

November 30, 2008

First Sunday of Advent

# *Saint John Vianney*

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Friends in Christ,

The Advent Season has now commenced. So has the Christmas shopping season. My mission this Advent--besides avoiding the shopping mall--is to say "MERRY CHRISTMAS" to every person any place at anytime who first says to me, "Happy Holidays" or Seasons greetings." The secular progressives may wish to rid the "season" of Christ Jesus, but I will do my part to keep Christ Jesus in Christmas. Gee, just look at the first six letters of the word Christmas -- C H R I S T. No wonder the secular humanist don't want to say Merry Christmas. By the way, to say "HAPPY HOLY DAYS" is a good chant too.

Have a blessed season of Advent,

Fr. Scott Mansfield

First Mass at new location will be December 21st at 10AM. This will be the only mass on this special day.

## **Upcoming Events**

December 21st, 10AM Mass ..... Archbishop Michael Sheehan Celebrates Mass  
December 24th Christmas Eve Masses ..... 5PM, 7PM  
December 25th Christmas Mass ..... 10AM  
December 27,28th New Mass Schedule ..... Saturday 4PM, Sunday 8AM, 10AM

## Turkey Fever by Carl E Beyer

The economy strikes again. My brother-in-law worked a double shift and was unable to make that great pepper turkey I have been drooling over. Sometime life is so hard but I did my homework and inquired about who was bringing the turkey to Grandma. Found out the answer, to my horror, was no one. What! A Thanksgiving without turkey. I shudder at the thought. So off I go at 5PM to go buy a turkey on Thanksgiving eve. Well a turkey is no problem but they are all frozen. I know all you good cooks realize the horror of a frozen turkey the night before you want to cook it. So off the 20lbs turkey goes to try and thaw in a sink full of water. I waited till about 1AM to try and get those unwanted parts out but found myself in hot water, literally, and a wrestling match to get them out. Does anyone know why they bother sticking that turkey neck where they do? I won the match and place it in the oven with a note to my wife for starting the oven up at 6AM. About 10AM I check it to see the progress and it was not looking good. In order to make Grandma's we needed to leave at 11:00 but it was still not cooked. Cranked the heat and 11:30 still a no go. Did I mention that in all this worry I manage to make myself sick and wasn't going to make Grandma's but thought I would still be able to send a turkey their way. But I guess it wasn't meant to be. About 2:30PM it was finally done so we changed plans. The wife and kids were able to go to Grandma's but we decided also to have our own dinner because my girl boyfriend mom was working and they weren't going to have dinner. We invited my girl boyfriend and his dad and had a very nice turkey dinner at home. So in the end our persistent won over the troubled turkey. There is one thought I have about when I am able to meet my maker; how much I will miss the pleasure of eating? Turkey fever strikes again.

We start the advent season this weekend and I wonder how many of us know the meaning of this season. Not being a baby Catholic I find myself interested in why we do what we do. The basic theme is "Preparing for the Coming of the Lord." This theme spells out what our basic requirement is. As when we have special guests coming for an event we get our house in order. Who among us would think of having guests over to a messy house with ourselves dressed in shorts and a tatter tee-shirt. So it is when we are expecting the coming of the Lord at Christmas that we should get our house in order. Not our house literally but our spiritual house. With our daily routines it is easy to forget to give our lord the time he deserves. I know personally I found it much easier when the kids were young to remember our nightly prayers but now with teenagers daily routines it is harder to keep. But that is no excuse and it will be my personal commitment to at the end of the day be sure and thank the Lord for my many blessings by saying nightly prayers.

I have a sister who I will lose in the far too soon future and to forget and ask the Lord to watch over her with my nightly prayers is just not right. My sister even with her encroaching meeting with the Lord has been blessed. She had asked the Lord to give her enough time to see her daughter graduate and that happened this pass June. I have wondered that without this illness if she would have seek out the Lord or continued on the path she

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was on. I have never heard her say “Why me”, why do I have to have a disease that has only affected about 1000 people in the United States. No, she continues on living as best she can and looking forward to meeting the Lord. She found a church that supports hers and bless her with their love. Whenever I call her she is always cheerful and upbeat. Before I make her a saint, she has her bad days but overcomes them. My sister was big and enjoyed eating. Must run in the family. The latest strike was pancreas cancer which denies her that pleasure of eating but she took pleasure in the fact that she dropped a tremendous amount of weight. So any prayers for my sister Joanne would be much appreciated.

