

May 2, 2010

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saint John Vianney

A Mission Church of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish serving you since August 10, 1997
1000 26th Ave NE, Rio Rancho, NM 87144
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Friends in Christ,

This Sunday, twenty-one young St. John Vianney boys and girls make their first Holy Communion. What an awesome moment in their lives--receiving for the first time the Body and Blood of our Lord. And as our Lord said, "Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood will have life to the full." This is a time for each one of us to be rededicated to the Holy Eucharist, if not already. I say this because sometimes we lose focus--we sometimes forget what our faith centers around, we forget what our worship on Sunday revolves around. The Eucharist is it! And why? It is because the Eucharist is the Body and Blood of our Lord, and it is our Lord, Jesus, who we worship and adore.

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

Congratulation to all those receiving their first Holy Communion.

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
Great Adventure Bible Timeline Study Group Starting Wednesday, 5/12/10, 10AM-12PM
Mandatory Evening of Reflection for Eucharistic Ministers June 2nd - 7PM
Corpus Christi EM Commissioning Ceremony June 3rd - 3PM

CCD Teachers are needed to teach classes on Wednesdays.
Please contact Edwina to volunteer and/or for more information.

Welcome to our new Parishioners

Abram & Sarah Valdez
Michelle Saiz
Jason & Margaret Taylor
Margaret Nava
Kimberly Belone
Mr. & Mrs. Hidalgo
Krista Ganley
Robert Cota & Norma Herrera
Rudy & Sonya Abeyta
Marcella Williams
David & Sally Candelaria
Aaron Sanchez & Johnette Montoya
Daniel & Darlene Roybal
Patricia Sanchez
Stephanie Allen

Bodie & Janelle Morgan
Victor Sanchez & Sandra Clute
Victor & Wanda Reyes
Esteban & Diana Marrufo
James & Michelle Strmiska
Antoinette Candelaria
Amorette Candelaria
Adrian Martinez
Ron & Sylvia Rede
Marvin & Angie Valdez
Rolando & Alejandra De Leon
Omar Mendoza
George & Diamond Rose Martinez Jr.
James & Anita Andazloa
Alfonzo & Denise Montoya



We will be registering the kids for VBS after all the Masses at the rear of the church.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO SIGN UP TO HELP WITH VBS.

There will be a list of positions to sign up for at the time of registration.

GREAT ADVENTURE DAYTIME STUDY GROUP FORMING AT ST. JOHN VIANNEY MISSION!

A 24-session **Great Adventure Bible Timeline** study group will begin on Wednesday, 5/12/10, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., at St. John Vianney Mission, 1000 26th Avenue, NE, Rio Rancho. The **Timeline** study is foundational to the entire **Great Adventure** series. Participants will need a Catholic **Bible** and a **Catechism of the Catholic Church**. The optional but “strongly recommended” study kit will cost \$30, payable at the first session. Please contact Jeannette at 892-1511, x104, or AquinasAM@yahoo.com to pre-register.

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The first, and most important is to remember that all we have comes from the Lord and belongs to him (Dt. 10:14). We have been entrusted with the gifts of life, time, talent, and treasure. As stewards of Providence, we are expected to use these gifts in ways pleasing to God.

A second principle is the Scriptural tenet of giving from our first fruits (Pr.3:9). The Lord wants our first and our best, not our leftovers. Cultivating generosity isn't just for the rich. It's for all of us.

Finally, remember that the Lord promises to bless our generosity in ways He knows will draw us closer to Him. So be generous, and accept the blessings the Lord has in store for you. God love you!

Arts and Crafts Fair

Being held at St. John Vianney
Friday May 7 & Saturday May 8



Mullikin Sport Camps



When/Where: Camp will be held at the St. Thomas Aquinas School gym located at 1100 Hood Rd. Rio Rancho, NM 87124

Camp #1 June 14-18 9:00-12:00 * Camp #2 June 21-25 9:00-12:00 * Camp #3 July 19-23 9:00-12:00

Times: Camp will be held from 9:00-12:00 Monday through Friday. Drop off and pick up for camp will be at the east gym door. Please provide your camper with a snack and water bottle for the camp. Cost: The cost for each camp will be \$50.00 per person.

My staff and I will provide a safe, positive environment that emphasizes critical lessons in many team and individual sports. We learn many different skills while playing fun and exciting games. All camps are open to boys and girls, ages 5 and up. Camp is operated by Heidi Mullikin, PE teacher at St. Thomas Aquinas School.

Pre-registration is important to ensure your space at camp. There must be a minimum of 10 students enrolled for camp to run successfully. You may contact me at hdh34@msn.com or 505-419-1404 with any questions.

