



# St. John Vianney Mission Church

November 28, 2010

## First Sunday of Advent

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Friends in Christ,

Happy Advent.

This weekend, which brings with it the beginning of the season of Advent, begins our four part series on divine and miraculous images. Each presentation is presented by Mr. Rick Torretto, Old Testament scholar and professor. This weekend's talk focuses/focused on the Shroud of Turin, an article thought by many to be the actual burial cloth of our Lord. This coming Saturday night will be presented the second talk, the Image of Divine Mercy. I hope you take advantage of these powerful and faith boosting presentations. Refreshments are, of course, served.

Secondly, a very big thank you to you for making Thanksgiving possible for so many who otherwise would have not had a very happy Thanksgiving. Your generosity comes through big again. Thank you from me and the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Finally, we will be collecting new toys once again this year for Catholic Charities. When all the toys are collected, we will have a toy wrapping party. Please be generous--buy a new toy, bring it to St. John Vianney, wrap it up, and make a less fortunate child happy this Christmas.

Have a blessed Advent.

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

### Church open for Adoration

Wednesday ..... 9AM-12PM

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### Saint John Vianney

Presents **Rick Torretto** giving

Advent Talks on

Three Sacred Images

Saturdays after 4p.m. Mass

November 27: The Shroud of Turin

December 4: Images of Divine Mercy

December 11: Our Lady of Guadalupe

### Mass Intentions

*Saturday 4PM... George López by the Fucile family*

*Sunday 8AM... Sebastian and Francisca Quiroz family by  
Alfredo Quiroz*

*Sunday 10AM... For the People of the Parish*

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### Upcoming Events

**Nov 27th, Sat after 4PM Mass - The Shroud of Turin (Advent Talk)**

Dec 4th, Sat after 4PM Mass - Images of Divine Mercy (Advent Talk)

Dec 8th, Wednesday, 7PM, Holy Day of Obligation - Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary

Dec 12th, Sat after 4PM Mass - Our Lady of Guadalupe (Advent Talk)

Dec 19th, Sat after 4PM Mass - All Three: A Message of Healing and Hope (Advent Talk)

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

### Thank you for reading our bulletin.

Any suggestions, comments, prayers or articles can be sent to [bulletin@sjvnm.org](mailto:bulletin@sjvnm.org). We also like to hear about births, baptisms, marriages or other news about our church members.

## Regrets by Carl Beyer

I hope I do not regret writing this article. The definition from [www.wikipedia.com](http://www.wikipedia.com) for “regret” is: “*Regret (emotion), an intelligent or emotional dislike for personal past acts and behaviors*”. I have mixed feelings about regrets. I usually say I have very few regrets in my life. But maybe I should have more regrets based on the definition. Obviously I have done things in the past that I dislike, so should I regret them?

You see, when I think of regrets I think of those people who lose out on life because they dwell on their regrets. Maybe I am not thinking so much of standard regrets but regrets that damage people’s lives. I am referring to those regrets that so overwhelm people that they find themselves unable to proceed with their lives. So, maybe I should start saying I have no debilitating regrets.

When I hear people speak about their life as if it has very little meaning because of their past decisions, I think of debilitating regrets. A typical example is the multitude of people who believe that if they had gone to college then they would not have any money problems. While I am a big believer in education, it does not determine your life. A degree does not define you, but is simply one of your assets.

Another example is “if only I had married Tony instead of Carl”. How many of you have thought that? Not with Tony and I, I hope, but with so and so. Simply put STOP IT! This is destructive to your life and your relationships. Put your efforts into maximizing the good in your relationships and minimizing the not-so-good in relationships.

We could go on and on about people’s regrets. If only I had done this instead of that. Imagine what my life could have been, if only... All of you with perfect hindsight should realize how damaging this hindsight is to your foresight. Your perfect hindsight will ruin the moments you are living now. We cannot live in the past only the present. We only move forward. Imagine how disruptive life would be if we could go back and correct any little mistake we made. We would be so consumed with “getting it right” that we would never enjoy those great moments in life.

We parents can be the worst regretters. If only I had done this, or that, with the kids. If only I had been more attentive; if only I had been a better example; if only I had been more compassionate; if only I had been more strict; if only I had not been so strict, STOP IT! While I have very vivid memory of a bad childhood, because of bad parents, it was a great learning experience. That experience taught me what not to do as a parent, but I know I am making my own mistakes now. Yes, we do try hard not to make the mistakes our parents made, while sometimes failing to do what they did right.