For some reason I just looked over at my bible and realized it is a little too dusty so I will need to make the commitment to read it more often. I remember when my father-in-law passed away the priest commented on when he entered the house it was easily seen that he had entered a Catholic home. So maybe we do need to get some of our houses in order. Personally, I would think if any Catholic could not find a picture of Jesus and a bible within 5 seconds, I wonder where their commitment is. Oops maybe too judgmental there. But look around and ensure you are ready for the Lord's coming.

Enough rambling, go forth and prepare for the coming of the Lord. God Bless you all.

*St. John Vianney Catholic Parish Hall*  
*Dedication and First Mass*

December 21, 2008 at 10am

*Archbishop Michael J. Sheehan, Celebrant*

Christmas Eve December 24, 2008 at 5 & 7pm

Christmas Day at 10am

*New Mass Schedule*

Starting December 28, 2008

*Saturday (Sunday Obligation) 4pm*

*Sunday 8 & 10am*

*Saturday Confession 3 - 3:45pm*

*Sunday Religious Education 11:15am*

**1000 26th Ave NE**



# Bible Crossword No. 2



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A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternate stroking her own check, then his again. Finally she spoke up, "Grandpa Tony, did God make you?"

"Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago."

Feeling their perspective faces again, the little girl observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't He?"

ACROSS (King James Version)

- 2 new, recent, latest  
5 Nebuchadnezzar the king of \_\_\_\_\_, the Chaldean (Ezra 5:12)  
10 Master, what shall I do to inherit \_\_\_\_\_ life? (Luke 10:25)  
12 be in rest and at \_\_\_\_\_, and none shall make him afraid (Jer 46:27)  
13 french for cream  
14 student in military school  
15 upon the hills, under \_\_\_\_\_ and poplars and elms (Hosea 4:13)  
17 Ye shall not \_\_\_\_\_ of it, neither shall ye touch it (Gen 3:3)  
19 abbr. for last book of the Bible  
20 abbr. for New Testament  
21 and continued his speech \_\_\_\_\_ midnight (Acts 20:7)  
23 unto whom he said, \_\_\_\_\_, such a one! turn aside (Ruth 4:1)  
24 He that hath an \_\_\_\_\_, let him hear what the Spirit (Rev 2:7)  
26 Hitherto is the end of the \_\_\_\_\_. As for me (Daniel 7:28)  
29 he had found one p\_\_\_\_\_ of great price (partial word) (Matt 13:46)  
31 he that will love life, and \_\_\_\_\_ good days, let him (1 Pet 3:10)  
32 over them that did the \_\_\_\_\_ of the field (1 Chr 27:26)  
33 Simon who was called the \_\_\_\_\_, (Luke 6:15) (NIV)  
35 \_\_\_\_\_ unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! (Matt 23:14)  
36 God, deity  
37 the crumbs which fell from the rich man's \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 16:21)  
40 many wonders and signs were done \_\_\_\_\_ the apostles (Acts 2:43)  
42 abbr. for saint  
44 Asahel was as light of foot as a wild \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Sam 2:18)  
45 let us run with patience the \_\_\_\_\_ that is set (Heb 12:1)  
47 ninth letter of Greek alphabet (plural)  
49 fertile place in a desert  
51 Edom southward were Kabzeel, and \_\_\_\_\_, and Jagur (Jos 15:21)  
52 the thorn and the \_\_\_\_\_ shall come up on their altars (Hosea 10:8)  
53 immediately the \_\_\_\_\_ departed from him (Luke 5:13)  
54 But I am poor and \_\_\_\_\_ dy: make haste (partial word) (Ps 70:5)

