Providence recognize past mistakes but don't dwell on them. They focus on the future.

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

The problem: How to get two pounds of chocolate home from the store in a hot car.

The solution: Eat it in the parking lot.

Chocolate is a health food. Chocolate is derived from cacao beans. Bean = vegetable. Sugar is derived either from sugar beets or cane, both vegetables. And, of course, the milk/cream is dairy. So eat more chocolate to meet the dietary requirements for daily vegetable and dairy intake.

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.

Rambling 3 by Carl Beyer

Hello fellow parishioners. If only there was enough time to produce more thoughtful write-ups. Sometimes the write-up that seem so grand while bouncing around in my head loses its glamour when it leaves my fingertips. One of the important lessons in life is to know when to throw in your cards, or shall I say throw in the dribbling that come from the fingertips.

It is time to get out and start the early vegetables planting. I am thinking specifically about planting the radishes and early peas. I had the opportunity in one of our earlier warm spells to get some of the garden beds cultivated. We still need to get out and pull the rest of the carrots so we can cultivate those beds. Carrots are amazing plants with their tops already showing green leaflets. I ended up tilling under the turnips because no matter how many people say they taste good I have to disagree. No turnips this coming year.

The tomatoes and peppers are growing inside waiting for the garden beds to warm for them. Right now they are just skinny little stems with a couple of leaflets but they are dreaming of contributing to this coming fall's salsa. Last year salsa went quite fast, so we hope to be able to have a much larger batch this coming fall. I have learned my lesson and will be wearing gloves when making salsa this fall. Last year anywhere and I mean anywhere I touched myself burned for hours. I am very excited about the strawberries being in their second year. The first year is so they can send their runners out knowing the following year they can expend all their energy for their sweet fruit. The grapes last year covered the fence so we hope this year to harvest some of their fruit. I have no clue how the blueberries and raspberries are going to turn out this year. About the best I can say is that most of them stayed alive last year. The horseradishes had large leaflets last year but we left that to multiply with the anticipation of grinding some up this coming fall for that different kind of hot.

Last spring we planted a large batch of tulips that failed. This was certainly on a large part due to the 80lb Border Collie thinking it was a place to trample while telling the neighbor dog how much more powerful he is. So I had planned on planting the tomatoes there but to my surprise the tulips are all coming up this year. There should be quite a colorful display of tulips since I bought a large variety of them. My daughter and I have taken the time to trim back the roses knowing that they, in their fourth year, are going to be an amazing colorful display. Our St. John Paul II commemorative white rose has high hopes this year. Being a pure white rose, it is lagging behind the others but each year it grows a little bit higher.

Last year we had some very delicious cherries and peaches but the rest of the trees were lacking. Hopefully, this year our plum tree will not blossom too early and therefore forfeit its fruit. The mixed apple tree may recover this year from our rottweiler thinking it was chewy stick and bear fruit. We planted a Granny Smith apple tree last year so their fruit will be nice. The fruit trees especially make you wish for more than a small community lot. If we were able to plant a dozen cherries trees I know my wife would be happy. But how much do you want to turn your yard into a forest?

Sometimes, I look at our early pictures of the yard which seemed so large before all the planting and concrete pouring. I am considering some grass this year for our granddaughter. Not much since I hate mowing. Our granddaughter, Tera, is sitting up by herself and is starting to

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crawl a little. It is incredible how fast they change. Not being responsible for their every need is why I believe having grandchildren is so wonderful. We get to enjoy all the baby fun while sleeping like a baby ourselves at night. I can remember wondering how many years it was going to be before we would be able to sleep through the night without being awoken by the kids.

Before we know it Good Friday will be upon us. This year I hope to do the complete pilgrimage walk from St. Ann's Catholic Church in Albuquerque to Tome Hill in Tome, NM. This pilgrimage walk is about twenty two miles. There are always large crowds though most are starting their walk closer to the Hill than in years past. If anyone is interested in participating in this pilgrimage walk you can eMail me at carl@bncinc.com or stop by and speak to me. Somewhere along the line we seem to be forgetting about doing penance during lent. I am not sure why except in our own selflessness. Remember to fast on Good Friday. I personally am so looking forward to that Easter Pepsi. Is that not what penance is all about? Our Lenten sacrifice makes our pleasures so much sweeter when it returns. And that Pepsi will be so sweet.

God Bless you All. Go forth and keep up your Lenten Penance. It is not too late to start a Lenten penance with two weeks left of Lent. Thank you all for listening to my rambling.

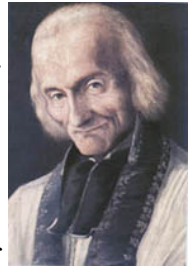
The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Breakfast on Sunday, March 28th after the 7:00 AM and 9:00 AM masses. The delicious breakfast will be served in St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Father D'Arco Hall. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon or sausage, juice, coffee and other goodies, COST ONLY \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Please join us.

