



St. John Vianney Mission Church

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Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

A Mission Church of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

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Friends in Christ,

I begin with this: Cold and flu season is upon us. Please do your part to keep the spread of germs to a minimum--wash your hands often. Having said this, if a person decides to not shake a hand during the sign of peace, please do not take it personally. The person's decision to refrain from shaking a hand is probably because they do not want to get sick, or they do not want you to get sick. In case your hand is refused, just smile and say "Peace."

I end with this: Please keep praying for the victims of last week's shooting. Pray for the dead, pray for the wounded, and pray for the families of the dead and wounded. Pray for the police involved and the investigators and the doctors and nurses. Pray for the people of Arizona, and pray for our country. But do not fail to pray for the killer and his family. It is what our Lord asks of us. He will judge all things on the final day. Just pray.

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Scott Mansfield

Birthright of Rio Rancho's **Hearts Afire for Life Spaghetti Dinner, Dance & Silent Auction** fundraiser will be held on Saturday, February 12th at St. Thomas Aquinas D'Arco Hall located at 1502 Sara RD. The Life Celebration begins at 6:00 pm. Tickets are all-inclusive and are on sale now for \$10 each or \$50 per family. Call Debbie at 331-3132 or email birthrightofrr@aol.com for more information.



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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

Thursday 9AM-12PM

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Sunday 8AM... For the people of the parish

Sunday 10AM... For the unborn

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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.

As I write this article, my son, the one and only Arkulas, is about to turn eighteen years old. It goes through my mind that he will become a man on his birthday. But certainly a birthday does not make a man. There are a number of people I know who are well beyond eighteen years old and I do not believe they have reached manhood. And who sets the standard for manhood? Well, since I am writing this article, I will be setting the standard.

The standard I will not set is anything to do with any physical requirements. There are plenty of big strong males who are little boys in big bodies. We all know the type who believes that power makes right. Those males who shield their weakness by being physically powerful have not reached manhood in my book. Please, no calling me out to prove that you are more of a man than I.

My first standard is a Man's Word. The value of a man is the value of his word. If a man's word is of no value then what is his value? This is especially true of promises. Do not promise what you cannot fulfill. How simple is that? The old adage of "A man's word is his bond" still holds true with me. In my perfect world there would be no written contracts because you would simply give your word. This also is directly related to being honest. For your word to be true it has to be honest.

My second standard is being a gentleman. A man does not mistreat women. A man is not violent with women. A man treats every woman like the precious creation of God that she is. The only time a man raises his hand around a woman is in her defense.

My third standard is being responsible. This means to be accountable for your actions and for those in your care. Take responsibility for your actions, imagine that. That almost seems foreign to what the media bombards us with daily. Being responsible means you do not blame everyone else for your actions. You are responsible for your actions. Being responsible for those in your care is doing the best financially and emotionally for your family and/or ones in your care. Be a man, get a job, keep the job and put bread on the table and a roof overhead.

My fourth standard is being a stand-up guy. This means that people know that when times are tough you will be there for them. A man is not one who disappears when help is needed. A man extends himself to others and not just out of his excess. When a man sees you working he does not watch you work while he is idle, but jumps in and asks how he may help. A man is someone who makes the time to help others.

My fifth standard is loyalty. Starting first in your relationship with your spouse, never, never stray, be loyal. Then be loyal to your friends. Stand up for them and stand beside them. No cheating on your spouse and no cheating on your friends.

My sixth standard is morals. A man is of high moral character. You will not find a real man hanging out in places of ill repute. What a man surrounds himself with is what he is. This one standard will help with keeping all the previous standards. Simply put, do what is right and do not worry about what anyone else may say.

My last standard is setting an example. OK, if you are

doing all the above you should be setting an example, but I am thinking specifically of a father-son relationship. I am so proud of my son and I hope I have done right by him in setting a good example. It does no good to preach a good example but show a bad example. There was a clear example of my being a bad example when my son was young. We were out driving and he said "Dad I got this one" and he proceeded to tell off the other driver just as I would have. OK, I have a little driving rage sometimes. I am mellowing with age though. When I see him following my good example I hope it makes up for the flaws he sees in me.

