

June 10, 2007

Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

Saint John Vianney

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Friends in Christ Jesus,

Happy Feast of Corpus Christi.

Today, on the Feast of the Holy Body and Blood of our Lord, we are reminded of that awesome reality--the true, although hidden presence of our Lord in Eucharist. Not only are we encouraged each Sunday, while in a state of grace, to receive our Lord in the Eucharist, we are also encouraged to visit often the Blessed Sacrament, for there is where we meet the Risen Christ. We, dear friends, are very graced to have so near to us a perpetual adoration chapel. Please stop in often and spend time with our Lord. He wants to see you.

Have a blessed week,

Father Scott Mansfield



Pope John Paul II Staring Jon Voight & Cary Elwes

The showing will benefit the St. John Vianney Building Campaign

Location: Rio Rancho High School Performing Arts Center

Date/Time: Friday, 22 June, 6:30 P.M. doors open at 6:00 P.M.

Tickets: \$8:00 for adults and \$3:00 kids under 12

Purchase Tickets at the parish office or from:
Joanna Dunn 897-2169 or James Sandoval 892-0205

Holy Rosary

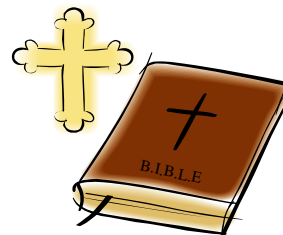
Sunday7:40AM

Sunday10:40AM

Holy Mass

Sunday8:00AM

Sunday 11:00AM



Defending Our Faith – a Series on Apologetics by John Lombardo

I am shifting gears this week because of something I read in my “Office of Readings” June 1st, the memorial of St. Justin, martyr. I want to share this first hand account from the Acts of the martyrdom of St. Justin and his companion saints. (Cap. 1-5: cf Pg 6, 1556-1571). St. Justin was born at Flavia Neopolis in Samaria at the beginning of the second century. His forte was his many works in defense of Christianity. Justin was martyred along with several companions during the reign of Marcus Aurelius around the year 165. He was among the early apologists.

“The saints were seized and brought before Rusticus, the prefect of Rome,. As they stood before the judgment seat, Rusticus said to Justin: “Above all, have faith in the gods and obey the emperor.” Justin said: “We cannot be accused or condemned for obeying the commands of our Savior, Jesus Christ.”

Rusticus then asked: “What system of teaching do you profess?” Justin answered: “I have tried to learn about every system, but I have accepted the true doctrines of the Christians, though these are not approved by those who are held by error” i.e. the Romans.

Justin continued, in his defense, to explain that he approved and accepted Jesus teaching because he fully and totally believed they were true. Rusticus, wanted to know what sort of teaching this was. In answer, Justin said: “Worship the God of the Christians. We hold him to be from the beginning the one creator and maker of the whole creation, of things seen and unseen. We worship also the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God. He was foretold by the prophets were inspired from above when they spoke of his coming among men”.

When the prefect asked Justin: “Are you a Christian, then?” Justin responded: “Yes, I am Christian”. Rusticus, wanting to conclude the issue of any further defense, told Justin and his companions “to offer sacrifice to the gods”. Justin, without hesitation, said “No one who is right-thinking stoops from true worship to false worship”. The prefect Rusticus then pronounced sentence: “Let those who have refused to sacrifice to the gods and obey the command of the emperor be scourged and led away to suffer capitol punishment according to the ruling of the laws”.

“Glorifying God , the holy martyrs went to the place of execution; they were beheaded, and so fulfilled their witness of martyrdom in confessing their faith in their Savior”.

We who have the faith should take the martyrdom of Justin and his companions as THE example of how to die in Jesus Christ. I’ve had to look within myself and ask whether I could accept death for my faith. I pray so. I realized that this is the subliminal reason why I want to share the faith with you through Apologetics. Unless you know your faith, how can you defend it? I continue to ask for your help in letting me know what topics you might like to read in this column. Contact me at jonlom@cableone.net.

Peace.



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Offenses Against Faith

- **Voluntary doubt of faith** - Voluntary doubt of faith is disregarding the revealed truth of God and his Church (CCC 2088). Those who do this risk spiritual blindness and loss of faith.
- ♦ **Incredulity, heresy, apostasy, schism** - Incredulity is the neglect of revealed truth or willful refusal to assent to it. Heresy is obstinate post-baptismal denial of a truth that must be believed with divine and catholic faith. Apostasy is total repudiation of the Christian faith. Schism is the refusal of submission to the Roman Pontiff or communion with the members of the Church (CCC 2089). These sins strain or break the bonds of unity with the offender and the Catholic Church.



Catholic Common Cents Corner

- ♦ If our Lord is present on the Altar then you should be standing or kneeling unless you are physically unable to do so. Your Lord died on the Cross for you, is it asking too much of you to be a little uncomfortable as a reminder of his sacrifice?
- ♦ If your kids sits for hours in front of the TV without moving then he/she can sit through a mass without needing to wet their whistle.

Volunteer Schedule	June 10, 2007		June 17 2007	
	8:00AM	11:00AM	8:00AM	11:00AM
Ushers	James Dory Karl Lucero	Phil Griego James Sandoval	Tom Anderson John Christensen	Tony Quinones Frank Charles
EM of Holy Communion	Julia Burnside	Margaret Chavez	Jose Guillen	John Lombardo
Rosary Leader	Evelyn Romero	Mary Bell Lucero	Fred Bates	Rochelle Quinones
Altar Servers	Sergio Guillen Ian Burnside	Arkulas Beyer Steven Chavez	Peter Lucero Fernando Lucero	Jessica V. Krista Savela
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