

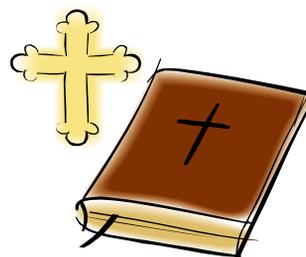
December 27, 2009

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Saint John Vianney

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Friends in Christ Jesus,

Happy Christmas.

Remember, Christmas does not end until after the feast of the Epiphany. This means that you can leave your Christmas trees up for a while. After you take your trees down, you will then prepare for Lent, which will be here before you know it. Maybe I should slow down a bit and enjoy Christmas before thinking about Lent and Easter. While I enjoy Christmas, I take this opportunity to thank all of you who have been so generous to me and to the Church of St. John Vianney. Jesus is the reason for the season, but for me you add to the joy of Christmas. I hope I too bring you a little joy.

Have a blessed Christmas.

Fr. Scott Mansfield

Holy Rosary

20 Minutes before each mass

Holy Masses

Saturday 4:00PM

Sunday 8:00AM

Sunday 10:00AM

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday 3:00-3:45PM



New Year Schedule Masses at St. John Vianney Mission Church

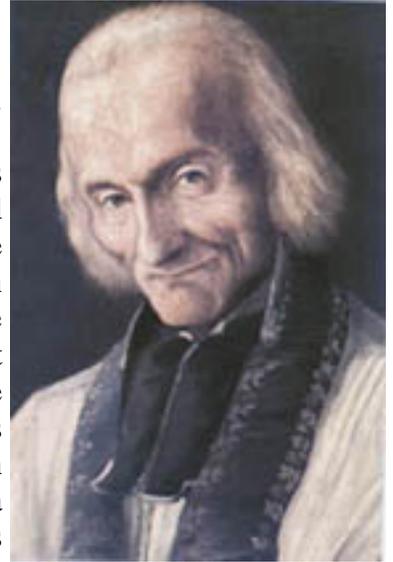
◆ Thursday December 31st 4:00PM

◆ Friday January 1st 10:00AM

Upcoming Events

1st Sunday of every month..... Food Collection for St. Felix Pantry

On Lust by Saint John Vianney



Lust is the love of the pleasures that are contrary to purity.

No sins, my children, ruin and destroy a soul so quickly as this shameful sin; it snatches us out of the hands of the good God and hurls us like a stone into an abyss of mire and corruption. Once plunged in this mire, we cannot get out, we make a deeper hole in it every day, we sink lower and lower. Then we lose the faith, we laugh at the truths of religion, we no longer see Heaven, we do not fear Hell. O my children! how much are they to be pitied who give way to this passion! How wretched they are! Their soul, which was so beautiful, which attracted the eyes of the good God, over which He leant as one leans over a perfumed rose, has become like a rotten carcass, of which the pestilential door rises even to His throne. . . .

See, my children! Jesus Christ endured patiently, among His Apostles, men who were proud, ambitious, greedy--even one who betrayed Him; but He could not bear the least stain of impurity in any of them; it is of all vices that which He has most in abhorrence: "My Spirit does not dwell in you," the Lord says, "if you are nothing but flesh and corruption. " God gives up the impure to all the wicked inclinations of his heart. He lets him wallow, like the vile swine, in the mire, and does not even let him smell its offensive exhalations. . . . The immodest man is odious to everyone, and is not aware of it. God has set the mark of ignominy on his forehead, and he is not ashamed; he has a face of brass and a heart of bronze; it is in vain you talk to him of honour, of virtue; he is full of arrogance and pride. The eternal truths, death, judgment, Paradise, Hell--nothing terrifies him, nothing can move him. So, my children, of all sins, that of impurity is the most difficult to eradicate. Other sins forge for us chains of iron, but this one makes them of bull's hide, which can be neither broken nor rent; it is a fire, a furnace, which consumes even to the most advanced old age. See those two infamous old men who attempted the purity of the chaste Susannah; they had kept the fire of their youth even till they were decrepit. When the body is worn out with debauchery, when they can no longer satisfy their passions, they supply the place of it, oh, sham! by infamous desires and memories.

With one foot in the grave, they still speak the language of passion, till their last breath; they die as they have lived, impenitent; for what penance can be done by the impure, what sacrifice can be imposed on himself at his death, who during his life has always given way to his passions? Can one at the last moment expect a good confession, a good Communion, from him who has concealed one of these shameful sins, perhaps, from his earliest youth--who has heaped sacrilege on sacrilege? Will the tongue, which has been silent up to this day, be unloosed at the last moment? No, no, my children; God has abandoned him; many sheets of lead already weigh upon him; he will add another, and it will be the last . . .

