

September 14, 2008

The Exaltation of The Holy Cross

Saint John Vianney

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Friends in Christ,

Thank you again for checking out the list of needed sanctuary items. If you would like to purchase one or more of the needed items, or if you would like to make a contribution, visit Holy Family Religious Supplies. Holy Family is located off of Coors just north of Paseo del Norte. Deacon Roger Ayers will assist you. Again, thank you for your goodness and generosity.

Lastly, now that our religious education classes have commenced, please be extra careful when you enter, drive through, and exit the parking lot. We love the kids. The safety of our children is a priority.

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Scott Mansfield



Holy Rosary

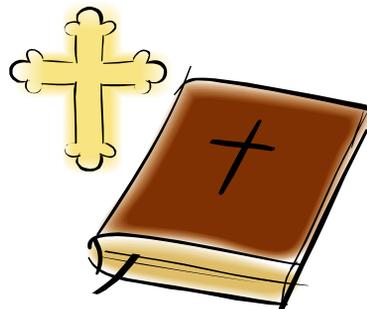
Sunday 7:40AM

Sunday 10:40AM

Holy Mass

Sunday 8:00AM

Sunday 11:00AM



Paint a Picture by Carl E Beyer

I grew up in the countryside in NY. I can not think of a bigger blessing that my childhood received. If a car drove by we would run out to see who it was. Step outside and within two minutes you were in the wood with the wonder of nature surrounding you. Many a days I would go for hours walk exploring those wondrous woods. There were the hardwood forest with the clear forest floors perfect for walking and seeing for long distances. There were the evergreen forest which require climbing around all those braches but gave you best chance at seeing wildlife. If you wanted to travel fast you would go down into the creeks and then follow the river.

No cells phones, so just the sound of nature without someone calling you home. With this came the responsibility to ensure you kept yourself safe. We had dogs but they would wander off pretty quickly. After all they were responsible for getting their own food since we didn't feed them unless the winters were too bad for them to go hunting. So not just the wonder of nature but the learning to take care of yourself. I did once walk too close to the side of a cliff during winter and went for a ride down about 50 feet but the hard winter gave me about 10 feet of snow to ride down and cushion the fall. In retrospect it was fun but not advisable to do. I kept my distance back from the cliffs during winter after that.

I had one place in particular that I would love to visit. It was where two creek joined to create this V shaped peninsula high above the valley below. Here God painted the most beautiful picture. A mass of nature with just barely visible below the river running down the center. And as with all God creations he would paint a different picture based on the season and each was breath taking.

Why bring this up?
Because I'm going camping. I wish I could say it was out of cell phone range but that is harder and harder to come by these day. None-the-less it is time to be with the family. Time to build a good campfire and spend time with the kids without distractions.

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Time to play cards. Time to be updated on the kids every changing values and lives. Time to tell stories and share experiences away from the daily hustle of life. And from the kids' viewpoint it is a time to make s'mores.

When the kids were younger it was a good time for truth or dare but they don't like telling the truth anymore to the inquiring questions I would ask. We take the dogs and let them run wild and they remind us that they are our best friends and hang around us. We have city dogs, they don't have to hunt for their food.

So I will be off to breath both the fresh air of nature and the smoky air of the campfire. Off to walk in the woods to see if we can spot that Elk we seen before. Off to enjoy the beautiful pictures that God creates for us.

God Bless you all, go forth and camp.

Information on our Wish List

I will list here the things people have already pledged money toward or pledged to buy so far. This list is subject to change as people buy things, so keep an eye on the bulletin or call the Holy Family store for the most recent additions at 898-4659.

The collection baskets and the large collection basket are pledged by the Pete Montoya family.

The Rite of Marriage book is pledged by David Crawford and Sarah.

The lavabo is pledged by Tony and Shelly Quinones.

The washbowl is pledged by Carl & Gloria Beyer.

The cruets are pledged by Pinky.

We have a pledges towards the monstrance from Coz and Donna Madrid and Karen and Janet Fusco, but will need more.

We have a pledge towards the candlelighter/snuffer from Petrita Lopez-O'Neil and Patrick O'Neil.

The tabernacle is pledged in full by Michelle Sotelo.

Thank you to all those who have pledged or given us money towards anything we still need. We will probably buy candles with the money.

I will give the pledge sheet and a copy of the wish list to Deacon Ayers at Holy Family. Anyone wishing to donate or purchase items can see him or me for further information. He has a catalog with items listed for us. Please remember, these are items that show what we would like or something similar to them. If anyone can find similar items at reduced cost on-line or anywhere else, by all means, do not feel obligated to buy from the catalog. We will be happy with any item that is in ready-to-use, good condition.

The altar, candlesticks, credence table, ambo, and offerings table are being built, as well as a pillar to hold the holy water basin.

Julie Burnside

Patriot Day Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

Today is a difficult day. The memories are painful and some of the wounds I fear may never heal. Yet I pray you will help me to go on living for truth, firm in my hope of your salvation. May I live for you, Lord, and by doing so, be an example to my friends and family. I pray, just like Jesus, I may learn obedience through these things that I have suffered. Help me not to question why, yet even if I do, give me courage to continue to trust you. Help me take the comfort and strength you've poured into my life and use it to comfort and strengthen others who need hope.

I pray I might become a better person and help make the world a better place because of this terrible event. Thank you for the heroes that gave so sacrificially on September 11. Help me to remember their courage and learn from them. I want my life to be worthy of you Lord, so make of it what you desire, and use me to fulfill your purposes. May the evil of that day cause me and my family to work harder to do good on this Earth and to bring your light into the dark places. Help me to never stop believing in you and living my life for you.

Lord, heal all those who were crushed and broken on that day. May they come to experience your presence and know your peace.

Amen.



God Bless The USA

A father was teaching his son to admire the beauties of nature.

“Look, son,” he exclaimed, “isn’t that sunset a beautiful picture God has painted?”

“It sure is, Dad,” responded the youngster enthusiastically, “especially since God had to paint it with his left hand.”

The father was baffled. “What do you mean, son? His left hand?”

“Well,” answered the boy, “my Sunday school teacher said that Jesus was sitting on God’s right hand.”

Prayer Corner

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

- ◆ Gerry Hoover - For her recovery from her recent illness.
- ◆ Manuel Romero - For a liver transplant / recovery.
- ◆ Mary Q. Haygood – For her health.
- ◆ All our brave men and women of the world keeping their country free.

To add someone you wish us to pray for please eMail bulletin@sjvnm.org.

Thank you for your prayers.

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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.

First member: I thought the sermon was divine. It reminded me of the peace of God. It passed all understanding.

Second member: It reminded me of the mercies of God. I thought it would endure forever.

Upcoming Events

September 28th, After 11AM Mass..... Ministries Leader Meeting
 October 3 Bob and Gerri Hover awards at St. Francis

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Volunteer Schedule	September 14, 2008		September 21, 2008	
	8:00AM	11:00AM	8:00AM	11:00AM
Ushers	Tom Anderson James Dory	Ed Uhrich Phil Griego	John Christensen James Dory	Tony Quinones Frank Charles
EM of Holy Communion	Jose Guillen	Loretta Tafuro	David Crawford	John Jenkins
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