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JANUARY 14, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Welcome!

Mass Schedule **January 15 - 21**

Weekday Mass in the Chapel

Monday - No Mass Wednesday - 8:15 AM Thursday - 6:45 Friday - 8:15 AM **Communion Service**

Tuesday - 6:45 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM Noon and 5:00 PM

Reconciliation In the Chapel

Saturday 2:45 - 3:30 PM



In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day the parish office will be closed Monday, January 15th.



A Pastoral Reflection on *Fiducia Supplicans* for the Priests, Deacons, and Faithful of the Archdiocese of Las Vegas by Archbishop George Leo Thomas, Ph.D. December 24, 2023

Our Holy Father Pope Francis has long shown his pastoral concern for the salvation of souls and his closeness to people in every situation, including those who are struggling spiritually, or alienated from the Church.

His writings, instructions, homilies, and indeed his very life, demonstrate his desire to minister to all people, especially those who are most in need of God's mercy and grace.

The recent Declaration prepared by the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, *Fiducia Supplicans*, reflects the Holy Father's solicitude toward all persons, including those in irregular marital situations and same sex couples. The document does so without validating their martial status or changing in any way the Church's perennial teaching on marriage or on sexual morality.

This Declaration broadens and enriches the meaning of blessings, acknowledging that "when one asks for a blessing, one is expressing a petition for God's assistance, a plea to live better, and confidence in a Father who can help us live better." (21)

The Declaration is predicated upon the conviction that "when one becomes aware of the Lord's gifts and His unconditional love, even in sinful situations - particularly when a prayer finds a hearing - the believer's heart lifts its praise to God and blesses him." (29)

Therefore, no one should be precluded from this kind of blessing.

The Holy Father is proposing what Cardinal Nguyen Van Thuan discovered from the isolation of his prison cell as he watched his captors respond to God's transforming love. In the words of Cardinal Van Thuan, "the love of God is irresistible."

The Pope's in vivo ministerial style consistently demonstrates his preference for invitation over invective, accompaniment above abandonment, and persuasion over polemic.

He is telling those in relationships that are incompatible with the Gospel or contrary to the hallowed teachings of the Church to come to Christ and to experience a greater joy than they have ever known.

Contrary to the opinions of certain critics of *Fiducia Supplicans*, the document clearly underscores the Church's deeply held conviction that, "... [the Church] does not have the power to confer a liturgical blessing when that would somehow offer a form of moral legitimacy to a union presumed to be a marriage or to be an extra-marital sexual practice." (11)

Rather, the non-ritualized blessing envisioned in the document endeavors to open new pathways of grace to all people, stir hunger for the divine in their hearts, and plant the seeds of salvation deep within their souls.

Like the Bernini Columns in St. Peter's Square, the Holy Father is positioning the Church to open wide her arms in a maternal embrace, never turning away her sons and daughters from the hope of eternal salvation.

The Holy Father has taken to heart the admonition of the saintly Pope John XXIII spoken at the outset of the Second Vatican Council. Pope John XXIII wrote that the Church "should be a loving Mother for all, benign, patient, forgiving, and full of mercy towards children separated from Her." (continued on p. 3)

In this way, "not only by charity, example, and works of penance, but also by prayer does the ecclesial community exercise a true maternal function in bringing souls to Christ." (42)

The Church is the sacrament of God's infinitive love. Therefore, the document insists that "Even when a person's relationship with God is clouded by sin, he can always ask for a blessing, stretching out his hands to God as Peter did in the storm when he cried out to Jesus, 'Lord, save me!'" (43)

This is why Pope Francis consistently urges pastors of souls "not to lose pastoral charity ... and avoid being judges who only deny, reject, and exclude." In a word, "Those seeking a blessing should not be required to have moral perfection." (25)

Cardinal Victor Manuel Fernandez, Prefect of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, has stated that *Fiducia Supplicans* appeals to the prudent and fatherly discernment of ordained minister to impart these informal blessings when requested by the faithful, and when confusion or scandal would not be caused.

In the Archdiocese of Las Vegas, I ask you, priests and deacons, to utilize sound judgment and to exercise pastoral solicitude toward our people, dispensing the medicine of mercy generously, and following the dictates of your informed conscience when approached by those in irregular marital situations seeking the blessings of the Church. In doing so, you have my trust and confidence.

May the blessings of this Holy Season be yours in abundance.