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

- ◆ Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
- ◆ Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- ◆ For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- ◆ Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- ◆ Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- ◆ A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
- ◆ At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- ◆ Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
- ◆ Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
- ◆ Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.
- ◆ The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.
- ◆ Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

On Sloth by Saint John Vianney

Sloth is a kind of cowardice and disgust, which makes us neglect and omit our duties, rather than do violence to ourselves.



Alas, my children, how many slothful people there are on this earth: how many are cowardly, how many are indolent in the service of the good God! We neglect, we omit our duties of piety, just as easily as we should take a glass of wine. We will not do violence to ourselves; we will not put ourselves to any inconvenience. Everything wearies, everything disgusts the slothful man. Prayer, the holy Sacrifice of the Mass, which do so much good to pious souls, are a torture to him. He is weary and dissatisfied in church, at the foot of the altar, in the presence of the good God. At first he feels only dislike and indifference towards everything that is commanded by religion. Soon after, you can no longer speak to him either of Confession or Communion; he has no time to think of those things.

O my children! how miserable we are in losing, in this way, the time that we might so usefully employ in gaining Heaven, in preparing ourselves for eternity! How many moments are lost in doing nothing, or in doing wrong, in listening to the suggestions of the devil, in obeying him! Does not that make us tremble? If one of the lost had only a day or an hour to spend for his salvation, to what profit would he turn it! What haste he would make to save his soul, to reconcile himself with the good God! And we, my children, who have days and years to think of our salvation, to save our souls--we remain there with our arms crossed, like that man spoken of in the Gospel. We neglect, we lose our souls. When death shall come, what shall we have to present to Our Lord? Ah! my children, hear how the good God threatens the idle: "Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit shall be cut down, and shall be cast into the fire. " "Take that unprofitable servant, and cast him out into the exterior darkness, where there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "

Idleness is the mother of all vices. Look at the idle; they think of nothing but eating, drinking, and sleeping. They are no longer men, but stupid beasts, giving up to all their passions; they drag themselves through the mire like very swine. They are filthy, both within and without. They feed their soul only upon impure thoughts and desires. They never open their mouth but to slander their neighbour, or to speak immodest words. Their eyes, their ears, are open only to criminal objects. . . . O my children! that we may resist idleness, let us imitate the saints. Let us watch continually over ourselves; like them, let us be very zealous in fulfilling all our duties; let the devil never find us doing nothing, lest we should yield to temptation. Let us prepare ourselves for a good death, for eternity. Let us not lose our time in lukewarmness, in negligence, in our habitual infidelities. Death is advancing: tomorrow we must, perhaps, quit our relations, our friends. Let us make haste to merit the reward promised in Paradise to the faithful servant in the Gospel!

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Observations on Growing Older
*~Now that your husband has retired ...
 you'd give anything if he'd find a job!*

**It is easier to preach ten sermons
 than it is to live one.**



	Sacristans	Ushers	EM of Holy Communion	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors
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 John Christensen	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 Delaney Kast Josh Kast Jordan Juarez	Michael Tafuro Peggy Riley
Sat Mar 27th 4:00PM	David Crawford	J.D. Strickland Carl Beyer Bill Deneen	Esther Wilcox	Mary McMillian	Josh Storms Chase McMillan Karla Del Cid	David Crawford Vicky Howell
Sun Mar 28th 8:00AM	Julie Burnside	John Christensen Jim Cutler James E Dory Mike Philbin	Ana Marie Hartenhoff	Jose Guillen	Vincent Valdez Shane Herrera Albert Ibarra	Jose Guillen David Schutten
Sun Mar 28th 10:00AM	Geri Hoover	Tony Quinones Nick Coca III Gary Vigil Eddie Crespin	Brian Padilla John Jenkins Carrie Jenkins	Peggy Riley	Delaney Kast Krista Savela Angela Jenkins Ariana Jenkins	Pinky Bjornstad Rochelle Quinones
Thu Apr 1st 7:00PM	Geri Hoover	Carl Beyer Tony Quinones Gary Vigil Tom Anderson	Brian Padilla Geri Hoover Loretta Tafuro	Rochelle Quinones	Gary Vigil Amanda Vigil Jordan Juarez Vincent Valdez Drew Garcia Emilio Crespin	Bill McCarty Pam McCarty
Fri Apr 2nd 7:00PM	Geri Hoover	Brian Padilla Eddie Crespin Juan Serna Nick Coca III	David Schutten Pinky Bjornstad John Jenkins	Bill McCarty	Drew Garcia Gary Vigil Amanda Vigil Vincent Valdez Jordan Juarez	April McClellan Vicky Howell

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