

February 21, 2010

First Sunday of Lent

Saint John Vianney

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Friends in Christ Jesus,

Lent has commenced!

Remember that the stations of the cross will be prayed each Friday evening at 6. I was told there is some confusion concerning the time for stations. I assure you that the stations will be begin at 6 PM, each Friday evening during Lent. Along with the stations, we will adore the Blessed Sacrament, and we will have benediction with the Blessed Sacrament. Remember too that confessions are heard each Saturday afternoon beginning at 3. Please make plans to receive the Sacrament of Penance this Lent.

Have a most blessed Lent.

Fr. Scott Mansfield

- Holy Rosary**
20 Minutes before each mass
- Holy Masses**
Saturday4:00PM
Sunday8:00AM
Sunday..... 10:00AM
- Sacrament of Confession**
Saturday 3:00-3:45PM

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| Upcoming Events | |
| Food Collection for St. Felix Pantry | 1st Sunday of every month |
| Stations of the Cross | Starting February 19th, Fridays at 6PM |



Congratulations to all the children who made their First Confession on Saturday February 20th.

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Breakfast on Sunday, February 28th after the 7:00 AM and 9:00 AM masses. The delicious breakfast will be served in St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Father D'Arco Hall. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon or sausage, juice, coffee and other goodies, COST ONLY \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Please join us.

Beer Joint Sues A Church...!!

In a small town a bar began construction on a new building to increase their business.... The local church started a campaign to block the bar from opening with petitions and prayers. Work progressed right up till the week before opening when lightning struck the bar and it burned to the ground.

The church folks were rather smug in their outlook after that, until the bar owner sued the church on the grounds that the church was ultimately responsible for the demise of his building, either through direct or indirect actions or means.

The church vehemently denied all responsibility or any connection to the building's demise in its reply to the court.

As the case made its way into court, the judge looked over the paperwork...

At the hearing he commented, 'I don't know how I'm going to decide this, but as it appears from the paperwork, we have a bar owner who believes in the power of prayer, and an entire church congregation that does not.

We utilize an eMail notification for our volunteers at St. John Vianney. We are missing the eMails for the following volunteers: Judith Conner, Connie Dudon, Drew Garcia, Ana Marie Hartenhoff, Shane Herrera, Frances Perko, Evelyn Romero and Geneva Torres. If this is you or you know their eMail address can you please send it to bulletin@sjvnm.org. Thank you. for your assistance.

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Birthright of Rio Rancho has postpone their Annual Hearts Afire to a later date

Birthright is celebrating life with their 5th annual Hearts Afire for Life Spaghetti Dinner, Dance & Silent Auction on Saturday, February 20th from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at St. Thomas Aquinas DeArco Hall in Rio Rancho. The ticket price is \$5 for children under 12, \$10 for anyone over 12, or \$50 a family. Tickets are on sale NOW. Get yours today! Hearts Afire for Life is our main fundraiser that celebrates life and raises money to provide the free services of pregnancy testing, material assistance, education, prevention and client counseling. Bring a baby item to the event and receive a chance in our Baby Benefit drawing. Tickets are available at Birthright of Rio Rancho, 2704 Southern Blvd Ste 7 or Holy Family Religious Supplies, 9421 Coors Blvd NW, ABQ. For more information call Debbie at 331-3132 or stop by.

7 STEPS TO FINANCIAL FREEDOM CLASS SCHEDULE FOR SPRING 2010
March 4, 2010 Orientation Class
All classes will be held from Thursday 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.
For more information, call St Thomas Aquinas Parish Office
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In today’s first reading, it says, “Therefore, I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O LORD, have given me” (Dt. 26:10). Learning to give from your first and best is a key to being a steward of Providence. Doing so will rearrange your priorities for the better.

Observations on Growing Older

You read 100 pages into a book before you realize you've read it.

We need light duty volunteers to help on Friday at 10am.
 Please contact Loretta or give an Usher your name and number.



Rosary Leaders Wanted for the Saturday 4PM Mass. If interested please contact Ed Uhrich or give an Usher your name and phone number. Thank You.



Mathew 7:1-6 **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 that 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.**

Notice that Jesus says “REMOVE THE SPLINTER FROM YOUR BROTHER’S EYE”

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Bravo to the parents that keep their kids in their seats, the rest of you need to work on that. First, start by cutting out the movie ticket out on the left and give it to your kids before mass. If you send your kids to the movies they can sit there for an hour and a half with no “potty” breaks. Kids DO NOT need to leave their seats except for rare emergencies. Stop their bad habit and disruptions during church. Stop your kids making their regularly scheduled mass break. You are the parents. You need to step up and stop the disruptions. Thank you for promoting the proper respect of the Mass.