Most Reverend George Leo Thomas, Ph.D. Archbishop of Las Vegas



New Mother Items Drive

The Catholic Daughters are sponsoring a drive to assist clients served by Living Grace.

Please bring items from the list below to Mass now through January 28th.

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Deodorant
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Saturday, February 3rd - 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM &

Sunday, February 4th - 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM In the Parish Center

Registration for this year's two day rummage sale is open! Did you make a New Year's resolution to declutter your home? This is the perfect way to make that resolution a reality. Clear out your garage and closets and sell your "treasurers" at this annual event which benefits our parish. The cost of a table is \$80 for both days. Have a lot of items? A second table is only \$40! Limited space is available so call the office today at 702.733.8323 and leave your message for the coordinator.

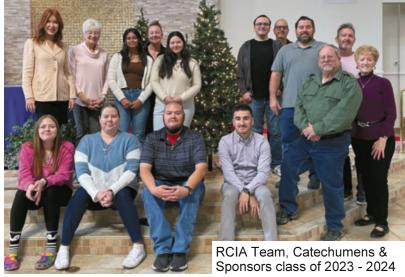
PARISH NEWS











Did you ever wonder who assembled all the trees used throughout the church during our **Christmas Masses?** The answer is RCIA! Not only did they put up the trees - they also took them down. Next time you see an RCIA member - extend a huge Thank YOU!



Katie on the ladder

A visitor found our parish so welcoming on her first visit (Katie, from Ohio) she asked to join the fun of putting up trees before flying home.

Meet St. Viator Parish School Foundation Dinner Honorees Judyann Price and Michael Boccadoro

Saint Thomas Aquinas stated that "The greater the friendship, the more solid and long lasting the marriage will be." A fortunate stroke of serendipity that rings true for this Bronx boy and Jersey girl. Michael and Judyann came from the East Coast, at different times, with a chance meet at the opening of the Mirage Hotel and Casino. Both with lengthy gaming backgrounds, they were drawn together by their strong Catholic faith and belief in service to others. Within months of opening Judyann and Michael spearheaded a large Christmas giving for the Shade tree shelter. From there they continued their quest together to live by their Catholic faith best quoted by Pope John Paul II, "Let us remember the past with gratitude, live the present with enthusiasm, and look forward to the future with confidence."

Judyann was born in Atlantic City, NJ. She attended Catholic school and spent her childhood on retreats with the Salesian sisters. Her aspiration to be a nun was hindered when she chose to work in the gaming industry. She spent her free time acting and modeling in New York City and while living briefly in Japan. Visiting Las Vegas in 1987, Judyann attended her first Mass at St Viator. In 1989 she moved to Las Vegas to open the Mirage Hotel and Casino, while continuing her acting and modeling on the side. Judyann was chosen by the LVCVA as an International Showgirl traveling the world, speaking to people about the exciting town she proudly would call home - Las Vegas. In 1993 Judyann opened the MGM Casino as a Baccarat Manager and was chosen to represent MGM with United Way. This led to one of the most successful campaigns within a gaming establishment. As a corporate and motivational speaker she's most comfortable on stage empowering audiences all over the world. Judyann is also an experienced wedding officiant. As an ordained minister she has worked over a decade in the industry providing an exceptional experience, crafted uniquely - one loving couple at a time. She loves volunteering at Catholic Charities where she is known for her energy and dance moves. Her philanthropic emcee credits include, SVS Foundation Dinner and Auction, SV Woman's Guild Fashion Events, Living Grace Home, Southern Nevada Dress for Success, the LV Philharmonic, The Chapeau Society and various other charitable events. She has volunteered as an on-air host for Vegas PBS for over 25 years. Judyann is a 2006 Graduate of UNLV with a BA in communication and in 2017 received her Sommelier Certification.

As a HAPPY Catholic, Judyann served as president of the Parish Council and now holds the title of emeritus while continuing to volunteer: sponsoring candidates in the RCIA program and teaching several classes, working the Haunted House with the infamous Scream Team at the SVS Halloween Carnival, bartending at Taste of St Viator and Assistant biscuit distributor for Fr. Rinn during Blessing of the Pets. Judyann always insists on bringing "FUN" to the task. As a Welcome Back Welcome Home volunteer her love to recruit new happy parishioners is her greatest joy besides being married to her best friend, Michael.

