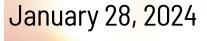






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# Welcome!

**Mass Schedule** January 29 - February 4

### **Weekday Mass** in the Chapel

Monday - No Mass Tuesday - 6:45 AM Wednesday - 8:15 AM Thursday - 6:45 Friday - 8:15 AM

### **Weekend Masses**

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM





January 2024

Good Morning St. Viator Parishioners,

This week in America is Catholic Schools Week! This is an annual celebration of Catholic education across the United States. The NCEA theme for this year's Catholic Schools Week is: Unity in Faith and Community. St. Viator is beginning its annual celebration of our parish with today's Mass followed by days dedicated to celebrating our community, celebrating our students, celebrating our nation, celebrating vocations and celebrating our faculty, staff, and volunteers. Students will enjoy our grandparents visiting classrooms, ice cream, spirit days, a student/staff volleyball game, a Bible Bowl competition, a prayer service, and an All-Catholic Schools Mass for 8<sup>th</sup> graders in the Archdiocese of Las Vegas. Through these events, our school shares the values that Catholic education provides young people and its contribution to our church, our communities and our nation.

As the principal of St. Viator Parish School, I warmly invite our parish community to schedule a tour if your family is looking for a Catholic school! Catholic education is a longstanding tradition and a proud cornerstone in American history. We are committed to offering a rigorous faith based curriculum allowing for the development of the whole child. Come and join us at St. Viator Parish School!

Blessings.

Dr. Katie Kiss Principal

St. Viator Parish School

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### St. Viator School Mission

St. Viator School provides a quality Catholic education where the gospel message of Jesus Christ is lived, learned and shared in a safe learning environment. The administration, faculty, staff, students, parents, Viatorian pastoral staff, and parish community collaborate to develop the whole person spiritually, morally, academically and physically.

### St. Viator School Philosophy

- St. Viator School Community strives to learn, live, and share the Gospel message of Jesus Christ in a safe learning environment. We, as educators of the students of St. Viator School:
- Hold, as primary, belief in God.
- Recognize and support the role of parents as the primary educators of their children.
- Strive continuously to work toward a deeper understanding of each student as a unique individual.
- Encourage the development of a positive self-image in all members of our school community.
- Guide students to become spiritually, academically, and socially responsible and well-rounded members of society consistent with Church doctrine and in light of the pertinent documents on Catholic education.
- Encourage students to lead full meaningful lives in Christ and recognize the value of Christian Community.
- The challenging curriculum maintains high standards for all students while adapting to individual learning styles and abilities.
- Educators continuously update understanding of the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church.



January 2024

Dear Parishioners,

At this time each year, we conduct the Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA). This important effort has proven invaluable in helping to support archdiocesan programs while at the same time assisting our parish community in meeting some of its needs. The Catholic Stewardship Appeal funds archdiocesan programs and services that meet real needs throughout the Southern Nevada area. Your stewardship in sharing some of your finances with the larger archdiocesan church is very much appreciated.

A critical component of the CSA is the Rebate Program in which all funds raised over the parish goal are returned to the parish for our own needs. The goal assessed for our parish by the Archdiocese for 2024 is \$140,115 which is 1.10% less than our 2023 goal.

As we did last year, we will use the rebate money to fund the fence construction around our parish. For a long time, we have been concerned about the security of our parish. Our school has a security officer during the school year and our church has a security officer on weekends and Holy Days. Both our school and parish have security cameras around our properties. The fence around our property will provide additional security for our parish and school community.

We have been working with the county for the approval of the fence project and we should receive final approval in late winter or early spring. After we have this approval, we will be able to determine the exact cost of the work. When we have this cost, I will report it to the parish. As we have done in the past, we will pay for the fence through parish savings, the line of credit from the Foundation and rebates from the CSA. I am very grateful to the School Foundation for their continued support.

Please be as generous as your situation allows. Fill out a pledge card, found in the church foyer, and return your gift to the parish by mail or the collection boxes at church. You can pledge your gift now and pay it off throughout the year. No gift is too small and all gifts help.

Thank you for your past support of the CSA, your consideration of this appeal and for continuing to be an important part of our faith community.

Sincerely,

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Father Richard Rinn, C.S.V. Pastor

## PARISH NEWS



### Adult Confirmation Sessions

Our parish is offering new sessions for adults (age 18+) wishing to

receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this spring.

