

## Extracted from St John Vianney May 01, 2011 Bulletin

### Rambling XI by Carl E. Beyer and Friends

We had a great crowd for Easter. Over 1200 people attended our two Masses. At the 10a.m. Mass almost all seats were filled fifteen minutes before Mass started! My greatest hope is that you are reading this article a week after Easter and that your faith in our Lord continues to grow. Thank you, Lord, for bringing your parishioners together to celebrate your Resurrection.

Time to be selfish and ask the Lord to send us rain in abundance! Please do not let camping season campfires be banned due to the drought. Seriously, folks, when is the last time we have seen serious rain? Yes, I know we can water our plants ourselves, but even the plants love a good rain to wash the dust off their leaves and to soak in the blessing of a good, slow, steady rain for a day. If I were a plant, right about now I would be saying, "Stop sand-blasting me with those high winds, and give me a slow, substantial rain!"

I have been betrayed....or at least I am very impatient, but my roses are not growing well this year. After writing an entire article about roses, I have not been blessed by seeing much growth in some of them. I trimmed them on March 1st and am wondering if that was too late, because there are lots of dead branches on many of them. I will give them a few more weeks before I reach a final verdict. The tulips, on the other hand, that I did not see all summer, poked up nicely this spring and put on quite a show! We also planted grapes this year to serve as green fences as well as tasty treats. Now we need to put in some posts and wrap them with wire to enable the grapevines to grow to their glory.

Speaking of plants and roses, May is here, so it is time to dust off those rosaries and pay respect to Our Mother, Mary. Actually, I hope you are thinking, "WHAT dust?" We are so blessed to have the rosary. It is as close to perfection for experiencing Peace as any prayer I have encountered. Spend some time in May to begin or grow your "rosary routine," and be especially mindful to devote the praying of the rosary to world peace. I feel we need to pray for our troops, who we are putting at risk in more and more locations. Please pray that Peace will be found in these areas of conflict.

With the warm weather upon us, we plead with our parishioners to be respectful with their attire at Mass. If I had to sum up a basic description of "proper church attire" in three words, it would be this: "SHOW LESS SKIN!" We have air conditioning, so shorts, sleeveless shirts or any other clothing appropriate for wearing to the park or beach in the heat of summer is not necessary in church. Men, be MEN and wear big boy pants to Mass. In my opinion, the very idea of "dress shorts" is an oxymoron.

An aside: I spent part of our treasure to purchase the New American Bible Revised Edition (NABRE), with the new verbiage in the Old Testament, but I have not yet had much time to review it. Have any of you done so? I have decided that for the Daily Bible email, I will continue using the New American Bible from the 1990's version. Then, in three years, after I get the Bible completely inputted into a database, I will use the NABRE. Visit [www.sjvnm.org](http://www.sjvnm.org) to subscribe to the daily Bible reading. To read the entire Bible this way takes four years, which is pretty quick, considering the number of years it covers! Have you read the complete Bible? Quite interesting reading! Deacon Roger at Holy Family store has the NABRE in stock now. Check the back page

of this bulletin for information about purchasing one from his store.

Let me take a moment to thank everyone who made Holy Week so special at St. John Vianney Mission Church. We asked a number of our volunteers to step up and give more of their time to the church, and all readily agreed. Holy Week ended with our Easter Egg Hunt, which required a great deal of work by many people, to whom we are very thankful. It is time to brag on Our Volunteers, because we have the best around! Please take a moment at church to thank the volunteers who freely give of their time and energy to keep our mission church running.

God Bless you all. Go forth and pray the rosary. Go forth and read the Bible. Go forth and pray for Peace.