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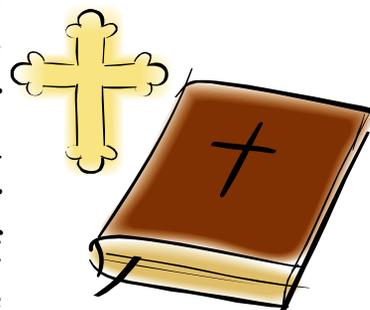
Third Sunday of Lent

Saint John Vianney

A Mission Church of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish serving you since August 10, 1997
1000 26th Ave NE, Rio Rancho, NM 87144

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All parishioners who volunteered to maintain the grounds and keep St. John Vianney clean, you are appreciated. We will be contacting you to verify your schedule and provide assignments in the near future. We are planning on dividing up the grounds-keeping tasks into different areas of responsibility and the cleaning of our Church will be done on Mondays and Fridays for now, comprised of two alternating crews with Coz Madrid as lead person on Mondays and Loretta Tafuro as lead person on Fridays. We have enough people to staff two shifts for the interior and as for the grounds keeping, there will be an open schedule based on the area you're assigned and your availability. No pressure, just enjoyment and focus on keeping everything in order for God. Look for updates in the next bulletin. If you have not received a call from us, you will be getting one this week.



Many Thanks, Father Scott,
Loretta Tafuro and Coz Madrid

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Holy Rosary

20 Minutes before every mass

Holy Masses

Saturday 4:00PM

Sunday 8:00AM

Sunday 10:00AM

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday 3:00-3:45PM

Stations of the Cross

Friday 7PM

Please Welcome our New St. John Vianney Parish Members

Miranda Quinones
Jacob & Maria Vergara

Dennis & Rachel Chavez
Leonard & Arlene Garcia

Want to be even more pro-active?!

For years I have been writing in "Sharpie" marker in LARGE print on the back of every Bill/letter I mail "IN GOD WE TRUST" as a reminder. I have received many responses back saying "IN GOD I TRUST TOO!"

Just think of how many hands handle each bill/letter. It can send a message as well as be inspiring. Give it a try!

May God Bless You!,
Gary Padilla

BIBLE-CRYPTOVERSE (Scripture verse in code) No.5

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Letter used:

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Answer in next week bulletin. Some Hints on back page.
Send solution to bulletin@sjvnm.org and we will post your name next week.

Solution submissions by: Rose Chimento, Stephen Sloan, James Cutler

"I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes."

**Thank You to all of our St. John Vianney Cleanup Crew who signed up.
You will be getting a call this week from Cosmes Madrid to get scheduled.**

Many thanks, Cosmes Madrid

On vacation in Rome , I noticed a marble column in St. Peter's with a golden telephone on it. As a young priest passed by, I asked who the telephone was for. The priest told me it was a direct line to Heaven, and if I'd like to call, it would be a thousand dollars. I was amazed, but declined the offer.

Throughout Italy, I kept seeing the same golden telephone on a marble column. At each, I asked about it and the answer was always the same: a direct line to Heaven and I could call for a thousand dollars.

I finished my tour in Ireland. I decided to attend Mass at a local village church. When I walked in the door I noticed the golden telephone. Underneath it there was a sign stating: "DIRECT LINE TO HEAVEN 25 cents." "Father," I said, "I have been all over Italy and in all the cathedrals I visited, I've seen telephones exactly like this one. But the price is always a thousand dollars. Why is it that this one is only 25 cents?"

The priest smiled and said, "Darlin', you're in Ireland now! It's a local call!!!!!!"

8 Reason to Become Catholic (or Stay That Way) by Michael Matthews

In the last few decades, it has become commonplace for many Protestants to view Catholicism as a dead tradition, perhaps even as a cult. This may be your view of the Catholic Church. You may have had some bad experiences with Catholics in your past; or you may just find all that Catholic dogma a bit much to swallow.

At the same time, many Catholics have left the Church for what they perceive as greener spiritual pastures elsewhere. Perhaps you were raised Catholics, but find yourself experiencing the Lord's presence in a more powerful way in a church of a different tradition.

Whatever your reason for avoiding, leaving or considering leaving the Catholic Church, there are a few facts about the Church that you may interest you in your spiritual journey.

