

August 5, 2007

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint John Vianney

A Mission Church of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish since August 10, 1997

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Friends in Christ,

Today, we celebrate the feast day of our patron, St. John Vianney. We are also celebrating the ten year anniversary of our becoming a mission church. Like always, we celebrate in the St. Thomas Aquinas School cafeteria, which is a nice place to celebrate. But as nice as it is, I would rather celebrate in our own facility.

If all continues on the current course, we will break ground this autumn. I prophecy that the next feast day of St. John Vianney will be celebrated in our own building, and with a much bigger cake than this year's cake.

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Scott Mansfield

Holy Rosary

Sunday7:40AM

Sunday10:40AM

Holy Mass

Sunday8:00AM

Sunday11:00AM



Defending Our Faith – a Series on Apologetics by John Lombardo **Call No Man Father**

I am temporarily leaving our discussion on Mary and as General MacArthur said to the Filipinos in WWII, “We will return”. Allow me to offer you various aspects on the Priesthood over the next three to four weeks.

The above topic is one which many of our Protestant brethren use to decry the Catholic use of “father” to refer to our priests. Using Matthew 23:9 wherein Jesus said “Call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven” ,they claim “Catholics are engaging in unbiblical practice that Jesus forbade “ (Essential Catholic Survival Guide , p. 185). Reading this passage literally and in context , we can see Jesus was using hyperbole to make a point: He was pointing out to the Jewish leaders who took “places of honor at feasts and best seats at synagogues...and being call rabbi by men” (Matt.23:6-7) that their pride and grasping after status and prestige is wrong. (Cf. Essential Catholic Survival Guide, p 188).

Jesus figurative use of exaggeration emphasized that “all legitimate authority and truth ultimately comes from God”. (Beginning Apologetics 1. Chacon and Burnham, p34) There are approximately one hundred twenty four references in the Bible using the name “father”. By this use of hyperbole, Jesus certainly did not want to alter the status of our earthly fathers. We must call our dad “father”, otherwise how can honor our father as the 4th Commandment demands?

In addition , the New Testament is repleat with examples of “spiritual father-son and father-child relationships. (Essential...p 189), I.e. Spiritual Fatherhood. Read Philem 10 wherein Paul states: “I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become in my imprisonment”. Onesimus was neither Paul’s literal or biological son. Rather Paul was emphasizing his spiritual fatherhood. (c.f. Essential...p190).

Spiritual Fatherhood! This is what the New Testament refers to through Paul in 1 Cor. 4:14-15. This passage states: “I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For although you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel “. Peter refers to Spiritual Fatherhood in 1Peter 5:13. John refers to this status of Spiritual Fatherhood in 1 John 2:1, 3 John 4, 1 John 2:13-14. With Peter, Paul and John referring to various audiences as spiritual sons/children, they imply their roles as spiritual fathers. (cf. Essential...p 191).

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Altar server meeting after August 12th 11AM Mass for new Altar Servers

We who are members of St. Thomas Aquinas, St. John Vianney, Incarnation or any other parish are “committed to a priest’s spiritual care” (Essential...p191). We simply acknowledge and follow the custom employed by the apostles’ teaching by calling our priests “father”. We “recognize and honor a great gift God has bestowed on the Church--the spiritual fatherhood of the priesthood...these passages were written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit” that expresses an infallible truth, recorded in the New Testament that Christ’s ministers are our spiritual fathers. (cf. Essential...-191).

Peace

John Mary Vianney

Also known as:

Cure of Ars; Jean Baptiste Marie Vianney; Jean Marie Baptiste Vianney; Jean-Baptiste Vianney; John Baptist Vianney; John Vianney

Memorial

4 August

Profile

Farm hand who in his youth taught other children their prayers and catechism. Ordained in 1815, though it took several years study as he had little education, was not a very good student, and his Latin was terrible. Assigned for a while to Ecully. In 1818 he was assigned to the parish of Ars, a tiny village near Lyons, which suffered from very lax attendance; he began visiting his parishioners, especially the sick and poor. Spent days in prayer, doing penance for his parishioners. Gifted with discernment of spirits, prophecy, hidden knowledge, and working miracles. Tormented by evil spirits, especially when he tried to get his 2-3 hours of sleep each night. Crowds came to hear him preach, and to make their reconciliation because of his reputation with penitents; by 1855 there were 20,000 pilgrims a year to Ars. Spent 40 years as the parish priest.

Catholic Common Cents Corner

Volunteer for the church.

There is no better “after retirement” plan.

Volunteer Schedule	August 5, 2007		August 12, 2007	
	8:00AM	11:00AM	8:00AM	11:00AM
Ushers	Tom Anderson John Christensen	Ed Uhrich Phil Griego	James Dory Karl Lucero	Ed Uhrich James Sandoval
EM of Holy Communion	Julie Burnside	Anna Marie	Jose Guillen	Rosie Root
Rosary Leader	Catherine Uhrich	Mary Bell Lucero	Evelyn Romero	Pinky Bjornstad
Altar Servers	Peter Lucero Charles Lucero	Jaeson Chavez Adam Branchel	Sergio Guillen Ian Burnside	Michael McLellan Richard McLellan
Readers	Peggy Riley Jose Guillen	Pinky Bjornstad Cheryl Montoya	Julie Burnside David Crawford	April McClellan Vicky Howell

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