

April 26, 2009

Third Sunday of Easter

Saint John Vianney

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

Next Sunday, during the 10 AM Mass, some of our young people will make their first Holy Communion. The Mass will most likely be very full, so if you plan on attending that Mass, please arrive early in order to get a seat. In the meantime, please pray for our first communicants that they grow to have a great love for our Divine Lord hidden in the Blessed Sacrament.

Holy Rosary

20 Minutes before each mass

Holy Masses

Saturday4:00PM

Sunday.....8:00AM

Sunday..... 10:00AM

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday 3:00-3:45PM

Secondly, next Sunday, during the same Mass, we will crown the statue of Mary. Take the time to entrust this broken world to the heart of our Lady. The world very much needs her intercession.

Have a blessed week,

Fr Scott Mansfield

The Welcoming Ministry will be having its first meeting on April 27th at 7pm here at St. John Vianney Mission



First Communion is next week at the 10AM Sunday Mass. We need seating for all those family members that want to see their relative receive their First Holy Communion. If you have no family receiving First Communion please try and make the Saturday 4PM or Sunday 8AM Mass. Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

Upcoming Events

May 2nd, After 4PM Mass.....	First Communion Practice
May 3rd, 10AM Mass	First Communion
June 14th after 10AM Mass	Pot Luck

Please Welcome our New St. John Vianney Parish Members

David & Cathie Anderson

Elizabeth Rivera

Donald & Elena Chavez

Ralph & Irene Cota

Donovan & Tina Hurtado

John & Beverly Muldoon

Michael & Antoinette Philbin

Jeremy & Margo Jacoby

Joseph & Jeanine Gamez

Willie & Teresa Tassotti

Jose & Lorena Garcia

Francisco & Anita Gonzales

Edward & Loretta Enlow

Congratulations to John and Marie on their 53rd Anniversary on May 3rd. John is also celebrating a birthday on May 1st.

As we have all heard, the economy is in a slump (gasp!). The food banks, which always seem to need more, are in particular need now. More and more families need a little help. To paraphrase, we are our neighbor's keepers and friends and so many of us want to help in some small or big way.

We would like to start a food collection once a month to help out the food banks. We want to start doing this the first Sunday of every month. We will have a large box in the church foyer; non-perishable foods can be put in there before or after Mass. We will take them to the food banks on the following Monday or Tuesday.

On the same subject, Spring has sprung and everyone's mind turns to thoughts of gardening...well, at least mine does. One of the best things we can give to food banks are fresh fruits and vegetables. If you plant a garden this year, please plant an extra tomato, pepper, cucumber, etc. for the poor. Those extra zucchini will have a happy home at the food bank, too! And just think of all those extra apples and apricots! Maybe we can consider this our own "Victory Garden". Those of you too young to know what that is can ask one of the older parishioners. Victory Gardens are coming back...just like those horrid 1960's fashions (shudder). Everything old is new again, as they say; I wish that were true of my gray hair. If you have any questions, ask Julie Burnside.

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Answer in next week bulletin. Some Hints on back page.

Send solution to bulletin@sjvnm.org and we will post your name next week.

Last Week Solution submissions by: James Cutler, Rose Chimento

"WISDOM WILL ENTER YOUR HEART,AND KNOWLEDGE WILL BE PLEASANT TO YOUR SOUL.DISCRETION WILL PROTECT YOU,AND UNDERSTANDING WILL GUARD YOU."

The Tomato Garden

An older man lived alone in the country. He wanted to dig his tomato garden, but it was very hard work as the ground was hard. His only son, Tony, who used to help him, was in prison. The old man wrote a letter to his son and described his predicament.

Dear Tony, I am feeling pretty badly because it looks like I will not be able to plant my tomato garden this year. I am just getting too old to be digging up a garden plot. I know if you were here, my troubles would be over. I know you would be happy to dig the plot for me. Love, Dad

A few days later he received a letter from his son...

Dear Dad, Do not dig up that garden. That is where I buried the bodies. Love, Tony

At 4AM the next morning, FBI agents and local police arrived and dug up the entire area without finding any bodies. They apologized to the old man and left. That same day the old man received another letter from his son...

Dear Dad, Go ahead and plant the tomatoes now. That is the best I could do under the circumstances. Love you, Tony

Our Lord has Risen by Carl E Beyer

Our Lord has risen. And symbolically so has the garden. The peas are the largest since they can be planted first. Anyone out there realizes how much work peas are. I know with the can opener it does not seem like that much work, but have you tried shucking peas lately? Makes you wonder; when it was first decided that the pods were not worth eating, and thus discarded? I think I am going to have to try the pea pods so I can find out if they taste bad. See a future bulletin for my feedback on that.