(1-4 In previous bulletins found at sjynm.org)

5. Worship in the Liturgy.

Catholic worship is **not** a spectator sport! God created us body and soul; and He wants us to worship Him with our whole being. Catholic liturgy involves the whole person, body and soul, and impacts every sense at some level: incense (presenting prayer), different liturgical colors, and various actions. We are the "smells and bells" church; but the smells and bells are there for a reason!

(Reason 6-8 coming in the following weeks)

Saint Patrick Day by Carl . Beyer

St. Patrick Day is this coming Tuesday so get your green out. Luckily for me I am always ready because my eyes are green except when my temper flares but that is another story. I always imagine two Irish blokes sitting in a bar saying, “My priest is better than your priest and let me tell you how ...”. It is true that Ireland doesn’t have any snakes but this is usually attributed to the fact that it is an island and isolated from snake populations. But maybe one fine sunny afternoon somehow a snake wandered off a ship and onto the island and St. Patrick took it upon himself to rid Ireland of the snake and from there the St. Patrick legend started.

It is probably true that we do owe the Lucky Three Leaf Clover to St Patrick. Legend says St. Patrick explained that the shamrock could define the Trinity. That in the one God there are three divine persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The shamrock was sacred to the Druids, so Saint Patrick used it to explain the trinity.

The true story, with no embellishment is still an amazing story. St. Patrick was born in Britain to wealthy parents. At the age of sixteen, Irish raiders kidnapped St. Patrick while attacking his parents’ home. He was held in captivity for six years in Ireland where he served as a shepherd by himself. After six years St. Patrick had a dream in which he believed God spoke to him to escape. He walked over 200 miles to the Irish coast and from there escaped to Britain. It was shortly afterwards that he had his second revelation to return to Ireland as a missionary to convert the Irish people to Christianity. After fifteen years of training St. Patrick was ordained as a priest and sent to Ireland. Personally, I wonder what kind of training took fifteen years but on the other hand if fifteen years of training can set you on course to being a saint then it was well worth it.

During St. Patrick young years, Ireland was mostly a nature-based pagan country. The real legend of St. Patrick should have been his ability to incorporate some of the pagan customs and symbols into the Christian religion to facilitate conversion. St. Patrick was able to achieve this without corrupting the Christian’s beliefs. For example, the traditional bonfires the Irish used to celebrate their gods was transformed into an Easter bonfire tradition. Rather than a fighter of snakes it would seem that St. Patrick was an evangelist for the Christian religion. He was a person who, rather than having an iron fist, had a healing hand for guiding people to Christ. A man who instead of seeking revenge for his year of captivity sought instead to give these same people the greatest gift a person could receive, Christ.

I have often wondered what it would be like to have a magic Time Machine. Unlike some, I have no desire for immortality, but with a Time Machine I would have the ability to speak with the Saints and with this I would desire many more years. The first basic understanding of the Saints is to always remember that they were human the same as us. They had their fears, failures, bravery and successes as we do. What a wonder it would be, to be able to be there through the years as St. Patrick went from a privileged life, to slavery, to sainthood. What gifts does God give these individuals that lead them to sainthood? I would love to speak to these saints who I imagine would be reluctant to speak about themselves. A basic belief I have in these Saints is they must have serve their lives humbly. I cannot imagine going back in