Candidates for the sacrament must have been baptized in the Catholic faith and received First Holy Communion.

Sessions began Thursday, January 18th. The sessions are held at 6:30 PM in the church.

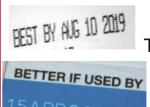
Contact

Ruben Murillo (rubenmurillojr@gmail.com)

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Marty Flynn

(pollywantsacracker9@gmail.com) for details or if you have any questions.



### Food Bank Reminders

Thank you to all who have donated food for our drives.
Please donate only non-perishable food that has not

**expired**. We often receive food that surpassed its expiration date.



The Welcoming Table is available at all Masses the weekend of February 3rd & 4th.

Stop by to register for our parish or ask questions regarding sacraments.

You can also call the office and a staff member can an assist with your questions.



# Catholic Daughters' Annual Rummage Sale



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.



Are You Grieving the Loss of a Loved One – Or Know Someone Who Is?

St. Viator Bereavement Ministry presents
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beginning February 7.
We will not meet March 13.

GriefShare is designed in such a way that you can still get valuable information even if you join after the cycle has begun.

For more information go to griefshare.org

# PARISH NEWS



Madison Bowe, Ginny Edwards, 10/15 Loy Prado, Valerie Salerno, R. Timbal

10/22 Rosie Graziano, Marion Waterman

> Ewa Mackowiak, Josephine Marasgis, Carlino Mendoza

10/29 Carlino Mendoza, Remedios Mendoza, Christopher Zanghi

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

12/10 Irene Gallegos

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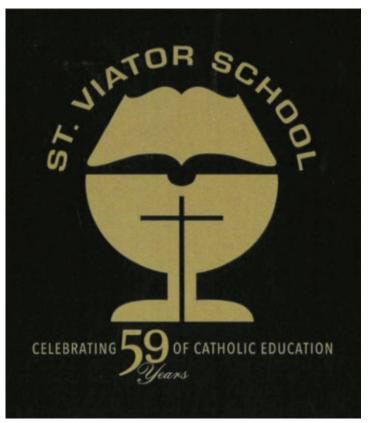
1/21 Tom Edwards, Jerry Lingle



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**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.



You are cordially invited to attend the 35th Annual St. Viator School Foundation Dinner and Auction Saturday, February 24, 2024 South Point Hotel and Casino - Grand Ballroom 9777 Las Vegas Boulevard South Las Vegas, Nevada 89183

> Honoring Eillane & Jon Lim Deborah & Romeo Perez Judyann Price & Michael Boccadoro

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Read the biographies of honorees Romeo and Deborah Perez on the next page



The Archdiocesan Jubilee Mass is celebrated by
Auxiliary Bishop Gregory Gordon for all couples who have been married in the Roman Catholic Church, celebrating their Golden, Silver, or other significant anniversaries of marriage.

Date: Sunday, February 4, 2024

Time: 2:00 PM Mass

Location: Guardian Angel Cathedral

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# Meet St. Viator Parish School Foundation Dinner Honorees Romeo and Deborah Perez

This love story starts along the U.S.-Mexican border, The Rio Grande Valley of South Texas, in 2001, with a young couple from two warring cities, fighting the impossible challenges that life had handed them; Romeo was an Edinburg High School Bobcat, and Deborah was a McAllen High School Bulldog. In Texas, where football is life, how were they going to make it work? They did it with love, family, and faith.

Romeo and Deborah married in 2003. Romeo's plan for a different setting had the Perezes moving to a different valley, the Las Vegas Valley. In 2004, Romeo and Deborah packed up their belongings to take on the world as newlyweds. The drive was long and boring, and behind the convoy of moving trucks were Romeo and Deborah's parents, because that's an integral part of the Perez charm, "family always, family first."