Next largest are the radishes. They have been planted in the corn bed since they are an early crop and then wooden. Is “wooden” the proper word to use? You would say so if you had ever tried to eat a radish after it has gone to bloom. So they will be pulled and the corn planted. My corn crop in the past has been rather poor so I decided to get a little smarter this year. I found out that corn has to be planted in rows since they cross pollinate. Duh, I have been planting one long useless row in years past. So here is to big sweet corn for the BBQ later this year.

The carrots are coming up. I planted four different kinds. One kind will only grow to thumb size and they will be ready early. Another kind will be sweet for eating. Then the two remaining are different sizes for canning. How many of you have been digging up your carrot crops from last year? Yes, the best place to preserve carrots is in the garden; to be dug up during the winter and early spring.

The beets are coming, but slowly. Fresh beets cooked up in that fattening butter are going to taste so good. Hopefully we will have enough beets so that we can pickle some. Most people throw away the beet greens, but they can be cooked up and are quite tasty also.

Garden beans have been planted. I forgot what I purchased and they say simply garden beans on the package. So we will have to wait and see if we get green, yellow or purple beans. I just looked up garden beans on the internet and there are purple beans. The good news is that we will not have to shuck them. Nope, beans are snapped. So later in the year I can report on some bean snapping.

I feel bad and must confess; I cheated and bought some foot high cherry tomatoes. If no one else eats them that will be OK since my dogs love them. I planted these for easy access in the garden so that they will be visited early and often. Most years I let some wild tomatoes grow in the yard and the dogs choose the red ones. Who said dogs are colorblind? Actually dogs are dichromatic (they see only two primary colors - blue and yellow). That would mean the dogs must be thinking they are eating blue tomatoes. Dogs are weird.

We dug up the onion patch that we have been ignoring for the past several years and planted a strawberry patch. There is nothing like strawberries fresh from the garden. We hope to have enough to make some homemade strawberry jam. Our last strawberry patch was within the dogs’ reach so it seemed like we had very little production, but most likely we just had very happy dogs. Again, imagine the dogs eating those blue strawberries.

In past years we have been having a problem with tomato bugs so for our big tomatoes this year we are going to put them into one of those upside down planters. I figure this way the bugs will get too confused about which way is up and just give up. It should be interesting to find out how well these work. If it all goes as the commercial say, we will have a bountiful crop. But then again, I would be slim and fit if everything that was advertised worked.

Inside the house we have our pumpkins, melons, watermelons, cucumbers, squash and peppers started. We are just awaiting some consistent warm weather so we can get these transplanted outside. The good part about vine plants is the dogs tend to ignore them. I guess they are not blue enough for them. Although, if you break open a ripe watermelon, the dogs will dig right into those sweet blue innards.

Our nectarine, peach, plum, McIntosh apple, Granny Smith apple and cherry trees are in bloom so

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we dream of getting some bountiful fruit off them though we are not too hopeful. The birds tend to have a feast off them. You would think four dogs in a relatively small yard could tear themselves away from the blue tomatoes to chase those birds off. But then when you see the dogs watching the mice carry away their dog food and doing nothing, what else can you expect of them.

Our tulips are coming up this spring but are having a rough time. Some big footed dogs spent the early part of spring seeing how much they could trample them down. I ended up covering them with a fence for protection. Some of the braver tulips have survived and are showing off their blooms.

The periwinkle are displaying their purple flowers and letting me know they should be good ground covering this year. Go ahead and look up periwinkle on the internet to see this evergreen plant. This plant may be showing off my New York roots since periwinkle covers whole hillsides there.

I got a plant in the mail last fall and did not think much of it. I just threw it on the counter and watered it all winter. It took me until a week ago to look at the tag and see what it was and where I should plant it. It turned out to be a blueberry plant. The great part of being forgetful is that you can surprise yourself. So I have a place picked out where I will plant this single blueberry plant in hopes that it will turn into a patch of blueberries.

Under our Pin Oak we planted some raspberry and blackberry plants. Again, single plants that we hope decide to start a family that turns into a patch. Of course we have already forgotten which is which so we get to look forward to the berries and can become more knowledgeable about our backyard.

The roses are all looking good, including the Perkins' John Paul II rose. This rose blooms pure white. No blossoms yet, but they are getting bushier this year. We have red, yellow, white, orange, purple, pink, and candy cane colored roses. Most are along the wall between us and our neighbor. This not only beautifies our yard but keeps our large border collie from bouncing off that wall. The builder put up a four inch wide cinder block wall between the neighbor and us and the border collie can move the entire wall when he hits it.

Out front my son built a plant bed under one of our windows where we planted some miniature roses. This is their second year and we are looking forward to seeing what they can accomplish this year. It is shady out front so I am sure their growth will be slow.

The lilac bush planted in our patio is in its third year and growing fast this year. This bush have had it a little rough because when it drops its leafs, the dogs think it is a chew toy. They have chewed the tops off this tree over the past two winters but this year the bush may just push itself up high enough to protect its winter branches from the dogs. We are really hoping we get blooms this year for the sweet smell of lilac as we leave our back door to enter our yard.

