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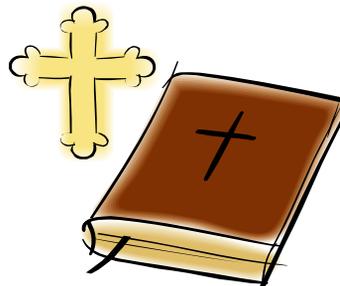
Our Lord Jesus Christ The King

# Saint John Vianney

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Friends in Christ,

This is the final Sunday of the liturgical year. Next Sunday begins the season of Advent. Unlike during the season of Lent, we the faithful are not bound by the discipline of fasting and abstinence from meat. However, I know many people who, for spiritual reasons, fast and abstain from meat on Fridays of Advent. I have been thinking for some time about joining those who practice this self imposed discipline. I ask that you consider this too, perhaps offering up the sacrifice for the success of our building projects.



Have a blessed week,

Fr. Scott Mansfield

First Mass at new location will be December 21st at 10AM. This will be the only mass on this special day.

### Upcoming Events

- December 21st, 10AM Mass ..... Archbishop Michael Sheehan Celebrates Mass
- December 24th Christmas Eve Masses ..... 5PM, 7PM
- December 25th Christmas Mass ..... 10AM
- December 28th New Mass Schedule ..... Saturday 4PM, Sunday 8AM, 10AM

## Thanksgiving by Carl E Beyer

Long ago and in a far far away place on Thanksgiving day a boy was born. I do not remember it but my mother says she wasn't hungry for Thanksgiving that day, says I ruined her appetite. But since I usually get presents on Thanksgiving week, it is an especially nice holiday for me. Of course, the second part is that this is one holiday that we are suppose to stuff ourselves and that helps to make it special.

Another landmark on this day occurred four years ago. We were able to move out of the 840 sq ft home to an 2800 sq ft home. The extra space was nice but with a family of five I most enjoy going from one bathroom to three bathrooms. With the kids getting older I was about to build myself an outhouse at the 800 sq ft home. Our first full day at the new house was Thanksgiving so we bought about a dozen of those turkey TV dinners and celebrated the wonderful gift of a new home.

I can not see us celebrating in the same manner in the foreseeable future though. I much rather go to grandmother's house and see the family and enjoy the annual pot luck there. My brother-in-law makes a peppered turkey that is to die for. Then the traditional mash-potatoes, corn, stuffing, pumpkin pie .... OK I'm back, I made myself hungry and had to grab a bite. ☺

But on a more serious side, this is a day to be thankful. There are so few of us in the United States who know the true meaning of being hungry and to be truly grateful for the abundance of food with which we are blessed. When I was twelve I worked on a dairy farm about 90 hours a week. I got Sunday afternoons off and then was required to mow our lawn which took about three hours. We do not have a lawn now, go figure. I calculated that I was earning about 25cents/hr working on the farm. But the hardest part was the farm was three miles from my house and the owners didn't feed us. So I almost starved that summer. I would be too tired to make my meals before or after work and hardly ever made myself lunch. Once a week we would be paid and instead of buying any kind of reasonable food I would bike down to the town and buy all the candy and sodas I could carry. God forgive me but I would steal milk out of the tank to stave off the hunger pains. So I am thankful for each and every meal.

The other basic need we Americans often forget to be thankful for is shelter. How many of us, in our comfortable lives, can say we have been without shelter? Personally it was only a week in college, during the summer, between sublets, but living in a truck. That week gave me a new perspective on coming home to a comfortable bed every night. We are truly blessed with our massive homes compared to the rest of the world. I often say that if things become difficult here I could probably shelter four or five families in the house I am now in. It may not be comfortable but our basic needs would be met and we all would be grateful.

So this Thanksgiving, as you are saying grace with family and friends in a comfortable home and abundant food, be sure and not puff your chest and think how well you have done for yourself but give credit to God that he has allowed you these blessing. Be sure and share either your time or money with the less fortunate.

God Bless you all, now go forth and have a great Thanksgiving.

