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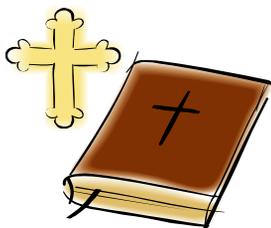
Fourth Sunday of Easter

# Saint John Vianney

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Friends in Christ Jesus,

Spring has sprung, and so have weeds. If and when you see a weed on our property, pull it up please. Just make certain that what you are about to pull is in fact a weed. Also, remember that the fountain in our lobby is not a holy water font. It is, rather, a decorative fountain. Finally, I ask that you do not allow your children-- if you have children--to draw on, scratch up, or rip apart the kneeling pads. They cost more than you might think. We need to make them last until we build our church, which will contain pews with kneelers. Thanks for understanding.



Have a blessed week.

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



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

- Food Collection for St. Felix Pantry ..... 1st Sunday of every month
- Food Collection for Kid's Pantry Backpack ..... 3rd Sunday of every month
- Great Adventure Bible Timeline Study Group ..... Starting Wednesday, 5/12/10, 10AM-12PM
- Mandatory Evening of Reflection for Eucharistic Ministers ..... June 2nd - 7PM
- Corpus Christi EM Commissioning Ceremony ..... June 3rd - 3PM

**MANDATORY FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE:** 05/01/2010 after 4pm Mass  
First Communion will take place on 05/02/2010 during the 10am Mass.

St Thomas Aquinas is looking for Eucharistic Ministers to assist at the First Communion at the Santa Ana Star Center, Saturday, May 1st at 10:00AM.

Last year they had over 6,000 people in attendance and could have used several more EMs. If you would like to help out, call Karen Taylor at 896-7985. Your help would be appreciated.

## Arts and Crafts Fair

Being held at St. John  
Vianney  
Friday May 7 &  
Saturday May 8



### It's Time

Even though he could not tell time, my three-year-old grandson, Tony, was wearing a watch when I visited. Later, when I was putting on my coat to leave, I asked him what time it was. Tony looked at his watch blankly, then brightened. "It's time for you to go," he answered triumphantly.

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a **Breakfast** on **Sunday, April 25th** after the **7:00 AM** and **9:00 AM** masses. The delicious breakfast will be served in **St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Father D'Arco Hall**. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon or sausage, juice, coffee and other goodies, **COST ONLY \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children**. Please join us.

The Knights of Columbus, in conjunction with United Blood Services, will be holding a **Blood Drive** on **Sunday, April 25th** at **St. Thomas Aquinas Church**. When you have successfully donated, in appreciation of your being a hero to others in need, you will **receive a thank you ticket good for the Knights of Columbus breakfast** after the 7:00 AM and 9:00 AM masses.

### **GREAT ADVENTURE DAYTIME STUDY GROUP FORMING AT ST. JOHN VIANNEY MISSION!**

A 24-session **Great Adventure Bible Timeline** study group will begin on Wednesday, 5/12/10, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., at St. John Vianney Mission, 1000 26th Avenue, NE, Rio Rancho. The **Timeline** study is foundational to the entire **Great Adventure** series. Participants will need a Catholic **Bible** and a **Catechism of the Catholic Church**. The optional but "strongly recommended" study kit will cost \$30, payable at the first session. *Pre-registration is required before 4/22*, if you want a study kit. Please contact Jeannette at 892-1511, x104, or AquinasAM@yahoo.com to pre-register.

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You respect your elders and expect your kids to do the same.**

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## Mullikin Sport Camps



**When/Where:** Camp will be held at the St. Thomas Aquinas School gym located at 1100 Hood Rd. Rio Rancho, NM 87124

**Camp #1** June 14-18 9:00-12:00 \* **Camp #2** June 21-25 9:00-12:00 \* **Camp #3** July 19-23 9:00-12:00

**Times:** Camp will be held from 9:00-12:00 Monday through Friday. Drop off and pick up for camp will be at the east gym door. Please provide your camper with a snack and water bottle for the camp.

**Cost:** The cost for each camp will be \$50.00 per person.

My staff and I will provide a safe, positive environment that emphasizes critical lessons in many team and individual sports. We learn many different skills while playing fun and exciting games. All camps are open to boys and girls, ages 5 and up. Camp is operated by Heidi Mullikin, PE teacher at St. Thomas Aquinas School.

Please turn your permission slip into the office with payment made to Heidi Mullikin. Pre-registration is important to ensure your space at camp. There must be a minimum of 10 students enrolled for camp to run successfully. In the event of cancellation due to low enrollment, your fee will be refunded in full. You may contact me at [hdh34@msn.com](mailto:hdh34@msn.com) or 505-419-1404 with any questions.