Deborah was not a fan of the desert or leaving the comfort of her small town. The traffic alone was a culture shock. Meanwhile, Romeo was commuting between the two law offices he owned and operated in Edinburg and Las Vegas. Then the unexpected happened, Deborah was with child! Romeo and Deborah worked on making Las Vegas their home. They looked for a church and a community to grow with. They visited a few churches, and one day, at the 10 am "Children's" Mass, a very pregnant Deborah saw a little girl with brown hair at the ambo and thought, "This is it, this is our church and our little girl will grow up here and one day go to school here." It was a home that Romeo and Deborah truly needed. In September 2005, Rylie Loren joined the Perezes, dramatically and fashionably late. Rylie enjoyed her life as an only child for a short time when again, unexpectedly, Deborah found herself pregnant with Romeo Jr., who would most theatrically and on brand take the stage in April of 2007. It became evident very quickly that close-knit grandparents and aunts were quite the blessing in the village that raises Rylie and Romeo Jr.

Family and faith kept Romeo and Deborah grounded, and they were all too happy to participate in parish community activities from Vacation Bible School to Spaghetti Dinners (please bring that back). When it was time for Rylie to start kindergarten, it was at St. Viator School. Catholic education was where Romeo got his start, but due to the punitive nature of the Nuns at St. Joseph's School in Texas, Romeo completed his education in public schools.

Volunteering continued from the parish to the school when Romeo volunteered to be Mrs. Clark's class photographer. Deborah and Romeo stepped in for carnivals, egg hunts, Santa's workshops, the beloved Halloween carnival, Girl Scout leader, chaperone for Youth Confirmation, Science Camp, Washington D.C. trip, and the Homeless Lunch Project. Deborah and her friends found creative ways to engage students. Deborah sought after donations (driving to Kingman to pick up sweets from the Little Debbie warehouse every two months) and found a way for the older students to put their faith in action with a field trip and volunteer service at Three Square. In 2014, Romeo and Deborah helped with Pack 143, a team effort with the Silvestris and the Millers, Deborah served as Committee Chair, and Romeo served as Religious Coordinator for many years. Volunteering became a family affair, and now they and Rylie and Romeo Jr. continue to help with confirmation classes, VBS, Catholic Charities, and other events as needed.

The religious community was just as welcoming as the parish and the school. In 2017, Romeo and Deborah learned the history and the mission of the Clerics of St. Viator. In 2022, Romeo and Deborah renewed their commitment to the Viatorian Associates and continue to actively serve as stewards of the Viatorian Charism.

When Romeo and Deborah are not at church, they are hiding out at home, or supporting the arts, or working; honestly, they are not independently wealthy but still blessed. As "first-gen" Latino professionals, they navigate the challenges with grace and resilience, breaking barriers and paving the way for future generations. Romeo owns and operates a family-focused law office a few blocks from St. Viator. With a commitment to justice and the well-being of families, he brings a unique blend of legal expertise and empathy to his practice. Beyond the courtroom, Romeo is known for his generosity and dedication, mentoring and volunteering with the Latino Bar Association and Huellas. Deborah has dedicated the past five years to Cristo Rey St. Viator Catholic College Preparatory School, fostering an environment where learning is not just academic or professional development but in faith, service, and compassion.

Romeo and Deborah strive to impart valuable lessons to their children, including, that perfection is not the point. They embrace their imperfections with pride, recognizing that it is through life's challenges and triumphs that true strength and character emerge. Romeo and Deborah Perez are available to join you in prayer and at parties.

The Perez Family is humbled to join the other Honorees and congratulate them on a service well done.

# FAITH & WORSHIP

I love movies about exorcisms. Apparently. so do many others. The 2023 movie "Nefarious" features a possibly possessed inmate on death row. Critics were not impressed, but audiences scored it at 97% on the website Rotten Tomatoes. Most people have an appreciation for the demonic realm, even if cultural elites are generally embarrassed about it. As is

standard in exorcism movies, the afflicted person (in this case, a man named Edward Brady) thinks and acts like multiple persons. He is someone besides himself. We know what that like. We feel fake sometimes, not ourselves.

The same dynamic is on dramatic display this week in the Gospel. Jesus the Exorcist approaches possessed man who utters, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?" Notice the plural, us. The basic effect of the demonic

is division. The man's identity is fractured, divided, and thus many. Jesus powerfully expels the spirit by saying, "Quiet! Come out of him!" Jesus' word has the power to restore the man's singularity — him — and indeed it does.

