



# Saint John Vianney

A Mission Church of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish  
1100 Hood Road, Rio Rancho, NM 87124

And now a message from Father Mansfield, oops he's on retreat.

So, let me take this opportunity to thank you all for attending mass. Without you, our faithful parishioners, we would not be able to serve God for his glory. I especially like to thank all the volunteers whose services make this mission church possible. While they do this to serve God, do not be afraid to thank these most valuable volunteers when you have a chance. A simple "Thank You" goes a long way to lift the spirits of your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

God Bless - Carl

**February 5, 2006**  
**Fifth Sunday**  
**In Ordinary Time**

### Next Sunday

First Reading  
Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

Second Reading  
1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1

**Gospel**  
Mark 1:40-45



## Birthright's 1st Annual Hearts Afire for Life

Dance & Silent Auction  
Saturday, February 11th, 2006  
6:00PM to 9:00PM  
St. Thomas Aquinas Church  
D'Arco Hall

Ticket Donation of \$5 per person  
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### Holy Rosary

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

### Holy Mass

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

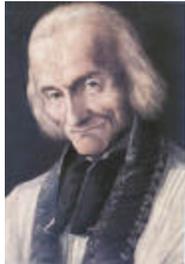
### February 5, 2006 8:00AM

Usher..... David Crawford  
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EM of Holy Communion ..... Julie Burnside  
Rosary Leader ..... Peggy Riley  
Altar Server ..... Calvin Uhrich  
Altar Server ..... Ian Burnside  
First Reader ..... Vicky Howell  
Second Reader..... Larry Uhrich

### February 5, 2006 11:00AM

Usher..... Carl Beyer  
Usher..... Tony Quinones  
EM of Holy Communion ..... John Lombardo  
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Altar Server ..... Chelsea McLellan  
Altar Server ..... Krista Savela  
First Reader ..... Jose Guillen  
Second Reader..... April McClellan

# On Death by Saint John Vianney



A day will come, perhaps it is not far off, when we must bid adieu to life, adieu to the world, adieu to our relations, adieu to our friends. When shall we return, my children? Never. We appear upon this earth, we disappear, and we return no more; our poor body, that we take such care of, goes away into dust, and our soul, all trembling, goes to appear before the good God. When we quit this world, where we shall appear no more, when our last breath of life escapes, and we say our last adieu, we shall wish to have passed our life in solitude, in the depths of a desert, far from the world and its pleasures. We have these examples of repentance before our eyes every day, my children, and we remain always the same. We pass our life gaily, without ever troubling ourselves about eternity. By our indifference to the service of the good God, one would think we were never going to die.

See, my children, some people pass their whole life without thinking of death. It comes, and behold! they have nothing; faith, hope, and love, all are already dead within them. When death shall come upon us, of what use will three-quarters of our life have been to us? With what are we occupied the greatest part of our time? Are we thinking of the good God, of our salvation, of our soul? O my children! what folly is the world! We come into it, we go out of it, without knowing why. The good God places us in it to serve Him, to try if we will love Him and be faithful to His law; and after this short moment of trial, He promises us a recompense. Is it not just that He should reward the faithful servant and punish the wicked one? Should the Trappist, who has passed his life in lamenting and weeping over his sins, be treated the same as the bad Christian, who has lived in abundance in the midst of all the enjoyments of life? No; certainly not. We are on earth not to enjoy its pleasures, but to labor for our salvation.

Let us prepare ourselves for death; we have not a minute to lose: it will come upon us at the moment when we least expect it; it will take us by surprise. Look at the saints, my children, who were pure; they were always trembling, they pined away with fear; and we, who so often offend the good God--we have no fears. Life is given us that we may learn to die well, and we never think of it. We occupy ourselves with everything else. The idea of it often occurs to us, and we always reject it; we put it off to the last moment. O my children! this last moment, how much it is to be feared! Yet the good God does not wish us to despair; He shows us the good thief, touched with repentance, dying near Him on the cross; but he is the only one; and then see, he dies near the good God. Can we hope to be near Him at our last moment--we who have been far from Him all our life? What have we done to deserve that favour? A great deal of evil, and no good.

There was once a good Trappist Father, who was trembling all over at perceiving the approach of death. Someone said to him, "Father, of what then are you afraid?" "Of the judgment of God," he said. "Ah! if you dread the judgment--you who have done so much penance, you who love God so much, who have been so long preparing for death--what will become of me?" See, my children, to die well we must live well; to live well, we must seriously examine ourselves: every evening think over what we have done during the day; at the end of each week review what we have done during the week; at the end of each month review what we have done during the month; at the end of the year, what we have done during the year. By this means, my children, we cannot fail to correct ourselves, and to become fervent Christians in a short time. Then, when death comes, we are quite ready; we are happy to go to Heaven.

## Saint John Vianney

### Born:

1786 at Dardilly, Lyons, France

### Died:

4 August 1859 at Ars, France of natural causes

### Name Meaning:

God is gracious; gift of God

### Canonized:

1925

### February 12, 2006 8:00AM

Usher .....	Ed Uhrich
Usher .....	Tom Anderson
EM of Holy Communion .....	David Crawford
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Altar Server .....	Jordan Harrington
Altar Server .....	Sergio Guillen
First Reader .....	Larry Uhrich
Second Reader .....	Julie Burnside

### February 12, 2006 11:00AM

Usher .....	Nick Coca
Usher .....	Tug Ferguson
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Rosary Leader .....	Joanna Dunn
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Altar Server .....	Jessica Van Loben Sels
First Reader .....	Peggy Riley
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