

August 3, 2008

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# *Saint John Vianney*

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

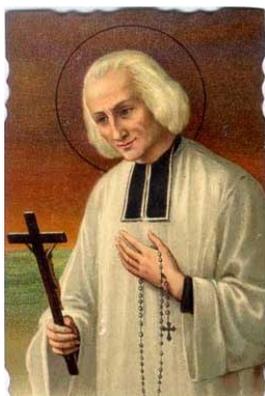
Happy August.

August is a big month. School begins, and on the 15th the Church celebrates the Feast of the Assumption, a Holy Day of Obligation. Plus, on the 4th, the Feast of St. John Vianney is celebrated. We, however, will celebrate the feast of our patron on the 10th, which is the anniversary of the founding of St. John Vianney Mission. We will celebrate with a potluck lunch after the 11 AM Mass. Bring your hunger.

Finally, remember to offer up a prayer or two each day for the building of St. John Vianney Church. Scripture makes clear that unless God builds the house, the building of the house is a vain project. If we continue to pray for success, God will continue to bless our efforts.

Have a very graced filled week,

Fr. Scott Mansfield



## **Holy Rosary**

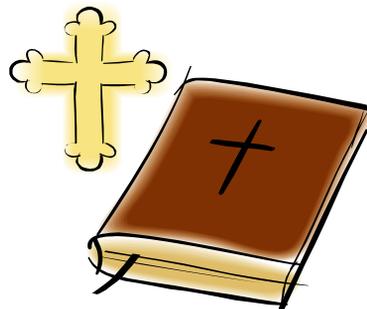
Sunday ..... 7:40AM

Sunday ..... 10:40AM

## **Holy Mass**

Sunday ..... 8:00AM

Sunday ..... 11:00AM



His Excellency the Archbishop is bestowing the St. Francis Award upon our parishioners Mr. and Mrs. Bob and Gerri Hoover. We all know the work that Gerri has done with the Blue Army, promoting devotion to our Blessed Mother, and Bob's work in helping bereaved families with hospitality at the time of funerals, in addition to many other ministries they are involved with. The Archbishop will present the award on 3 October at the Cathedral in Santa Fe. Congratulations, Bob & Gerri!

Msgr. Doug Raun

## Pot Luck

## August 10th

It's that time of the year to have our annual Pot Luck. St. John Vianney started as a mission church 11 years ago. This is our last Pot Luck at St. Thomas Aquinas School. Let make it really special and yummy. Bring your best dish, appetite, and friends. See you there.



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## **For Your Own Good** by Carl E Beyer

As I sit here thinking of how hairy I am going to be for my facial recognition driver license this fall, I wonder if the government understands Free Will. Why facial recognition? Well, for your own good. For those wondering, yes us males have an advantage, we can hide our face behind facial hair and beat the facial recognition. It brings me to the point of, why does God loves us so much to allow us free will but the government wants to treat us like children and start tracking us via video cameras? For your own good. There has been one proven way to reduce most crime, a Police State. But it will be disguise as technology for your own good. Cameras everywhere, tracking everything we do, for your protection. Beware!! Warn your children. As technologies marches on, our freedom will be eroded. Start today and write down every single memory you have in your whole life. This will fit on those small 8GB USB drives whose inners are smaller than a penny. Every eMail sent, every website you visit, every financial transaction, and yes soon every video recorded will be able to be easily stored forever. But lets get more specific. As our kids grow up with technology they will be more acceptable to “new technology”. Like RFID (Radio Frequency ID) tags that will easily track products. Products such as clothes we wear, the wallet in our pocket, etc. Once the population is use to these we will be able to pick up a product, walk out of the store and then have your account charged automatically. But wait wouldn't it be easier if we simply implant something under our skin. Most of us would say, NEVER!! But ask your kids. They are open to the ideal, the common response is, cool. For your own good. It will keep you healthy. Stop, you have been to McDonalds three times this week for that double burger. Bad boy, that's not allowed under the new “Health Law”. Stop, you are too far from home at this hour. The police we be on the way to find out why. Stop, three times to church this week. Susceptible to become a religious fanatic. For your own good. Inform your children that this may be the very “Mark of the Beast” that has been predicted. Never in recorded history has there been a time when it is as possible as now or in the near future. God so loves us and therefore gives us Free Will. Another word for free will is freedom. As the government and technology takes away your freedom, beware. I for one say “Know your enemy”. Warn and teach your kids how technology works so that they are informed. Anyone for a facial recognition (NM Driver License)? Anyone for a required flu shot (RFID)? God Bless.

# St. John Vianney, Priest, August 4th

The Curé of Ars, born at Dardilly, near Lyons, France, on 8 May, 1786; died at Ars, 4 August, 1869; son of Matthieu Vianney and Marie Beluze. In 1806, the curé at Ecully, M. Balley, opened a school for ecclesiastical students, and Jean-Marie was sent to him. Though he was of average intelligence and his masters never seem to have doubted his vocation, his knowledge was extremely limited, being confined to a little arithmetic, history, and geography, and he found learning, especially the study of Latin, excessively difficult. One of his fellow-students, Matthias Loras, afterwards first Bishop of Dubuque, assisted him with his Latin lessons. But now another obstacle presented itself. Young Vianney was drawn in the conscription, the war with Spain and the urgent need of recruits having caused Napoleon to withdraw the exemption enjoyed by the ecclesiastical students in the diocese of his uncle, Cardinal Fesch. Matthieu Vianney tried unsuccessfully to procure a substitute, so his son was obliged to go. His regiment soon received marching orders. The morning of departure, Jean-Baptiste went to church to pray, and on his return to the barracks found that his comrades had already left. He was threatened with arrest, but the recruiting captain believed his story and sent him after the troops. At nightfall he met a young man who volunteered to guide him to his fellow-soldiers, but led him to Noes, where some deserters had gathered. The mayor persuaded him to remain there, under an assumed name, as schoolmaster. After fourteen months, he was able to communicate with his family. His father was vexed to know that he was a deserter and ordered him to surrender but the matter was settled by his younger brother offering to serve in his stead and being accepted.

