

July 6, 2008

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint John Vianney

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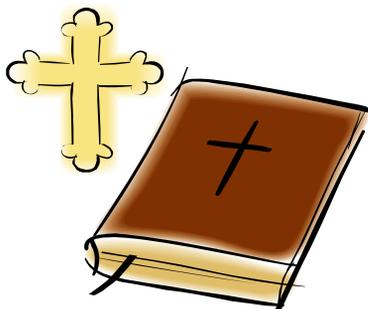
Friends in Christ,

As mentioned last Sunday, St. John Vianney Mission is hosting a Silent Auction, Saturday, August 2. The Archdiocese has agreed to allow us to host the event at the Catholic Center, 4000 St. Joseph Pl. in Albuquerque. The event begins at 5 in the afternoon.

The cost of the event is only \$50.00 per person, \$90.00 per couple, and children \$25.00. Dinner will be served. There will be close to--if not more than--100 items to bid on. Your presence at this event is very much appreciated. Please spread the word: invite friends and family members, neighbors and coworkers. See the bulletin for ticket information. All proceeds will go to the St. John Vianney Building Fund. Thank you for your participation.

Have a blessed week,

Fr Scott Mansfield



Altar Server Meeting
- July 27 -
After the 11AM Mass

Holy Rosary

Sunday 7:40AM
Sunday 10:40AM

Holy Mass

Sunday 8:00AM
Sunday 11:00AM



**St. John Vianney Mission
Church
FAMILY NIGHTS
at
Tropical Smoothie Café**



**All Proceeds Go
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Vianney Mission
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WHEN
July 14 - 16, 2008
3:00pm to 9:00pm
See you there!

20% DONATION

Tropical Smoothie is donating 20% of the
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What happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence?

Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army; another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War. They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

What kind of men were they?

Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners; men of means, well educated. But they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags.

Thomas McKean was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward.

Vandals or soldiers looted the properties of Dillery, Hall, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton.

At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson Jr., noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. He quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt.

Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months.

John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished. A few weeks later he died from exhaustion and a broken heart.

Norris and Livingston suffered similar fates.

Such were the stories and sacrifices of the American Revolution. These were not wild-eyed, rabble-rousing ruffians. They were soft-spoken men of means and education.

They had security, but they valued liberty more. Standing tall, straight, and unwavering, they pledged: "For the support of this declaration, with firm reliance on the protection of divine providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

They gave you and me a free and independent America. The history books never told you a lot about what happened in the Revolutionary War. We didn't fight just the British. We were British subjects at that time and we fought our own government!

Some of us take these liberties so much for granted, but we shouldn't. So, take a few minutes this year while enjoying your 4th of July holiday and silently thank these patriots. It's not much to ask for the price they paid.

Remember: freedom is never free, and the Fourth of July has more to it than parades, beer, picnics, and baseball games.

Parish Hall / Church Slab



Parking Lot



*You are cordially invited to attend;
St. John Vianney's
First Annual Silent Auction & Dinner*



Le Soir Pour Se Souvenir!

*Saturday, August 2 from 5-9pm
at the Catholic Center*

*Come enjoy a Black & White Semi Formal evening
filled with Beautiful Live Music,
Unique items to bid upon, fabulous French Cuisine
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Defending Our Faith – A Series on Apologetics by John Lombardo

Last Days and End Times: Will Catholics Be Left Behind - NO!

I noted in my last monograph that Scripture supports only Catholic teaching of end times. The Dispensationalist view teaches that those folks taken away before the tribulation are snatched up in a secret rapture in order to avoid the suffering those in the tribulation will endure. These rapturists attempt to use Matt 24:38-41 as the basis for this belief: “For as in those days before the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of man. Then two men will be in the field; one is taken and one is left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one is taken and one is left.” Please notice, nothing in this passage says anything of a secret rapture or coming.(1) In fact, every passage used by rapturists to prove their case is a mischaracterization of Scripture, For example, these rapture proponents attempt to use Luke 17: 22-37 wherein Jesus uses the example of Noah’s flood and Lot’s destruction of Sodom to support the theory that the virtuous are raptured while the evildoers are left behind on earth. Who are snatched away? In both cases, only the wicked were snatch away. It is the virtuous who stayed on earth, the very opposite of rapture teaching. (2).

