

June 28, 2009

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# *Saint John Vianney*

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Friends in Christ Jesus,

Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, has declared this year the "Year of the Priests." With this declaration comes the extra special opportunity to pray for your priests. Indulgences have been granted for those who pray for priests during this special year. If the St. Thomas bulletin does not print the indulgence requirements, I will make certain they are printed in our insert. This is also a time to pray very much for an increase in priestly vocations. Ask our Lord to call more men to the priestly life.



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

## Saint Thomas the Apostle

*Also known as* Apostle of India, Didymus, Doubting Thomas, Judas Thomas, the Twin

*Memorial:* 3 July

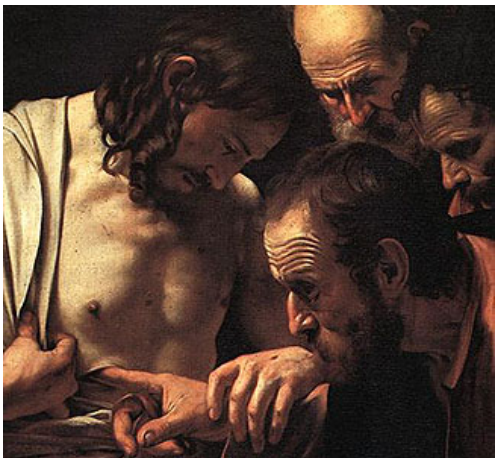
### Profile

Apostle. He was ready to die with Jesus when Christ went to Jerusalem, but is best remembered for doubting the Resurrection until allowed to touch Christ's wounds. Preached in Parthia, Persia and India, though he was so reluctant to start the mission that he had to be taken into slavery by a merchant headed that way. He eventually gave in to God's will, was freed, and planted the new Church over a wide area. He formed many parishes and built many churches along the way. An old tradition says that Thomas baptised the wise men from the Nativity into Christianity.

His symbol is the builder's square; there are several stories that explain it; he built a palace for King Guduphara in India; he built the first church in India with his own hands; it is representative building a strong spiritual foundation as he had complete faith in Christ (though initially less in the Resurrection); he offered to build a palace for an Indian king that would last forever; the king gave him money, which Thomas promptly gave away to the poor; he explained that the palace he was building was in heaven, not on earth

*Died:* stabbed with a spear c.72 in while in prayer on a hill in Mylapur, India. Buried near the site of his death

*Patronage:* against blindness; against doubt; architects; blind people; builders; construction workers; Ceylon; East Indies; geometricians; India; masons; Pakistan; people in doubt; Sri Lanka; stone masons; stonecutters; surveyors; theologians



### **John 20:24-29**

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in the hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

B.C.

by Johnny Hart



### NUTS IN THE CEMETERY

On the outskirts of a small town, there was a big, old pecan tree just inside the cemetery fence. One day, two boys filled up a bucketful of nuts and sat down by the tree, out of sight, and began dividing the nuts. 'One for you, one for me, One for you, one for me,' said one boy. Several dropped and rolled down toward the fence. Another boy came riding along the road on his bicycle. As he passed, he thought he heard voices from inside the cemetery. He slowed down to investigate. Sure enough, he heard, 'One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me..' He just knew what it was. He jumped back on his bike and rode off. Just around the bend he met an old man with a cane, hobbling along. 'Come here quick,' said the boy, 'you won't believe what I heard! Satan and the Lord are down at the cemetery dividing up the souls.' The man said, 'Beat it kid, can't you see it's hard for me to walk.' When the boy insisted though, the man hobbled slowly to the cemetery. Standing by the fence they heard, 'One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me.' The old man whispered, 'Boy, you've been tellin' me the truth. Let's see if we can see the Lord.' Shaking with fear, they peered through the fence, yet were still unable to see anything. The old man and the boy gripped the wrought iron bars of the fence tighter and tighter as they tried to get a glimpse of the Lord. At last they heard, 'One for you, one for me. That's all. Now let's go get those nuts by the fence and we'll be done.' They say the old man made it back to town a full 5 minutes ahead of the kid on the bike..

