

September 28, 2008

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Saint John Vianney

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Friends in Christ,

Thanks again for every person who has donated to the cause--the purchasing of sanctuary items. Just a few more items to buy and we will have all the necessary goods. Thank you again.

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Scott Mansfield

“His Excellency the Archbishop is bestowing the St. Francis Award upon our parishioners Mr. and Mrs. Bob and Gerri Hoover. We all know the work that Gerri has done with the Blue Army, promoting devotion to our Blessed Mother, and Bob's work in helping bereaved families with hospitality at the time of funerals, in addition to many other ministries they are involved with.” Quoted from Msgr Raun August 3rd St Thomas Aquinas Bulletin

The Archbishop will present the award on 3 October 5:30PM at the Cathedral in Santa Fe. **Congratulations, Bob & Gerri!**

Let us all be sure and show our support to Gerri for this high recognition of her work with both St Thomas Aquinas Church and St. John Vianney Mission Church.

## Holy Rosary

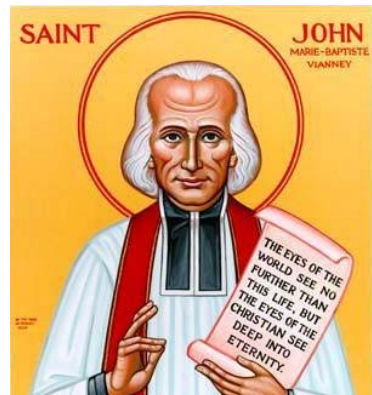
Sunday ..... 7:40AM

Sunday ..... 10:40AM

## Holy Mass

Sunday ..... 8:00AM

Sunday ..... 11:00AM



## Defending Our Faith by John Lombardo

### Conscience Formation and Voting Catholic

Dear friends, my primary concern in this monograph is dealing with life and death issues in light of our forthcoming election. This election, unlike many previous elections, contains some important “life and death” issues which have little to do with abortion, euthanasia, same sex “marriage” etc., - these issues concern the possible collapse of our fiscal structures as never seen before. Even in light of these problems, we can not lose sight of our goal, to bring moral integrity back to our country. In short, are there issues which must be considered as pre-eminent or are all issues in this election of equal value? The following is part 1 of a series devoted to ‘voting Catholic’.

How Do We Evaluate Moral Acts? Simply said, “morality considers the rightness and wrongness of human actions”. (1) Our Catholic Church has approved certain moral principles that frequently involve bioethical cases:

#### ◆ **Do Good; Avoid Evil**

This concept is the foundation of all morality. (2)

#### ◆ **We Can Never Do Evil To Bring About Good**

The short version of this topic is the end never justifies the means. We can never do something evil to bring about a good. For example, today we know many terminal patients are euthanized (killed - an evil) in order to relieve their suffering (a good).(3)

#### ◆ **We must Follow Our Conscience.**

This very important principle must be clearly understood because it is so often misused. Conscience is the judgment our reason provides about the good or evil of a particular act. HOWEVER we have a prior obligation to correctly form our conscience by following what the Magisterium of the Catholic Church teaches. We, as individual Catholics, can not use our conscience in opposition to moral law or The Magisterium of the Catholic Church. Our conscience is formed according to Church teachings.

Too many Catholics appeal to “freedom of conscience” to justify contraceptive use, direct sterilization, abortion, mercy killing etc. There are even dissenting theologians who claim that Catholics should consult Church teachings on these matters but if they disagree with the Church, such “Catholics” can disobey “in good conscience”. However, an individual’s conscience can never be separated from Church teaching. Put another way, no individual can ever deviate from Church teaching in following his conscience. More simply put, conscience can never conflict with Church teaching since Church teaching is God’s voice.(5)

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If our “conscience” conflicts with Church teaching, we know it cannot be our conscience speaking.(6) Scripture places its stamp of authority on the above in Romans 3:8. “And why not do evil that good may come? ---as some people slanderously charge us with saying. Their *condemnation* is just.”

◆ **The end never justifies the means.**

So many Catholics, adhere to the misunderstanding that conscience amounts to “what I think” on an issue. As we’ve shown above, conscience must be formed. Fr. Brian Bransfield notes that conscience must not only be formed, but it must look in three directions at once: 1) It looks at me, 2) It looks at the moral dilemma at hand, and 3) sees the truth of both without favor”. All too often the voter appeals only the first two items forgetting that the Church has defined how we form our conscience.(7)

◆ **Cultural Clichés**

Here are some of our culture’s hedonistic slogans:

- \* “Look out for number one”
- \* “You only live once”
- \* “Follow your heart”
- \* “If it feels good, do it”
- \* “We can’t impose our morality”
- \* “We must be tolerant”
- \* “God wouldn’t want me to be unhappy”

Who determines right and wrong in these seven slogans - God or man? Man not God determines right and wrong here. (8) In the book of Genesis we read: “The Lord God commanded the man, saying, ‘You may eat freely of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day you eat of it you shall die’” ( Genesis 2: 16-17).