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- 1 Jesus rebuked the \_\_\_\_\_, and it came out of the boy (Matt 17:18) (NIV)  
2 he hath also taken me by my \_\_\_\_\_, and shaken me (Job 16:12)  
3 to go astray, wanders  
4 Thou believest that there is \_\_\_\_\_ God; thou doest well (James 2:19)  
5 the sound a sheep makes  
6 But in the first \_\_\_\_\_ of Cyrus the king of Babylon (Ezra 5:13)  
7 ye \_\_\_\_\_ men with burdens grievous to be borne (Luke 11:46)  
8 A time to get, and a time to l\_\_\_\_ (partial word)(Eccles 3:6)  
9 all the pomegranates upon the \_\_\_\_\_ were an hundred (Jer 52:23)  
11 our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. \_\_\_\_\_ (Rev 22:21)  
16 And it came to pass \_\_\_\_\_ the end of forty days (Gen 8:6)  
18 all the days of my appointed \_\_\_\_\_ will I wait (Job 14:14)  
21 that brought thee out of \_\_\_\_\_ of the Chaldees (Gen 15:7)  
22 abbr. for Los Angeles  
23 clothed with the sun, and the moon under \_\_\_\_\_ feet (Rev 12:1)  
24 time period  
25 things Jesus had done for him: and \_\_\_\_\_ men did marvel (Mark 5:20)  
27 \_\_\_\_\_ of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark (Gen 6:19)  
28 and upon the great \_\_\_\_\_ of his right foot (Lev 14:25) 29 came expressly unto \_\_\_\_\_ the priest, the son of Buzi (Ezek 1:3)  
30 Then J\_\_\_\_ Heber's wife took a nail of the tent (partial word)(Judges 4:21)  
31 lo, the \_\_\_\_\_, which they saw in the east (Matt 2:9)  
34 abbr. for Old Testament  
35 that \_\_\_\_\_ may give thanks to thy holy name (1 Chr 16:35)  
38 their goods shall become a \_\_\_\_\_, and their houses (Zeph 1:13)  
39 he loved also Rachel more than \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen 29:30)  
40 abbr. for Before Christ  
41 \_\_\_\_\_ of Gallilee, why stand ye gazing up (two words) (Acts 1:11)  
42 there is but a \_\_\_\_\_ between me and death (1 Sam 20:3)  
43 were desired to \_\_\_\_\_y with them seven days (partial word)(Acts 28:14)  
45 sins be forgiven thee; or to say, \_\_\_\_\_ up and walk? (Luke 5:23)  
46 which shall not t\_\_\_\_\_ of death, till they (partial word) (Matt 16:28)  
48 lyric poem  
50 Lord, lay not this \_\_\_\_\_ to their charge (Acts 7:60)

## ***Prayer Corner***

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

- ◆ 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](mailto:bulletin@sjvnm.org).

Thank you for your prayers.

## **Pilgrimages for Vocations – May Pilgrimage and 100-mile June Pilgrimage**

"For to me Life is Christ" Philippians 2:21

Do you love New Mexico? Are you fond of the scenic views, and spectacular sunrises? Wish you could take time to really enjoy the sights, live radically in Christ, and pray for vocations at the same time? If so, then join the hundreds of the faithful who have done this for the last 36 years. The Archdiocese of Santa Fe hosts the annual Pilgrimages for Vocations: May Pilgrimage and June (100 mile) Pilgrimage. There are five routes for the June Pilgrimage: Estancia, Costilla, Chama, Bernal, and Albuquerque. All routes finish at the Santuario de Chimayo in Chimayo, NM.

To learn more about the week-long 100 mile June Pilgrimage, or the one day May Pilgrimage, contact Olivia Caraveo (local leader) at (505)927-4438 or Della Caraveo at 505(994-2680). All applications must go through the local leader.

Applications can be found online at <http://pilgrimagesforvocations.org> or call Olivia or Della. Thank you.

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**Holy Rosary**  
 Sunday ..... 7:40AM  
 Sunday ..... 10:40AM

**Holy Mass**  
 Sunday ..... 8:00AM  
 Sunday ..... 11:00AM

"Do you believe in life after death?" the boss asked one of his employees.  
 "Yes, sir," the new employee replied.  
 "Well, then, that makes everything just fine," the boss went on. "After you left early yesterday to go to your grandmother's funeral, she stopped in to see you!"

Volunteer Schedule	November 30, 2008		December 7, 2008	
	8:00AM	11:00AM	8:00AM	11:00AM
Ushers	John Christensen Tom Anderson	Ed Uhrich Tony Quinones	Tom Anderson James Dory	Tony Quinones Frank Charles
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coming