Michael was born in the Bronx, NY to a second generation Italian family. He grew up in Yonkers, NY attended Mt. Carmel St. Anthony Catholic School and graduated Yonkers High School. Growing up Michael was immediately engaged in charitable fundraising events. Most memorable was his time spent playing on the Gene Krupa All Stars softball team. In 1977 Michael moved to Las Vegas to join his uncle in the gaming industry. Fortunate to enjoy the casino industry and that "Rat Pack" feel he broke in at the El Cortez, continuing on to the Aladdin, Golden Nugget, Mirage and Hard Rock Hotel. As an avid motorcycle rider and classic car owner, he was involved in numerous charity events which continues on today. These events included MDA, Metropolitan Police Department, Toys for Tots, Childhood Cancer Foundation and many more. A true New York Yankee fan to the dismay of Fr. Rinn they still manage to maintain a very strong friendship.

Coming from a strong Catholic family upbringing Michael religiously attends Mass at St Viator. One to never turn down those in need he prides himself in service to others especially when you own a pick up truck. His joy is volunteering at the many functions at St Viator. A resident bartender at the Taste of St Viator he can also be found in the kitchen happily washing dishes. Michael is a sponsor of the RCIA program and a greeter at church. He loves time spent volunteering at Catholic Charities and prefers to maintain a low profile while continuing to be available to others. Service to others is his greatest joy besides being married to his best friend, Judyann.

In 1993, Judyann and Michael were married in Rome Italy and Blessed by the Pope. Fr Rinn gave them their pre-cana and was instrumental in their Papal Blessing. Their friendship has flourished throughout the years leading up to the most recent pilgrimage to Italy where everything came full circle.

Judyann and Michael continue to enjoy being part of St. Viator Catholic Community. Special thank you to Fr. Rinn and SVS Foundation for this honor with blessings to the other honorees and their families.

"We are extremely grateful and humbled to receive this honor. There are many people who spend their lives in this way...when you forget yourself and think of others, this is love!"

Reflections on People of Faith and Courage

On Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend, our Drama Ministry traditionally presents a skit telling the story of a person of faith and courage. Here are words of inspiration from the skit from many who fill this description.



Rosa Parks is known as the mother of the Civil Rights movement in the United States. She was 42 when she sat down for freedom. For the rest of her life, she continued to put her faith in action, working on civil rights, prisoner support, and against the war in Vietnam. She said: "I learned to put my trust in God and to see Him as my strength. . . There is work to do; that is why I cannot stop or sit still. As long as a child needs help, as long as people are not free, there will be work to do. As long as an elderly person is attacked or in need of support, there is work to do. As long as we have bigotry and crime, we have work to do. We have come so far since the days of segregation, but there is always something to do to make things better. I would like to see us put the past behind us and live in peace and harmony. We must all work toward being free."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a young Lutheran minister in Germany. When Adolf Hitler was gaining power, Bonhoeffer warned against the danger he posed, "If one falls into the Fuhrer principle – of looking to the leader to solve all the problems — that leader can become an idol and dangerous to the people." When all German ministers were forced to swear an oath of obedience to Hitler, Dietrich joined the resistance. He was eventually hanged for his work to stop Hitler. He said, "Being a Christian is less about cautiously avoiding sin than about courageously and actively doing God's will. Silence in the face of evil is itself evil: God will not hold us guiltless."





Over 50 years before Rosa Parks or Martin Luther King, Jr., one woman was working for the rights of people of all color. Her name was **Katharine Drexel**. Katharine came from a rich family who believed in helping others. She gave up her wealth to follow God and became a nun. She used the money to help Native Americans, even when she was attacked by others prejudiced against people of color. She created 145 missions and 12 schools for Native Americans, as well as 50 schools for African Americans -- including Xavier University, the first Catholic college for African-Americans. She became a saint in the year 2000. She said, "My advice to you is follow your heart. If God puts a desire in your heart, he will bless it. . . . The extent of our love for another is measured, not so much by words of affection spoken, as by acts of kindness which a loving heart prompts."

Father Mychal Judge was a Franciscan priest, known throughout New York City for ministering to firefighters, the homeless, and AIDS victims. Fr. Judge was one of the first to arrive at the World Trade Center on 9/11 and is believed to be the only priest who entered the Twin Towers that day. He was a reassuring presence to emergency workers, praying and administering last rites. Fr. Judge died when the South Tower collapsed. The day before 9/11, Fr. Judge gave a homily which summed up his beliefs. "Good days – and bad days. Up days – down days. Sad days – happy days. You do what God has called you to do. You show up. You put one foot in front of another. No matter how big the call. No matter how small. You have no idea what God is calling you to. But he needs you. He needs me. He needs all of us."