With this imagery, Revelation teaches that the power to decide what is good and what is evil does not belong to man, but God alone”. (9)

Next week: Can we prioritize various issues in voting Catholic? **PEACE**

(1) Beginning Apologetics 5 How To answer Tough Moral Questions: Abortion, Contraception, Euthanasia, Test-Tube Babies, Cloning & Sexual Ethics, by Father Frank Chacon and Jim Burnham, p 6

(2) Ibid, p. 6

(3) Ibid, p. 7

(4) Ibid, p. 7

(5) Ibid, p.11-12

(6) Ibid, p.11

(7) “People of God”, September 2008, “Voting By Conscience“, by Fr. Brian Bransfield

(8) Beginning Apologetics 5, p. 12

(9) *The Splendor of Truth* (section 25), taken from Beginning Apologetics 5, p.12

## Information on our Wish List

Dear Friends:

Slowly, but surely, we are getting in the things we will need to begin celebrating Mass in the new building. I want to thank everyone again for their contributions. Thank you to the Lombardos, who bought the holy water bucket and sprinkler for us. Also, I wish to correct last week's "oops" when I called Michael Saiz a girl named Michelle...I am sure his wife is relieved he is a guy! There are still things that need additional pledges to help defray the cost of purchase. You can see Deacon Ayers at Holy Family store

I am still waiting to hear from Sandi Villa-Gomez. I have had one person, Toni Saiz, call me regarding helping with the sewing. Can anyone help with the simple re-upholstery and re-finishing of the altar chairs?

We will post a list of incidental, small stuff we will need the last week or two of October; these are things like mops, brooms, tape, scissors, pencils, dish soap, etc. Anyone who would like to buy one or two of these things for us can certainly do so then.

I have the new Stations of the Cross and some of the altar servers surplices and cassocks outside the doors of the chapel today. If you would like to sponsor a specific Station or sponsor the purchase of the server's clothing, any money received will go back into the building fund till to pay for all the stuff we still need.

Thank you to everyone for your generosity.

Julie Burnside

**Cub Scouts will be selling breakfast burritos after all masses at St. John Vianney and at St. Thomas Aquinas on Sunday October 5. Please help support this group. These delicious burritos will be sold for \$2.50 each.**



## HELPERS OF GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS

COME SACRIFICE FOR THE UNBORN  
Saturday, October 11, 2008

MONTHLY PRAYER VIGIL WITH  
FATHER DOUG MITCHELL  
Clemente Parish, this month's co-sponsor  
with Mass at 8:00 AM at San Ignacio Church

A boy asks his father to use the car and the father replies "No, not until you cut your hair!"

The boy replies, "But father ... Jesus had long hair!"

"Yeah, but Jesus walked everywhere," said his father.

## ***Prayer Corner***

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

- ◆ Gerry Hoover - For her recovery from her recent illness.
- ◆ Manuel Romero - For a liver transplant / recovery.
- ◆ Mary Q. Haygood – For her health.
- ◆ Healing and God's care for Ken and Sydney Mayer
- ◆ 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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Thank you for reading our bulletin. Any suggestions, comments or articles can be sent to [bulletin@sjvnm.org](mailto:bulletin@sjvnm.org). We also like to hear about births, baptisms, marriages or other news about our church members.

God is talking to Tony. He said, “Tony, I just created a 24-hour period of alternating light and darkness on Earth.”

Tony replied, “What are you going to do now?”

God Said, “Call it a day.”


### Upcoming Events

October 3rd 5:30PM..... Bob and Gerri Hover St. Frances Award  
 October 5th 2PM ..... 39th Annual Rosary Rally Isotopes Stadium

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Volunteer Schedule	September 28, 2008		October 5, 2008	
	8:00AM	11:00AM	8:00AM	11:00AM
<b>Ushers</b>	Tom Anderson John Christensen	Ed Uhrich Carl Beyer	Tom Anderson James Dory	Tony Quinones Frank Charles
<b>EM of Holy Communion</b>	Julie Burnside	Margaret Chavez	Julie Burnside	Margaret Chavez
<b>Rosary Leader</b>	Fran Perko	Rochelle Quinones	Kitty Uhrich	Peggy Riley
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Charles Lucero Peter Lucero	Tabetha Chavez Rocky Peyton	Ian Burnside Charles Lucero	Angela Jenkins Jordan Juarez
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