

April 4, 2010

Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord

Saint John Vianney

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Friends in Christ,

Have a blessed and happy Easter Season. Allow the risen Lord to be always risen in your hearts. This way the love of God will be seen radiating through you always.

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 April 4th
- 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
- Mandatory Evening of Reflection for Eucharistic Ministers June 2nd - 3PM

John 3:16-21

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish, but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things, hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.”

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Easter Prayer

Lord, You have arisen forever
In my heart!

May the sunrise
Remind me to shine in Your light.

May the caress of a gentle breeze
Remind me of Your compassion.

May the fragrance of a flower
Remind me to blossom in Your love.

May the singing of birds
Bring a song of joy to my lips.

And in the closing of each day
May I remember to quietly pray.

Wherever I am, whatever I do
May my thoughts in joy return to You!



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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.

Prayer for our soldiers

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands, protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for their selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I asked this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Say this prayer for our brave men and women serving our country faithfully. Bless them during this joyous Easter season, especially those who are separated from their families. God bless our troops.

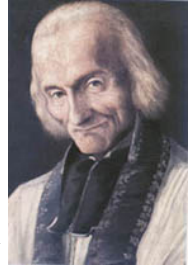


Reverend Clive Morgan was completing his homily in St John's Church about the dangers of alcohol and the need for moderation and temperance.

He announced at the end of the sermon in a loud, clear voice, 'If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river.' With even greater emphasis he added, 'And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river.' Finally, he intoned in an extremely serious manner, 'And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river.'

The Reverend Morgan then sat down. Jerry, St John's leading chorister stood up and announced with a smile, 'For our closing hymn this Sunday, let us sing together hymn number 109: 'Shall We Gather at the River.'

Catechism on The Love of God I by Saint John Vianney



Our body is a vessel of corruption; it is meant for death and for the worms, nothing more! And yet we devote ourselves to satisfying it, rather than to enriching our soul, which is so great that we can conceive nothing greater—no, nothing, nothing! For we see that God, urged by the ardour of His charity, would not create us like the animals; He has created us in His own image and likeness, do you see? Oh, how great is man?

Man, being created by love, cannot live without love: either he loves God, or he loves himself and he loves the world. See, my children, it is faith that we want. . . . When we have not faith, we are blind. He who does not see, does not know; he who does not know does not love; he who does not love God loves himself, and at the same time loves his pleasures. He fixes his heart on things which pass away like smoke. He cannot know the truth, nor any good thing; he can know nothing but falsehood, because he has no light; he is in a mist. If he had light, he would see plainly that all that he loves can give him nothing but eternal death; it is a foretaste of Hell.

Do you see, my children, except God, nothing is solid—nothing, nothing! If it is life, it passes away; if it is a fortune, it crumbles away; if it is health, it is destroyed; if it is reputation, it is attacked. We are scattered like the wind. . . . Everything is passing away full speed, everything is going to ruin. O God! O God! how much those are to be pitied, then, who set their hearts on all these things! They set their hearts on them because they love themselves too much; but they do not love themselves with a reasonable love—they love themselves with a love that seeks themselves and the world, that seeks creatures more than God. That is the reason why they are never satisfied, never quiet; they are always uneasy, always tormented, always upset. See, my children, the good Christian runs his course in this world mounted on a fine triumphal chariot; this chariot is borne by angels, and conducted by Our Lord Himself, while the poor sinner is harnessed to the chariot of this life, and the devil who drives it forces him to go on with great strokes of the whip.

My children, the three acts of faith, hope and charity contain all the happiness of man upon the earth. By faith, we believe what God has promised us: we believe that we shall one day see Him, that we shall possess Him, that we shall be eternally happy with Him in Heaven. By hope, we expect the fulfilment of these promises: we hope that we shall be rewarded for all our good actions, for all our good thoughts, for all our good desires; for God takes into account even our good desires. What more do we want to make us happy?

In Heaven, faith and hope will exist no more, for the mist which obscures our reason will be dispelled; our mind will be able to understand the things that are hidden from it here below. We shall no longer hope for anything, because we shall have everything. We do not hope to acquire a

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treasure which we already possess. . . . But love; oh, we shall be inebriated with it! we shall be drowned, lost in that ocean of divine love, annihilated in that immense charity of the Heart of Jesus! so that charity is a foretaste of Heaven. Oh, how happy should we be if we knew how to understand it, to feel it, to taste it! What makes us unhappy is that we do not love God.

When we say, "My God, I believe, I believe firmly," that is, without the least doubt, without the least hesitation. . . Oh, if we were penetrated with these words: "I firmly believe that Thou art present everywhere, that Thou seest me, that I am under Thine eyes, that one day I myself shall see Thee clearly, that I shall enjoy all the good things Thou hast promised me! O my God, I hope that Thou wilt reward me for all that I have done to please Thee! O my God, I love Thee; my heart is made to love Thee!" Oh, this act of faith, which is also an act of love, would suffice for everything! If we understood our own happiness in I being able to love God, we should remain motionless in ecstasy. . . .