## **Defending Our Faith** -- A Series On Apologetics by John Lombardo

### ***Mormonism--Christian or Cult?***

This topic is one I was saving for a later date simply because it is a tough one. The Holy Spirit had other ideas by sending two young, well dressed Mormon missionaries to our front door. Listening to their presentation of beliefs, I found a great similarity with Christian beliefs. However, when they started talking about the corruption of the Catholic church after the death of the last Apostle, I started a rebuttal showing where their history and Scripture had gone awry. Due to the pressure of time however, I asked these two youngsters to come back so we could discuss this issue. Both refused because “all we would do would be to quote Scripture to counter each other.” Since they didn’t want to discuss any historical analyses, I knew I had to tackle this topic to provide you with ammunition should you be called on.

### ***What is Mormonism?***

We know Mormonism as The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Its founder, Joseph Smith, Jr, claimed to have had a personal visit from God the Father at the age of 15, who introduced him to Christ. Smith claims Jesus told him not to join any church because they were all wrong and that all Christian churches’ beliefs and doctrines “were an abomination.” (Joseph Smith--History 19, Pearl of Great Price) (2)

I will list Mormon beliefs this week, handling a refutation in my next monograph two weeks hence. The basis of Mormon beliefs is the ‘Great Apostasy’ wherein the Catholic Church ceased to profess true Apostolic doctrines, and began to teach pagan beliefs. This occurred after the death of the last Apostle, (John, 100 AD) and was universal by 200AD at the latest. Mormons teach that the Church Jesus founded completely disappeared from the face of the earth until Joseph Smith restored it in 1829. (3) Below are some Mormon beliefs their missionaries will not tell you:

- ◆ Mormons are unwilling to tell you that the God they worship was not always God.
- ◆ They are unwilling to tell you that they believe Jesus Christ is the spirit brother of Satan .
- ◆ They won’t tell you that they believe Jesus Christ was a polygamist.
- ◆ They won’t tell you that Brigham Young taught that men must practice polygamy to become gods.
- ◆ They are unwilling to tell you that the book of Mormon contains no Mormon doctrine.
- ◆ They won’t tell you about their secret temple ceremonies which until April 1990, portrayed Christian ministers as hirelings of Satan.
- ◆ They won’t tell you that Mormon leaders taught that Jesus was conceived by way of sexual relations between God and Mary.
- ◆ They won’t tell you that their most sacred books, the Book of Mormon and Doctrine and covenants contradict each other many times.
- ◆ Mormons won’t tell you they use Christian terms with Mormon meanings. (4)

I pray that this preliminary information will help for the time being to ask questions. Watch out for the sometimes seductive teaching Mormon missionaries may give you. They may tell you that though there is a “hell”, only a very small number of people will go there. Fornicators, murderers, thieves, etc can at least enter the lowest of the three heavens. More later.

### **Peace dear friends.**

(1) LifeNews.com, Interview with Bishop Robert Finn, Kansas City, MO-11/3/08

(2) [www.rapidnet.com/~jbeard/bdm/cults/mormon.htm](http://www.rapidnet.com/~jbeard/bdm/cults/mormon.htm)

(3) Beginning Apologetics-2- Jehovah’s Witnesses and Mormons, by Fr. Frank Chacon and Jim Burnham, p.22

(4) [www.contenderministries.org/mormonism/missionaries.php](http://www.contenderministries.org/mormonism/missionaries.php)

**Saint Columbanus**

**Memorial: 23 November**

**Patronage: Motorcyclists**

**Prayer:** O dear father, I ask you to watch over me as I ride from point a to point b. Help all other motorists to see me clearly and help me to stay out of their way. Bring me back to my family in one piece dear god. These things I pray. Amen

**Profile (543– 615)**

Well-born, handsome and educated, Columbanus was torn between a desire for God and easy access to the pleasures of the world. Acting on advice of a holy anchoress, he decided to withdraw from the world; his family opposed the choice, his mother going so far as to block the door. Monk at Lough Erne. He studied Scripture extensively, and wrote a commentary on the Psalms. Monk at Bangor under abbot Saint Comgall.

In middle age, Columbanus felt a call to missionary life. With twelve companions (Saint Attala, Columbanus the Younger, Cummain, Domgal, Eogain, Eunan, Saint Gall, Gurgano, Libran, Lua, Sigisbert and Waldoleno) he travelled to Scotland, England, and then to France in 585. The area, though nominally Christian, had fallen far from the faith, but were ready for missionaries, and they had some success. They were warmly greeted at the court of Gontram, and king of Burgundy invited the band to stay. They chose the half-ruined Roman fortress of Annegrain in the Vosges Mountains for their new home with Columbanus as their abbot.

