



Saint John Vianney

A Mission Church of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish since August 10, 1997
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Friends in Christ Jesus,

Happy Advent.

Advent is the season during which we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior. The celebration of our Lord's birth begins on Christmas Eve and continues through the Feast of the Epiphany--the arrival of the three wise kings.

I love to see homes decorated with Christmas lights and 50 ft. tall rotating Frosty Snow Men as much as the next guy. What I would like to see more of, however, are decorations that point to the real reason why we celebrate Christmas.

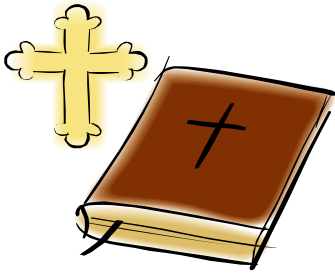
The ACLU, among others, are busy making sure that Jesus Christ--the God whose birthday we will soon celebrate--is purged from all public places: public schools, shopping malls, courthouses, etc. These ungodly attacks, however, do not prevent--at least for now--you and me from displaying manger scenes and crosses and other Christian symbols on our yards, on our front doors, or on our rooftops.

This Advent and Christmas, by how you decorate your homes, inside and out, let your neighbors know that you believe in and love and follow and worship Jesus Christ. When a person drives past your home this Advent and Christmas, there should be no question in his or her mind that you celebrate the birth of Christ Jesus. Amen.

Happy Holy Days.

Fr. Scott Mansfield

December 3, 2006
First Sunday of Advent



St. John Vianney will be having a Christmas potluck and party on Sunday, December 10th in the cafeteria. It will follow the 11:00 AM Mass. Since it is also a Christmas party, we will have music and carols, so tune up your pipes! As a community project for the season, we will have gift wrapping at the party. We request parishioners to bring a gift for any age. Please remember, even the older kids and the oldsters like Christmas presents.

There will be wrapping paper and tags available to decorate the presents and we will donate the gifts to Catholic Charities.



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Holy Rosary

Sunday 7:40AM
Sunday 10:40AM

Holy Mass

Sunday 8:00AM
Sunday 11:00AM

You are invited to a Christmas Pageant to be performed on December 17th in the cafeteria at 9:30. Please come and see our St. John Vianney children. Those who attend the 8 a.m. Mass, please stay, those who attend the 11 a.m. Mass, **come early!**

Calendar

December 8th, 7PM Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary
December 10th, 12:10PM Christmas Pot Luck
December 17th, 9:30AM..... Christmas Pageant
January 20th..... Archbishop Fund Raiser Brunch @ D'Arco Hall

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The CCD students are still collecting pennies for the purpose of purchasing something for the new St. John Vianney Church. Please be generous with your change!

December 3, 2006 8:00AM

Usher.....Tom Anderson
 Usher..... John Christensen
 EM of Holy Communion..... Harlan Harrington
 Rosary Leader..... Fred Bates
 Alter Server..... Peter Lucero
 Alter Server..... Fernando Lucero
 First Reader.....Julie Burnside
 Second Reader.....David Crawford

December 3, 2006, 11:00AM

Usher..... Nick Coca
 Usher..... Tony Quinones
 EM of Holy Communion..... Jeremy McClellan
 Rosary Leader..... Rochelle Quinones
 Alter Server..... Krista Savela
 Alter Server..... Jessica Van Loben Sels
 First Reader..... April McClellan
 Second Reader..... Peggy Riley

December 10, 2006 8:00AM

Usher.....Karl Lucero
 Usher..... James Dory
 EM of Holy Communion..... Julie Burnside
 Rosary Leader.....Catherine Uhrich
 Alter Server..... Ian Burnside
 Alter Server..... Charles Lucero
 First Reader..... Lillian Ortiz
 Second Reader..... Larry Uhrich

December 10, 2006, 11:00AM

Usher.....James Sandoval
 Usher..... Phillip Griego
 EM of Holy Communion..... Coz Madrid
 Rosary Leader..... Pinky Bjornstad
 Alter Server..... Adam Branchal
 Alter Server..... Tabatha Chavez
 First Reader..... Cheryl Bishop
 Second Reader..... Vicky Howell

If anyone would like to donate money for altar flowers or the flowers themselves for any Sunday, please let the sacristans know. All money or flowers must be received by the Saturday before, as flowers are usually bought on Saturday afternoon or evening.

Thank you for reading our bulletin. Any suggestions, comments or articles can be sent to bulletin@sjvnm.org. We also like to hear about births, baptisms, marriages or other news about our church members. Please visit our website at www.sjvnm.org and click on **Subscribe** to be added to the eMailing list.

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