

February 1, 2009

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint John Vianney

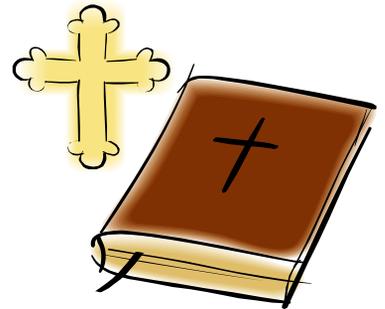
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Friends in Christ Jesus,

We made it! We made it into our new building because we made the new building. And we made the new building because we pooled together our time, our talents and our dollars. This, plus the grace of our Lord, has turned our dream into a reality -- we now have our own building to call home, to celebrate Mass in, and to work from. As we begin anew in our new place, remember the new Mass schedule: Saturday 4PM; Sunday 8AM and 10AM. Confessions will be celebrated each Saturday from 3PM-3:45PM.

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Scott Mansfield



Upcoming Events

February 7, 2009, 5:15PM.....Altar Server Meeting
February 8, 2009 (New Schedule)Saturday 4PM, Sunday 8AM, 10AM

Something New / Something Old by Carl E Beyer

As any parent knows, sending our first child to school is a momentous event. That moment, when you turn your oldest child over to complete strangers who will influence your child beyond your control. Something new that year was the construction of Colinas del Norte Elementary School and the Rio Rancho Public School System. Little did I image that five years later my wife and I would be reading St. Thomas Aquinas Bulletin and notice that mass was being held at the very school where all our kids attended. I owned a store in Albuquerque until 2000; so I was oblivious of what was happening before that year. So in the year 2000 I was introduced to St. John Vianney Mission Church.

St. John Vianney Mission Church immediately struck a chord within me. Here was a small group of loyal parish members who were meeting as I imagine some did in the first Churches of old. Members entered a school cafeteria which in a short period of time turned it into a Church. A Church as defined as a group of people gathering as a community to celebrate Mass. Chairs were setup and taken down for each mass. And something I have never seen before or since, an altar was assemble on the stage and the stage was transformed into a holy place. Since there was no tabernacle, upon entering, you were asked if you were going to be receiving the Eucharist. If the count was short the priest would be breaking the wafers in half to stretch them for all the faithful and if the count was too high we got to watch the priest consume the leftover Eucharist wafers. This consumption of many wafers always reminded me of the priest having a feast.

Usually the first person one would meet upon entering was Ed Uhrich asking if you would be receiving communion. For those who do not know, Ed has an eye for spotting volunteers. I stuck around helping pick up chairs one too many times and was approached by Ed about being an Usher. I remember asking Ed what I needed to know about being an usher and Ed telling me to come next Sunday in a tie and jacket and I would be trained. For those who do not know, Ed is laid back and I have never seen his feathers rustled. I showed up and was “trained”. It wasn’t long before Ed “invited” me to be head Usher and my involvement at St. John Vianney started.

I had the privilege of meeting and serving with Walter Kyse. Walter set the standards that still preside today at St. John Vianney. As Ed is laid back, Walter was hot headed. But you never doubted Walter’s commitment and dedication to seeing St. John Vianney Mission Church progress with the highest standards. Personally watching this proud man come to Mass through all the pain he suffered later in life was a shining example of the dignity of man. Seldom did he complain even when you would observe a stray tear rolling down his cheek from the pain that was consuming him. I remember one of the last Masses he attended shortly before his death. He was so frail and about to meet his Maker at the age of 80. He walked in looking sickly and asked us if he looked OK. He said it was getting harder to dress and double check himself about looking proper. Walter, you are missed and you are remembered.

The person who bought my computer store was blessed in the first week of business with the sale of 20 plus PCs. These PCs was sold to St. Thomas Aquinas School. That summer a young kid, whom I instructed, ran the first wires to network this new school from the old Puesta

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Del Sol Elementary School. I remember reviewing the old communication room that would be turned in the our present day St. Thomas Aquinas School chapel. It was decided in 2002 that it would make sense to start having St. John Vianney Masses at St Thomas Aquinas School. Ash Wednesday was our first Mass there. At that time we were averaging just over 100 members attending the Sunday Mass. Presently we are averaging just shy of 400 members for our Sunday Masses and I am sure with our new location we will be going over the 1000 members per weekend Masses before we know it.

Stepping back even further in time, St. Thomas School was first envisioned by Father Wolf who was working on how the school could be started. With Father Wolf's unexpected death at a young age, the dream of a Catholic school in Rio Rancho seemed to have died. But along came our much beloved Monsignor Raun in 1996 who we all know has the vision to lead the largest Church in New Mexico. Not only did he, along with Archbishop Sheehan, accomplish starting the first Catholic School in decades, they also had the foresight to purchase land next to the new elementary school of Colinas del Norte. At the time of this purchase there was only the small community of North Hills and the paved road ended there. This was purchasing land on the outskirts of Rio Rancho. But that is the blessing of foresight, to envision that Rio Rancho would be pushed past North Hills. I am unsure, but I believe the home count of Northern Meadows is now around 1540 homes. The purchase of this land, where our new parish hall resides, today would have been beyond our budget and set us back many years in the building. We also need to thank Msgr. Raun for allowing all the money collected at the Masses for St. John Vianney to be set aside for St. John Vianney use only. He could have taken these collections and put them into St Thomas Aquinas coffers and left us starting from scratch. Instead when the time came to start considering building we were able to have a quarter of a million dollars to oil the engine of progress. Many thanks and blessings to Msgr. Raun and Archbishop Sheehan for your leadership.