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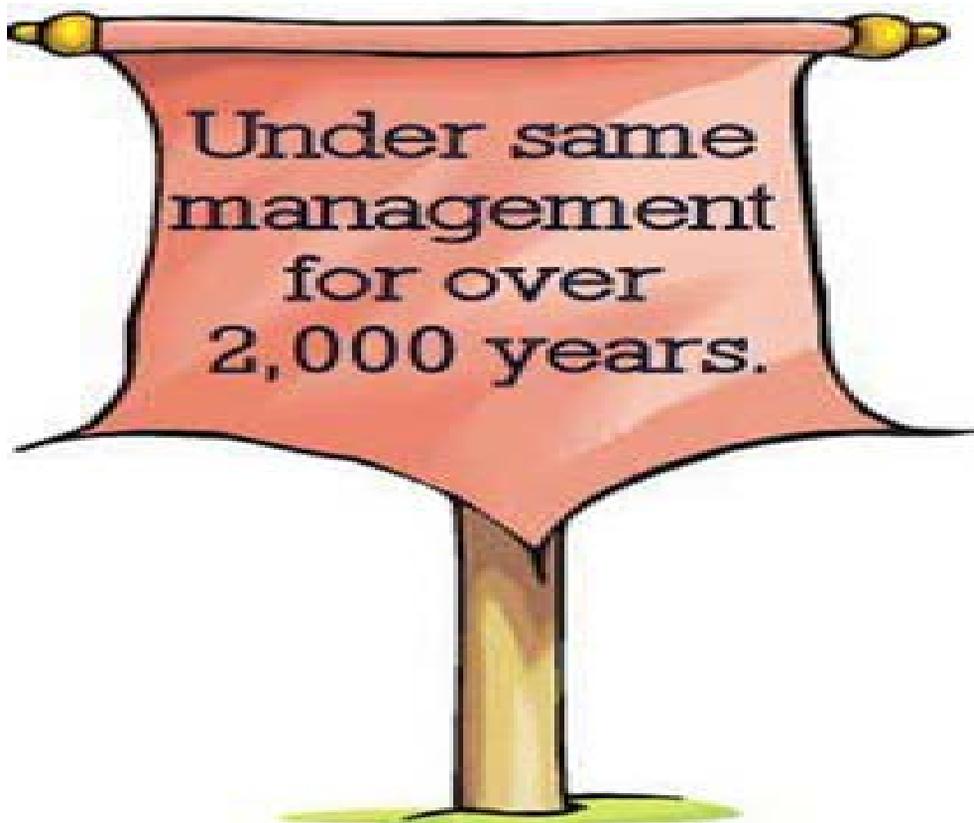
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time, entering an Irish bar and finding St. Patrick sitting there boasting about how he rid Ireland of it's snakes. No, this humble man who is said to have slept on bare flagstone and sang Psalms to end his day would have had to be pressured to describe his own life. His concern would not be for how history would see him but rather how Christ sees his soul. But the opportunity to spend time with this man and the other saints would be a treasure.

Of course the ultimate target of my Time Machine would be the period when our Lord walked the earth in his humanity. Oh to be there and see our Lord grow from a baby to dying for our sins would be something. Yes, I could spends years bouncing around in my Time Machine checking out Christ and his Saints.

Lacking a Time Machine though we read about our Saints and imagine. We can imagine what they thought, what they suffered, what the enjoyed, what they loved and what they hated. We can imagine their struggles with their beliefs and their ultimate giving of themselves completely to our Lord and his works. We can imagine and through imagining grow closer to our Lord. We learn from the Saints what God may want us to do in our lives.

Go forth and try to imitate our Saints. Go forth and draw closer to our Lord. God Bless you all.



	Sacristans	Ushers	EM of Holy Communion	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors
Sat Mar 14th 4:00PM	Donna Madrid	Phillip Griego Tom Medrano	Jeremy McClellan	Bill McCarty	Rocky Peyton	Annette Montoya April McClellan
Sun Mar 15th 8:00AM	Julie Burnside	Bill Deneen John Christensen David Schutten	Harlan Harrington	Evelyn Romero	Sergio Guillen Albert Ibarra	Julie Burnside Racquel Torres
Sun Mar 15th 10:00AM	Geri Hoover	Tony Quinones Frank Charles James E Dory Juan Serna	Loretta Tafuro John Lombardo James Sandoval	Pinky Bjornstad	Jessica VLS John Reynolds Amanda Vigil Gary Vigil	Michael Tafuro Rochelle Quinones
Sat Mar 21st 4:00PM	David Crawford	Ed Uhrich Phillip Griego Nick Coca III	Rosie Root	Peggy Riley	James Uhrich Jorden Juarez	Peggy Riley Rosie Root
Sun Mar 22nd 8:00AM	Donna Madrid	Tom Anderson John Christensen Jim Cutler	Harlan Harrington	Jose Guillen	Peter Lucero Charles Lucero	Petrita Lopez David Schutten
Sun Mar 22nd 10:00AM	Geri Hoover	Tony Quinones Aaron Quinones Gary Vigil Brian Padilla Eddie Crespin	Pinky Bjornstad John Lombardo Margaret Chavez	Rochelle Quinones	Amanda Vigil Gary Vigil Ariana Jenkins Jen Reynolds	Bill McCarty Pam McCarty

Prayer Corner

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

- ◆ Narciso Aragon for his eternal soul as he passed on January 30th.
- ◆ Manuel Romero - For a liver transplant / recovery.
- ◆ Healing and God's care for Ken Mayer, Sydney Mayer, and Mary Q. Haygood.
- ◆ 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.

