

May 10, 2009

Fifth Sunday of Easter

# Saint John Vianney

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Friends in Christ,

On this Mothers Day weekend, let us thank God for our moms. And let us thank our moms for their love. Let us thank them for their many sacrifices. Let us let our moms know we love and appreciate them. And let us thank God for our Lady, the mom of moms. And let us thank our Lady for being our heavenly mom. Let us let our Lady know we love and appreciate her.

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Scott Mansfield

**Holy Rosary**

20 Minutes before each mass

**Holy Masses**

Saturday .....4:00PM

Sunday .....8:00AM

Sunday..... 10:00AM

**Sacrament of Confession**

Saturday ..... 3:00-3:45PM

**Upcoming Events**

June 10th, 7PM at St. Thomas Aquinas Church .....Eucharistic Minister Meeting

June 14th after 10AM Mass ..... Pot Luck

# 2009 First Communion Pictures

Many thanks for John Reynolds for taking and posting the First Communion Pictures. Visit our website at [www.sjvnm.org](http://www.sjvnm.org) and click on *Links* and then *2009 1st Communion Pictures* to view a slideshow of the pictures. If you see a picture you like, right click on it and do *save pictures as* to save on your PC. Should work on most PCs. Enjoy.

## God created mothers

God knew that little ones need love so He created mothers  
With understanding hearts and gentle hands that care for others...

They feed us and they hug us and they help us find our things...  
Then later on, they step aside and let us try our wings...

We know they are always on our side whatever may befall,  
That's why we need them just as much when we're no longer small...

Yes, God created mothers to give love their whole lives through...  
That's why they're treasured very much especially one like you!

**Mother Knows Best:** At a senior citizen's meeting, a couple were celebrating their 50th Anniversary. The husband stood up and was telling story of his dating habits in his youth. It seemed that every time he brought home a girl to meet his mother, his mother didn't like her. So, finally, he started searching until he found a girl who not only looked like his mother and acted like his mother, she even sounded like his mother. So he brought her home one night to have dinner, and his father didn't like her.

If you missed the Sexual Misconduct Workshop, the next workshop it will be held at the Archdiocese of Santa Fe Catholic Center on May 16<sup>th</sup> from 9-12pm. Please call Loretta Tafuro @ 891-9234 to get registered. If you have taken the workshop and haven't turned your copy in, it's important that we have a copy of it ASAP.

# A Child's Prayer

Dear Blessed Mother Mary, help my mom to be a good mother.

Give her peace and wisdom, strength and courage, grace and happiness.

Be nearby when she needs help.

Keep her close to your Son, Jesus.

Help me to always show my mom how very much I love her.

Amen.



My mother in law called today... I knew it was her, when she knocked on the front door all the mice threw themselves on the traps!

# Happy Mother's Day

## **I believe in Evil** by Carl E Beyer

I believe in Evil. Stop!! Do not run to Father Scott to get me excommunicated. Let me repeat what I said, "I believe in Evil". I did not say, "I worship Evil". I said I believe in Evil. I believe there is Evil as I believe there is Good. I believe that God exists and the Devil exists. I worship God and I try my best to avoid the Devil.

I never understood people who think Evil is Good. That is an oxymoron if there ever was one. Evil cannot be Good and Good cannot be Evil. There are good people who do evil deeds and evil people that do good deeds. But Evil is simply that, Evil.

This subject often comes up with war. There are those who believe no war is justified and when questioned closely you will find that they do not believe in Evil. To them war itself is the evil with no regard to the evil that caused the war. I like to ask the person who is against war what they would do if their neighbor were beating their kids. Would they not take action to stop the evil? And in taking that action are they not waging war against their neighbor? If they say it is none of their business and that they would not do anything, then they are supporting evil. As we say in Mass, "In what I have done, and in what I have failed to do". Yes, we say what we "have failed to do". Of course there has been a great deal of wars for evil reasons but generally both sides are not in the war for evil reasons.

What made me think of this subject was my recent participation in the "Sexual Misconduct Awareness Workshop". It could have easily been named "How to spot and combat evil done to children". The class was mainly aimed at protecting our kids from Evil. Nothing breaks our hearts more than to see young children damaged for life because of one person's evil actions.