Look around and ask yourself if you are leading a full life as God wishes. Are your regrets debilitating? Are you blind to the blessings you have because of regrets? Ask yourself what good are these regrets to you? If you allow regrets to stop your growth; if you do not allow regrets to teach you empathy; if you allow regrets to rule your life, I hope you will rethink your damaging actions. Think! Why would God allow such actions in his all-knowing love? God knows that these actions can make you a much better person.

God knows we need lessons. God knows that most of us are too hard-headed to simply be instructed; we need to make our own mistakes.

Some actions we regret cannot be undone while others can be corrected. Correct those which you can, such as getting a degree. Do not tell me that you are too old. Those actions which cannot be undone, examine carefully, and see what lessons you can learn. Do not forget that wisdom can be gained from these regrets, wisdom that you can pass onto others (if they are not too hard headed).

God Bless you all. Go forth and live life to the fullest. Go forth and turn those regrets into beautiful lessons. Go forth and know that God has no regrets in your creation. You are one of God’s beautiful creations and God Loves You, no regrets.

### The Christmas Toy Wrap is Coming!

Our annual Christmas toy wrap for Catholic Charities is coming. Please remember to purchase a gift for a child, teen, or adult when you are shopping this holiday season. It is going to be a difficult year for many families and the joy of a happy Christmas cannot be underestimated. Please be generous for those who have little this year and the parents who are desperate to give joy to their kids. We will be collecting gifts starting this week and Wrap Night will be on Sunday, December 5th. Remember to bring a gift bag for your gift! God Bless. Julie Burnside

### December Holy Days of Obligation and Christmas Masses

Dec 8th, 7PM - Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary  
Dec 24th, 5PM and 7PM - Christmas Eve  
Dec 25th, 8AM and 10AM - Christmas Day  
Dec 26th, 8AM and 10AM - Sunday Mass  
Christmas Mass does not meet your Sunday Obligation so plan on going to Mass for Christmas and again on Sunday Morning since there will be no Saturday Mass to fulfill Sunday Obligation.

### We Are Having a Baby-Bee!

Birthright of New Mexico helps and counsels mothers who choose to keep and care for their babies, rather than have abortions. Each mother receives a newborn gift, which contains several things, including a blanket for the baby. Unfortunately, they are getting quite low on baby blankets, so I’d like to have a baby-bee, sort of a quilting bee for baby blankets for these mothers. We can make quilted blankets, tied blankets, and fleece blankets. We will need contributions of fleece, batting, or fabric. Anyone willing to contribute supplies or help with the planning and teaching, please call me. I will teach anyone who wants to learn how to baste, quilt, sew, or tie a blanket or simple quilt. This is open to anyone over the age of 2. If you can make an overhand knot or thread a needle, you can do this! If you can bring a sewing machine or lend sewing supplies, even better! Julie Burnside 250-5353

Celebrate the great Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception with the universal Church on EWTN! Tune in Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 10AM ET as Pope Benedict XVI presides over a traditional homage to Mary Immaculate from Rome’s Piazza di Spagna. Later at 12 PM ET, Archbishop Pietro Sambi, Papal Ambassador to the United States, will celebrate Mass from the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. Visit [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com) for more information or to watch coverage live online!

**Roman Catholic Word of the Week**

**Monogenism.** The doctrine that the human race derived from one original human being, identified in Scripture with Adam. This is the Church's constant traditional teaching. In the creed of Pope Pelagius I (reigned 556-61) we read: "I confess that all men until the end of time, born of Adam and dying with Adam, his wife, who themselves were not born of other parents .... will rise and stand firm before the judgment seat of Christ, to receive each one according to his works" (Denzinger, 228a). And Pope Pius XII declared: "No Catholic can hold that after Adam there existed on this earth true men who did not take their origin through natural generation from him as from the first parent of all" (*Humani Generis*, 1950, para. 38). (Etym. Latin *mono*, one + *genus*, race.) (*Borrowed from: Pocket Catholic Dictionary*)