Job Corner

Who	Skill Description	Phone	eMail
Martin (Marty) Aragon	I can do anything you can train me to do. Will do backyard cleaning.	239-9553	fjpmga@cableone.net

Rules for posting

- ◆ Listing needs to resubmitted each week.
- ◆ Keep Skill Description to two short sentences.
- ◆ No business listing, that what the back page ads are for.
- ◆ Only for St. John Vianney Parish Member not a friend of a friend of a friend.
- ◆ Send your job needs to bulletin@sjvnm.org.
- ◆ More rules to come.

About the new Job Corner

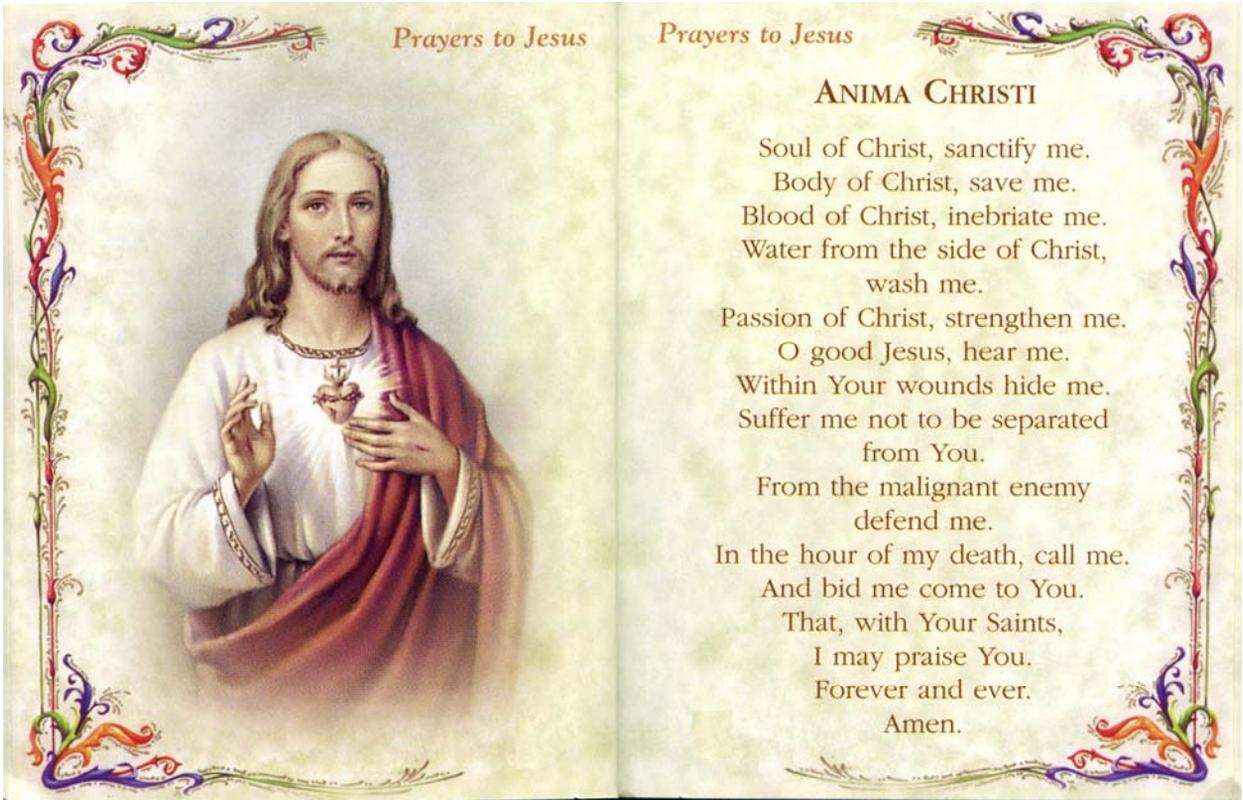
I had to give this one some thought. Should we have a job corner? Well, what is the sense of being a community if not to support one another? So in these difficult times I am going to have a job corner and be quite strict with the rules. So let see if we can help each other. Let post our needs and let help those in need. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this new adventure. — Carl

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Concerns / Questions (Leave a Message)..... 974-1778
 Baptisms, Marriages, Funeral..... St Thomas Parish - 892-1511

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