Finally, **Martin Luther King, Jr.** followed in his father's career steps and was a minister. His teachings on equality for all were based on scripture. Rev. King said, "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. . Love is the best power in the world. Jesus is the best example of the power of love. . . God won't do everything for us. We can't do everything by ourselves – We must work with God to make things happen."



Tom Edwards, 10/1 Cesar Graciano, Salvador Gonzales

10/8 Dorothy Fink, Dean Policriti

Madison Bowe, Ginny Edwards,

10/15 Loy Prado, Valerie Salerno, R. Timbal

10/22 Rosie Graziano, Marion Waterman

> Ewa Mackowiak, Josephine Marasgis,

10/29 Carlino Mendoza, Remedios Mendoza, Christopher Zanghi

Joan De Angelis, 11/12 Thelma Rosales, Don Shephard Sharon Wendelin

12/10 Irene Gallegos

Joan Skaggs

12/24 Medel Family The Holy Land

12/31 The Meier Family



Samuel DiBlasi Annette Fazio Joseph Zappia

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On behalf of Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada, please accept my gratitude to the parishioners of St. Viator Catholic Community for the donation of 48 Christmas gift bags, and 21 gift cards totaling \$995.00 for the children served by our MRS (Migration and Refugee Services) program.

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their lives in the United States. Your donation of Christmas toys brings holiday joy for their children while we focus on the other ways we can provide help and hope to our brothers and sisters in need.

We are grateful for the longstanding support St. Viator Catholic Community has provided. We are honored to have the parish engage with our mission through parish collections such as this, monthly volunteer service, and the annual Faces of Hunger Lenten Campaign. Thank you for continuing to extend compassion to Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada and our clients.

Fraternally,

Deacon Thomas A. Roberts
President and Chief Executive Officer
Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada

Dear Parishioners.

Thank you for the many Christmas cards, good wishes and gifts. We are very grateful for your thoughtfulness and kindness.

Know you are in our prayers.

God's blessings to you!

Fr. Richard Rinn, C.S.V. Fr. Lawrence Lentz, C.S.V. Fr. Tom von Behren, C.S.V. Fr. Bill Haesaert, C.S.V. Deacon Mike Underwood



Prayer List Procedure - Individuals will remain on the prayer list for three months (date is when added or readded to the Prayer List). Please call the office if an individual is in continued need of prayers.

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8:00 AM Fr. Rinn Teofila Vergel Dios

10:00 AM Fr. Egan Lourdes Visdon Malig

12:00 PM Fr. Rinn Bill Russell

5:00 PM Fr. Rinn For the People

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

No Mass

TUESDAY. JANUARY 16

6:45 AM Communion Service

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

8:15 AM Fr. Rinn Dennis Gibney

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

6:45 AM Fr. Rinn Florencia Pasion

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

8:15 AM Fr. Rinn Robert J. Mazurkewiz, Jr.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

4:00 PM Fr. Rinn Prasad Tatapudi

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

8:00 AM Fr. Egan Jovito & Bloomy Favila

10:00 AM Fr. von Behren Maria Cleotilde Flores

12:00 PM Fr. Rinn William Russell

5:00 PM Fr. Egan Pete Escalona, Jr.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 Psalms 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a) 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20 John 1:35-42

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

1 Samuel 15:16-23 Psalms 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 Mark 2:18-22

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalms 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 Mark 2:23-28

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Psalms 144:1b, 2, 9-10 Mark 3:1-6

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7 Psalms 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13 Mark 3:7-12

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

1 Samuel 24:3-21 Psalms 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11 Mark 3:13-19

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Psalms 80:2-3, 5-7 Mark 3:20-21

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a) 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20

A Viatorian Prayer for Companions of Discerners

God of life,
Thank you for the opportunity
To walk with this person in my life.
May our relationship
Be a grace-filled source
Of love, support, and clarity
As they more fully and deeply
Discern Your invitation for them.

We know Your call usually comes
Through individuals and communities.
May you bless me to help
This loved one discern Your invitation.
Help me trust in Your Providence
And strive to accompany well. Amen.

Veneable Louis Querbes, inspire us! Saint Viator, pray for us! Adored and loved be Jesus!



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