## **Lines in the Sand** by Carl E Beyer

I attended mass at a different church the other week and it got me thinking about where the line should be drawn concerning proper behavior at church. We sat behind a row of parishioners who were obviously there to baptize a baby. Not one went up for the Eucharist. Two were chewing gum the whole time. They talked continuously throughout the mass. In addition the lady in front of me kept pulling up her halter top. There are two options to go from here. The first is to tell me to take the plank out of my own eye. The second is to say that we need to draw a line in the sand for proper behavior in our Lord's House.

I pick the second option and draw a line in the sand. I do not come before you standing on a high altar of moral authority but rather as a simple man. A simple man whose mind, at times, may be influence negatively but a man who can still strive for higher standards where our Lord is concerned.

I know that right now many of you are going to quote to me: Matthew 7:1-5: *"Stop judging, that you may not be judged. For as you judge, so will you be judged, and the measure with which you measure will be measured out to you. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the splinter from your eye,' while the wooden beam is in your eye? You hypocrite, remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter from your brother's eye."* Many misinterpret this to mean not to judge others while a closer reading will clearly reveal it to mean 'not to judge others hypocritically'. There is a big difference between the two and I choose the latter while realizing that I may indeed place myself in the state of hypocrisy for the sake of this article.

The line in the sand is a difficult one when it comes to religion. Do we risk driving parishioners away from the church by setting our standards too high? Do we set our standards low enough to encompass everyone and by doing so disrespect our Lord? Or do we try to draw a line in the sand where we pay respect to our Lord while encompassing the most parishioners? Not only do I believe we need to draw a line in the sand, but we need to draw lines in the sand for different areas.

Let me first choose to not draw a line. The one line I would not draw is a line based on sin. This line must never be drawn since our Lord welcomes all sinners to his church. The biggest joy of our Lord is when the worst sinner comes to the church and turns his life over to our Lord.

So let us start drawing lines in the sand starting with proper dress at church. There are two purposes for dressing appropriately for church. The first is to show respect for the Lord; the second is so that your improper dress is not distracting to other parishioners. If you accomplish the first purpose then the second purpose will be fulfilled. There are three easy guidelines for proper dress; no shoulders; no knees; no private areas. No shoulders means no bare shoulders. Simply speaking, just wear garments with sleeves. No knees means no bare knees by wearing shorts or dresses with hemlines above the knees. No private areas covers two concerns. One is clothing that is too tight. I do not need to see your silhouette at church. Wear loose, respectful clothing. The other is that any part of your body which you would not be comfortable with your parents

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Touching should not be exposed. Bluntly speaking, I do not go to church to see cleavage. Keep that private. As a man, I would like to see all our men entering church wearing at a minimum non-jean pants and a button down shirt, but that is not a line in the sand, just a preference on my part.

The next line in the sand is punctuality. A simple rule here is to show up for church five minutes early and leave after the priest does. The entrance song is a common problem when people think the entrance song for them. No, the entrance song is the entrance procession of the Gospel, the Cross and the Priest; not you. You are supposed to be there to join in with the singing of the entrance song; which leads me to the next line.

The next line in the sand may be more of a preference than a line. All should sing to raise a joyful sound to the Lord. Notice I said joyful not beautiful. I know sometimes the music volunteers sing so beautifully that you may hesitate to join in. Do not be mistaken, the Lord wants all to sing joyfully to Him. Sing joyfully so the Lord may smile at your joy.

Another line in the sand concerns recognizing Jesus in the Eucharist. The very foundation of our Roman Catholic faith is our belief that the Eucharist is the body and blood of Jesus Christ. In our belief in the Eucharist we believe that our Lord's presence is in the tabernacle. With this recognition we genuflect to the Lord whenever our path crosses in front of the tabernacle. This is easily accomplished. When you leave the row you are seated in, genuflect to the tabernacle. If you cannot genuflect then bow. Leaving your row and turning your back to our Lord's presence without giving this recognition is highly disrespectful.