The parents of \_\_\_\_\_, hereby allow my child to participate in the Mullikin Sports Camp. The program staff may attend to any problem or injury in a conscientious manner while attending. Neither I nor my child will hold, the staff, St. Thomas Aquinas School, or the Archdiocese of Santa Fe liable for any injuries or expenses relating to injuries incurred while my child is in attendance at camp.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Camper's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Camps Attending : 1\_\_ 2\_\_ 3\_\_

## **Beware the Dark Ifs** by Carl E Beyer

Beware the “Dark Ifs”. What are the “Dark Ifs”? They are the “Ifs” that can make you forget your blessings. Since I am writing in the St. John Vianney Bulletin, we can start with the bulletin. What “if” Father Mansfield would simply give me his write up each week instead of me having to ask him at least once, if not several times, for his write-up? After doing the bulletin for four years it becomes tiring to ask. But these are the “Dark Ifs”. For what “if” I waved that magic wand and made Father Mansfield give me the write up early every week as I would do? In doing so, I might make Father just like me. But with this “if” we might lose parishioners. For who would come to listen to me on the pulpit? Instead we need to count our blessings in having such a blessed priest who is able to draw people to church with his homilies.

As we age, sometimes the “Dark Ifs” can make us wish we had chosen a different road in life and often in looking at the “what ifs” we forget our blessings. What “if” I would have studied harder in college and gotten better grades? Maybe I would have secured a good job after college and had a successful career. There would be no money troubles. Ah! those “Dark Ifs”. Instead I joined the Army after college and met my beautiful wife and I am so blessed to have three great kids. I would not give up these kids or my wife for any “Dark If”. On top of that, I was blessed with being able to serve the greatest country ever blessed by God.

Most of us have met people who live in the “Dark Ifs”. Their life is a terrible mess, and according to them it is because of something they did or did not do earlier in their life. If only, at that fork in the road of life, they had taken the other path. We look at them and see them surrounded by blessings to which they seem oblivious. This choice between recognizing our blessings and living the “Dark Ifs” will make all the difference in our life’s attitude. Follow the “Dark Ifs” and you will likely waste the precious gift of life God has granted you. Nothing in life will ever be good enough. If you have blessings you will wonder “What If” you could have done something different that would have given you more blessings.

One of the biggest problems we encounter with the “Dark Ifs” occurs when we apply them to others as in my first example. What “if” my wife made me a hot breakfast every morning? That sounds good to me except for the fact that she leaves the house at 5:30AM which means I would be obliged to get up early every morning to eat. I would rather get that extra hour or so of sleep. These “Dark Ifs” are most often applied to the failings in others that we “know” we do not have. If we were in their shoes we know we would do everything right. A noble goal, to strive for that perfection, but a little bit of true self evaluation will find us failing in many other areas.

The most blessed gift any of us could ever be given is to recognize the “Dark Ifs” when they are happening. When we encounter those forks in the road and we have to weigh our “ifs”, let us make our decisions on a spiritual basis instead of a material one. Do we take that job with the higher pay and many more working hours or do we tighten our belts and spend more time with the family? Do we take that fork in the road that will bring us more pleasure or the road on which we know we can best serve our fellow man? Beware the “Dark Ifs”.

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The biggest tragedy of the “Dark Ifs” is that they can become so consuming that the good qualities of other people are overlooked. The “Dark Ifs” give us blinders so that all we see are the faults in other people. I know there are some people at whom you have to look awfully hard to find their good qualities and to see how they bless you, but this is not true of the majority of people with whom we meet and interact on a daily basis.

When I think of a special group of people whose blessings to each of us is so apparent, but so often overlooked, I think of all our great volunteers at St. John Vianney. Since I schedule two of the ministries I sometimes hit those “Dark Ifs” of why scheduling has to be so difficult to accommodate everyone’s vacations or unavailable times. But as I put each person into a timeslot for them to volunteer, I am reminded of what a blessing they are. By giving their time, energy and talents they make the Mass possible. Each volunteer is serving in a position of vital importance to their fellow laypersons. The average parishioner fails to realize how many people have volunteered to contribute to the smooth operation of the Mass. Thank you to all the volunteers for their hard work.

