

April 11, 2010

Divine Mercy Sunday

Saint John Vianney

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Friends in Christ Jesus,

Happy Feast of the Divine Mercy!

The feast of the Divine Mercy is given to us to celebrate the limitless mercy of our Lord. No matter how great a person's sin have been, if the person repents and reforms, his or her sins are destroyed by the power of God's mercy. The same God of mercy then opens the doors to heaven to the person. Remember the robber who was crucified next to our Lord, the robber who repented. From his cross he asked our Lord to remember him: "Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Our Lord's responded with this promise: "Today you will be with me in paradise." To receive the Lord's mercy, all it takes is asking for it. Ask for the God of mercy for His mercy. He is generous with His gifts. The ocean that is God's mercy is written much about in the diary of St. Faustina. If you would like to know more, ask me about it.

Have a blessed week

Fr. Scott Mansfield

Holy Rosary

20 Minutes before each mass

Holy Masses

Saturday4:00PM

Sunday.....8:00AM

Sunday..... 10:00AM

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday 3:00-3:45PM

Upcoming Events

Food Collection for St. Felix Pantry 1st Sunday of every month

Food Collection for Kid's Pantry Backpack 3rd Sunday of every month

Mandatory Evening of Reflection for Eucharistic Ministers June 2nd - 7PM

Corpus Christi EM Commissioning Ceremony June 3rd - 3PM



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.

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Let the Children Come to Me The Helpers of God's Precious Infants

Monthly Mass and Procession

April 17, 2010

Mass begins: 8:00am

Followed by Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

Procession to nearby abortion mill

Return to church for Benediction

San Ignacio Church, 1300 Walter St. NE, Albuquerque

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for more information or go to www.defendinglife.org

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The less they know about our rituals and code words, the better off they are.

- ◆ **AMEN:** The only part of a prayer that everyone knows.
- ◆ **BULLETIN:** Your receipt for attending Mass.
- ◆ **CHOIR:** A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the Parish to lip-sync.
- ◆ **HOLY WATER:** A liquid whose chemical formula is H2OLY.
- ◆ **HYMN:** A song of praise usually sung in a key three octaves higher than that of the congregation's range.
- ◆ **RECESSIONAL HYMN:** The last song at Mass often sung a little more quietly, since most of the people have already left.
- ◆ **INCENSE:** Holy Smoke!
- ◆ **JESUITS:** An order of priests known for their ability to find colleges with good basketball teams.
- ◆ **JONAH:** The original 'Jaws' story.
- ◆ **JUSTICE:** When kids have kids of their own.
- ◆ **KYRIE ELEISON:** The only Greek words that most Catholics can recognize besides gyros and balaklava. (for you non-Catholics it means Lord have mercy)
- ◆ **MAGI:** The most famous trio to attend a baby shower.
- ◆ **MANGER:** Where Mary gave birth to Jesus because Joseph wasn't covered by an HMO. (The Bible's way of showing us that holiday travel has always been rough.)
- ◆ **PEW:** A medieval torture device still found in Catholic churches.
- ◆ **PROCESSION:** The ceremonial formation at the beginning of Mass consisting of altar servers, the celebrant, and late parishioners looking for seats.
- ◆ **RECESSIONAL:** The ceremonial procession at the conclusion of Mass led by parishioners trying to beat the crowd to the parking lot.
- ◆ **RELICS:** People who have been going to Mass for so long, they actually know when to sit, kneel, and stand.
- ◆ **TEN COMMANDMENTS:** The most important Top Ten list not given by David Letterman.
- ◆ **USHERS:** The only people in the parish who don't know the seating capacity of a pew.

Birth Control and Natural Family Planning

John and Grace have four children and have determined that they can't adequately provide for more children at the present time. As good Christians, they know artificial birth control is morally wrong. In their discussion with Father Scott, he recommends they use Natural Family Planning and to take a class at St. Thomas Aquinas. Unfortunately, John and Grace don't understand why NFP is okay if birth control is sinful. Aren't they the same, they ask?(1)

There is a great deal of confusion over what NFP is and is not. NFP refers to the practice of achieving or avoiding pregnancies according to an informed awareness of a woman's fertility. NFP is completely natural using no drugs, devices or surgery. In a word, it is extremely cheaper than birth control devices.(2)

NFP is not the antiquated and often ineffective rhythm method which was based on calendar calculations of a "normal" cycle. NFP in contrast, contends that every woman is irregular at least some of the time. NFP is internationally known, practical and extremely effective. "Those who apply the guidelines conscientiously can achieve a 98.6-99 percent effectiveness rate to avoid pregnancy." (3)

Morally, what makes NFP acceptable while artificial birth control is wrong?

1. NFP doesn't separate sex from responsibility. We noted last week that every marital act must be "open" to the possibility of life, as long as the spouses do nothing to close it. This is the difference between NFP and artificial birth control. When one does something (takes a pill, uses a condom, etc.) this is a deliberate act of "closing" the life-giving power of sexual intercourse. If there is a serious reason to avoid pregnancy the couple choose not to do the action in the first place. NFP, simply put, recognizes and charts the easily observable signs of fertility exhibited by the wife's body.(4)

2. NFP is based on Virtue, I.E. an act of love. In effect each tells the other "I did not marry you just for sexual pleasure but because I love you. You are a person not an object." Using NFP, which requires abstinence from intercourse, can actually strengthen the marriage: trust is increased; each avoids treating the other as a sex object; pleasure alone is not the dominant object of marriage, but virtue is.(5)

3. NFP places family planning squarely on the shoulders of both partners since it requires communication and cooperation. Both spouses have to decide whether to try to avoid or achieve pregnancy. This communication and cooperation needed in NFP actually increases the love and respect between the spouses. Knowing with certainty at what stage of the cycle one is in, the spouses can ignore any worries about contraceptive failure or pill side effects.(6)

4. NFP is not just a means to avoid pregnancy as artificial contraception is. It can be used to achieve pregnancy since it pinpoints ovulation. NFP is therefore a positive approach to the sexual life of the spouses.(7)

Can NFP be misused? It can if the couple has the wrong motives. If a couple decide (7)

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ibid that “we just don’t want children at this time” for any selfish reason, the act then becomes “child avoidance.”