Assuming you are reading this after attending the Benediction Mass by Archbishop Michael Sheehan, I hope you are able to see how God's hand has been a guiding force in the creation of St. John Vianney Mission Church. Many events came together over the years that led to the blessing today of this Parish Hall and the future home of our Parish.

I was asked the other day "Where would St. John Vianney be today without you?". My reply was simple. Exactly where it is now. God's plan is bigger than any one person. There are any number of people who deserve our appreciation for their contributions, both large and small. Their hard work in combination with other people's hard work accomplished the building of our parish hall. To list all of them and forget one is not in keeping with the tradition of St. Thomas Aquinas Church. We can thank the one force that is deserving all the credit. The Invisible Hand that nudges us in His direction. The one Benevolent Force who guides us in accomplishing His work. The Almighty Being whose Providential Aid is ever with us.

We, as a St. John Vianney Community, thank all of you through out the years that has led to this point in time where God's work is so visible for all to see.

Go forth and thank God for your blessings. Go forth and share God's grace with the person next to you. Go forth and preserve St. John Vianney Community of love. Go forth and preserve the dignity of mankind.

I will be on a pilgrimage to Rome February 9-19. I would like to take a prayer list with me. I will take the list with me and offer it at daily Mass.

April Karen McClellan (aprilkaren@msn.com)



**HELPERS
OF
GOD'S
PRECIOUS
INFANTS**

COME PRAY AND SACRIFICE FOR THE UNBORN

Saturday, February 14, 2009
MONTHLY PRAYER VIGIL

Most Rev. Michael J. Sheehan celebrant
Mass at 8:00 a.m. at San Ignacio Church
Will lead procession to nearby abortion mill

Altar servers meeting
February 7th after 4PM Mass.
All altar servers are
required to attend.

The Lord is my Shepherd ☞ That's a Relationship!
 I shall not want ☞ That's Supply!
 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures ☞ That's Rest!
 He leadeth me beside the still waters ☞ That's Refreshment!
 He restoreth my soul ☞ That's Healing!
 He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness ☞ That's Guidance!
 For His name sake ☞ That's Purpose!
 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death ☞ That's Testing!
 I will fear no evil ☞ That's Protection!
 For Thou art with me ☞ That's Faithfulness!
 Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me ☞ That's Discipline!
 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies ☞ That's Hope!
 Thou annointest my head with oil ☞ That's Consecration!
 My cup runneth over ☞ That's Abundance!
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life ☞ That's Blessing!
 And I will dwell in the house of the Lord ☞ That's Security!
 Forever ☞ That's Eternity!

Check out www.sjvnm.org
I revised the website in celebration of
our new Parish Hall. Enjoy — Carl

A mother with a fidgety 7-year old boy told me how she finally got her son to sit still and be quite. About halfway through the sermon, she leaned over and whispered, “If you don’t be quiet, Father is going to lose his place and will have to start his sermon all over again!”

Holy Rosary
 20 Minutes before every mass

Holy Mass
 Saturday 4:00PM
 Sunday 8:00AM
 Sunday 10:00AM

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Volunteer Schedule	Sunday February 1st	Saturday February 7th	Sunday February 8th	
	10:00AM	4:00PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
Ushers	Tom Anderson Tony Quinones Aaron Quinones Carl Beyer	Ed Uhrich Phillip Griego	John Christensen James Dory David Schutten	Tony Quinones Frank Charles John Reynolds Gary Vigil
EM of Holy Communion		David Crawford	Harlan Harrington	Pinky Bjornstad
Rosary Leader	Catherine Uhrich	Ed Uhrich	Peggy Riley	Rochelle Quinones
Altar Servers	Arianna Jenkins Gary Vigil Charles Lucero	James Uhrich Rocky Peyton	Fernando Lucero Peter Lucero	Gary Vigil Drew Garcia Amanda Vigil John Reynolds
Readers	Julie Burnside Peggy Riley	Rosie Root Vicky Howell	Jose Guillen Racquel Torres	Peggy Riley Connie Dudon



A parish administrator requested bid from local painters to repaint the outside of the Pastoral Center. Almost all of the bids were within a few dollars of one another, with the exception of one by a parishioner who had been in business for years and had an excellent reputation in the community. This particular painter's bid was about half of his competitors, and naturally, the administrator accepted it.

On the day he was to begin, the painter realized that he had miscalculated badly. Not wanting to lose the job, however, he decided to thin the paint with water. That way, he thought, he would be able to complete the job for the price quoted.

A week later, he received a call from the administrator, complaining that after the first rain half of the paint had washed off the building. Being an honorable man and a good Catholic, the painter went inside to pray about the situation, knowing that his business reputation was on the line.

“What can I possibly do, Lord?” prayed the discourage painter.

In a loud voice God replied, “Repaint! Repaint and thin no more!”

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.
- ◆ For guidance to our leaders for the removal of the stain of abortion from 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.

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Q: Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A: Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

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