I am sure some of you have a much different perspective on being a man and I respect that as long as your perspective is also based on morals and responsibilities. I had no good example of being a man in my household when I was growing up so I had to seek out that example myself. I am grateful for those who showed me what a real man is. Be that example, not only to your own family, but to those whose lives you touch. I had plenty of bad examples when I was growing up but I was blessed with never buying into their philosophy. I spent about two years with a farmer who lived by the motto of "Look out for number one". What a waste of time and energy. I cannot tell you how many times he gave me his motto. Of course I was thinking that his number one was not me so be careful with that guy. He thought he was instructing me, but in reality he was teaching me what not to do. My next boss would give you the shirt off his back. What a man. He was tough, loyal, moral, and responsible; I owe that man; may he rest in peace.

I hope I have been a good example to my boy. I pray he will be able to take the good examples and use them. I also hope he recognizes my flaws will avoid those examples. I pray that I have been able to give him a moral core that will guide him through life. God Bless Arkulas.

God bless you all. The women may stop reading now. All you men stand up and be men. Stand up and be that shining example. Stand up and have your word be your bond. All you men raise your boys to become men that you are proud of. God Bless the men of our parish.

We Are Having a Baby-Bee!

The Baby Quilting Bee is almost here! We have had many inquiries regarding making the quilts/afghans for Birthright, as well as some donations. We are planning on starting this project January 22nd, 7 PM at the church. We are still in need of fabrics (cotton or fleece), batting, and help. Anyone who can tie an overhand knot or thread a needle is welcome to help. That includes children, men, women or aliens with opposing thumbs. If you can sew, even better; bring a sewing machine, thread and fabric scissors. I am sure it will take several sessions to get them all done, so if you cannot make it the 22nd, there will be other opportunities! Call me if you can at 250-5353. Julie Burnside

Due to changes in Church rules, we will be using live flowers at the altar from now on. We have an arrangement with a local florist, so if you would like to donate one or more of the flower displays in memorial or just to help out, please speak with one of the sacristans before or after Mass in the sacristy. Julie Burnside

THINK

There was a blind girl who hated herself because she was blind. She hated everyone, except her loving boyfriend. He was always there for her. She told her boyfriend, 'If I could only see the world, I will marry you.'

One day, someone donated a pair of eyes to her. When the bandages came off, she was able to see everything, including her boyfriend.

He asked her, 'Now that you can see the world, will you marry me?' The girl looked at her boyfriend and saw that he was blind. The sight of his closed eyelids shocked her. She hadn't expected that. The thought of looking at them the rest of her life led her to refuse to marry him.

Her boyfriend left in tears and days later wrote a note to her saying: 'Take good care of your eyes, my dear, for before they were yours, they were mine.'

This is how the human brain often works when our status changes. Only a very few remember what life was like before, and who was always by their side in the most painful situations.

Life Is a Gift

Today before you say an unkind word - Think of someone who can't speak.

Before you complain about the taste of your food - Think of someone who has nothing to eat.

Before you complain about your husband or wife - Think of someone who's crying out to GOD for a companion.