I have learned over the years that most people have some kind of trauma in their childhood. In my college years I researched child/wife abuse extensively. This was not because I had some morbid curiosity, but because I needed some explanation for the evil I grew up with. When researching, I found that the most common reason for evil was for what I would call "Selfishness". Selfishness because the people perpetrating the evil do so to give themselves some sort of satisfaction. They spend hours preparing for the evil deed with total disregard for any damage they are doing to the other person. As far as these selfish people are concerned, everyone and everything that surrounds them is there to give them pleasure. If good is done by them, as it sometimes is, they shout it from the mountain tops to ensure that they get the praise they believe they rightfully deserve.

There is one question each of us should ask ourselves; what do we do about Evil? While I believe in Evil, do I accept Evil? I would hope each of us would say no! Is it to be expected that we spend all our waking hours combating Evil? Again, I would say no! If we get obsessed with combating Evil, we miss the primary way of combating Evil and that is by doing good. The opposite of Evil is Good. Evil will shun that which is good.

If you are walking down the street and Evil is being done to a person you see, then you are obligated to combat that Evil. On the other hand, this act of evil likely could have been stopped by the evil person having been surrounded by Good. So let us start by doing good in

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our families. That is where I would like to lead this story of Good and Evil.

Without disclosing too much; I remember my sister commenting that she would never forget her thought during one incident which occurred when she was a young child. It was a simple but profound thought. She thought "This is Hell".

I would like to break here for the lyrics of "Hell is for Children" by Pat Benatar.

They cry in the dark so you can't see their tears,  
They hide in the light so you can't see their fears,  
Forgive and forget, all the while,  
Love and pain,  
Become one and the same in the eyes of a wounded child.

Because Hell, Hell is for children,  
And you know that their little lives can become such a  
mess.  
Hell, Hell is for children.  
And you shouldn't have to pay for your love,  
With your bones and your flesh.

It's all so confusing,  
This brutal abusing,  
They blacken your eyes and  
Then 'pologize.

Be Daddy's good girl and  
And don't tell Mommy a thing,  
Be a good little boy and you'll get a new toy,  
Tell Grandma you fell off the swing.

Because Hell, Hell is for children  
And you know that their little lives can become such a  
mess.  
Hell, Hell is for Children  
And you shouldn't have to pay for your love,  
With your bones and your flesh.

No, Hell is for children  
Hell, Hell is for Hell  
Hell is for Hell  
Hell is for children.

If you can read that lyric without feeling the pain of the children then I feel sorry for your heart. The way to start combating Evil is to ensure that in our family, and in the families that we know, the children will not have the above lyrics as their theme song.

Evil knows no greater place to gain a foothold than within a child's heart. Please do not allow Evil to gain that foothold. Spend the time and spread love within your family. This small act of charity can fight Evil far more than you can ever imagine.

I want to clarify right now that I was not physically abused. Other people in my family were. My parents' greatest pastime was beating on each other, this evil was certainly traumatic to us children. I know, in their hearts, they believed that they did everything that was expected of them. I know this because they informed us that their duty was to keep us fed, clothed and warm. So with that I will speak of the evil of omission. We parents can, without realizing it, forget to love our children. As a child I know I could find no reason why I was part of the family. If I were gone, I felt that it would make no difference to my parents. I know that I find that time goes by too quickly, and I forget to tell my children that I love them. Stop reading now and call your children and remind them that they are loved. This is important to children!

Now that I have wandered all over the place, I would like to end this by simply asking that you love your children. Do not spoil them, or give them a big head, but love them. Be sure your children know that they are loved unconditionally. Be sure that they know your home is always their home. Be sure they know love and by knowing love they will know Good. And by knowing Good they can battle Evil.

God Bless you all. Go forth and love.

