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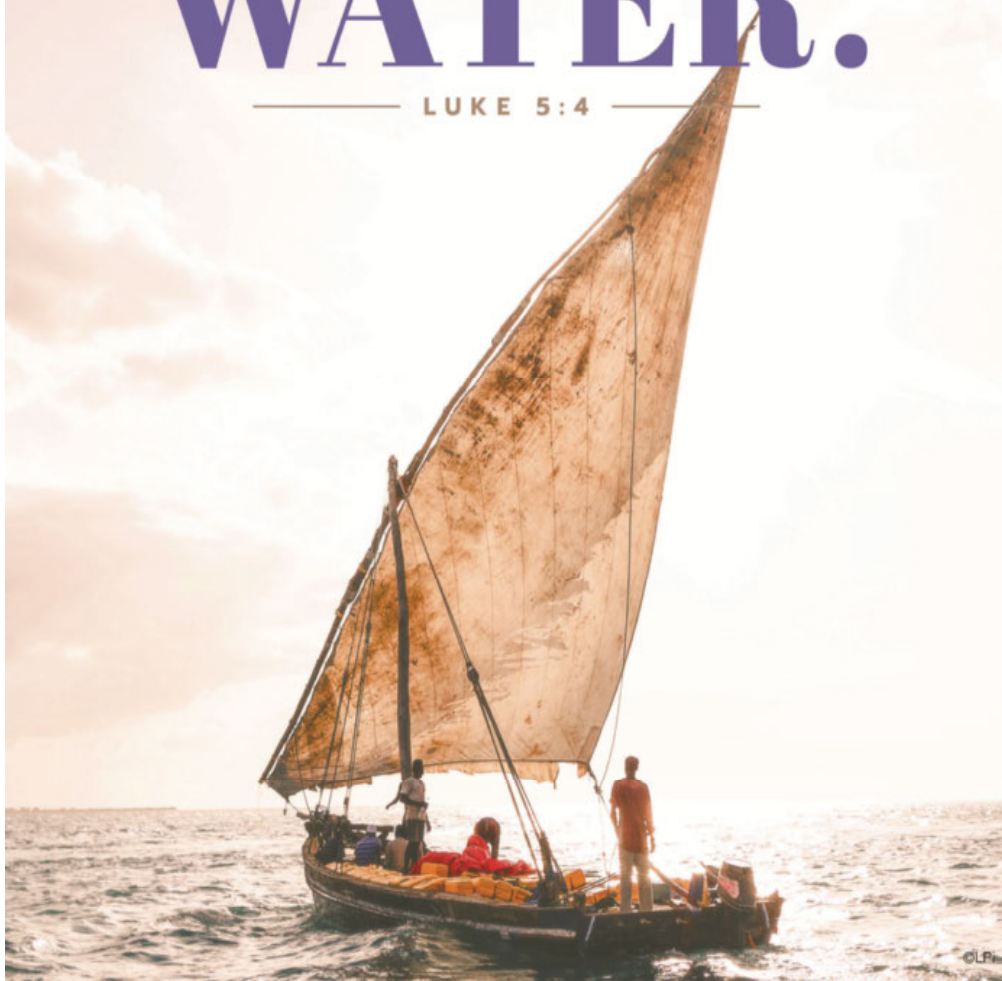
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February 9, 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PUT OUT
INTO DEEP
WATER.

LUKE 5:4



Welcome!

Mass Schedule
February 10 - 16

Weekday Mass
in the Chapel

Tuesday - 6:45 AM
Wednesday - 8:15 AM
Thursday - 6:45 AM
Friday - 8:15 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