The importance of the Eucharist draws us another line in the sand. When the Eucharist is exposed in church, you are not to be sitting on your rump unless you have a medical reason. You should kneel or stand to show the proper respect. You may be asking "when is the Eucharist exposed?" So, let me clarify this. To start with, you should be kneeling when the priest is preparing the wafers for the transubstantiation. While the faithful are receiving the Eucharist you should be kneeling. After the distribution of the Eucharist and until the priest has completely cleaned the ciborium and the chalice you should be kneeling. A simple rule here is that after the distribution you should be kneeling until the priest is seated.

The next line in the sand is a matter of respect for God's House. During Mass, no conversations should occur. I believe that we, at St. John Vianney, do show this respect quite well. There is nothing in our lives so pressing that is has to be discussed during Mass. Wait for Mass to end, and if you forget what you wanted to say by then, maybe it was not so important. As parents, this is the time to show a good example to our kids. If your kids speak to you, be sure to remind them that they are in church and talking is not allowed.

The bulletin is the last line in the sand. All parishioners should be required to read the bulletin and then be tested on it. OK, just kidding on this one, but you know I have a leaning about reading the bulletin. I do so appreciate all those who read the bulletin faithfully, and thank you all for the many compliments.

Go forth and try not to cross those lines in the sand. God Bless you all.

A clean desk is a sign of a cluttered drawer.

	Sacristans	Ushers	EM of Holy Communion	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors
Sat Jun 27th 4:00PM	Donna Madrid	Ed Uhrich Phillip Griego Juan Serna	Jeremy McClellan	Bill McCarty	Victoria Perez Drew Garcia Emilio Crespín	Rosie Root April McClellan
Sun Jun 28th 8:00AM	Julie Burnside	Jim Cutler James E Dory John Christensen Tom Anderson	Pinky Bjornstad	Jose Guillen	Sergio Guillen Charles Lucero Peter Lucero	Annette Montoya Racquel Torres
Sun Jun 28th 10:00AM	Geri Hoover	Nick Coca III Brian Padilla Gary Vigil Ariana Eck	Loretta Tafuro Carrie Jenkins John Lombardo	Rochelle Quinones	John Reynolds Jordan Juarez Jen Reynolds Karla Del Cid	Michael Tafuro Connie Dudon
Sat Jul 4th 4:00PM	David Crawford	Carl Beyer Juan Serna	Laurie Storms	Pam McCarty	Josh Storms Delaney Kast Drew Garcia	Bill McCarty Pam McCarty
Sun Jul 5th 8:00AM	Margaret Chavez	Bill Deneen David Schutten James E Dory Karl Lucero	April Karen McClellan	Sheila Howard	Albert Ibarra Sergio Guillen	Jose Guillen Geneva Torres
Sun Jul 5th 10:00AM	Donna Madrid	Frank Charles Aaron Quinones Ariana Eck Frank Charles	Pinky Bjornstad James Sandoval John Lombardo	Peggy Riley	Kevin Savela Krista Savela Rocky Peyton Karla Del Cid	Lillian Ortiz Connie Dudon

### ***Prayer Corner***

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

- ◆ For Healing and Peace for Nickolas (4 years old - broken femur) and his family. (6/28)
- ◆ For the soul of Idela C. Romero (June 8, 2009) mother and for the soul of Manuel A. Romero Jr. (April 11, 2009) son. (6/21)
- ◆ For Healing and Peace for Bill Rounds, and for his wife, Vickie (6/14)
- ◆ Prayers for the soul of Richard Fusco on the first anniversary of his passing on June 28th. (5/31)
- ◆ For Fr. Whorton on his deployment, and especially for his family, and for all those families in our community affected by this deployment, that they all remain under God's loving care. (Till he returns)
- ◆ 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

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Betsy Karner	Medical, legal transcription, secretarial. My office or yours. Pick up and deliver. (5/20)	892-1243	danielkarner@aol.com

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

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