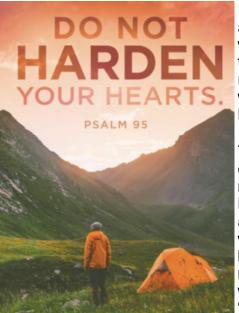
All this helps us to dismiss childish images of demons sporting red goat tails. Equally, it overcomes the cultured aloofness that dreams demons are mere metaphors for evil. We see instead that fallen angels are conscious and intelligent beings who orient their agency toward division. They bring about schism where there should be unity, e.g., in persons, families, communities, politics, and so on. Thankfully, Jesus commands demons to flee from all these places to restore wholeness and peace. What if we made room for his word where we need it?

~ Father John Muir

### What Have You to Do with Me, Jesus of Nazareth?

Inevitably, when we read the story of the Garden of Eden, my children try to imagine what life would be like if Adam and Eve had not sinned against God.

"Would we have to go to school?" they ask me. "Would we get sick? Could we eat whatever we want? Would we get older?"



I tell them the only thing I know for sure about a world without sin is that we would be happier. I can see confusion in their faces — Why? How? — but I have none of the concrete answers they want. I don't know how to describe a happiness untouched by sin.

The moment sin entered the world, a chasm erupted between God and mankind. There is now a space between humanity and the divine, a cavernous and seemingly impassable void into which God calls for us, unendingly. And because we are lost in the dark, and miserable, instead of following his voice when we hear it, instead we reply: "What do you want?"

"What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?"

Did the unclean spirit know, when he cried out all those thousands of years ago in Capernaum, that he was giving voice to a question which defined the human condition? They are the words of a demon, yes, but they are also my words. Far, far more often than I care to admit, when God is reaching for me, I look upon His hand with contempt and confusion. When I am grappling with a problem or a sin which overwhelms me, again and again I forget that I already know the solution.

The tragedy of original sin is not that we live in a world where we cannot eat what we want, where we age, and where we become sick and die. The tragedy of sin is that we have forgotten how to be happy. We look at happiness and we think: "What do you want with me?"

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

Psalm 95:7

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

# FAITH & WORSHIP



MASS PRIEST INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 27** 

4:00 PM Fr. Lentz John Marchitte

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28** 

8:00 AM Fr. Rinn Lolita Stunek

10:00 AM Fr. Lentz Richard Wimmer

12:00 PM Fr. Rinn William Russell

5:00 PM Fr. Rinn Alan Curtis

**MONDAY, JANUARY 29** 

No Mass

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 30** 

6:45 AM Fr. Rinn For the people

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31** 

8:15 AM Fr. Rinn Robert Prouse

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

6:45 AM Fr. Rinn Pamela "Spider" Coons

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

8:15 AM Fr. Rinn Rev. Albeyro Vanegas, C.S.V.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3** 

4:00 PM Fr. Egan Linda Vish

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4** 

8:00 AM Fr. von Behren Robert Prouse

10:00 AM Fr. Lentz Bernadette Conklin

12:00 PM Fr. Lentz Jackie Aldrich-Barenz

5:00 PM Fr. Rinn Rev. Alan Syslo, C.S.V.



### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 28**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8) 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 Mark 1:21-28

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 29**

2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 Psalms 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

Mark 5:1-20

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 30**

2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 - 19:3 Psalms 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mark 5:21-43

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31**

2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17 Psalms 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 Mark 6:1-6

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12 1 Chronicles 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd Mark 6:7-13

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Malachi 3:1-4 Psalms 24:7, 8, 9, 10 Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40

### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

1 Kings 3:4-13 Psalms 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 Mark 6:30-34

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

Job 7:1-4, 6-7 Psalms 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a) 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 Mark 1:29-39







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While parishes rely on the support of parishioners through the weekly offertory collection, the ministry of the Archdiocese relies on those who participate in the Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA) to make possible the many services the church provides.

Each parish, based on its size and income, has a share of the total CSA budget. All money received in excess of the portion each parish is assessed is rebated to that parish.

But even as important as the rebates are, the main purpose of the CSA Campaign is to fund the ministry of the Catholic Church in southern Nevada.

### Pastoral outreach

- St. Therese Center which serves those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.
- Catholic Charities helping legal refugees who have been relocated to resettle here.
- Website communications with links to parishes.
- Supporting our retired priests as they age.

### Communication Outreach

Televised Sunday services so that shut-ins and sick members of our faith may hear the Mass.

### Vocation

Training future priests and deacons.

### **Catholic Education**

Supporting our valley's Catholic schools.