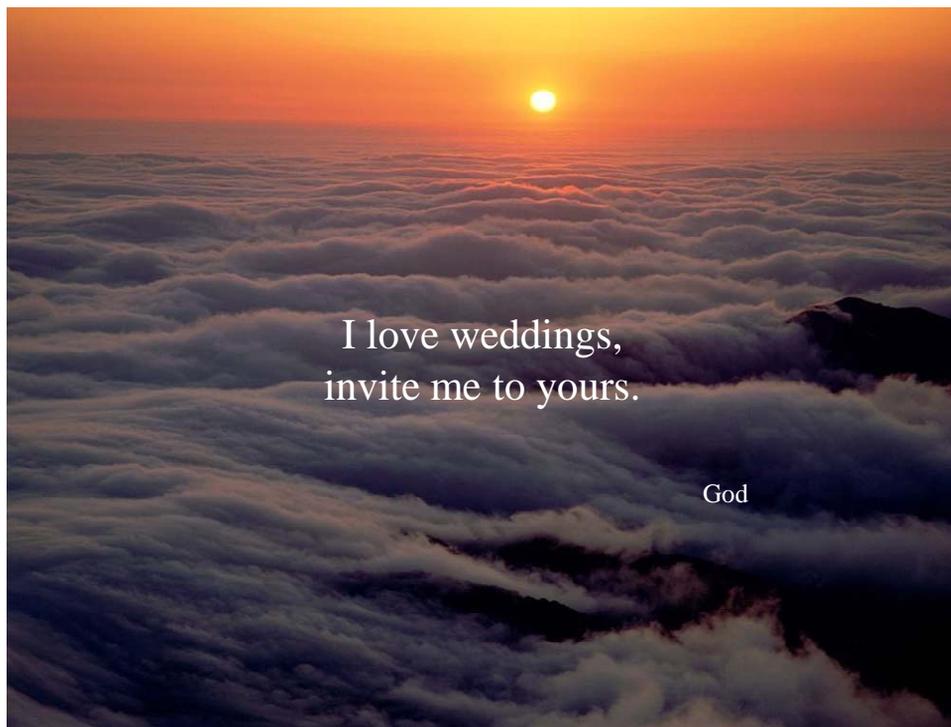
Go forth and fight those “Dark Ifs”. The next time one of these “Dark If” thoughts enters your mind, turn and strike it down by realizing the blessings in that person or event. God Bless you all. I am happy and blessed that when you asked “What if I read the bulletin?” you choose to read on. Thank you.

**After Note:** Father Mansfield submitted his write up this week without me asking. Almost made me drop the first paragraph but I figured God was just whispering in his ear to humble me. God has a way of doing that. - Carl



One balmy day in the South Pacific, a navy ship espied smoke coming from one of three huts on an uncharted island. Upon arriving at the shore they were met by a shipwreck survivor. He said, "I'm so glad you're here! I've been alone on this island for more than five years!" The captain replied, "If you're all alone on the island why do I see THREE huts." The survivor said, "Oh. We'll, I live in one, and go to church in another." "What about the THIRD hut?" asked the captain. "That's where I USED to go to church."

**Opportunity  
may knock  
once, but  
temptation  
bangs on  
your front  
door  
forever.**



### *Prayer Corner*

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

- ◆ For 7 month old boy, Caiden Monaghan, recovery after April 9th surgery. And our prayers for his parents during this difficult time. (4/11)
- ◆ Please pray for Marie Montoya health. (2/14)
- ◆ 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 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.

## Grand Kids

**My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 62. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"**

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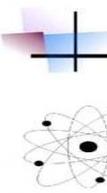


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Sat Apr 24th 4:00PM	David Crawford	Eddie Crespin Mike Philbin	David Crawford	J.D. Strickland	Jamie Van Loben Sels Jessica Van Loben Sels Krista Savela	Bill McCarty Pam McCarty
Sun Apr 25th 8:00AM	Julie Burnside	Juan Serna Jim Cutler James E Dory Tom Anderson	Jeremy McClellan	Jose Guillen	Dominic Ortiz Alura McClellan Sergio Guillen Chris Schick	Annette Montoya April McClellan
Sun Apr 25th 10:00AM	Geri Hoover	Tony Quinones Brian Padilla Carl Beyer Nick Coca III	Carrie Jenkins Janis Crespin Teresa Medrano	Judith Connor	Jacob Valdez Karla Del Cid Amanda Vigil Gary Vigil	Pinky Bjornstad Ana Padilla
Sat May 1st 4:00PM	David Crawford	Ed Uhrich Therese Lopez Mike Philbin	Coz Madrid	J.D. Strickland	Josh Storms James Uhrich Victoria Perez	David Crawford Vicky Howell
Sun May 2nd 8:00AM	Julie Burnside	Tom Anderson Vince Valdez Bill Deneen John Christensen	Harlan Harrington	Sheila Howard	Sergio Guillen Chris Schick Charles Lucero	Jose Guillen Geneva Torres
Sun May 2nd 10:00AM	Donna Madrid	Gary Vigil Ariana Eck Nick Coca III James Sandoval	John Lombardo Pinky Bjornstad Geri Hoover	Judith Connor	Drew Garcia Albert Ibarra Gary Vigil Amanda Vigil	Ana Padilla Lillian Ortiz

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