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The feast of the Holy Family. It's a reminder of our responsibility to manage resources for the good of our families. The Catechism says, "The ownership of any property makes its holder a steward of Providence, with the task of making it fruitful and communicating its benefit to others, first of all his family."

7 STEPS TO FINANCIAL FREEDOM

THURSDAY FOR SPRING 2010 IN RELIGIOUS ED. BLDG.

January 7th, 2010 Orientation Class - For more information, call Parish Office 892-1511 ext. 103

"Twas the week after Christmas, and all through the house
Nothing would fit me, not even a blouse.

The cookies I'd nibbled, the eggnog I'd taste
At the holiday parties had gone to my waist.

When I got on the scales there arose such a number!
When I walked to the store (less a walk than a lumber).

I'd remember the marvelous meals I'd prepared;
The gravies and sauces and beef nicely rared,
The wine and the rum balls, the bread and the cheese
And the way I'd never said, "No thank you, please."

As I dressed myself in my husband's old shirt
And prepared once again to do battle with dirt

I said to myself, as I only can
"You can't spend a winter disguised as a man!"
So away with the last of the sour cream dip,
Get rid of the fruit cake, every cracker and chip
Every last bit of food that I like must be banished
Till all the additional ounces have vanished.
I won't have a cookie - not even a lick.
I'll want only to chew on a long celery stick.

I won't have hot biscuits, or corn bread, or pie,
I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry.
I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and life is a bore
But isn't that what January is for?

Unable to giggle, no longer a riot.
Happy New Year to all and to all a good diet!

Quit smoking

A friend asks his friend for a cigarette. His friend says, "I think you made a New Year resolution to quit smoking". The man says, "I am in the process of quitting". Right now, I am in the middle of phase one. What's phase one? I've quit buying.

New Years Resolutions Internet Junkies

- ◆ I will try to figure out why I "really" need 12 e-mail addresses.
- ◆ I will stop sending e-mail to my wife (husband). A phone call every now and then would be appreciated.
- ◆ I will answer my snail mail with the same enthusiasm with which I answer my e-mail.
- ◆ I will stop sending e-mail, ICQ, Instant Messages and be on the phone at the same time with the same person.
- ◆ I resolve to back up my 12GB hard drive daily...well, once a week...okay, monthly then...or maybe... at least once a year.
- ◆ I will spend less than one hour a day on the Internet. This, of course, will be hard to estimate since I'm not a clock watcher.
- ◆ I will stop checking my e-mail at 3:00 in the morning... 4:30 is much more practical since my friends overseas already had time to answer me by then.
- ◆ When I hear a funny joke, I will not reply, "LOL... LOL!"
- ◆ I will read the manual... just as soon as I can find it.
- ◆ I will think of a password other than "password."
- ◆ I resolve... I resolve to... I resolve to, uh... I resolve to, uh, get my, er... I resolve to, uh, get my, er, off-line work done, too

How to Talk to Fundamentalists and Other Non-Catholics

What would you say if you are stopped on the street by someone who asks “Have you been saved?” Or leaving Mass at St. John Vianney, folks outside the church are passing out anti-Catholic leaflets and arguing with any one who objects. Knowing what to say is only half the battle; a knowledgeable person should have an appreciation of how to argue. The Essential Catholic Survival Guide explains how “you marry delivery and content”. (1)

Most non-Catholic church-goers, especially Fundamentalists depend only on the Bible as their basis of belief. Therefore, it is important for each of us to be familiar with at least the New Testament and especially the Gospels. It is also important for us to become familiar with the life of Christ. To start our formation, read through the four Gospels with understanding before reading the Epistles, Acts, and the Book of Revelation. Read slowly, meditating on the Biblical verses. This practice of meditation is really prayer without which it would be difficult to sway any questioner of our Faith. Prayer with meditative reading is essential in winning converts; pray before, during, and after your conversation asking the Holy Spirit to soften hearts and give you enlightenment. Know the name of the person with whom you are in conversation. Pray for that person as you pray for yourself.(2)

A few techniques to keep in mind are as follows:

1. Don't be afraid if you do not know the answer to a specific problem. If you do not know the answer say so. Your answers on other points will be taken more seriously if you don't bluff your way through a discussion. (3)

2. Never leave a question unanswered. Do not bluff; if you don't know an answer, say so. It isn't the end of the world. Simply tell your questioner that you don't know the answer to the question but you will research it and let him know. Never give a contrived answer. (4)

3. Always be honest in your answers and *never water down* any doctrine just to please your listener. We have no reason to water down our beliefs just because they are difficult for non-Catholics or apostates to comprehend. For example, try discussing why, from the very beginning of Christianity two thousand years ago, abortion is a mortal sin. Many Christians including Catholics believe abortion is OK, at least in some circumstances. The *Didache* or *The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles* [ca. A.D. 40-140] was a work for the instruction of catechumens. The Faith of the Early Fathers notes in section 1a, “You shall not procure abortion, nor destroy a new-born child.”

