

December 14, 2008

Third Sunday of Advent

Saint John Vianney

A Mission Church of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish serving you since August 10, 1997
1100 Hood Road, Rio Rancho, NM 87124
Soon to be: 1000 26th Ave NE, 87144

All volunteers schedules for the following weeks are tentative so check the schedules for the next several weeks closely.

Happy 2nd Heaven Day to Walter J. Kyse
First Director of St. John Vianney Mission Church
You are remembered!!!

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

See inside notice for tentative update.

Upcoming Events

December 24th Christmas Eve Masses	5PM, 7PM
December 25th Christmas Mass	10AM
January 4th, 10AM Mass	Archbishop Michael Sheehan Celebrates Mass
January 10th, 11th New Mass Schedule	Saturday 4PM, Sunday 8AM, 10AM
January 11th.....	CCD Classes Resume

Share the Depression by Carl E Beyer

Now I bet you are wondering why you should share your depression. Good question. But I am referring to the economy. I heard on TV the other day to share the “depression” with your kids. Do not insulate them from it and paint a rosy picture. We, as parents, want more for our kids than we had but in doing so we can paint too rosy of a picture for them. By doing such they think they are having tough times when they do not have what we have.

What is taught in the Old Testament? Can we relate to spending forty years in the desert seeking the land of milk and honey? Without knowing the Old Testament, I am sure if you ask a kid where to find milk and honey they would say Albertson, Smith, Commissary etc but not a place to seek it wandering in the desert.

Almost every election we hear that we have the worst economy since the depression. Get real. They had bread lines. Now for the young ones we are not talking about standing in line for “bread” referring to money, but actual bread. Who among us can even relate to standing in a long line to get bread to calm the hunger pains. The other day they showed on the news long lines of people waiting for the new Blackberry. OK for the old ones not “blackberries” but a phone. How in our basic human needs does a new phone and long lines even speak of any kind of serious depression? We may indeed be in a mild depression and have to tighten our belts some but no where near what our previous generations had to do.

From the little sharing my parents did, I am trying to think why they shared two stories that stuck with me other the years. Simple stories but let me share them.

My Mom was born in 1933 and remembers as a child her parents sitting the kids down and telling them there was no Easter Bunny. Why did they get told this as a young age? It was simply that her parents could not afford to buy the kids jelly beans. They had to concentrate on getting real food on the table. I never knew my grandparents. They died in their early fifties and it was certainly related to their years of hard toiling as poor farmers.

My Stepfather was born in 1912 so he had clearer memories but only shared one. He remembers that as a child, he was required to walk down to a neighboring farm to get milk for a young one in the household. On the way home he had many bad thoughts of what he could do to that child so that he could have the milk for himself. There wasn't milk for the older kids just the young one. Can we possibly relate to that?

I have one more story that does come to mind. It is funny how some memories stick with you, but I remember standing on my lawn at about age twelve when a local farmer stopped by to speak to my stepfather. He comments to my stepfather that I look old enough to start working. I wasn't consulted but told that the next day I would start working seven days a week on that farm and I should consider myself very fortunate. So much for childhood. I was going to be allowed to keep my money but had to start buying my own clothes. You see, my stepfather was put into the lumber camps at age fourteen and the money he earned was kept by his father for their families needs. I was indeed fortunate in comparison.

I know my household is not everyone's household but I would bet that in St John Vianney and St Thomas Aquinas families, we could count on one hand where there are kids younger than

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eighteen who have to work to help their parents keep food on the table. We are a blessed generation.

I am no different than anyone else in not wanting to forsake my “toys” and suffer a “depression”, but let us step back. In this mild time of suffering, make this a time of learning. Sit the kids down and not tell them how fortunate they are because that will go in one ear and out the other. No, instead relate to them stories that were past down from one generation to another. Share the stories of true suffering and what literal blood and sweat was spent to allow us to have this great society of true blessings.

Now we have come full circle. How do we share the “depression”? If you are one of the unfortunate ones without a job, I believe you already are suffering so the following may seem petty but for us fortunate ones that have an income let us brainstorm a bit.

I know in my household we have always tried to make Christmas a big deal as far as presents goes. Of course, we try and pass on the true meaning of Christmas but Christmas has become a traditional time of exchanging presents. My kids have been forewarned that the number of presents will be thinned this Christmas. Do not, in this period of time, with our poorer economy, put your family in jeopardy by running up the credit cards to have a “normal” Christmas.

My mind always returns to food as many of you know. Think about the money you are spending. Let the kids know you will not be spending as much money on “fast food”. Fast food should be called “wallet draining food”. Even some of the food we buy and take home is just plain expensive junk food. Let us try to get back to the staples. Spaghetti, noodles, grilled cheese, home made soups etc. Forsake the pre-made dinners and save some money cooking a little bit more from scratch. Tell the kids why you are doing this.

Brrr I am getting cold. Oh yeah, how about turning down the thermostat and telling the kids why you need to. Introduce them to the concept of a blanket, shawl, sweater, socks, etc to have your own body keep you warm instead of the furnace.

I am sure I missed many things but use your imagination. Some I skipped on purpose such as cable TV & Pepsi because I love my TV and my Pepsi.

God Bless you all, now go forth and share the depression.

CCD Classes

We will not have classes December 21st thru January 4th.
Classes will resume January 11th at the new Church.

– Edwinna

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER ASKED, "NOW, TONY, TELL ME, DO YOU SAY PRAYERS BEFORE EATING?" "NO SIR," HE REPLIED, "WE DON'T HAVE TO, MY MOM IS A GOOD COOK!"

