

October 5, 2008

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint John Vianney

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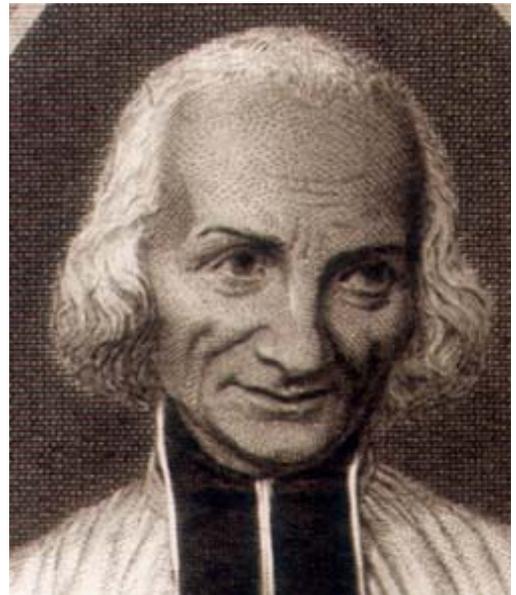
Friends in Christ,

Monsignor Raun and I have been pondering what changes need to take place when we open the doors of our new parish hall. Well, although this is not yet set in stone, the thought is to move the 11 AM Mass to 10 AM, to move religious education to 11:15 AM, to add a Saturday afternoon/evening Mass, and to begin Saturday afternoon confessions. Again, this is not yet solidified, and I am open to suggestions. Please feel free to let me know your thoughts.

Secondly, I thank again in a very big way all who have contributed to our "Sanctuary Fund." We now have almost all the necessary goods needed to begin the celebration of the holy sacrifice of the Mass. Thank you again.

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Scott Mansfield



Holy Rosary

Sunday 7:40AM

Sunday 10:40AM

Holy Mass

Sunday 8:00AM

Sunday 11:00AM

Change by Carl E Beyer

The past couple of weeks has been interesting. I was speaking with a friend about what was happening and it occurred to me how much we humans like change. Actually let me clarify that generality, we human males like change.

To semi-quote a US President “Of course, all new candidates run on change. People always wants change.” Starting with the old saying of “The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence.” BTW cows will break down a fence to get to the grass on the other side. I often wonder how many divorces happen because people think the grass is greener just to find crab grass on the other side and are unable to surmount the new higher fence to return to where they truly had the good grass.

My present job is a roller coaster. I have seldom seen so many people come and go in one place of work. Now that we are quite sure the CEO was embezzling it may have accounted for the problems. While I personally would enjoy the stability of staying employed I do enjoy the constant change. It adds excitement and make life interesting.

I have known people that have a routine and do the same thing most everyday. Go to work, do the same job, return home, watch TV, sleep, ditto for the next day. Is that living or existing? While I can image the wonders of Heaven I do not think we should discount the blessings we have here on earth. Different foods, different friends, different entertainments, different problems to overcome, and the different places and times where we find joy.

Problems which can break our hearts is the change that we strive on. If this was not true why then are they often the most vibrate memories we have? Only through struggle and strife do we develop the character to have the compassion God so strives to be in our hearts. At the time of the struggle we may wonder where our God is. Fear not, he is there merely molding and strengthening our hearts, our characters, and our souls. We can never know the pain we cause others unless pain is inflected on us. So the next time you find yourselves in circumstances unfamiliar be sure and say a quick prayer to thank God for allowing you to build your character.

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Men let us all confess how we have day dreamed of a world in turmoil. One in which we can step forward and be the hero, the leader, the martyr or simply the peg that holds the system together.

Or let us do it on a small scale. I hope this winter we have a 5ft snow storm so that it forces all my neighbors out of their comfortable homes. During struggle it is in our human nature to come together and seek and offer assistance. I know my neighbors on both sides of me but that is about it. I want to see “change”. I want to see a neighbor stuck and be the hero who pushes them out. Or these days yell at my kids to hurry up and push them out.

Do you have a best friend? Well with no change, you can't say you do. Without your friend being there in your time of need, you have no clue if you have a best friend. It is easy having friends during good times, ask any rich person. But let there be turmoil and see who is left standing by your side.