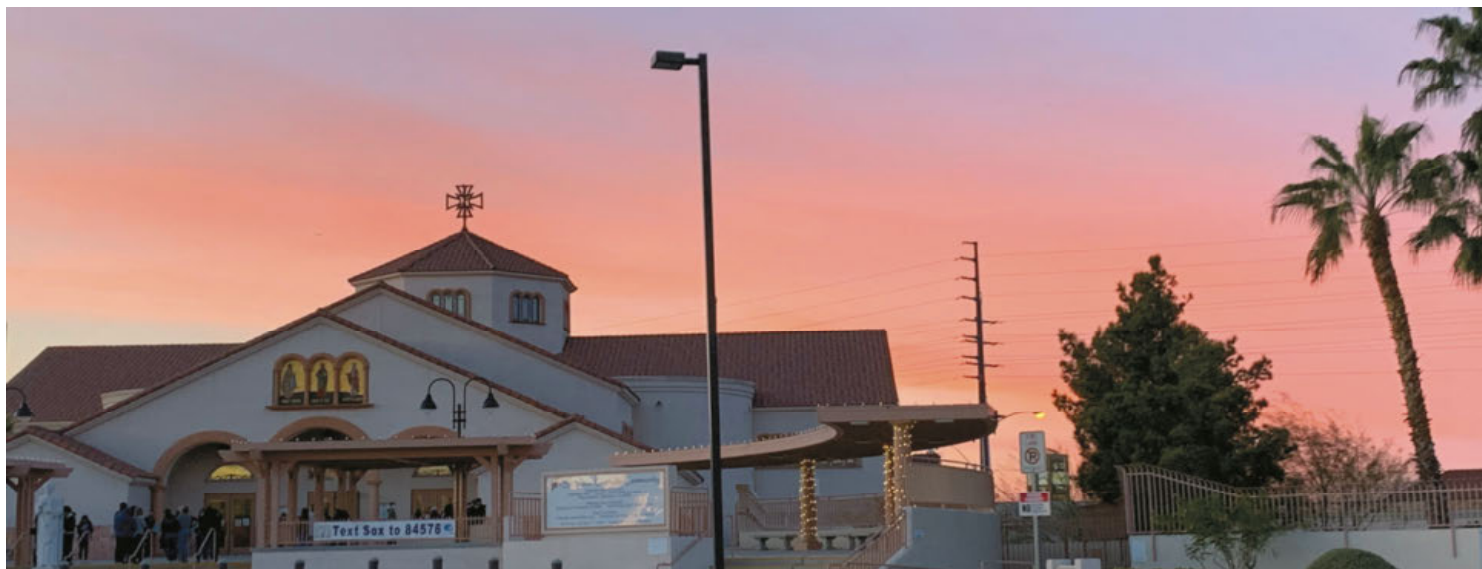


CSA IS HERE!

WHO BENEFITS FROM CSA?

WE ALL DO!

READ FR. RINN'S LETTER ON P. 3



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

- Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada has been an unwavering source of community support for the most vulnerable members of Southern Nevada, without discrimination based on age, race, religion, or creed.
- 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.

View Archbishop Thomas' 2025 CSA Video
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3f1S7OtsEzI>



The link for the video is also on our parish website stviator.org



St. Viator Catholic Community

A Ministry of the Viatorians

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 2025 is \$145,756 which is 4% higher than last year.

As we did last year, we will use the rebate to complete the fence/wall project by adding the gates to the entrances at Flamingo Road and Eastern Avenue. The fence/wall has added security to our parish property and the entrance gates will provide additional security.

As we have done in the past, we will pay for this project 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. A mailing with this year's pledge card will be sent to all registered parishioners and additional forms can be found in the church foyer. Please fill out a pledge card 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,

God Bless!
Rich Rinn, C.S.V.

Father Richard Rinn, C.S.V.
Pastor



JOURNEY TO FRANCE

You are invited to join Father Mick Egan, CSV and Father Richard Rinn, CSV on a journey to France from October 22 to November 2, 2025. The trip will include visits to Nice, Monte Carlo, Lyon which will include a visit to

the Basilique de Notre Dame De Fourviere and the old town. We will also visit the Loire valley, the city of Tours and Mont St. Michel. Our tour will also include visits to the city of Bayeux. From there we will visit Normandy and see Omaha Beach and the American Cemetery and Monument. Finally we will spend the last three days of our tour in the city of Paris with all its beauty and history. Our singular highlight will be the opportunity to see the Notre Dame Cathedral renovated and renewed after the fire five years ago. The cost of the trip is \$4999 per person and includes round trip airfare (from Las Vegas) all hotels, most meals, hotel service charges and local taxes, professional tour guide, and local transportation as well as \$500 in government taxes and fuel surcharges. Space is available on a first come, first serve basis.

For more information contact Fr. Mick Egan at 773-469-1003 or megancsv@aol.com

Pre-K & Kindergarten Registration



Our parish school is currently taking registrations and setting up testing appointments for new students entering PreKindergarten and Kindergarten. If you are a current PreKindergarten parent, your child will need to be tested for 2025-2026.

Please contact Mrs. Drewes 702-732-4477 or email tdrewes@stviatorschool.org for more information.