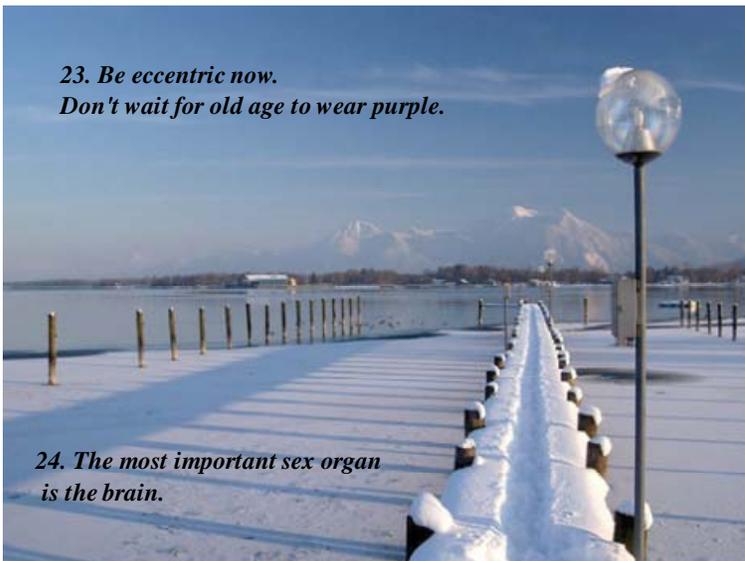
Today before you complain about life - Think of someone who went too early to heaven.

Before whining about the distance you drive Think of someone who walks the same distance with their feet.

And when you are tired and complain about your job - Think of the unemployed, the disabled, and those who wish they had your job.

And when depressing thoughts seem to get you down - Put a smile on your face and think: you're alive and still around.

LIFE LESSONS: 23&24



*23. Be eccentric now.
Don't wait for old age to wear purple.*

*24. The most important sex organ
is the brain.*

Prayer Corner

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

- ◆ For Tony Quinones healing of heel. (01/02)
- ◆ For Gabriel Rodriguez Health, at 15 diagnose with Diabetes. (12/12)
- ◆ 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.)

Obey now, Play later.
Disobey now, Pay later.
If they obey and serve him [God], the rest of their lives will be successful. And the rest of their years will be happy. But if they do not listen, they will die...without knowing better.
JOB 36:11-12
From: God's Little Instruction Books for Kids

Answers given by 2nd grade school children:
What's the difference between moms and dads?
Moms have magic, they make you feel better without medicine.

GREAT TRUTHS THAT LITTLE CHILDREN HAVE LEARNED:
Do not wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.

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Sat Jan 15th 4:00PM	David C	Eddie C Phillip G James S Mike P	John R Janis C Esther W	Pinky B	Victoria P Isaac P Jessica VLS Jamie VLS	Pinky B Vicky H
Sun Jan 16th 8:00AM	Julie B	Jim C Vince V Juan S John C	Annette O	Jose G	Chris S Dan S Dominic O	Andrew R Gloria R
Sun Jan 16th 10:00AM	Donna M	Carl B Brian P Gary V Gary V Jr	Coz M Geri H John L	Rebecca E	Amanda V Christopher P Krista S Jordan J	Michael T Peggy R
Sat Jan 22nd 4:00PM	David C	Juan S Gloria B Carl B Phillip G	Teresa M Annette O Jeremy M	Bill M	Delaney K Josh K Karla DC Joseph M	David C Rosie R
Sun Jan 23rd 8:00AM	Christine G	Tom A John C Vince V James D	Harlan H	Sheila H	Shane H Sergio G Dominic O	David S Petrita L
Sun Jan 23rd 10:00AM	Margaret C	John V Ariana E Gary V Gary V Jr	Margaret C Brian P Ana P	Judith C	Preston V Jacob V Drew G Jordan J	Lillian O Connie D



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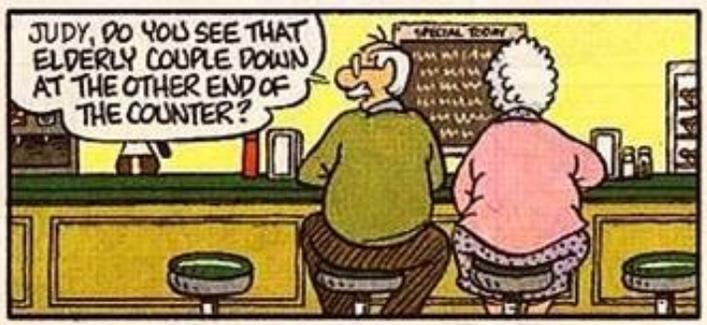
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