Rambling II by Carl E Beyer

The Pot Luck this past Saturday after the 4:00PM Mass was a great success. There were about fifty people at the pot luck. For our first run at a Saturday Pot Luck I would say it hints at more great one to come. I would like to see a BBQ Pot Lucks when the weather warms up a bit. Feel free to mention to Father Mansfield that you are looking forward to a Pot Luck BBQ later in the spring.

Our Ash Wednesday Mass had people standing so we had around 500 parishioners attending. Next year we will probably have two Ash Wednesday Masses to better accommodate our parishioners. I had the honor of applying ashes to foreheads which I was very privilege to do. It helps that I do the scheduling for Eucharist Ministers and therefore have an in for choosing when I serve. As an Eucharistic Minister we do not get to interact with the children so putting the ashes on the kids forehead was a real pleasure. This is the one time of the year where our mortality is really driven home. As friend of mine said when he gave ashes he could not help but think of saying "You Gonna Die, You Gonna Die". A little crude but true. What we do say is something along the lines of "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

But we before die let us live!! God Bless you All. Go forth and enjoy this great gift of life that God has given you.

HOW TO STAY YOUNG

- ◆ Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight and height. Let the doctors worry about them. That is why you pay 'them'.
- ◆ Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever. Never let the brain idle. 'An idle mind is the devil's workshop.' And the devil's name is Alzheimer's.
- ◆ Enjoy the simple things.
- ◆ Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath.
- ◆ The tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person, who is with us our entire life, is ourselves. Be ALIVE while you are alive.
- ◆ Surround yourself with what you love , whether it is family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge.
- ◆ Cherish your health: If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.
- ◆ Do not take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, even to the next county; to a foreign country but NOT to where the guilt is.
- ◆ Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity.

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER :

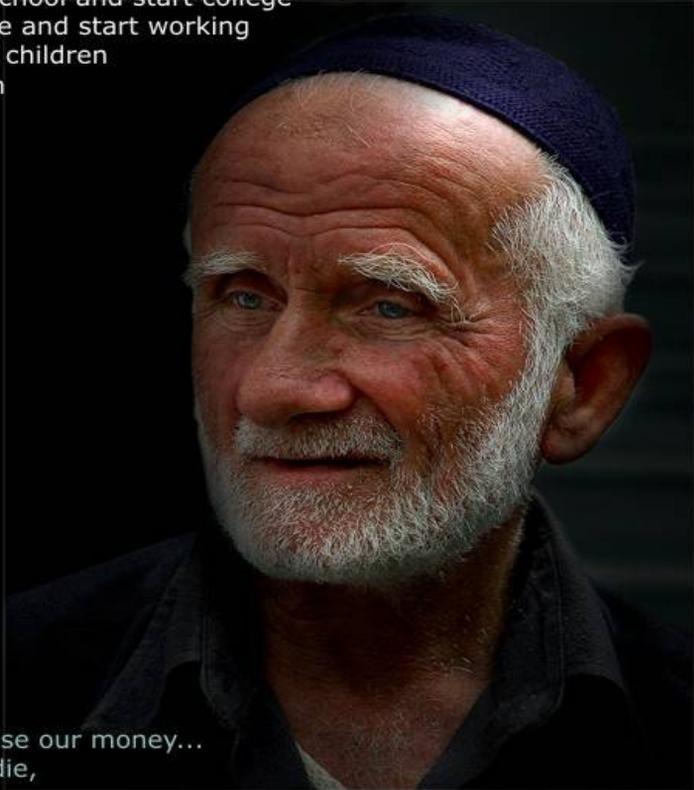
Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

First, i was dying to finish my high school and start college
And then i was dying to finish college and start working
Then i was dying to marry and have children
And then i was dying for my children
to grow old enough
so i could go back to work
But then i was dying to retire
And now i am dying...
And suddenly i realized
i forgot to live

Please don't let this happen to you
Appreciate your current situation
and enjoy each day

....old friend

To make money we lose our health,
and then to restore our health we lose our money...
We live as if we are never going to die,
and we die as if we never lived....



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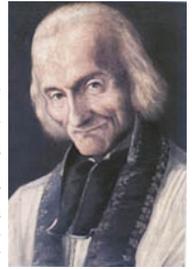


If you think Gioconda is amazing,
you should see my master piece...
in the mirror.