	Sacristans	Ushers	EM of Holy Communion	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors
Sat May 9th 4:00PM	David Crawford	Phillip Griego Eddie Crespin Juan Serna	Jeremy McClellan	Anna Sellman	Victoria Perez Emilio Crespin Josh Storms	Annette Montoya April McClellan
Sun May 10th 8:00AM	Julie Burnside	Tom Anderson Bill Deneen James E Dory John Christensen	Julie Burnside	Frances Perko	Peter Lucero Charles Lucero	Petrita Lopez David Schutten
Sun May 10th 10:00AM	Geri Hoover	Tony Quinones Frank Charles Ariana Eck Aaron Quinones	Coz Madrid Loretta Tafuro Margaret Chavez	Pinky Bjornstad	Krista Savela Kevin Savela Jen Reynolds John Reynolds	Michael Tafuro Connie Dudon
Sat May 16th 4:00PM	David Crawford	Eddie Crespin Theresa Lopez Ariana Eck	Coz Madrid	Bill McCarty	Victoria Perez Emilio Crespin Josh Storms	Bill McCarty Pam McCarty
Sun May 17th 8:00AM	Julie Burnside	David Schutten James E Dory John Christensen Tom Anderson	April McClellan	Evelyn Romero	Rocky Peyton Delanee Kast Josh Kast	Jose Guillen Racquel Torres
Sun May 17th 10:00AM	Donna Madrid	Aaron Quinones Juan Serna Brian Padilla Nick Coca III Bill Deneen	Loretta Tafuro James Sandoval Ana Marie Hartenhoff	Peggy Riley	Jessica VLS Jamie VLS John Reynolds Jordan Juarez	Pinky Bjornstad Rochelle Quinones

### *Prayer Corner*

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

- ◆ For Idela Romero that she be comforted through their illnesses. (5/10)
- ◆ For Frank Duran that he be comforted during this time of illness. (5/10)
- ◆ For Tony Quinones complete healing and guidance toward better health. (4/25)
- ◆ For the late Manuel Romero's Family to know he is with his Lord. (4/25)
- ◆ For Healing and Peace for Bill Rounds, and for his wife, Vickie (5/3)
- ◆ For the strength and courage of the disabled, sick, elderly, and dying
- ◆ 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.

Prayers are kept on the list for a month then need to be resubmitted.

Thank you for your prayers.

Thank you for reading our bulletin.

Any suggestions, comments, prayers or articles can be sent to

[bulletin@sjvnm.org](mailto: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
Marty Aragon	Will do yard work and light hauling. (5/3)	239-9553	fjpmga@cableone.net
Paula Glennon	Bookkeeping, accounting, audit, proofreading, clerical. Part-time, temp, or special projects. (4/5)	891-8536	dmgpmg@aol.com

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- ◆ Listing needs to resubmitted each month.
- ◆ Keep Skill Description to two short sentences.
- ◆ No business listing, that what the back page ads are for.

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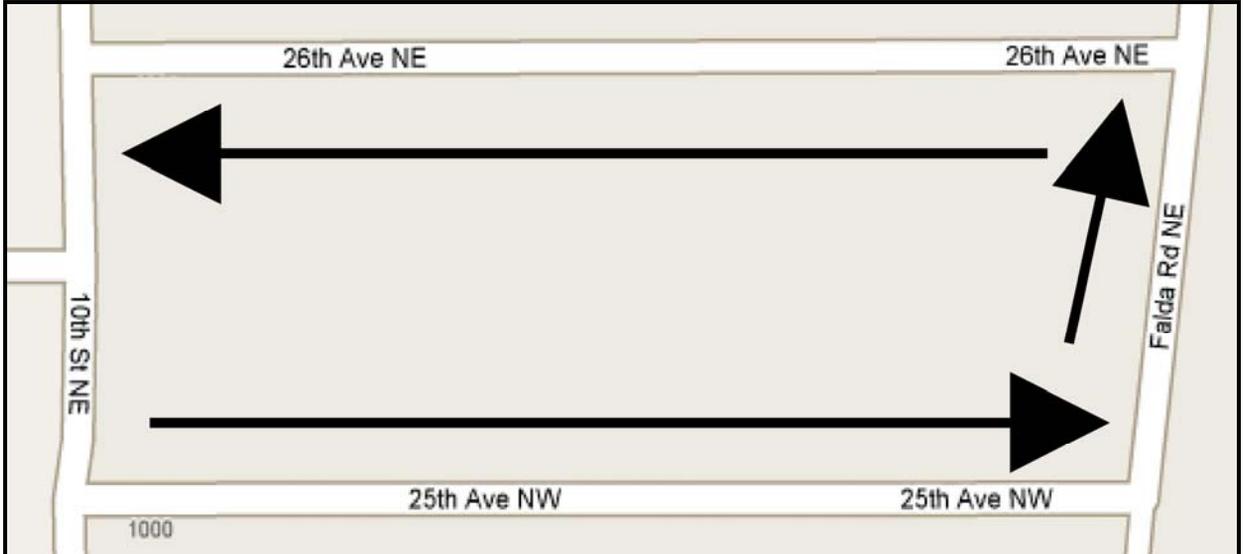
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**IN GOD WE TRUST**