

March 28, 2010

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

# Saint John Vianney

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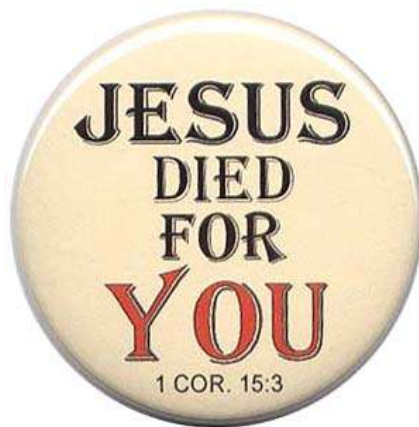
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Friends in Christ,

Now begins the final week of Lent--Holy Week. As I have been promoting, Holy Thursday Mass will be celebrated at St. John Vianney beginning at 7. Following Mass, there will be a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose. We will then have the opportunity to keep vigil with our Eucharistic Lord until midnight. Remember that our Lord once asked His disciples, "Could you not keep vigil with me one hour?" Let us keep vigil with our Lord this Thursday night. On Good Friday, the Veneration of the Cross will begin at 7 PM. Please make plans to attend. The Easter Sunday schedule follows our usual Sunday schedule.

Have a blessed Holy 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

Monsignor Douglas Raun Birthday ..... March 30th

No Religious Education ..... 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

## The Entry into Jerusalem - Mark 11:1-10

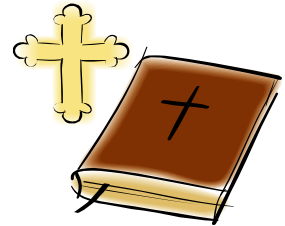
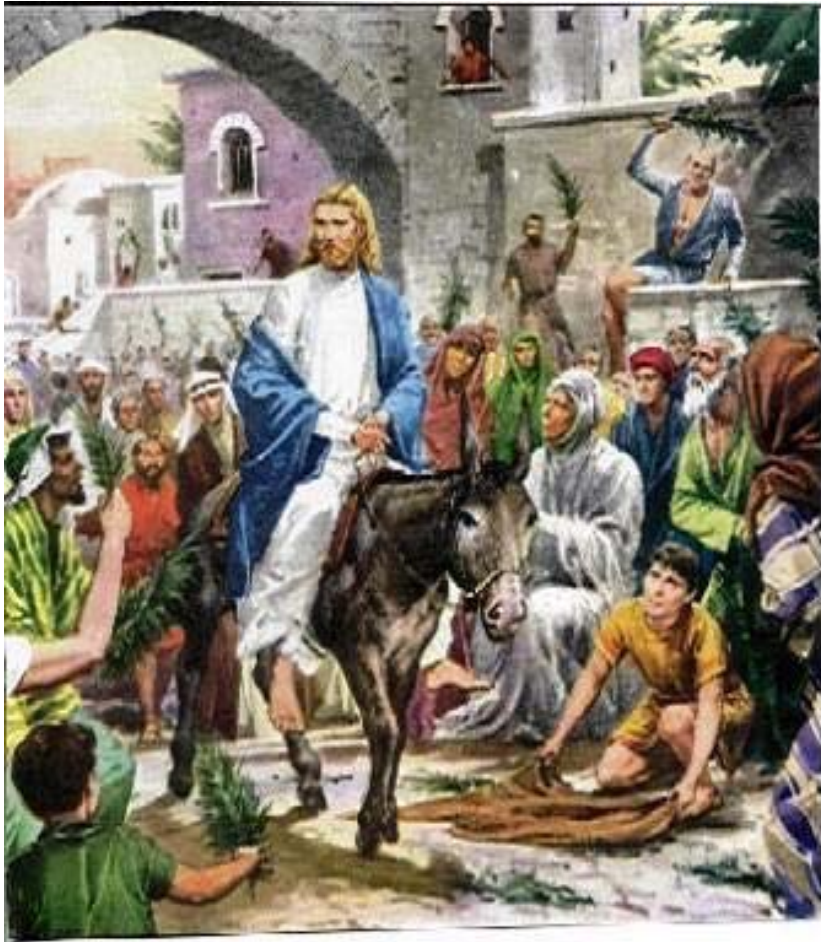
When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, **“Go into the village opposite you, and immediately on entering it, you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone should say to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ reply, ‘The Master has need of it and will send it back here at once.’”** So they went off and found a colt tethered at a gate outside on the street, and they untied it. Some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” They answered them just as Jesus had told them to, and they permitted them to do it. So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread lefty branches that they had cut from the fields. Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out:

“Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

Hosanna in the highest!”



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**PRAY**

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Palm Sunday and Holy Week provide a special opportunity to contemplate the Cross and its  
meaning in our lives. Stewards of Providence recognize that all we have ultimately comes from  
the Lord. Eternal life with him is the greatest gift of all, made possible by Christ's redemptive act  
on the Cross. Let us joyfully give thanks.

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.

**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.

**Holy Week**  
**Be Holy!!!!**

## Last Days and End Times: Will Catholics Be Left Behind? - NO!

I noted in my last monograph that Scripture supports only Catholic teaching of end times. The Dispensationalist view teaches that those folks taken away before the tribulation are snatched up in a secret rapture in order to avoid the suffering those in the tribulation will endure. These rapturists attempt to use Matt 24:38-41 as the basis for this belief: “For as in those days before the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of man. Then two men will be in the field; one is taken and one is left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one is taken and one is left.” please notice, nothing in this passage says *anything* of a secret rapture or coming.(1) In fact, every passage used by rapturists to prove their case is a mischaracterization of Scripture. For example, these rapture proponents attempt to use Luke 17: 22-37 wherein Jesus uses the example of Noah’s flood and Lot’s destruction of Sodom to support the theory that the virtuous are raptured while the evildoers are left behind on earth. Who are snatched away? In both cases, only the wicked were snatched away. It is the virtuous who stayed on earth, the very opposite of Catholic rapture teaching.(2)

### ◆ There Is No Historical Record of Rapturist Teaching

If this teaching of the secret rapture of the Church is true, shouldn’t such a momentous event be specifically taught in the Bible? In addition, wouldn’t the Early Church Fathers have written *something* on this topic? Scripture, as a matter of fact, teaches only one coming of Jesus, at the end of time, that is, a single coming. In addition, the Fathers of the Church have always taught the *one* coming at the end of time.(3)

### ◆ “Jesus’ Public Ministry is Accomplished”(4)

Our Lord accomplished our redemption during a three year public ministry 2000 years ago. The final proof of accomplishment was His crucifixion and death on a cross. The sixth word he uttered before he gave himself to the Father was “It is finished” ( John 19:28,30 ). In short, Jesus accomplished everything he came to earth to do.

He declared in John 16:33 “I have overcome the world”. If he overcame the world, why would he return to earth for another public ministry lasting a thousand years? There simply is nothing left to accomplish; he had already “overcome the world”.(5)

The Catechism of the Catholic Church takes aim at any form of false teaching of end times, specifically any-thing under the name of *Millennialism, and rejects it. See CCC 676. ( 6)*

### ◆ Misunderstanding Suffering

Rapturists teach that only *believers* will be snatched away to spare them the suffering of the tribulation. They fail to realize that Scripture teaches that suffering is a privilege for those who wish to follow Christ. (7) Scripture is very clear: those of us who follow Our Lord must share in His sufferings. “Dearly beloved: Rejoice in the measure that you share Christ’s sufferings. When his glory is revealed, you will rejoice exultantly. Happy are you when you are insulted for the sake of Christ, for then God’s Spirit in its glory has come to rest on you.”(8).