Is change always good? Surely it is not since we live in times where evil exist. Evil can cause change that makes no sense and simply leaves us shaking our heads in disbelief in the senseless action.

Is change always bad? Surely not. Ever lose that job, that girlfriend, that boyfriend, that best friend etc and you thought life was over just to find a better opportunity around the corner.

Change keeps our lives interesting, change keeps our character growing, change should always grow our belief in this wonderful God of ours. People often ask why God allows this or that to happen. Think if God didn't allow this or that to happen. If we knew everyday that we would be doing the same thing day in and day out. All we would be doing is existing.

Forgive me for quoting Agent Smith from the *Matrix* movie. “Did you know that the first Matrix was designed to be a perfect human world? Where none suffered, where everyone would be happy. It was a disaster. No one would accept the program. Entire crops were lost. Some believed we lacked the programming language to describe your perfect world. But I believe that, as a species, human beings define their reality through suffering and misery. The perfect world was a dream that your primitive cerebrum kept trying to wake up from. Which is why the Matrix was redesigned to this: the peak of your civilization.”

Who needs Amusement Park's roller coasters? Life is the most exciting roller coaster of them all. Go forth and enjoy the daily changes that come along. Go forth and smile when God throws that curve ball your way.

God Bless you all.

Information on our Wish List

Hello, all. First, I would like to apologize for not being able to fulfill my promise to have some of our new items out on display after the two Masses last weekend...we didn't want to compete with the St. Vincent de Paul drive. Many of our new items will be out after Mass today, so stop by the hall tables and touch!

I want to thank all who continue to donate time, money, and pledges to the new church building. We are still in need of pledges toward some items, most notably the censer, censer boat, monstrance, altar server clothing, and Stations of the Cross. As we had to purchase the altar clothing, censer, ciboriums, and Stations while we could, we need pledges to offset their cost. Any money pledged towards them will go back into the till to purchase other items. All the Stations will be out today, as will an example of the altar server clothing. If you would like to sponsor one Station for \$33 or a cassock for \$45 or a surplice for \$35, there will be someone at the table more than happy to take your pledge for sponsorship. Our ciboriums cost quite a bit, so we need pledges for them, as well.

Our tabernacle and censer, censer stand, and incense boat are bought and should arrive within the next week or so; I will bring them out to show off when they arrive. Thanks to Michelle Sotelo for purchasing the tabernacle for us. Paul Vigil is working on the altar and other altar furniture. I understand the altar is in the last stages as this goes to print, so it may be done by the time you read this.

Thank you to Elvira and Jose Guillen for the green chalice veil they purchased for us. Thank you to Andrew and Gloria Rendon for the corporals, candle followers, and draft protectors they purchased. Thanks also to Julianna Cornett for the palls and purificators and to Phyllis Bernstein for purificators, also. Thanks also go out to Cal and Ann Cordova for the censer stand they purchased and to Andrew and Constance Dudon who pledged toward the censer and incense boat. William and Pam McCarty bought the altar bells for us and even bought the more expensive chrome ones...thank you!