We noted in the beginning of this monograph that there had to be an objective, serious reason to use NFP such as health reasons or financial problems. It should be a priority that a couple discuss the use of NFP with their parish priest. He can help the couple determine their acceptance of God’s plan for them concerning love and marriage.

To learn more about this subject and to obtain written material about NFP, write to:

The Couple-to-Couple League

P.O. Box 111184 , Cincinnati, OH (513)-661-7612

I offer you Verse 14 of St. Pio’s Communion prayer: “Stay with me Jesus. I do not ask for divine consolations because I do not deserve them, but I only ask for the gift of Your Presence. Oh yes! I ask this of You!”

PEACE....I wish each one of you, parishioners of St. John Vianney Mission Parish, a most blessed and Christ-filled Easter Season - and thank you, Fr. Scott, for allowing me the opportunity to share our Faith with our Parish.

I pray God provides each one of us His abundant graces to grow in our faith. Let us all work towards building up the Church in Rio Rancho, not just in bricks and mortar, but in knowing our Faith and spreading it to all with whom we come in contact.

(1) www.priestsforlife.org/article/nfpdifferences

(2) www.nfpoutreach.org

(3) ibid

(4) www.priestsforlife.org/articles/nfpdifferences

(5) ibid

(6) ibid

BD RAINERIUS INCLUSUS (AD 1237) (April 11th)

ADJOINING the cathedral of Osnabruck in the early part of the thirteenth century was a hermit's cell, with a squint which commanded a view of the altar inside the church. Shut up (inclusus) for twenty-two years in the narrow enclosure lived a recluse called Ramenus (in English, Rayner) who, by his extraordinary austerities even more than by the few words he allowed himself to utter, recalled many a sinner and worldly man to repentance and newness of life. Although he had lived blamelessly from childhood, Ramenus used every device he could imagine to chastise and mortify his flesh. On his naked body he wore a shirt of chain-mail and hair, concealed by a coarse habit, and he scourged himself regularly until the blood ran. When asked why he thus tortured his body, he would reply, "As our Lord Jesus Christ suffered in all His limbs for me, so do I wish, out of love for Him, to suffer in all my members". On Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays he fasted on bread and vegetables, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays on bread and beer, while on Fridays he took only bread and water. He daily recited the psalter and so many other prayers for the living and the dead that sometimes he had not time enough to eat. He observed absolute silence except on feast days, when he spoke a little but only for edification, usually keeping a stone in his mouth lest he might be tempted to vain words; his requirements were made known by nods and signs. Bd Ramenus is said to have died in 1237.

**People are
funny, they
want the
front of the
bus, the
middle of
the road,
and the
back of the
church.**



Prayer Corner

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

- ◆ For 7 month old boy, Caiden Monaghan, recovery after April 9th surgery. And our prayers for his parents during this difficult time. (4/11)
- ◆ Please pray for Marie Montoya health. (2/14)
- ◆ 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 the removal of the stain of abortion from our country.
- ◆ All our brave men and women of the world keeping their country free.

Prayers are kept on the list for a month then need to be resubmitted.

Thank you for your prayers.

Grand Kids

She was in the bathroom, putting on her makeup, under the watchful eyes of her young granddaughter, as she'd done many times before.. After she applied her lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Gramma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!" I will probably never put lipstick on again without thinking about kissing the toilet paper good-bye.....

REMINDER of what we are looking for on our 3rd Week Food Collection

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

	Sacristans	Ushers	EM of Holy Communion	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors
Sat Apr 10th 4:00PM	David Crawford	Therese Lopez Ed Uhrich	Rosie Root		Chase McMillan Victoria Perez Josh Storms	Vicky Howell Annette Montoya
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
Sun Apr 11th 10:00AM	Geri Hoover	Gary Vigil Mike Philbin Juan Serna Ariana Eck	Eddie Crespin Janis Crespin John Lombardo	Liz Martinez	Emilio Crespin Delicia Garcia Angela Jenkins Ariana Jenkins	Lillian Ortiz Peggy Riley
Sat Apr 17th 4:00PM	David Crawford	Bill Deneen Mike Philbin	Esther Wilcox	Anne Sellman	Josh Storms Victoria Perez James Uhrich	David Crawford Rosie Root
Sun Apr 18th 8:00AM	Christine Garcia	Tom Anderson John Christensen James Sandoval Vince Valdez	April Karen McClellan	Evelyn Romero	Shane Herrera Peter Lucero Charles Lucero Dan Schick	Petrita Lopez Geneva Torres
Sun Apr 18th 10:00AM	Geri Hoover	Tony Quinones John Valdez Nick Coca III Carl Beyer	John Jenkins Carrie Jenkins Teresa Medrano	Rochelle Quinones	Rocky Peyton Delaney Kast Christopher Padilla Delicia Garcia	Michael Tafuro Connie Dudon

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