

August 24, 2008

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

# *Saint John Vianney*

A Mission Church of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish serving you since August 10, 1997  
1100 Hood Road, Rio Rancho, NM 87124

Friends in Christ Jesus,

Greetings and Peace.

I begin by thanking all who chafed up (I am almost certain chafed isn't a word, but it sounds good) goodies for the most recent potluck lunch. Yum! Thanks too for all the eaters. I think all us eaters did a great job eating. And many thanks to those who stayed behind to clean up.

Here now is a building update: We are waiting for the city to give us the green light to begin adding the roof supports. The information I received days ago is that the roof supports will be added sometime next week. Please pray for this intention.

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Scott Mansfield



## **Holy Rosary**

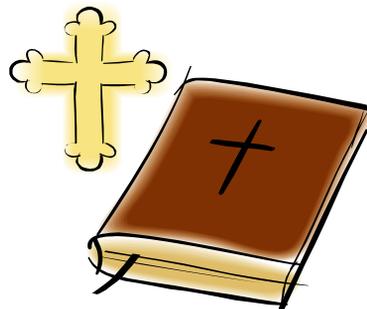
Sunday ..... 7:40AM

Sunday ..... 10:40AM

## **Holy Mass**

Sunday ..... 8:00AM

Sunday ..... 11:00AM



## Upcoming Events

August 24, After 11AM Mass ..... CCD Teachers Meeting  
September 7th, 9:15AM ..... CCD Classes Start  
September 7th, 9:30AM ..... CCD Parents Meeting  
October 3 ..... Bob and Gerri Hover awards at St. Francis

### **St. Merericus, or Merry, Abbot** (c. A.D. 700) August 29th

He was born at Autun, in the seventh century, and from an early age realized that the end of human life is the sanctification and salvation of the soul. That he might wholly give himself to God, when he was still very young he entered a local monastery, probably St. Martin's in Autun. In that monastery then lived fifty-four fervent monks, whose penitential and regular lives were an object of edification to the whole country. Merry in this company grew up in habits of virtue, and a scrupulous observance of the rule. Being chosen abbot much against his own inclination, he pointed out his brethren the narrow path of true virtue by example, walking before them in every duty; and the reputation of his sanctity drew eyes of all men upon him. The distractions which continual consultations from all parts gave him, and a fear of falling into vanity, made him resign his office and retire into a forest four miles from Autun, where he lay hid for some time. He earned himself all necessaries of life by the labor of his hands, and found this solitude sweet by the liberty it gave him of employing his time in heavenly contemplation and work. The place of his retreat at length became public, and being struck down by sickness, he was obliged to return to the monastery. After having edified his brethren and strengthened them in religious perfection, he again left them in old age in order to make a pilgrimage to the shrine of St. Germanus of Paris (also a native of Autun) in that city. There was one companion, St. Frou of Frodulf, he choose his abode in a small cell adjoining a chapel dedicated in honor of St. Peter, in the north suburb of the city; and, after two years and nine months during which he bore with patience a painful lingering illness, he died happily about the year 700.

## **The Road Less Taken.** By Carl E. Beyer

I walk on a road which is about one mile outside of Northern Meadows. I have never seen a vehicle on this road nor any human footprints. So as I walk along I thought how this relates to us Roman Catholics. We walk the roads less taken. Unlike the Government in our lives we do not have a separation of church and us. Every action, at all times, needs to reflect our beliefs and we will be judged on these.

Let cover several different areas where this applies.

First is business. My most disliked statement is "It's just business". No, it is never just business. How you treat your co-workers, clients, vendors etc reflect on your Christians beliefs. When we are told to live our beliefs no one said "Except when working". If an adult industry comes to me and I can get rich selling them PCs, can I justify it that someone will just sell them the PCs anyway. No, what I do and support reflects my beliefs. Dirty money is dirty money. Think of your core beliefs the next time you leave your morals at home to go to work.

Second is political. How can you separate your beliefs from who you vote for? If you stand by and support the pro-choice candidates does not that mean you support pro-choice. Think about it.