The simple lives and obvious holiness of the group drew disciples to join them, and the sick to be healed by their prayers. Columbanus, to find solitude for prayer, often lived for long periods in a cave seven miles from the monastery, using a messenger to stay in touch with his brothers. When the number of new monks over-crowded the old fortress, King Gontram gave them the old castle of Luxeuil to found a new house in 590. Soon after, a third house was founded at Fontaines. Columbanus served as master of them all, and wrote a Rule for them; it incorporated many Celtic practices, was approved by the Council of Macon in 627, but was superseded by the Benedictine.

Problems arose early in the 7th century. Many Frankish bishops objected to a foreign missionary with so much influence, to the Celtic practices he brought, especially those related to Easter, and his independence from them. In 602 he was summoned to appear before them for judgment; instead of appearing, he sent a letter advising them to hold more synods, and to concern themselves with more important things than which rite he used to celebrate Easter. The dispute over Easter continued to years, with Columbanus appealing to multiple popes for help, but was only settled with Columbanus abandoned the Celtic calendar when he moved to Italy.

In addition to his problems with the bishops, Columbanus spoke out against vice and corruption in the royal household and court, which was in the midst of a series of complex power grabs. Brunehault stirred up the bishops and nobility against the abbot; Thierry ordered him to conform to the local ways, and shut up. Columbanus refused, and was briefly imprisoned at Besançon, but he escaped and returned to Luxeuil. Thierry and Brunehault sent an armed force to force him and his foreign monks back to Ireland. As soon as his ship set sail, a storm drove them back to shore; the captain took it as a sign, and set the monks free.

They made their way to King Clothaire at Soissons, Neustria and then the court of King Theodebert of Austrasia in 611. He travelled to Metz, then Mainz, Suevi, Alamanni, and finally Lake Zurich. Their evangelization work there was unsuccessful, and the group passed on to Arbon, then Bregenz, and then Lake Constance. Saint Gall, who knew the local language best, took the lead in this region; many were converted to the faith, and the group founded a new monastery as their home and base. However, a year later political upheaval caused Columbanus to cross the Alps into Italy, arriving in Milan in 612. The Christian royal family treated him well, and he preached and wrote against Arianism and Nestorianism. In gratitude, the Lombard king gave him a tract of land call Bobbio between Milan and Genoa. There he rebuilt a half-ruined church of Saint Peter, and around it he founded an abbey that was to be the source for evangelization throughout northern Italy for centuries to come.

Columbanus always enjoyed being in the forests and caves, and as he walked through the woods birds and squirrels would ride on his shoulders. Toward the end of his life came word that his old enemies were dead, and his brothers wanted him to come back north, but he declined. Knowing that his time was almost done, he retired to a cave for solitude, and died as he had predicted. His influence continued for centuries as those he converted handed on the faith, the brothers he taught evangelized untold numbers more, and his brother monks founded over one hundred monasteries to protect learning and spread the faith.

After 60-plus years of marriage, an 85-year-old couples dies in a car crash. They had been in good health the last ten years mainly due to her interest in health food and exercise.

When they reached the Pearly Gates, St. Peter took them to their mansion that was checked out with a beautiful kitchen and master bath suite and Jacuzzi.

As they oohed and aahed, the old man asked Peter how much all this was going to cost.

“It’s free,” Peter replied, “this is heaven.”

Next they went out back to survey the championship golf course that the home backed up to. They would have golfing privileges every day.

The old man asked, “What are the green fees?”

Peter’s reply, “This is heaven, you play for free.”

Next they went to the clubhouse and saw the lavish buffet lunch with the cuisine of the world laid out.

“How much does it cost to eat?” asked the old man.

“Don’t you understand yet? This is heaven; it is free!” Peter replied with exasperation.

“Well, where are the low-fat and low-cholesterol tables?” the old man asked timidly.

Peter lectured, “That’s the best part. You can eat as much as you like of whatever you like and you never get fat and you never get sick. This is heaven.”

With that the old man went into a fit of anger, shrieking wildly.

His wife tried to calm him down, but the old man looked at her and yelled, “If it weren’t for you making me eat all those blasted bran muffins, I could have been here ten years ago!”