Marriage in Light of Humanae Vitae : Encyclical Letter by Pope Paul VI, 1968

Friends, previously I presented an article concerning Natural Family Planning as the way to avoid the sin of artificial birth control. This article and the one following will explain why NFP is the only method to do so.

This landmark encyclical reemphasizes the Church's consistent teaching that "it is intrinsically wrong to use contraception to prevent new human beings from coming into existence." My purpose herein is not that of a Pastor who might admonish or cajole his flock but one who merely wants to share our beautiful Faith with others. I will try to do this via several headings: *Historical Christian Teaching, Scripture, The Church Fathers, Magisterium Teaching, Human Experience.*

Historical Christian Teaching

Historically, for 1900 years Christians have unanimously opposed any form of unnatural or artificial birth control as a sin against God. However, Anglican bishops at the Lambeth Conference of the Church of England in 1930 gave in to growing social pressure in England by allowing limited contraception. Shortly thereafter the Church of England simply caved in to all contraception. All other Protestant denominations followed suit leaving the Catholic Church alone opposing such an illicit method of regulating birth.(1) There-after, "the popularizing of contraception and modern notions of family size did not come from a Christian source but from a source that is in every way opposed to Christian morality."(2)

The 1920's spawned some very malignant, destructive people, two of whom are Adolph Hitler and Margaret Sanger. Sanger, visiting Germany in the 1920's met Hitler, the two sharing their views on eugenics. We saw what Hitler did to the Jews and many non-Arians in Nazi Germany. Sanger came back to the U.S. zealous to foster her expanded view of eugenics on American minorities, especially African Americans by pressing for abortion, sterilization, contraception, etc. to "purify" her idea of American culture. Her eugenics organization now has a new name: Planned Parenthood.

What Does Scripture Say?

Birth control has been around for millennia. The most ancient writings, dating back four thousand years, were found in Egypt. The Bible mentions at least one form of contraception and condemns it. *Coitus interruptus* used by Onan to avoid fulfilling his duty under ancient Jewish law of fathering children for his dead brother was killed by God for spilling his seed on the ground.(3) Contraception is so far outside the biblical mindset and so obviously wrong that it didn't need the frequent condemnations other sins did.(4) Thus Psalms such as Ps. 127 show the real value of human life as a gift of God, that children are a blessing, to be desired; they make a family prosper and a nation strong:

"Lo, children are a heritage of the Lord:
And the fruit of the womb is His reward.

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As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man;

So are children of the youth. Happy is the man that has his quiver full of them..”

And did not Jesus say “suffer the little children to come unto me, *and do not hinder them*; for such belong in the Kingdom of heaven.”(5) The surest way to prohibit children coming to God is contraception.

How can today’s new contraceptive-sexuality idea be consistent with God’s will in the Bible? Doesn’t it rather simply refuse children to whom God has willed to come into His Kingdom? How does this new “liberation” from the constraint of God blessing Adam and Eve and telling them to “be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth ...” realize His plan of Salvation? (6)

The Church Fathers

Biblical teaching against birth control is most explicitly found in the writings of our Church Fathers as early as 195 A.D. Clement of Alexandria wrote: “Because of its divine institution for the propagation of man, the seed is not to be vainly ejaculated, nor is it to be damaged, nor is it to be wasted.”(7)

Hippolytus of Rome noted in his work *Refutation of all Heresies 9:12 (A.D. 255)* that some married Christian women having affairs with male servants did not want children from low born commoners...“so they used drugs of sterility or bind themselves tightly in order to expel the fetus that has already been engendered.”(8)

My final example of the teaching of the Church Fathers must include St. Augustine who in 419 A.D. noted in *Marriage and Concupiscence, 1:15:17*, “I am supposing, then, although you are not lying [with your wife] for the sake of procreating offspring, you are not for the sake of lust obstructing their procreation by an evil prayer or an evil deed. Those who do this, although they are called husband and wife, are not; nor do they retain any reality of marriage, but with a respectable name cover a shame. Sometimes this lustful cruelty, or cruel lust, comes to this, that they even procure poisons of sterility [oral contraceptives].”(9)

More next week. In the meantime I offer Verse 12 of St. Pio’s Communion Prayer: “Help me to recognize You as Your disciples did at the Bread, so that the Eucharistic Communion be the light which disperses the darkness, the power which sustains me, the unique joy of my heart.”