◆ There Is No Historical Record of Rapturist Teaching

If this teaching of the second rapture of the Church is true, shouldn’t such a momentous event be specifically taught in the Bible? In addition, wouldn’t the Early Church Fathers has written *something* on this topic? Scripture, as a matter of fact, teaches only one coming of Jesus, at the end of time, that is, a single coming. In addition the Fathers of the Church have always taught the one coming at the end of time.(3)

◆ “Jesus’ Public Ministry is Accomplished”(4)

Our Lord accomplish our redemption during a three year public ministry 2000 years ago. The final proof of accomplishment was His crucifixion and death on a cross. The sixth word he uttered before he gave himself to the Father was “It is finished” (John: 19:28,30). In short, Jesus accomplished everything he came to earth to do. He declared in John 16:33 “I have overcome the world”. If he overcame the world, why would he return to earth for another ministries lasting a thousand years? These simply is nothing left to accomplish; he had already “overcome the world”.(5)

The Catechism of the Catholic Church takes aim at any form of false teaching of end times, specifically anything under the name of *Millennialism*, and rejects it. See CCC 676. (6)

◆ Misunderstanding Suffering

Rapturists teach that only *believers* will be snatched away to spare them the suffering of the tribulation. They fail to realize that Scripture teaches that suffering is a privilege for those who wish to follow Christ(7) Scripture is very clear: those of us who follow Our Lord share in His sufferings. “Dearly beloved: Rejoice in the measure that you share Christ’s sufferings. When his glory is revealed, you will rejoice exultantly. Happy are you

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when you are insulted for the sake of Christ, for then God's Spirit in its glory has come to rest on you.”(8)

The Liturgy Of The Hours, Vol.3,p. 1698, provides a special intercession for martyrs: “We praise you, O Lord, our Savior, inspiration and example for every martyr, for loving us to the end.” Jesus showed us by His example how to follow Him - must suffer with Him. Does a teaching that believers will be snatched away to spare them the trials of tribulation follow what Scripture actually say? No! The early martyrs died proclaiming the truth of Jesus' teaching by following His example on the cross. This teaching applies also to the millions tortured by 20th century Communist, and Sudanese Christians crucified today. None were raptured to be spared the sufferings of the Great Tribulation. They have suffered and died for Christ. “To believe that believers will be spared the sufferings of the Great Tribulation is wishful thinking with no basis in Scripture. It is just another form of escapism packaged for self-indulgent generation that rejects the value of sufferings.”(9) Our Lord allows suffering to bring about a greater good: we follow the Master who suffered for us. Therefore, we must suffer as he did. Salvation is achieved when we enter into His redemption - His suffering and death - with repentance for our sins.

Dear friends, this topic is a tough one. I hope that I have helped you in understanding our Holy Faith a little bit better because each of us has an obligation to study and know our Faith. Enjoy a great July 4th weekend.

PEACE

(1) Beginning Apologetics-8- The End Times, by Father Frank Chacon and Jim Burnham, p 13

(2) Ibid, p 15

(3) Ibid, p 15

(4) Ibid, p. 17

(5) Ibid, p. 17

(6) Ibid, p. 17

(7) Ibid, p. 17

(8) Colossians 1:24, Romans 8:17-18, noted in Beginning Apologetics-8- The End Times, p. 17

(9) Ibid, p.17

St. Ulric, Bishop of Augsburg, July 10th

The son of Count Hucbald of Suabia, St. Ulric was born at Augsburg in 890 and was educated in the Abbey of St. Gall from the age of seven on. At sixteen, he was given into the care of Bishop Adalbero of Augsburg who made him his chamberlain and later ordained him. The young man was wise in the ways of God and carried out his duties with utmost reverence and great prudence. He was zealous at prayer, diligent in study, and magnanimous toward the poor. Aware of the fragile character of chastity, he shunned every hint of danger, saying: “Take away the fuel, and you take away the fire.”

In 923, King Henry the Fowler made St. Ulric Bishop of Augsburg. Since the Magyars had recently pillaged Germany, plundered the city, and destroyed the cathedral, the saintly man's first task was to raise the people's spirit. He built a small temporary church and provided for the instruction, relief, and comfort of his flock - working long hours and praying unceasingly. He made a visitation of his diocese annually and held synods of the clergy semi-annually.

In 955, the Magyars once again attacked Augsburg. This time, however, they were stopped and hurled back; and the people attributed this triumph to the prayers of their holy Bishop who continued in prayer for his flock, like Moses on the mountain. In his later years, St. Ulric retired to St. Gall and died there in 973. Miracles recorded at his tomb influenced Pope John XV to canonize him in 993 - the first solemn canonization by a Pope on record.

Volunteer Schedule	July 6, 2008		July 13, 2008	
	8:00AM	11:00AM	8:00AM	11:00AM
Ushers	John Christensen Tom Anderson	Tony Quinones Carl Beyer	Karl Lucero James Dory	Ed Uhrich Carl Beyer
EM of Holy Communion	Jeremy McClellan	Rosie Root	Jose Guillen	John Lombardo
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