Then, last but not least, is the Boston Ivy. In its third year, it is starting to climb the back wall. This is not easily done in New Mexico. When the sun hits that wall in high summer you could fry an egg on it. That is, if you could get an egg to stick to a wall. Boston Ivy is an ivy that is non-destructive to cinder block walls. It does not bloom, but has those waxy green leaves of ivy and turns a nice reddish orange color in the fall.

Oops, I forgot one last plant with which you should all be familiar with. I need your help finding its official name though. So the next time you are at St. John Vianney; wander over to the high cactus and provide me the name. Yes, I got Father Mansfield's permission, and dug up some of the cacti before they were plowed under. It's on the side of the house we do not visit often because those babies have spines that mean business. It seems as though if you get just a little too close they throw their spines into you. I know the cactus is a Cholla, but what kind of Cholla cactus? I am looking forward to someone informing me of their proper name.

OK, this session of the flower and garden section is over. Go forth and take advantage of the spring to plant God's bountiful fruits, tasty vegetables and beautiful flowers. God Bless You all.

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Sun Apr 26th 8:00AM	Julie Burnside	Tom Anderson David Schutten Jim Cutler	Jeremy McClellan	Jose Guillen	Drew Garcia Josh Kast Sergio Guillen	Annette Montoya Lillian Ortiz
Sun Apr 26th 10:00AM	Donna Madrid	Tony Quinones Frank Charles Gary Vigil Juan Serna Brian Padilla	Loretta Tafuro Carrie Jenkins John Jenkins	Rochelle Quinones	Jamie VLS Jessica VLS Ariana Jenkins Karla Del Cid	Bill McCarty Pam McCarty
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Prayer Corner

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

- ◆ For Tony Quinones complete healing and guidance toward better health. (4/25)
- ◆ For the late Manuel Romero's Family to know he is with his Lord. (4/25)
- ◆ For Healing and Peace for Bill Rounds, and for his wife, Vickie (3/29)
- ◆ For the strength and courage of the disabled, sick, elderly, and dying
- ◆ For our country leaders to make the right decision for the well being of our country.
- ◆ For guidance to our leaders for the removal of the stain of abortion from our country.
- ◆ All our brave men and women of the world keeping their country free.

Prayers are kept on the list for a month then need to be resubmitted.

Thank you for your prayers.

Thank you for reading our bulletin.

Any suggestions, comments, prayers 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.

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Who	Skill Description	Phone	eMail
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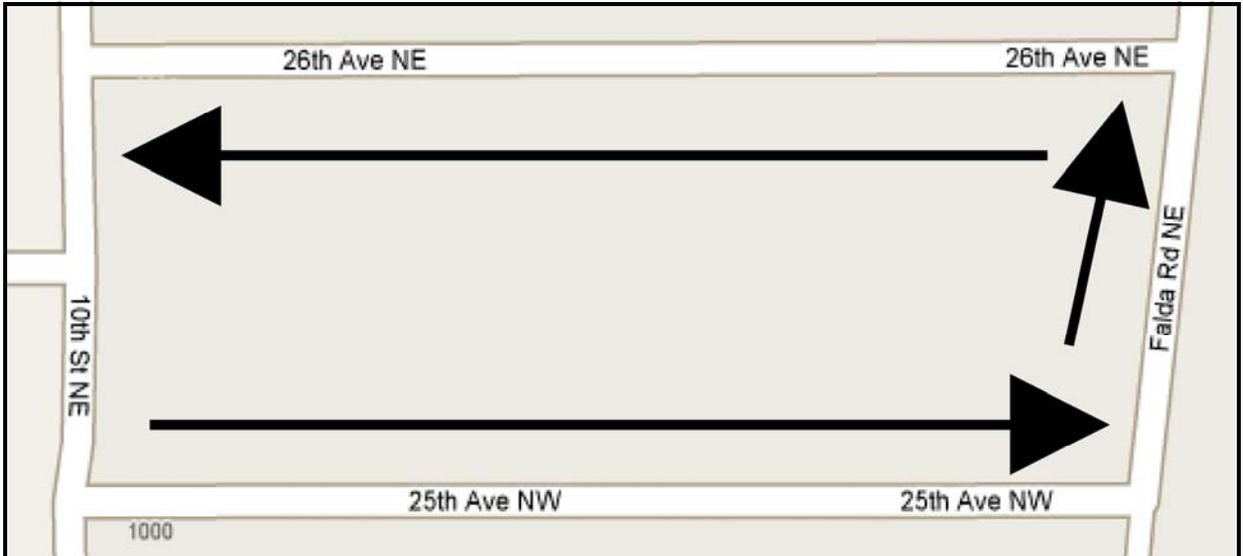
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