Thirdly is personal. Nothing is more apparent than when you out and about town and you are rude, inconsiderate, etc and then you realize you just came from church. Carry with you what you hear at church, live what you believe. Be the person that people wants to inquire about your beliefs and you are able to bring them to the church.

And lastly is the almighty dollar. Ever hear of tithing? I know, I know, you have that huge house payment, you have that new car payment, you have, you have, you have.... Maybe that is the problem. Where is your dollars going? Do you think about donating to the church and charity? For the less then \$30 dollars a month you can make a mountain of different supporting a kid through "Christian Foundation for Children and Aging" or "World Vision". Or let support a local (USA) kid through the "Christian Appalachian Project". It's not hard and is literally under a dollar a day for any of these and of course there are so many more.

OUCH, oops just fell off my high horse. So go forth, smile, spread the joy, and be that shining Christian example that walks the road less taken.

God Bless You and your family.

The preacher was wired for sound with a lapel microphone, & as he preached, he moved briskly about the platform, jerking the mike cord as he went. Then he moved to one side, getting wound up in the cord & nearly tripping before jerking it again. After several circles & jerks, a little girl in the third pew leaned toward her mother & whispered, "If he gets loose, will he hurt us?"





Come, Pray and Sacrifice  
for The Unborn  
The Helpers of God's Precious Infants  
Monthly Mass and Procession  
with Father Stephen Imbarrato  
Saturday, September 13, 2008  
San Ignacio Church  
1300 Walter St. NE, Albuquerque

Mass Begins: 8:00 A.M. followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a procession to a nearby abortion mill. Then, return to church for Benediction. Invite your family and friends to join you at this peaceful and prayerful event. Join us for the second anniversary of Helpers. For more information contact Yolanda at [Helpers@Defendinglife.Org](mailto:Helpers@Defendinglife.Org) or 220-8891.

## *Prayer Corner*

Let us join as a community in prayer for our fellow parishioners and/or their family members.

- ♦ John Lombardo - For his continued recovery from surgery.
- ♦ Gerry Hoover - For her recovery from her recent illness.
- ♦ Ally Sanxay - Recovery from Stage IV breast cancer.
- ♦ David Arbuckle - For a firm diagnostic of his illness.
- ♦ Manuel Romero - For a liver transplant.
- ♦ Anna L. Medina - Recently diagnosed with a MSD.
- ♦ All our brave men and women of the world keeping their country free.

To add someone you wish us to pray for please eMail [bulletin@sjvnm.org](mailto:bulletin@sjvnm.org).

Thank you for your prayers.

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In a small Texas town, a new bar/tavern started building a new place to open up their business. The local church started a campaign of petitions and prayers to block the bar from opening. Work progressed, however right up till the week before opening, when a lightning strike hit the bar and it burned to the ground. The church folks were rather smug in their outlook after that, till the bar owner sued the church on the grounds that the church was ultimately responsible for the demise of his building, either through direct or indirect actions or means. The church vehemently denied all responsibility or any connection to the building's demise in its reply to the court. As the case made its way into court, the judge looked over the paperwork. At the hearing he commented, 'I don't know how I'm going to decide this, as it appears from the paperwork, we have a bar owner who believes in the power of prayer, and an entire church congregation that doesn't.'

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Volunteer Schedule	August 24, 2008		August 31, 2008	
	8:00AM	11:00AM	8:00AM	11:00AM
<b>Ushers</b>	Tom Anderson John Christensen	Tony Quinones Frank Charles	John Christensen James Dory	Ed Uhrich Phil Griego
<b>EM of Holy Communion</b>	David Crawford	Pinky Bjornstad	Julie Burnside	Coz Madrid
<b>Rosary Leader</b>	Frank Perko	Rochelle Quinones	Kitty Uhrich	Mary Bell Lucero
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Charles Lucero Fernando Lucero	Jordan Juarez Kevin Savela	Sergio Guillen Ian Burnside	Amanda Vigil Gary Vigil
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