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# Fatima Mirror

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## The Statue

When the matriarch of the Kasun family, Frances (Tsamoutales), died her obituary had stipulated that in lieu of flowers, monetary contributions should be given to Our Lady of Fatima Parish. On those occasions when a significant sum is accumulated in this fashion, and because it is unanticipated and undesigned income, Father Z. consults with the family to determine a fitting and appropriate memorial action to be taken or item to be purchased.

In consultation, Father and Kasun family members rationalized that since:

- Frances had a great appreciation for the Priesthood and love of priests;
- The Pope designated this year as the year of the Priest under the patronage of Jean Baptiste Marie Vianney;
- When the Pope designated last year as the year of St. Paul, the parish already had a beautiful statue of him.
- The only image of the Curé of Ars the parish had was the desk top miniature displayed on the Oils' case;

it would be appropriate and fitting to acquire the statue which for this year stands in the Sanctuary. The excess monies will go toward the repairs being done to the front window. **The blessing of the statue will take place during the 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday, August 30, 2009.**

The plate will read

With Prayers For All Past, Present, And Future Diocesan Priests  
And  
In Loving Memory Of Frances D. Kasun  
6-1-28 † 4-28-09

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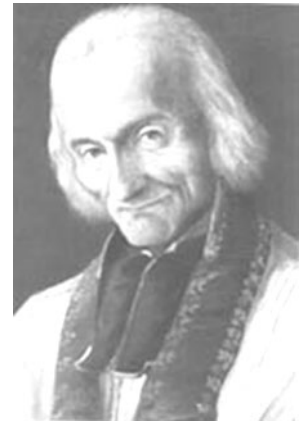


# On Avarice

by **Saint John Vianney**

Avarice is an inordinate love of the goods of this world.

Yes, my children, it is an ill-regulated love, a fatal love, which makes us forget the good God, prayer, the Sacraments, that we may love the goods of this world--gold and silver and lands. The avaricious man is like a pig, which seeks its food in the mud, without caring where it comes from. Stooping towards the earth, he thinks of nothing but the earth; he no longer looks towards Heaven, his happiness is no longer there. The avaricious man does no good till after his death. See, how greedily he gathers up wealth, how anxiously he keeps it, how afflicted he is if he loses it. In the midst of riches, he does not enjoy them; he is, as it were, plunged in a river, and is dying of thirst; lying on a heap of corn, he is dying of hunger; he has everything, my children, and dares not touch anything; his gold is a sacred thing to him, he makes it his divinity, he adores it. . . .



O my children! how many there are in these days who are idolators! how many there are who think more of making a fortune than of serving the good God! They steal, they defraud, they go to law with their neighbour; they do not even respect the laws of God. They work on Sundays and holy-days: nothing comes amiss to their greedy and rapacious hands. Good Christians, my children, do not think of their body, which must end in corruption; they think only of their soul, which is immortal. While they are on the earth, they occupy themselves with their soul alone. So you see how assiduous they are at the Offices of the Church, with what fervour they pray before the good God, how they sanctify the Sunday, how recollected they are at holy Mass, how happy they are! The days, the months, the years are nothing to them; they pass them in loving the good God, with their eyes fixed on their eternity.

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**MONEY MATTERS****21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (August 23)**

252 People Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$1,511.85 of which \$ 180.00 accounted for "loose."

# Envelopes In Circulation    234                      # Used                      95                      # Unused                      139

8/19/09 Hoagie Sale Profit = \$875.32

**"And who is my neighbor?"** (Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan ending with...) 36 "Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" 37 He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, **"Go and do likewise."**

Seeing us so indifferent to our salvation, and so occupied in gathering up a little mud, would not anyone say that we were never to die? Indeed, my children, we are like people who, during the summer, should make an ample provision of gourds, of melons, for a long journey; after the winter, what would remain of it? Nothing. In the same way, my children, what remains to the avaricious man of all his wealth when death comes upon him unawares? A poor covering, a few planks, and the despair of not being able to carry his gold away with him. Misers generally die in this sort of despair, and pay eternally to the devil for their insatiable thirst for riches. Misers, my children are sometimes punished even in this world.

Once Saint Hilarion, followed by a great number of his disciples, going to visit the monasteries under his rule, came to the abode of an avaricious solitary. On their approach, they found watchers in all parts of the vineyard, who threw stones and clods of earth at them to prevent their touching the grapes. This miser was well punished, for he gathered that year much fewer grapes than usual, and his wine turned into vinegar. Another solitary, named Sabbas, begged him, on the contrary, to come into his vineyard, and eat the fruit. Saint Hilarion blessed it, and sent in to it his religious, to the number of three thousand, who all satisfied their hunger; and twenty days after, the vineyard yielded three hundred measures of wine, instead of the usual quantity of ten. Let us follow the example of Sabbas, and be disinterested; the good God will bless us, and after having blessed us in this world, He will also reward us in the other.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR August 31st - September 6th, 2009**

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| <b>Monday</b>    | 8/31 | 08:00 AM | Liv/Dec of Our Lady of Fatima Parish               | <i>Weekday</i>                            |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 9/01 | 08:00 AM | Special Intention, Shirley Smithmyer               | <i>Weekday</i>                            |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 9/02 | 08:00 AM | Rita Raichle, Tom & Patty Foor                     | <i>Weekday</i>                            |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 9/03 | 08:00 AM | Don Shuma, M/M Paul Cassarly                       | <i>Gregory the Great, pope &amp; doc.</i> |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 9/04 | 08:00 AM | Ray McCall, B-day Anv; Wife Theresa                | <i>Weekday</i>                            |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 9/05 | 04:30 PM | Uncle Fred Weakland, Marguerite Weakland-Frederick | <i>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>       |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 9/06 | 09:00 AM | Dec of Moses & Smithmyer Families, Moses Fam.      | <i>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>       |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 9/06 | 11:00 AM | Bill Stitt, Wife Mim and Family                    | <i>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>       |

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