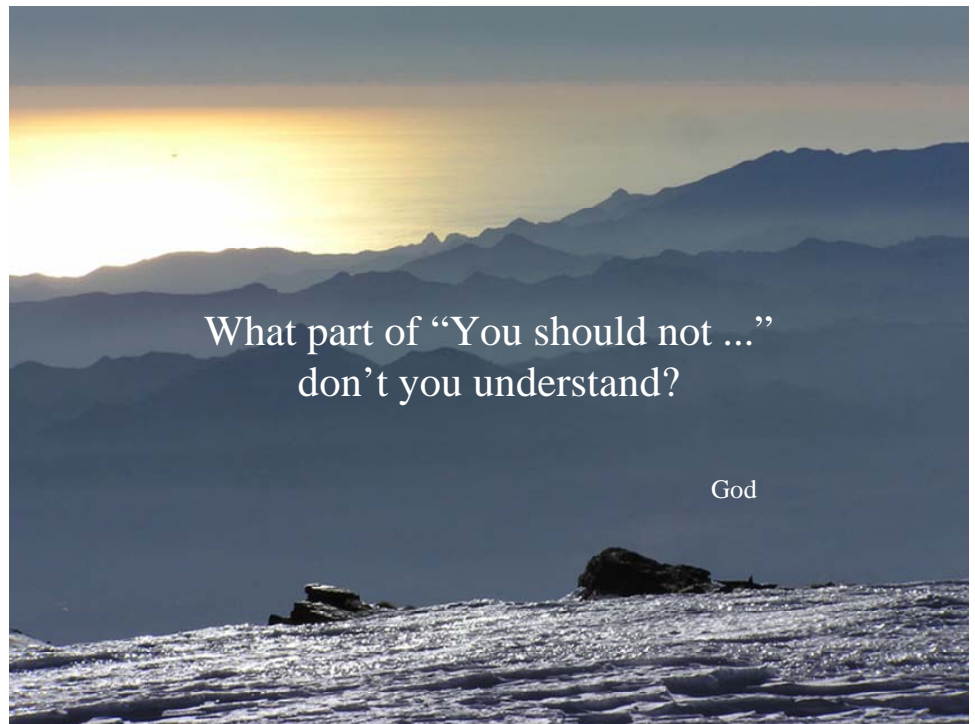
If a prince, an emperor, were to cause one of his subjects to appear before him, and should say to him, "I wish to make you happy; stay with me, enjoy all my possessions, but be careful not to give me any just cause of displeasure, " with what care, with what ardour, would not that subject endeavour to satisfy his prince! Well, God makes the same proposals to us . . . and we do not care for His friendship, we make no account of His promises. . . . What a pity!

Saint John Mary Vianney (1786-1859)

Born to a farm family. In his youth John taught other children their prayers and catechism. Ordained in 1815, though it took several years of study - he had little education, was not a very good student, and his Latin was terrible. Assigned as a parochial vicar to Ecully, France. In 1818 he was assigned to the parish of Ars-sur-Formans, France, a tiny village near Lyons, which suffered from very lax attendance. He began visiting his parishioners, especially the sick and poor, spent days in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, did penance for his parishioners, and leading his people by example. Had the gifts of discernment of spirits, prophecy, hidden knowledge, and of working miracles. Tormented by evil spirits, especially when he tried to get his 2-3 hours of sleep each night. Crowds came to hear him preach, and to make their reconciliation because of his reputation with penitents; by 1855 there were 20,000 pilgrims a year to Ars. Spent 40 years as the parish priest.

Canonized: 31 May 1925 by Pope Pius XI

**When
you get
to your
wit's end,
you'll
find God
lives
there.**



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.

Ten of The Best Witty and Funny Church Signs

- ◆ Notice in a church parking lot. Trespassers will be baptised.
- ◆ If you can't sleep, don't count sheep. Talk to the Shepherd.
- ◆ Do not wait for the hearse to take you to church.
- ◆ How will you spend eternity - Smoking or Non-smoking?
- ◆ Fight truth decay -- study the Bible daily.
- ◆ No God - No Peace. Know God - Know Peace.
- ◆ Free Trip to heaven. Details Inside!
- ◆ When the restaurant next to a chapel put out a big sign with red letters that said, "Open Sundays," the chapel reciprocated with its own message: "We are open on Sundays, too."
- ◆ Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours are long and the pay is low. But the retirement benefits are out of this world.
- ◆ In the dark? Follow the Son.

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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
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Sun Apr 11th 8:00AM	Margaret Chavez	Bill Deneen Jim Cutler James E Dory John Christensen	Margaret Chavez	Frances Perko	Shane Herrera Dominic Ortiz Alura McClellan Chris Schick	April McClellan David Schutten
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