

July 22, 2007

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint John Vianney

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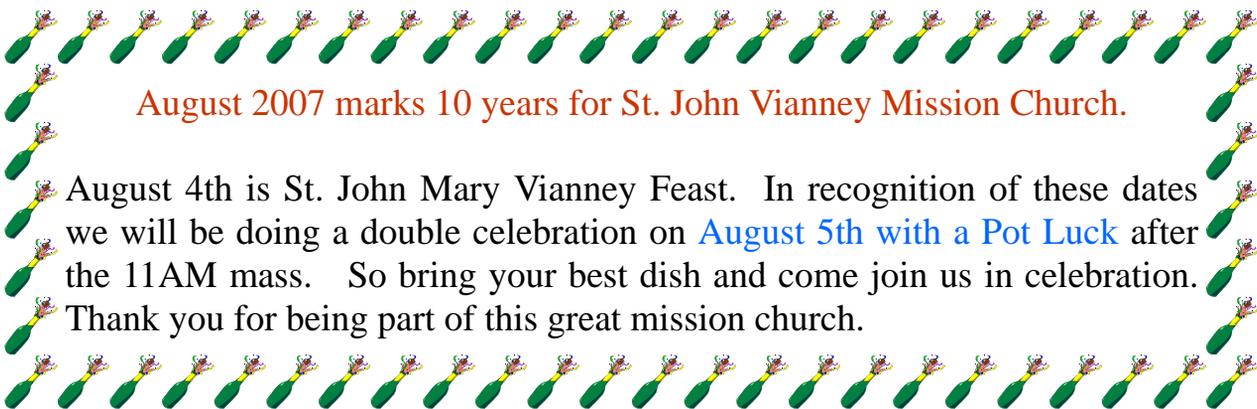
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Friends in Christ,

The Gospel for this Sunday's Mass reminds us of the importance of daily prayer, the necessity to take time each day to converse with God. We fool ourselves if we think we can pass each day easily without prayer. What happens to a body that goes an entire day without food? The body becomes weak. The same is true for the hungry soul. The prayer deprived soul becomes weak. To attempt, therefore, to live the Christian life without prayer is psychic suicide. Don't attempt it. Life is too heavy to carry. Call on our Lord to help you carry it. Pray, therefore.

Have a most blessed week.

Fr. Scott Mansfield



August 2007 marks 10 years for St. John Vianney Mission Church.

August 4th is St. John Mary Vianney Feast. In recognition of these dates we will be doing a double celebration on **August 5th with a Pot Luck** after the 11AM mass. So bring your best dish and come join us in celebration.

Thank you for being part of this great mission church.

Holy Rosary

Sunday7:40AM
Sunday10:40AM

Holy Mass

Sunday8:00AM
Sunday11:00AM



Defending Our Faith – a Series on Apologetics by John Lombardo

The Assumption of Mary, body and soul, into Heaven

Most fundamentalists reject the assumption of Mary, body and soul, into Heaven. It is true that Scripture does not record the Assumption, but Sacred Tradition gives a concise answer: that Mary, the Immaculate Conception, the Mother of God participated in the salvific work of Christ. (Catholicism and Fundamentalism, p.274). How could Jesus, permit the sinless body of His Mother to corrupt in a grave. After all, corruption of the body is an effect of original sin from which Mary is totally exempted. Mary shares so fully in the glory of Christ because of her fullness of grace AND because she shared so fully in His suffering and death on a cross.

Thus, in 1950, “Pope Pius XII, in an exercise of papal infallibility defined that Mary, after the completion of her earthly life, was Assumed body and soul into the Glory of Haven.” (Magnificentissimus Deus – Denz. 233. C&F, p. 273)

The Assumption is the oldest feast day of Mary, Our Lady. Unfortunately the origin of the feast was lost at the time when Jerusalem was a pagan city: “every memory of Jesus was obliterated and the sites made holy by His life, death and resurrection became pagan temples.” (The Assumption of Mary: A belief since Apostolic times, (Pt1), Fr. Clifford Stevens).

About A.D. 336, the sacred sites were restored. One of the memories of Jesus’ mother centered around the “Tomb of Mary” near Mt. Zion. This was the “Place of Dormition,” the spot of Mary’s “falling asleep.” At this time Christians celebrated the feast of the “memory of Mary” which later became the Feast of the Assumption. The feast of the “memory of Mary” spread from Palestine to Rome where it was celebrated under the title of “Falling Asleep of the Mother of God.” By the 7th century the feast was changed to the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, and proclaimed that she had been taken up body and soul into Heaven, a belief that dates back to the apostles.

In the early church relics of saints were desired by churches throughout the ancient world. The bones of the early saints were available but there never was a record of Mary’s remains. My rosary booklet notes that “Mary did not die of bodily infirmity, but was wholly overcome in a rapture of divine love.” A further note says “after her burial the apostles went to her tomb and found it empty, except for fragrant lilies.”

Yet Mary’s Assumption is not anti-scriptural. Consider Heb. 11:5 where “Enoch is taken into heaven without dying; and Elijah was whisked into heaven by a fiery chariot (2 King 2:11). Matthew 27:52 suggest a bodily assumption before the Second Coming, and many Protestants believe in the “rapture” based on 1 Thes. 4:17 and 1 Cor. 15:52” Simply put, Mary is the first to be “raptured.” (Beginning Apologetics 1. Fr Frank Chacon and Jim Burnham, p22). Keep the faith friends.

Peace

Altar server meeting after August 12th mass for new Alter Servers.



St. John Vianney, Priest (Patron of priests) Feast day - August 4 Universally known as the "Cure of Ars)," St. John Mary Vianney was ordained a priest in 1815. Three years later he was made parish priest of Ars, a remote French hamlet, where his reputation as a confessor and director of souls made him known throughout the Christian world. His life was one of extreme mortification.

Accustomed to the most severe austerities, beleaguered by swarms of penitents, and besieged by the devil, this great mystic manifested a imperturbable patience. He was a wonderworker loved by the crowds, but he retained a childlike simplicity, and he remains to this day the living image of the priest after the heart of Christ.

He heard confessions of people from all over the world for the sixteen hours each day. His life was filled with works of charity and love. It is recorded that even the staunchest of sinners were converted at his mere word. He died August 4, 1859, and was canonized May 31, 1925.

Catholic Common Cents Corner

Cover yourself.

Modesty is the **rule #1** for dressing for church.

Volunteer Schedule	July 22, 2007		July 29, 2007	
	8:00AM	11:00AM	8:00AM	11:00AM
Ushers	Karl Lucero James Dory	James Sandoval Phil Griego	Tom Anderson John Christensen	Carl Beyer Tony Quinones
EM of Holy Communion	Jose Guillen	Jeremy McClellan	Jose Guillen	Pinky Bjornstad
Rosary Leader	Fred Bates	Pinky Bjornstad	Fred Bates	Rochelle Quinones
Altar Servers	Charles Lucero Peter Lucero	Matthew Sandoval Jaeson Chavez	Ian Burnside Sergio Guillen	Richard McLellan Michael McLellan
Readers	Lillian Ortiz Julie Burnside	April McClellan Vicky Howell	Julie Burnside Lillian Ortiz	Vicky Howell April McClellan

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