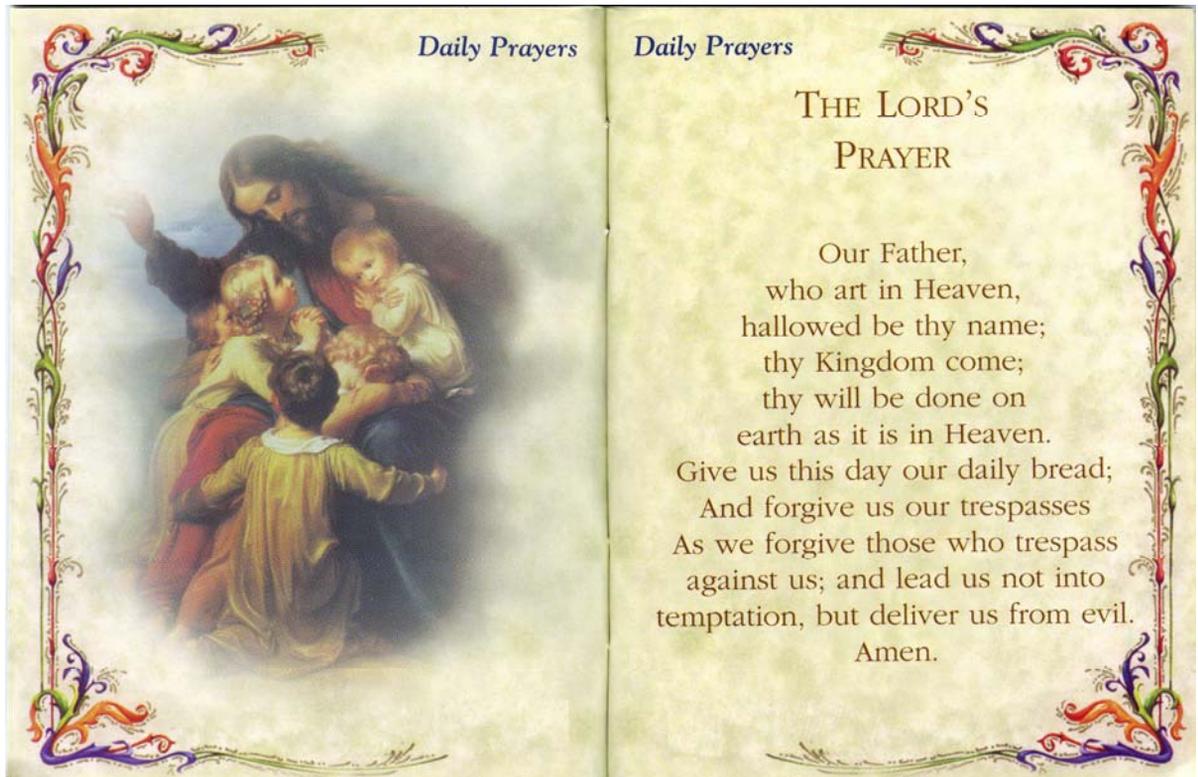
Several people have stepped forward to help with the sewing, I will be contacting you soon. If you don't hear from me by next weekend, I have lost the scraps of paper I call my filing system and your phone number with them...please call me instead. Anyone else who would like to help with the sewing of simple altar linens, please call me at 250-5353. Julie

Little Tony wanted \$100 for a new bike and prayed for two weeks, but nothing happened.

Then he decided to write God a letter asking for the money. When the local postmaster saw the letter addressed to “God, USA,” he decided to send it to the President of the United States.

The President was so impressed, touched and amused that he instructed his secretary to send the little boy a \$5 bill.

Little Tony was delighted with the \$5 and wrote a thank-you note to God. It read: “Dear God, thank you for sending the money. However I noticed that for some reason you had to send it through Washington, D.C. As usual, those crooks deducted \$95.”



Try This For A Fall Treat

Eat candy corn with salted peanuts for a treat that taste like a salted nut roll candy bar.

Prayer Corner

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

- ◆ For baby Hailey's successful heart surgery and quick recovery!
- ◆ Manuel Romero - For a liver transplant / recovery.
- ◆ Mary Q. Haygood – For her health.
- ◆ Healing and God's care for Ken and Sydney Mayer.
- ◆ For our country leaders to make the right decision for the well being of our country.
- ◆ 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.

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. We also like to hear about births, baptisms, marriages or other news about our church members.

A little child in church for the first time watched as the ushers passed the offering plates. When they neared the pews where he sat, the youngster piped up so that everyone could hear: “Don’t pay for me Daddy. I’m under five.”

Upcoming Events

October 5th 2PM 39th Annual Rosary Rally Isotopes Stadium
 October 11th, 8AM.....Monthly Prayer Vigil for the Unborn, Clemente Parish

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Volunteer Schedule	October 5, 2008		October 12, 2008	
	8:00AM	11:00AM	8:00AM	11:00AM
Ushers	Tom Anderson James Dory	Tony Quinones Frank Charles	Tom Anderson James Dory	Ed Uhrich Phil Griego
EM of Holy Communion	Julie Burnside	Margaret Chavez	Harlan Harrington	Anna Marie Hartenhoff
Rosary Leader	Kitty Uhrich	Peggy Riley	Sheila Howard	Mary Bell Lucero
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