God

Catechism on Salvation by Saint John Vianney

There are many Christians who do not even know why they are in the world. "Oh my God, why hast Thou sent me into the world?" "To save your soul. " "And why dost Thou wish me to be saved?" "Because I love you. " The good God has created us and sent us into the world because He loves us; He wishes to save us because He loves us. . . . To be saved, we must know, love and serve God. Oh, what a beautiful life! How good, how great a thing it is to know, to love and serve God! We have nothing else to do in this world. All that we do besides is lost time. We must act only for God, and put our works into His hands. . . . We should say, on awaking, "I desire to do everything today for Thee, O my God! I will submit to all that Thou shalt send me, as coming from Thee. I offer myself as a sacrifice to Thee But, O God, I can do nothing without Thee. Do Thou help me!"



Oh, how bitterly shall we regret at the hour of death the time we have given to pleasures, to useless conversations, to repose, instead of having employed it in mortification, in prayer, in good works, in thinking of our poor misery, in weeping over our poor sins; then we shall see that we have done nothing for Heaven. Oh, my children, how sad it is! Three-quarters of those who are Christians labor for nothing but to satisfy this body, which will soon be buried and corrupted, while they do not give a thought to their poor soul, which must be happy or miserable for all eternity. They have neither sense nor reason: it makes one tremble.

Look at that man, who is so active and restless, who makes a noise in the world, who wants to govern everybody, who thinks himself of consequence, who seems as if he would like to say to the sun, "Go away, and let me enlighten the world instead of you. " Some day this proud man will be reduced at the utmost to a little handful of dust, which will be swept away from river to river, from Saone to Saone, and at last into the sea.

See my children, I often think that we are like those little heaps of sand that the wind raises on the road, which whirl round for a moment, and are scattered directly. . . . We have brothers and sisters who are dead. Well, they are reduced to that little handful of dust of which I was speaking. Worldly people say, it is too difficult to save one's soul. Yet nothing is easier. To observe the Commandments of God and the Church, and to avoid the seven capital sins; or if you like to put it so, to do good and avoid evil: that is all. Good Christians, who labor to save their souls and to work out their salvation, are always happy and contented; they enjoy beforehand the happiness of Heaven: they will be happy for all eternity. While bad Christians, who lose their souls, are always to be pitied; they murmur, they are sad, they are as miserable as stones; and they will be so for all eternity. See what a difference!

This is a good rule of conduct, to do nothing but what we can offer to the good God. Now, we cannot offer to Him slanders, calumnies, injustice, anger, blasphemy, impurity, theatres, dancing; yet that is all that people do in the world. Speaking of dances, Saint Francis of Sales used to say that "they were like mushrooms, the best were good for nothing. " Mothers are apt to say indeed, "Oh, I watch over my daughters. " They watch over their attire, but they cannot watch over their hearts. Those who have dances in their houses load themselves with a terrible responsibility before God; they are answerable for all the evil that is done--for the bad thoughts, the slanders, the jealousies, the hatred, the revenge. . . . Ah, if they well understood this responsibility they would never have any dances. Just like those who make bad pictures and statues, or write bad books, they will have to answer for all the harm that these things will do during all the time they last. . . . Oh that makes one tremble!

See, my children, we must reflect that we have a soul to save, and an eternity that awaits us. The world, its riches, pleasures, and honours will pass away. Let us take care, then. The saints did not all begin well; but they all ended well. We have begun badly; let us end well, and we shall go one day and meet them in Heaven.

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| Sun Feb 21st 10:00AM | Margaret Chavez | Tony Quinones Aaron Quinones Brian Padilla Nick Coca III | Margaret Chavez John Lombardo Loretta Tafuro | Rebecca Eck | Josh Kast Delaney Kast Delicia Garcia Jacob Valdez | Pinky Bjornstad Peggy Riley |
| Sat Feb 27th 4:00PM | David Crawford | Bill Deneen Ed Uhrich Eddie Crespin | Esther Wilcox | J.D. Strickland | Krista Savela Josh Storms Emilio Crespin | Vicky Howell Rosie Root |
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Prayer Corner

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

- ◆ Please pray for Marie Montoya health. (2/14)
- ◆ For healing and a great recovery for Sharon Thompson after surgery, and for her husband, Bob. (1/17)
- ◆ For Nick Lombardo health and peace to his family with his illness. (1/10)
- ◆ For Fr. Whorton on his deployment, and his family, 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.
- ◆ All our brave men and women of the world keeping their country free.
- ◆ For the lonely that they find comfort in the heart of Our Blessed Mother Mary as she too suffered the loneliness of Christ's death.

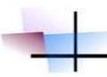
Prayers are kept on the list for a month then need to be resubmitted.

Thank you for your prayers.

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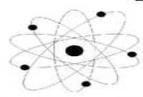
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