



Saint John Vianney

A Mission Church of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

Father's Message

Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings and Peace in Christ Jesus, the King who is to come.

I invite you to spend this final week of Advent in a most prayerful way, preparing to celebrate with joy the birth of our Divine Savior. And what better way to get prepared than to begin with a good confession. All this week, as the novena is celebrated at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, confessions are being heard. Many priest will be on hand to hear confessions, so please don't miss the opportunity to purify your soul (check the bulletin for confession times).

Secondly: A gigantic THANK YOU to Judy Ramirez for her work on the Christmas crèche. Great job Judy. Thanks so much.

Have a wonderful Christmas!

Fr Scott

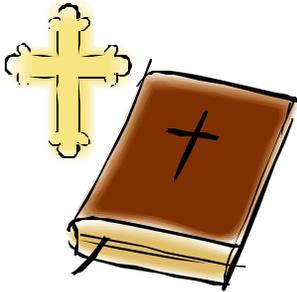
December 18, 2005
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Next Sunday

First Reading
Isaiah 52:7-10

Second Reading
Hebrews 1:1-6

Gospel
John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14



Epiphany of the Lord

We are in the planning stages for a pot luck to celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. So after enjoying the holidays be prepared on January 8th to bring your best dish, your appetite, and your joy to celebrate with your fellow parishioners. More to come ?

Christmas Masses at St. John Vianney

December 24th - 7:00PM

December 25th - 11:00AM

Parish Directory

Vicar.....Rev. Scott Mansfield
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Holy Rosary

Sunday.....7:40AM
Sunday.....10:40AM

Holy Mass

Sunday.....8:00AM
Sunday.....11:00AM

December 18, 2005, 8:00AM

Usher.....David Crawford
Usher.....Ed Uhrich
EM of Holy CommunionHarlan Harrington
Rosary LeaderPeggy Riley
Alter ServerTabitha Chavez
Alter ServerJaeson Chavez
First ReaderLillian Ortiz
Second Reader.....Larry Uhrich

December 18, 2005, 11:00AM

Usher.....Tug Ferguson
Usher.....Tony Quinones
EM of Holy CommunionGerry Hover
Rosary LeaderJoanna Dunn
Alter ServerRichard McLellan
Alter ServerMichael McLellan
First ReaderVicky Howell
Second Reader.....Jose Guillen

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Each December, I vowed to make Christmas a calm and peaceful experience. I cut back on nonessential obligations -- extensive card writing, endless baking, decorating, and even overspending. Yet still, I found myself exhausted, unable to appreciate the precious family moments, and of course, the true meaning of Christmas.

My son, Nicholas, was in kindergarten that year. It was an exciting season for a five-year-old. For weeks, he'd been memorizing songs for his school's "Winter Pageant."

I didn't have the heart to tell him I'd be working the night of the production. Unwilling to miss his shining moment, I spoke with his teacher. She assured me there'd be a dress rehearsal the morning of the presentation. All parents unable to attend that evening were welcome to come then. Fortunately, Nicholas seemed happy with the compromise.

So, the morning of the dress rehearsal, I filed in ten minutes early, found a spot on the cafeteria floor and sat down. Around the room, I saw several other parents quietly scampering to their seats. As I waited, the students were led into the room. Each class, accompanied by their teacher, sat cross-legged on the floor. Then, each group, one by one, rose to perform their song.

Because the public school system had long stopped referring to the holidays as Christmas," I didn't expect anything other than fun, commercial entertainment - songs of reindeer, Santa Claus, snowflakes and good cheer. So, when my son's class rose to sing, "Christmas Love," I was slightly taken aback by its bold title.

Nicholas was aglow, as were all of his classmates, adorned in fuzzy mittens, red sweaters, and bright snowcaps upon their heads. Those in the front row-center stage -- held up large letters, one by one, to spell out the title of the song.

As the class would sing "C is for Christmas," a child would hold up the letter C. Then, "H is for Happy," and on and on, until each child holding up his portion had presented the complete message, "Christmas Love."

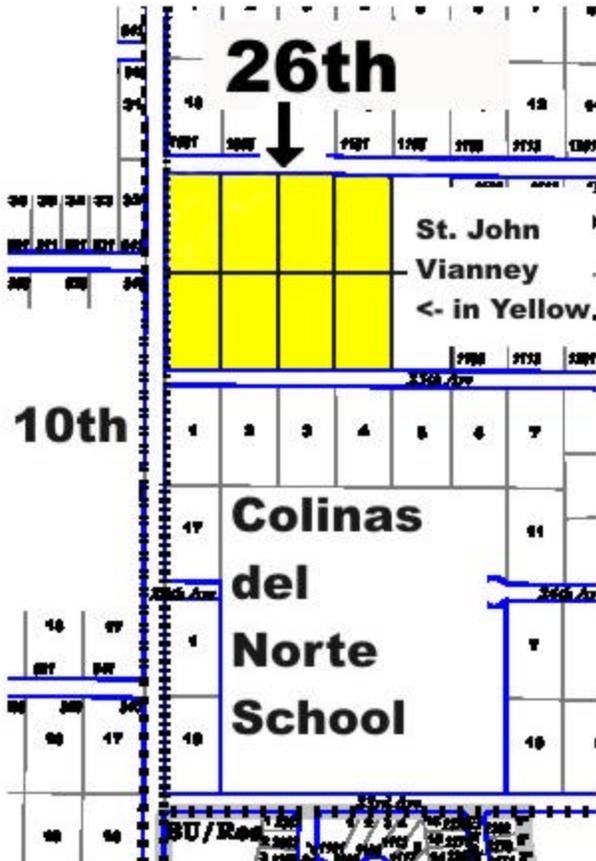
The performance was going smoothly, until suddenly, we noticed her; a small, quiet, girl in the front row holding the letter "M" upside down -- totally unaware her letter "M" appeared as a "W."

The audience of 1st through 6th graders snickered at this little one's mistake. But she had no idea they were laughing at her, so she stood tall, proudly holding her "W." Although many teachers tried to shush the children, the laughter continued until the last letter was raised, and we all saw it together.

A hush came over the audience and eyes began to widen. In that instant, We understood the reason we were there, why we celebrated the holiday in the first place, why even in the chaos, there was a purpose for our festivities.

For when the last letter was held high, the message read loud and clear:

"C H R I S T W A S L O V E"



December 24, 2005, 7:00PM	
Usher.....	Carl Beyer
Usher.....	James Sandoval
EM of Holy Communion.....	Jose Guillen
Rosary Leader.....	
Alter Server.....	Arkulas Beyer
Alter Server.....	Tabitha Chavez
First Reader.....	
Second Reader.....	David Crawford
December 25, 2005, 11:00AM	
Usher.....	Ed Uhrich
Usher.....	Tony Quinones
EM of Holy Communion.....	Harlan Harrington
Rosary Leader.....	Rochelle Quinones
Alter Server.....	Jordan Harrington
Alter Server.....	Stephen Chavez
First Reader.....	
Second Reader.....	Julie Burnside

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