Jean-Baptiste now resumed his studies at Ecully. In 1812, he was sent to the seminary at Verrieres; he was so deficient in Latin as to be obliged to follow the philosophy course in French. He failed to pass the examinations for entrance to the seminary proper, but on re-examination three months later succeeded. On 13 August, 1815, he was ordained priest by Mgr. Simon, Bishop of Grenoble. His difficulties in making the preparatory studies seem to have been due to a lack of mental suppleness in dealing with theory as distinct from practice -- a lack accounted for by the meagreness of his early schooling, the advanced age at which he began to study, the fact that he was not of more than average intelligence, and that he was far advanced in spiritual science and in the practice of virtue long before he came to study it in the abstract. He was sent to Ecully as assistant to M. Balley, who had first recognized and encouraged his vocation, who urged him to persevere when the obstacles in his way seemed insurmountable, who interceded with the examiners when he failed to pass for the higher seminary, and who was his model as well as his preceptor and patron. In 1818, after the death of M. Balley, M. Vianney was made parish priest of Ars, a village not very far from Lyons.

It was in the exercise of the functions of the parish priest in this remote French

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hamlet that as the "curé d'Ars" he became known throughout France and the Christian world. A few years after he went to Ars, he founded a sort of orphanage for destitute girls. It was called "The Providence" and was the model of similar institutions established later all over France. M. Vianney himself instructed the children of "The Providence" in the catechism, and these catechetical instructions came to be so popular that at last they were given every day in the church to large crowds. "The Providence" was the favourite work of the "curé d'Ars", but, although it was successful, it was closed in 1847, because the holy curé thought that he was not justified in maintaining it in the face of the opposition of many good people. Its closing was a very heavy trial to him.

But the chief labour of the Curé d'Ars was the direction of souls. He had not been long at Ars when people began coming to him from other parishes, then from distant places, then from all parts of France, and finally from other countries. As early as 1835, his bishop forbade him to attend the annual retreats of the diocesan clergy because of "the souls awaiting him yonder". During the last ten years of his life, he spent from sixteen to eighteen hours a day in the confessional. His advice was sought by bishops, priests, religious, young men and women in doubt as to their vocation, sinners, persons in all sorts of difficulties and the sick. In 1855, the number of pilgrims had reached twenty thousand a year. The most distinguished persons visited Ars for the purpose of seeing the holy curé and hearing his daily instruction. The Venerable Father Colin was ordained deacon at the same time, and was his life-long friend, while Mother Marie de la Providence founded the Helpers of the Holy Souls on his advice and with his constant encouragement. His direction was characterized by common sense, remarkable insight, and supernatural knowledge. He would sometimes divine sins withheld in an imperfect confession. His instructions were simple in language, full of imagery drawn from daily life and country scenes, but breathing faith and that love of God which was his life principle and which he infused into his audience as much by his manner and appearance as by his words, for, at the last, his voice was almost inaudible.

The miracles recorded by his biographers are of three classes: first, the obtaining of money for his charities and food for his orphans secondly, supernatural knowledge of the past and future; thirdly, healing the sick, especially children. The greatest miracle of all was his life. He practised mortification from his early youth. and for forty years his food and sleep were insufficient, humanly speaking to sustain life. And yet he laboured incessantly, with unflinching humility, gentleness, patience, and cheerfulness, until he was more than seventy-three years old.

On 3 October, 1874 Jean-Baptiste-Marie Vianney was proclaimed Venerable by Pius IX and on 8 January, 1905, he was enrolled among the Blessed. Pope Pius X proposed him as a model to the parochial clergy. In 1925, Pope Pius XI canonized him. His feast is kept on 4 August."

## *Prayer Corner*

Let us join as a community in prayer for our fellow parishioners and/or their family members.

- ◆ John Lombardo - For his recovery from surgery.
- ◆ Robert Hoover - For his recovery of his heart attacks.
- ◆ Ally Sanxay - For gathering her strength for her coming surgery against IV stage breast cancer.
- ◆ Please pray for David Arbuckle, friend and co-worker, his doctors have no idea what is wrong with him but he seems to be dying from it.
- ◆ All our brave men and women keeping our country free.

To add someone you wish us to pray for please eMail [bulletin@sjvnm.org](mailto:bulletin@sjvnm.org).

St. John Vianney's Silent Auction Dinner for August 2<sup>nd</sup> has been postponed at this time. St. John Vianney Building Committee would like to extend our gratitude for your on going support in our efforts in fundraising for our future home in Northern Rio Rancho.

At this time we will look into having our Silent Auction Dinner in our new Parish Hall in conjunction with our Grand Opening in late January or February.

St. John Vianney Building & Finance Committee

**Thank You**  
**Parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas & St. John Vianney**  
**For Supporting**  
**St. John Vianney's Family Nights at**  
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Volunteer Schedule	August 3, 2008		August 10, 2008	
	8:00AM	11:00AM	8:00AM	11:00AM
<b>Ushers</b>	Tom Anderson John Christensen	Ed Uhrich Phil Griego	Tom Anderson James Dory	Tony Quinones Frank Charles
<b>EM of Holy Communion</b>	Jeremy McClellan	Margaret Chavez	Harlan Harrington	Anna Marie
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