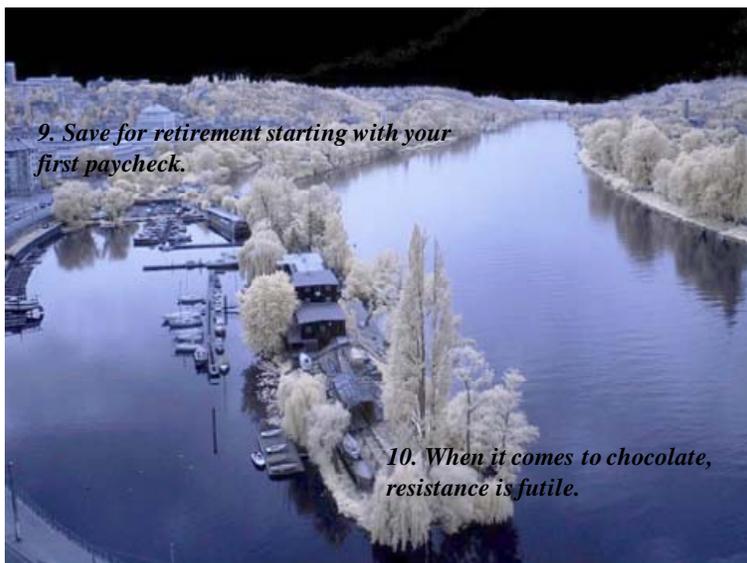
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A turkey farmer was always experimenting with breeding to perfect a better turkey. His family was fond of the leg portion for dinner and there were never enough legs for everyone. After many frustrating attempts, the farmer was relating the results of his efforts to his friends at the general store get together. "Well I finally did it! I bred a turkey that has 6 legs!" They all asked the farmer how it tasted. "I don't know" said the farmer. "I never could catch the darn thing!"

**Peppers with 3 bumps on the bottom are sweeter and better for eating. Peppers with 4 bumps on the bottom are firmer and better for cooking.**



**LIFE LESSONS: 9&10**



**Prayer Corner**

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

- ◆ For our unborn grandson: that he may be born healthy and strong this December. For his parents, Luke and Jenny Johnson, that they may have strength and faith to deal with this delicate pregnancy and Luke's employment situation. (James and Marcella Dory)(11/14)
- ◆ For Lori Leeds who had surgery on November 12th, for a speedy recovery.(11/14)
- ◆ For John Lombardo and his wife Maria good health. (10/24)
- ◆ 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.

(eMail Prayers needs to bulletin@sjvnm.org or leave a written request with an Usher.)

Answers given by 2nd grade school children:

**Who's the boss at your house?**

**Mom does not want to be boss, but she has to because dad's such a goof ball.**

**GREAT TRUTHS THAT LITTLE CHILDREN HAVE LEARNED:**

If your sister hits you, do not hit her back. They always catch the second person.

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Sat Nov 27th 4:00PM		Ed Therese Eddie Bill D	Janis Teresa Jeremy	Pinky	Isaac Victoria Preston Emilio	Pinky Annette
Sun Nov 28th 8:00AM	Christine	Tom Jim James D Carl	David S	Jose	Delaney Josh Shane	Julie Gloria R
Sun Nov 28th 10:00AM	Donna	Gary Nick Mike Tony	Coz Geri Ana Marie	Rebecca	Jordan Drew Gary Amanda	Rosie Rochelle
Sat Dec 4th 4:00PM	David C	Mike Therese Bill D Ed	Annette John R Esther	Judith	Alura Victoria Isaac Joseph	April David C
Sun Dec 5th 8:00AM		John C Tom Vince James D	David S	Sheila	Charles Sergio Florentino	Petrita Peggy
Sun Dec 5th 10:00AM	Margaret	Tony Eddie Gary Carl	John J Carrie Loretta	Liz	Angela Ariana Delicia Krista	Connie Michael



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**The Constitution of the United States**  
**Amendment XIX (1920)**

The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.

Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

**Amendment XX (1933)**

**Section 1.**

The terms of the President and Vice President shall end at noon on the 20th day of January, and the terms of Senators and Representatives at noon on the 3d day of January, of the years in which such terms would have ended if this article had not been ratified; and the terms of their successors shall then begin.

**Section 2.**

The Congress shall assemble at least once in every year, and such meeting shall begin at noon on the 3d day of January, unless they shall by law appoint a different day.

**Section 3.**

If, at the time fixed for the beginning of the term of the President, the President elect shall have died, the Vice President elect shall become President. If a President shall not have been chosen before the time fixed for the beginning of his term, or if the President elect shall have failed to qualify, then the Vice President elect shall act as President until a President shall have qualified; and the Congress may by law provide for the case wherein neither a President elect nor a Vice President elect shall have qualified, declaring who shall then act as President, or the manner in which one who is to act shall be selected, and such person shall act accordingly until a President or Vice President shall have qualified.

**Section 4.**

The Congress may by law provide for the case of the death of any of the persons from whom the House of Representatives may choose a President whenever the right of choice shall have devolved upon them, and for the case of the death of any of the persons from whom the Senate may choose a Vice President whenever the right of choice shall have devolved upon them.

**Section 5.**

Sections 1 and 2 shall take effect on the 15th day of October following the ratification of this article.

**Section 6.**

This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its submission.