



# Saint John Vianney

A Mission Church of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

## Father's Message

Friends in Christ,

Greetings.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, let us remember that it is forever and always our duty to bring the good news of salvation to the world. And certainly we don't have to go far to find souls who thirst for this good news. Simply look around your school or your place of work and there you will find lost souls who hunger for the divinely revealed truth.

I hope you had a blessed Christmas, and I pray that this new year will be your best ever.

In Christ Jesus,

Fr. Scott

January 8, 2006

**Epiphany  
of the Lord**

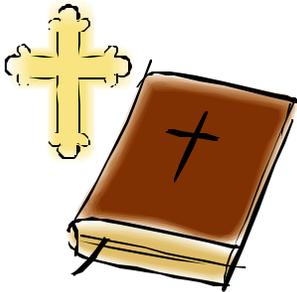
### Next Sunday

First Reading  
1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

Second Reading  
1 Corinthians  
6:13c-15a, 17-20

### Gospel

John 1:35-42



I was there when ..... Yes, I help start this church ..... Well. I have seniority .... This is the way it's done because .... These all could be yours. Volunteer now for our two positions needed. We need another Rosary Leader for the 8AM Mass and a Snack Family for the 11AM Mass. Start early and make this Church a community success. The down side is you will need at least five minutes of training, the up side is you get to serve God in his Church. How can you resist such an offer?

### Parish Directory

Vicar.....Rev. Scott Mansfield  
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### Holy Rosary

Sunday.....7:40AM  
Sunday.....10:40AM

### Holy Mass

Sunday.....8:00AM  
Sunday.....11:00AM

### January 8, 2006 8:00AM

Usher.....Karl Lucero  
Usher..... Tom Anderson  
EM of Holy Communion .....David Crawford  
Rosary Leader .....Catherine Uhrich  
Altar Server ..... Calvin Uhrich  
Altar Server ..... Ian Burnside  
First Reader .....Peggy Riley  
Second Reader.....Julie Burnside

### January 8, 2006 11:00AM

Usher..... Tug Ferguson  
Usher..... Carl Beyer  
EM of Holy Communion ..... Jose Guillen  
Rosary Leader .....Joanna Dunn  
Altar Server .....Steven Chavez  
Altar Server .....Ben Bischel  
First Reader .....Margaret Bjornstad  
Second Reader.....Lillian Ortiz

# On Avarice by Saint John Vianney

Avarice is an inordinate love of the goods of this world.



Yes, my children, it is an ill-regulated love, a fatal love, which makes us forget the good God, prayer, the Sacraments, that we may love the goods of this world--gold and silver and lands. The avaricious man is like a pig, which seeks its food in the mud, without caring where it comes from. Stooping towards the earth, he thinks of nothing but the earth; he no longer looks towards Heaven, his happiness is no longer there. The avaricious man does no good till after his death. See, how greedily he gathers up wealth, how anxiously he keeps it, how afflicted he is if he loses it. In the midst of riches, he does not enjoy them; he is, as it were, plunged in a river, and is dying of thirst; lying on a heap of corn, he is dying of hunger; he has everything, my children, and dares not touch anything; his gold is a sacred thing to him, he makes it his divinity, he adores it. . . .

O my children! how many there are in these days who are idolators! how many there are who think more of making a fortune than of serving the good God! They steal, they defraud, they go to law with their neighbour; they do not even respect the laws of God. They work on Sundays and holydays: nothing comes amiss to their greedy and rapacious hands. Good Christians, my children, do not think of their body, which must end in corruption; they think only of their soul, which is immortal. While they are on the earth, they occupy themselves with their soul alone. So you see how assiduous they are at the Offices of the Church, with what fervour they pray before the good God, how they sanctify the Sunday, how recollected they are at holy Mass, how happy they are! The days, the months, the years are nothing to them; they pass them in loving the good God, with their eyes fixed on their eternity. . . .

Seeing us so indifferent to our salvation, and so occupied in gathering up a little mud, would not anyone say that we were never to die? Indeed, my children, we are like people who, during the summer, should make an ample provision of gourds, of melons, for a long journey; after the winter, what would remain of it? Nothing. In the same way, my children, what remains to the avaricious man of all his wealth when death comes upon him unawares? A poor covering, a few planks, and the despair of not being able to carry his gold away with him. Misers generally die in this sort of despair, and pay eternally to the devil for their insatiable thirst for riches. Misers, my children are sometimes punished even in this world.

Once Saint Hilarion, followed by a great number of his disciples, going to visit the monasteries under his rule, came to the abode of an avaricious solitary. On their approach, they found watchers in all parts of the vineyard, who threw stones and clods of earth at them to prevent their touching the grapes. This miser was well punished, for he gathered that year much fewer grapes than usual, and his wine turned into vinegar. Another solitary, named Sabbas, begged him, on the contrary, to come into his vineyard, and eat the fruit. Saint Hilarion blessed it, and sent in to it his religious, to the number of three thousand, who all satisfied their hunger; and twenty days after, the vineyard yielded three hundred measures of wine, instead of the usual quantity of ten. Let us follow the example of Sabbas, and be disinterested; the good God will bless us, and after having blessed us in this world, He will also reward us in the other.



As you read Saint John Mary Vianney words written over 150 years ago it makes us wonder about those who say “Why doesn’t the Church change with the times”. Well maybe because human nature remains the same. The same sins that tempted us then tempts us today.

<b>January 15, 2006 8:00AM</b>	
Usher .....	Ed Uhrich
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Rosary Leader.....	
Altar Server .....	Jordan Harrington
Altar Server .....	Sergio Guillen
First Reader .....	David Crawford
Second Reader .....	Vicky Howell
<b>January 15, 2006 11:00AM</b>	
Usher .....	Tony Quinones
Usher .....	Nick Coca
EM of Holy Communion .....	Margaret Bjornstad
Rosary Leader .....	Rochelle Quinones
Altar Server .....	Jaeson Chavez
Altar Server .....	Ariana Jenkins
First Reader .....	April McClellan
Second Reader .....	Jose Guillen

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