A new teacher was trying to make use of her psychology courses. She started her class by saying, "Everyone who thinks they're stupid, stand up!"

After a few seconds, Little Tony stood up. The teacher said, "Do you think you're stupid, Little Tony?"

"No, ma'am, but I hate to see you standing there all by yourself!"

Saint Adelaide

Memorial: 16 December

Profile: Daughter of King Rudolf II (Rupert II) of Upper Burgundy. Promised at age two in an arranged marriage as part of a treaty between Rudolf and Hugh of Provence. Married at age 16 to Lothair of Italy, who eventually became king of Italy. Widowed in 950 while still a teenager; Lothair was probably poisoned by his successor to the throne, Berengarius. As part of his attempt to solidify his grip on power, Berengarius ordered Adelaide to marry his son; she refused, and was imprisoned. She was freed soon after when the German king Otto the Great defeated Berengarius. Adelaide married Otto in Pavia, Italy in 951. He was crowned Emperor in Rome in 952, and Adelaide reigned with him for 20 years. Widowed in 973, she was ill-treated by her step-son, Emperor Otto II and his wife Theophano, but eventually reconciled with her royal in-laws. When Otto II died in 983, he was succeeded by his infant son, Otto III. Theophano acted as regent, and since she still did not like Adelaide, used her power to exile her from the royal court. Theophano died in 991, and Adelaide returned once again to the court to act as regent for the child emperor. She used her position and power to help the poor, evangelize, especially among the Slavs, and to build and restore monasteries and churches. When Otto III was old enough, Adelaide retired to the convent of Selta near Cologne, a house she had built. Though she never became a nun, she spent the rest of her days there in prayer.

Born: c.931 at Burgundy, France

Died: 999 at the monastery of Selta (Seltz), Alsace of natural causes

Patronage: in-law problems

St. John Vianney Mission Church

Is moving to its New Location

1000 26th Ave. NE

Rio Rancho, NM 87144

Dedication Mass with

Archbishop Michael J. Sheehan

Celebrated on Sunday January 4th, at 10am

New Mass Schedule

Beginning January 11th, 2009

Saturday (Sunday Obligation) 4pm

Sunday 8 & 10am

Saturday Confession 3 - 3:45pm

Sunday Religious Education 11:15am

Mrs. Shirley Goodnest

A mom was concerned about her kindergarten son walking to school. He didn't want his mother to walk with him. She wanted to give him the feeling that he had some independence but yet know that he was safe. So she had an idea of how to handle it. She asked a neighbor if she would please follow him to school in the mornings, staying at a distance, so he probably wouldn't notice her. The neighbor said that since she was up early with her toddler anyway, it would be a good way for them to get some exercise as well, so she agreed. The next school day, the neighbor and her little girl set out following behind Timmy as he walked to school with another neighbor girl he knew. She did this for the whole week. As the two walked and chatted, kicking stones and twigs, Timmy's little friend noticed the same lady was following them, as she seemed to do every day all week. Finally she said to Timmy, have you noticed that lady following us to school all week? Do you know her? Timmy nonchalantly replied, Yeah, I know who she is. The little girl said, 'Well, who is she? 'That's just Shirley Goodnest,' Timmy replied, 'and her daughter Marcy. 'Shirley Goodnest? Who the heck is she and why is she following us?' 'Well,' Timmy explained, 'every night my Mom makes me say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers, 'cuz she worries about me so much. And in the Psalm, it says, 'Shirley Goodnest and Marcy shall follow me all the days of my life, so I guess I'll just have to get used to it!'

May Shirley Goodnest and Marcy be with you today and always.

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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.

Thank you for your prayers.

Thank you for reading our bulletin. Any suggestions, comments, prayers 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.

Holy Rosary

Sunday..... 7:40AM
 Sunday..... 10:40AM

Holy Mass

Sunday..... 8:00AM
 Sunday..... 11:00AM

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Volunteer Schedule	December 14, 2008		December 21, 2008	
	8:00AM	11:00AM	8:00AM	11:00AM
Ushers	John Anderson James Dory	Ed Uhrich Phil Griego	Tom Anderson James Dory	Tony Quinones Carl Beyer
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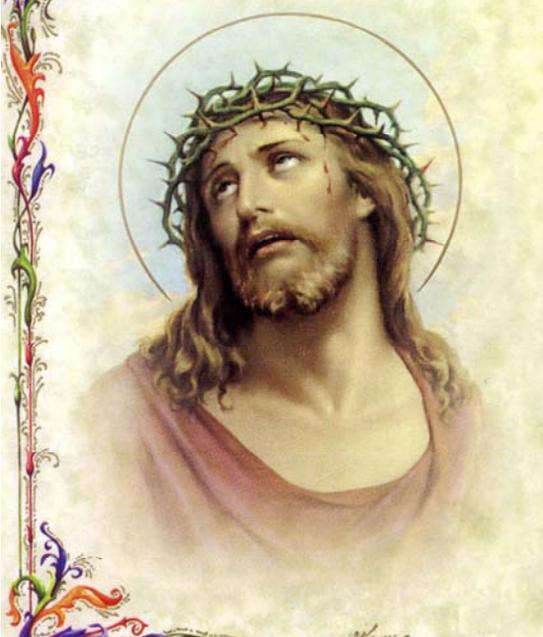
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<i>Daily Prayers</i>	<i>Daily Prayers</i>
	<p>AN ACT OF CONTRITION</p> <p>O my God I am heartily sorry for having offended You. I detest all my sins because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell. But most of all because they offend You, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Your grace, to confess my sins, to do penance and to amend my life.</p> <p>Amen.</p>