(4)Never be sarcastic. (5) I believe the response I gave my friend three years ago was very sarcastic, and it bit me. I've not heard from him since.

Briefly, other techniques that may help is knowing what topics Catholic critics stress. Familiarize yourself with anti-Catholic literature. Common complaints usually challenged by non-Catholics revolve around topics such as Sola Scriptura, salvation by faith alone, the Mass, our beliefs in and prayers to Mary and the saints, praying to the dead and to statues, the Eucharist and other Sacraments.(6) Books such as The Essential Catholic Survival Guide, by The Staff of Catholic answers, Catholicism And Fundamentalism, by Carl Keating, and

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Unabridged Christianity, by Fr. Mario P. Romero will help answer these and dozens of other questions.

Each one of us has an obligation to study and attempt to understand our Catholic faith to the best of our ability. We need to know our Catechism, Church History, and the writings of the early Church Fathers. Using writings of the Fathers of the Church is a powerful argument to the truth of what we believe. These men wrote about the teaching of the Church when the Church was young. In fact, many of the Early Fathers were the disciples of the apostles. What they wrote concerned doctrines the early Church received from Christ through the apostles and which were handed down to us today.

The first paragraph of this monograph asks a question: “Have you been saved?” The answer I offer you is one that is neither threatening nor sarcastic. It is a positive method in answering queries asked of us .

What to say

“Are you saved? asks the Fundamentalist. The Catholic should reply: As the Bible says, I am already saved (cf.1 Rom. 8:24; Eph.2:5-8), but I am also *being* saved (cf. 1 Cor. 1:8; 2 Cor. 2:15; Phil. 2:12) , and I have hope that I will be saved (cf. Rom. 5:9-10; 1Cor. 3:12-15). Like the apostle Paul, I am working out my salvation in fear and trembling (cf. Phil. 2:12), with hopeful confidence in the promises of Christ (cf. Rom. 5:2; 2 Tim.2: 11-13).” (7)

Please refer to prior monographs concerning this question especially one of my early ones entitled “Have you been saved”. **Peace dear friends.**

- (1) The Essential Catholic Survival Guide, by The Staff of Catholic Answers, p.389
- (2) Ibid, p.390
- (3) Ibid, p.390
- (4) Ibid, p.391
- (5) Ibid
- (6) Ibid
- (7) Ibid, p.393



If God Texted The 10 Commandments

1. no1 b4 me. srsly.
 2. dnt wrshp pix/idols
 3. no omg's
 4. no wrk on w/end (sat 4 now; sun l8r)
 5. pos ok – ur m&d r cool
 6. dnt kill ppl
 7. :-X only w/ m8
 8. dnt steal
 9. dnt lie re: bf
 10. dnt ogle ur bf's m8. or ox. or dnkey. myob.
- M, pls rite on tabs & giv 2 ppl.

A New Year Prayer

Holy Father,

God of our yesterdays, our today, and our tomorrows.

We praise You for Your unequalled greatness.

Thank You for the year behind us and for the year ahead.

Help us in Your new year, Father, to fret less and laugh more.

To teach our children to laugh by laughing with them.

To teach others to love by loving them.

Knowing, when Love came to the stable in Bethlehem, He came for us.

So that Love could be with us, and we could know You.

That we could share Love with others.

Help us, Father, to hear Your love song in every sunrise, in the chirping
of sparrows in our backyards, in the stories of our old folks, and the
fantasies of our children.

Help us to stop and listen to Your love songs,
so that we may know You better and better.

We rejoice in the world You loved into being.

Thank You for another new year and for new chances every day.

We pray for peace, for light, and for hope, that we might spread them to others.

Forgive us for falling short this past year.

We leave the irreparable past in your hands, and step out into the unknown
new year knowing You will go with us.

We accept Your gift of a new year and we rejoice in what's ahead, depending
on You to help us do exactly what You want..

I say it again, we rejoice!

In Jesus name,

Amen

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Observations on Growing Older

*~Your husband
sleeps better on a
lounge chair with the
TV blaring than he
does in bed.*

*It's called his
"pre-sleep".*

Prayer Corner

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

- ◆ For Sister Marguerite Bartz soul. God Bless Her.(11/15)
- ◆ For Fr. Whorton on his deployment, and his family, that they all remain under God's loving care. (Till he returns)
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ All our brave men and women of the world keeping their country free.
- ◆ For the lonely that they find comfort in the heart of Our Blessed Mother Mary as she too suffered the loneliness of Christ's death.

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

Thank you for your prayers.

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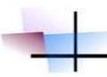
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