The Liturgy Of The Hours, Vol. 3,p. 1698, provides a special intercession for martyrs: “We praise you, O Lord, our Savior, inspiration and example for every martyr, for loving us to the

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end.” Jesus showed us by His example how to follow Him—we must suffer with Him. Does a teaching that believers will be snatched away to spare them the trials of the tribulation follow what Scripture actually says? No! The early martyrs died proclaiming the truth of Jesus’ teaching by following His example on the cross. This teaching applies also to the millions tortured by 20<sup>th</sup> century Communists, and Sudanese Christians crucified today. None were raptured to be spared the sufferings of the Great Tribulation. They have suffered and died for Christ. “To believe that believers will be spared the sufferings of the Great Tribulation is wishful thinking with no basis in Scripture. It is just another form of escapism packaged for a self-indulgent generation that rejects the value of suffering.”(9)

Our Lord allows suffering to bring about a greater good: we follow the Master who suffered for us. Therefore, we must suffer as he did. Salvation is achieved when we enter into His redemption—His suffering and death— with repentance for our sins.

Dear friends, this topic is a tough one. I hope that I have helped you in understanding our Holy Faith a little bit better because each of us has an obligation to study and know our Faith. **PEACE**

(1) Beginning Apologetics-8- The End Times, by Father Frank Chacon and Jim Burnham, p.14

(2) Ibid, p. 15

(3) Ibid, p.15

(4) Ibid, p. 17

(5) Ibid, p.17

(6) Ibid, p.17

(7) Ibid, p. 17

(8) Colossians 1:24, Romans 8: 17-18, noted in Beginning Apologetics-8- The End Times, p.17

(9) Ibid, p.17

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:**

- ◆ The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.
- ◆ This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.
- ◆ Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10 AM. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B. S. is done.
- ◆ The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.
- ◆ Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.
- ◆ The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
- ◆ Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

Inspirational speaker Dr. Wayne Dyer still remembers the card his kids gave him for his 64th birthday. The front said,  
**"Inside is a message from God."**  
Pleased they finally appreciated his work, he opened it to read,  
**"See you soon!"**



Come and bring the children.

God

### *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.

**The good Lord did not create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.**

**Observations on Growing Older**  
*~You have 3 sizes of clothes in your closet  
 ....2 of which you will never wear.*

Boy 1: "How did you get that bruise on your arm?"  
 Boy 2: "I ate some Easter candy."  
 Boy 1: "Eating Easter candy won't give you a bruise."  
 Boy 2: "It will if it's your big brother's candy!"

**The four food groups:**  
**Fast, Frozen, Instant, and Chocolate.**

**Why is there no such organization as Chocoholics Anonymous?  
 Because no one wants to quit.**

	<b>Sacristans</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>EM of Holy Communion</b>	<b>Rosary Leader</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Lectors</b>
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 Emilio Crespin Vincent Valdez Jordan Juarez	April McClellan Vicky Howell
Sat Apr 3rd 4:00PM	David Crawford	Bill Deneen Mike Philbin J.D. Strickland	James Sandoval Esther Wilcox Carl Beyer	J.D. Strickland	Jamie Van Loben Sels Jessica Van Loben Sels Krista Savela Victoria Perez	David Crawford Rosie Root
Sun Apr 4th 8:00AM	Julie Burnside	Tom Anderson John Christensen Jim Cutler James E Dory	Jeremy McClellan Harlan Harrington April Karen McClellan	Sheila Howard	Josh Kast Sergio Guillen Delaney Kast Peter Lucero	Jose Guillen Julie Burnside
Sun Apr 4th 10:00AM	Geri Hoover	Tony Quinones Ariana Eck Nick Coca III Gary Vigil	Geri Hoover John Lombardo Loretta Tafuro	Rebecca Eck	Albert Ibarra Karla Del Cid Jacob Valdez Emilio Crespin	Michael Tafuro Rochelle Quinones

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