PEACE

(1) Pamphlet “the Christian and Contraception,” New Hope Family Life Publications

(2) Ibid

(3) Gn. 38:9-10

(4) Ibid #1, pg.282

(5) Lk. 18:15-17

(6) Gn. 1:28

(7) The Instructor of Children 2:10:91:2, noted in Essential Catholic Survival Guide, pg. 282

(8) Ibid pg.283

(9) Ibid pg.283

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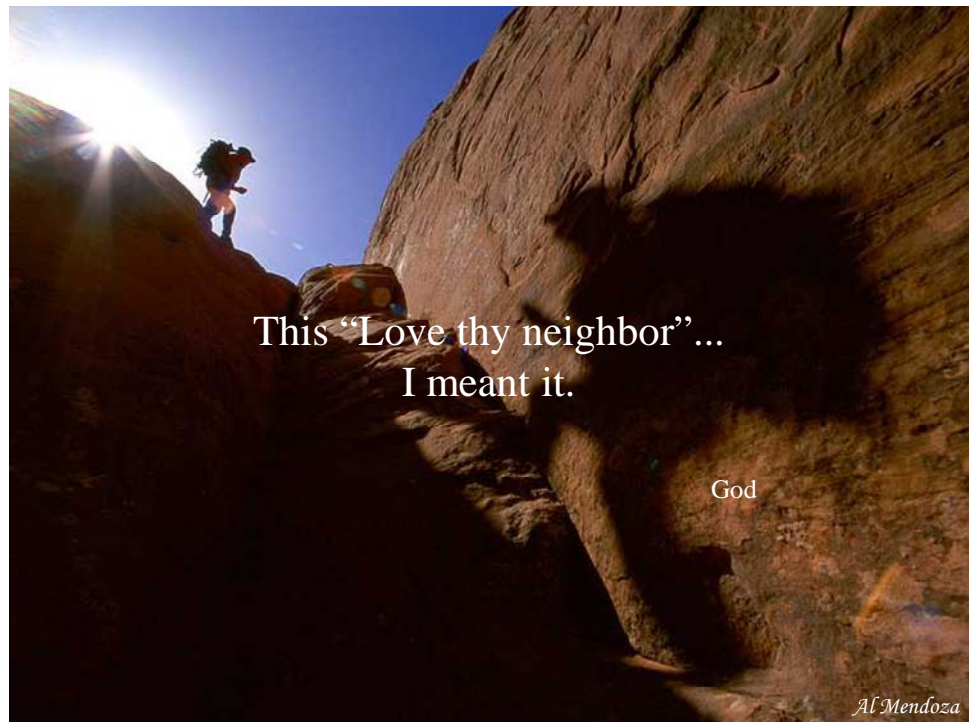
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gripping
about
your
church; if
it was
perfect,
you could
not
belong.**



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

After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair.. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"

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A cat died and went to Heaven. God met her at the gates and said, 'You have been a good cat all these years. Anything you want is yours for the asking.' The cat thought for a minute and then said, 'All my life I lived on a farm and slept on hard wooden floors. I would like a real fluffy pillow to sleep on.' God said, 'Say no more.' Instantly the cat had a huge fluffy pillow.



A few days later, six mice were killed in an accident and they all went to Heaven together. God met the mice at the gates with the same offer that He made to the cat. The mice said, 'Well, we have had to run all of our lives: from cats, dogs, and even people with brooms! If we could just have some little roller skates, we would not have to run again.' God answered, 'It is done.' All the mice had beautiful little roller skates.

About a week later, God decided to check on the cat.. He found her sound asleep on her fluffy pillow. God gently awakened the cat and asked, 'Is everything okay? How have you been doing? Are you happy?'

The cat replied, 'Oh, it is WONDERFUL. I have never been so happy in my life. The pillow is so fluffy, and those little Meals on Wheels you have been sending over are delicious!'

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Sun May 2nd 8:00AM	Julie Burnside	Tom Anderson Vince Valdez Bill Deneen John Christensen	Harlan Harrington	Sheila Howard	Sergio Guillen Chris Schick Charles Lucero	Jose Guillen Geneva Torres
Sun May 2nd 10:00AM	Donna Madrid	Gary Vigil Ariana Eck Nick Coca III James Sandoval	John Lombardo Pinky Bjornstad Geri Hoover	Judith Connor	Drew Garcia Albert Ibarra Gary Vigil Amanda Vigil	Ana Padilla Lillian Ortiz
Sat May 8th 4:00PM	David Crawford	Mike Philbin Juan Serna	David Crawford	Bill McCarty	Karla Del Cid Jessica Van Loben Sels Jamie Van Loben Sels	Pam McCarty Bill McCarty
Sun May 9th 8:00AM	Julie Burnside	Carl Beyer Bill Deneen Vince Valdez Tom Anderson	Jeremy McClellan	Frances Perko	Dan Schick Shane Herrera Vincent Valdez	David Schutten April McClellan
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