

Saint John Vianney

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Greetings, Friends in Christ Jesus.

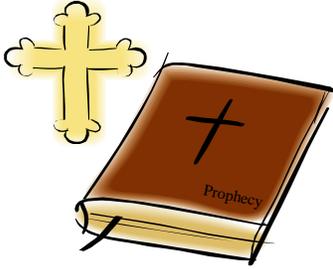
This Sunday, the Gospel treats us to the parable of the prodigal son. OK, here's an undeniable truth: I am a prodigal child just as you are a prodigal child. In the same way the father welcomed back his rebellious son, God, our Father, welcomes us, His rebellious children, back into His house. All that is required of you and me is a contrite, sorrowful heart, a confession of guilt, an act of penance, and a firm resolve to live in accordance with God's holy will and holy law.

This being said, remember that during Holy Week we will increase the opportunity for you to receive the Sacrament of Confession. I, however, if I was you, would not wait until Holy Week to confess. Have you seen the massive crowds of penitents during Holy week? Yikes! Go early and avoid the crowds.

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Scott
Mansfield

March 18, 2007
Fourth Sunday of Lent



There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."

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Holy Rosary

Sunday 7:40AM
Sunday 10:40AM

Holy Mass

Sunday 8:00AM
Sunday 11:00AM

LENT (Discovering Joy in a solemn season)

by Rev. John Catoir

(Continued from last week)

Do you have any suggestions for a Lenten sacrifice?

- ◆ Why not increase your capacity for joy by giving up the things that force you out of your soul.
- ◆ Give up resentment, and become more forgiving.
- ◆ Give up hatred and return good for evil.
- ◆ Give up complaining and be more grateful.
- ◆ Give up pessimism and become more hopeful.
- ◆ Give up worry and become more trusting.
- ◆ Give up anger and become more patient.
- ◆ Give up pettiness and become more noble.
- ◆ Give up gloom and become more joyful.

What is the role of prayer in Lent and in our lives?

Sacrifice and the effort to serve God through His people can lead you to Lent's special joy. As St. Augustine said: "We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song."

Prayer is an important part of our Lenten obligations. If you find it difficult to pray, you might simply image God speaker to you. His words might should something like this:

- ◆ *You don't have to be clever to please Me; all you have to do is want to love Me. Just speak to Me as you would to anyone of whom you are very fond.*

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Calendar

Fridays of Lent, 7PM Stations of the Cross

A thorough listing and description of grave sins:

The First Commandment, "You shall Worship the Lord Your God and him only Shall You Serve"

- **Idolatry** - Idolatry is the worship, veneration or belief in false gods. Because it is a direct rejection of God, it is a grave sin (1 Corinthians 6:9-10). Idolatry includes worship of images (This does not mean that we cannot venerate religious images. Veneration of images such as a crucifix is veneration of the person depicted, and not the actual image in and of itself.)
- **Divination, magic and sorcery** - This is a grave sin which includes attempting to command the powers of the occult, control or speak to demons or spirits (especially Satan), attempting to divine the future, and the use of magic charms (CCC 2116). Deuteronomy 18:10-11 speaks against this grave sin.
- **Sacrilege** - The sin of sacrilege is a grave sin that consists of profaning or treating unworthily the sacraments and liturgical actions of the Church as well as things consecrated to God (CCC 2120).
- ◆ **Atheism** - Because atheistic humanism falsely seeks man and human glory and rejects God, atheism is a grave sin (CCC 2125). It is a sin against the virtue of religion. St. Paul tells us, "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all unholiness and injustice of those men that detain the truth of God in injustice" (Romans 1:18).

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- ◆ *Are there people you want to pray for? Tell Me their names, and ask as much as you like. Trust Me to do what I know best.*
- ◆ *Is there anything you want for your soul? Tell Me if you feel guilty about anything. I will forgive you, but you have to accept My forgiveness.*
- ◆ *Tell me about your self-centeredness, and your laziness. I love you in spite of your faults. Do not hesitate to ask Me for blessings for mind and body. I can give everything you need for a happier, holier life.*
- ◆ *Are you afraid of anything? Trust yourself to Me. I am here. I see everything. I will never leave you.*
- ◆ *Have you any joys to share with me? What has happened recently to cheer and comfort you?*
- ◆ *Are temptations bearing heavily upon you? Yield to them always disturbs the peace of your soul. Ask Me, and I will help you to overcome them.*
- ◆ *Well, go along now. Come back to me soon. Tomorrow I shall have more blessings for you.*

March 18, 2007 8:00AM

Usher.....Tom Anderson
 Usher..... John Christensen
 EM of Holy CommunionJose Guillen
 Rosary Leader..... Catherine Uhrich
 Altar Server..... Charles Lucero
 Altar Server..... Sergio Guillen
 First Reader.....Julie Burnside
 Second ReaderDavid Crawford

March 18, 2007 11:00AM

Usher.....Carl E Beyer
 Usher..... Tony Quinones
 EM of Holy Communion John Lombardo
 Rosary Leader..... Rochelle Quinones
 Altar Server..... Jessica Van Loben Sels
 Altar Server..... Arkulas Beyer
 First Reader.....Pinky Bjornstad
 Second ReaderApril McClellan

March 25, 2007 8:00AM

UsherKarl Lucero
 Usher James Dory
 EM of Holy Communion..... Pinky Bjornstad
 Rosary LeaderFred Bates
 Altar ServerIan Burnside
 Altar Server Fernando Lucero
 First ReaderJose Guillen
 Second Reader.....Peggy Riley

March 25, 2007 11:00AM

UsherJames Sandoval
 Usher Ed Ulrich
 EM of Holy Communion..... Coz Madrid
 Rosary Leader Joanna Dunn
 Altar Server Richard McLellan
 Altar ServerMichael McLellan
 First Reader Cheryl Montoya
 Second Reader..... Vicky Howell

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