### **Pilgrimages for Vocations – May Pilgrimage and 100-mile June Pilgrimage**

"For to me Life is Christ" Philippians 2:21

Do you love New Mexico? Are you fond of the scenic views, and spectacular sunrises? Wish you could take time to really enjoy the sights, live radically in Christ, and pray for vocations at the same time? If so, then join the hundreds of the faithful who have done this for the last 36 years. The Archdiocese of Santa Fe hosts the annual Pilgrimages for Vocations: May Pilgrimage and June (100 mile) Pilgrimage. There are five routes for the June Pilgrimage: Estancia, Costilla, Chama, Bernal, and Albuquerque. All routes finish at the Santuario de Chimayo in Chimayo, NM.

To learn more about the week-long 100 mile June Pilgrimage, or the one day May Pilgrimage, contact Olivia Caraveo (local leader) at (505)927-4438 or Della Caraveo at 505(994-2680). All applications must go through the local leader.

Applications can be found online at <http://pilgrimagesforvocations.org> or call Olivia or Della. Thank you.

***Prayer Corner***

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

- ◆ Manuel Romero - For a liver transplant / recovery.
- ◆ Mary Q. Haygood – For her health.
- ◆ Healing and God's care for Ken and Sydney Mayer.
- ◆ For our country leaders to make the right decision for the well being of our country.
- ◆ 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](mailto:bulletin@sjvnm.org).

Thank you for your prayers.

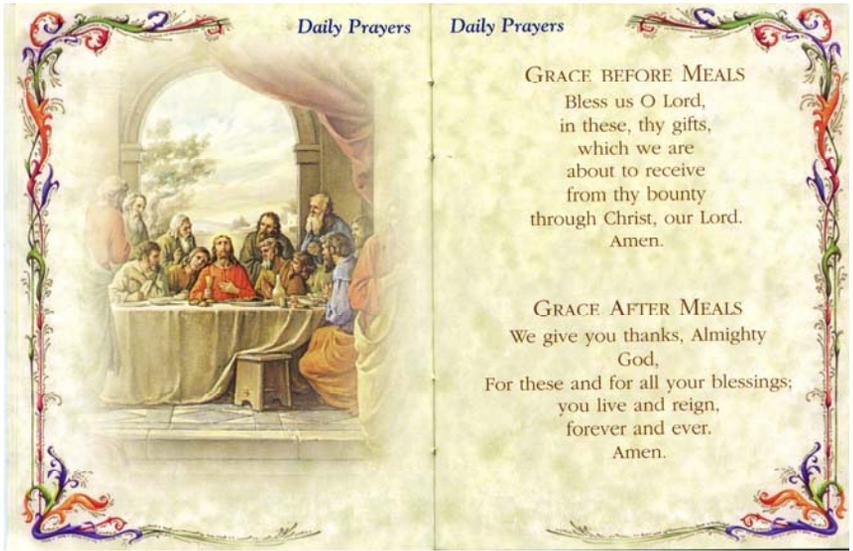
HAIL MARY FULL OF GRACE THE LORD IS WITH YOU. BLESSED ART THOU AMONGST  
WOMEN AND BLESSED IS THE FRUIT OF THY WOMB JESUS. HOLY MARY MOTHER OF  
GOD PRAY FOR US SINNERS NOW AND AT THE HOUR OF OUR DEATH AMEN.

Father Jozo (Yozo) a very devout priest who spent three years of his life in prison defending his belief in the messages of our Lady Queen of Peace; the first spiritual advisor for the visionaries writes:

"Do not allow Satan to deceive you into thinking that you can repeat prayer. Prayer cannot repeat her child. A spring cannot repeat its water. The sun cannot repeat its rays and the human heart cannot repeat prayer. It is the Holy Spirit who prays within us and each Hail Mary is always a new grace, a new gift, and a new strength."

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**Holy Rosary**  
 Sunday ..... 7:40AM  
 Sunday ..... 10:40AM

**Holy Mass**  
 Sunday ..... 8:00AM  
 Sunday ..... 11:00AM



“Look over there!” said a frightened skunk to his pal. “There’s Tony with a gun, and he’s getting closer and closer! What are we going to do?”

The second skunk bowed his head and calmly replied, “Let us spray.”

Volunteer Schedule	November 23, 2008		November 30, 2008	
	8:00AM	11:00AM	8:00AM	11:00AM
Ushers	Tom Anderson James Dory	Ed Uhrich Phil Griego	John Christensen Tom Anderson	Ed Uhrich Tony Quinones
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