Archdiocese of Las Vegas Issues Statement on Immigration

The Archdiocese of Las Vegas is committed to upholding the dignity and respect of all individuals, and we discourage any efforts that indiscriminately target our faith communities, whether these actions occur in workplaces or places of worship. Across the Country, the Catholic Church is prepared to work with the Trump administration to address the complexities of immigration, and we hope that any enforcement measures are judiciously applied and limited to individuals who present risks and dangers to society, particularly reducing gang activity, drug trafficking, and human trafficking.



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

St. Viator Bereavement Ministry presents **GriefShare, a 13-part weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life.**

We know it hurts and we want to help.

We will meet Wednesdays, 9-10:30am in the Fr. White Room of our Parish Center beginning February 5th.

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



- Alonso Family,
Andrea Emilia Bernabey
- 11/17 Cáceres Family,
Rios Family,
SantaCruz family
- 12/1 Michael Park
- 12/15 Mary Castruita,
Cheryl Fluet
- 12/22 RoseMarie DeMarco
- 12/29 Virginia Palumbo
- 1/5 Jerry Lingle
- 1/12 Torry Luzier Barrett
- 1/26 Aileen DeLuca,
Richard Ritzo
- 2/2 Tom Burns
- 2/9 Sherny Canada,
Emily Russell



Heavenly Father,

We come before You with hearts burdened for all those impacted by the wildfires that swept across the West Coast. In the face of such overwhelming devastation, we turn to You, our refuge and strength, seeking Your comfort and aid.

We pray for the families who have lost homes, livelihoods and cherished memories. Be their shelter in this storm, Lord, and guide them to safety and restoration.

Strengthen the hands and hearts of the firefighters, first responders and volunteers who tirelessly risk their lives to protect others. Grant them courage, wisdom and endurance in their vital work.

Lord, we especially lift up those mourning not only the loss of life and property but also the heartache of beloved pets gone missing in the chaos. For every animal seeking shelter, every owner grieving their absence and every person striving to reunite them, we ask Your gentle touch of hope and reconciliation.

Amid the ash and ruin, Lord, let Your light shine. Transform despair into resilience, and let neighbors support one another as instruments of Your love. May this trial unite communities, strengthening bonds of compassion and generosity.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.



Guadalupe Ramirez
James Schwarz

Prayer List Procedure

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



The Catholic Church celebrates World Marriage Day this Sunday, February 9th. This provides an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. This year's theme is "Marriage: Source of Hope, Spring of Renewal. Pursue a Lasting Love!"

Our parish will celebrate married couples with a special blessing at the end of all Masses this weekend.

Resources for couples are available from the Catholic church. Visit: <https://www.foryourmarriage.org/celebrate-national-marriage-week/>



ST. VIATOR SCHOOL FOUNDATION

January 1, 2025

Dear Friends of the St. Viator Community:

The St. Viator School Foundation will celebrate its 36th Annual Dinner & Auction on February 22, 2025. We invite and welcome your participation!

Each year, the Foundation recognizes individuals who have demonstrated exceptional service to the St. Viator community. At the upcoming dinner, the Foundation will proudly induct new members into our Hall of Fame:

The CELESTE FAMILY
Carolyn & Dan, Anthony & Tina, Nicholas & Kerby and Vincent
and
Mikky & Bobby Scott

Foundation Dinner proceeds finance capital improvement projects and subsidize student tuition, which encourages students of diverse backgrounds to benefit from private education. Please consider making a donation to ensure the success of our event:

- **Program Advertising** – We welcome business ads, congratulatory ads, or any sponsorship level you may select (the enclosed sheet provides pricing and submittal information).
- **Auction Item Donation** – We would greatly appreciate a donated item, gift basket, package, gift card, or certificate for our auction.
- **Bar Sponsorship** – Please consider a donation to defray bar expenses during the Silent Auction. Your contribution will be acknowledged signage at the event.
- **Attendance** – Please consider joining us for the event, individually or as a table sponsor. Tickets available on www.stviatorschoolfoundation.org.
- **Monetary Donation** – We would be grateful for a tax-deductible donation of any amount.

The enclosed program from our past event and information sheet provides further details regarding event support.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact us if you would like additional information regarding the Foundation or our annual event.

With sincere appreciation,

Pat Ellis
Event Co-Chair
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Lulu Aiello
Event Co-Chair
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**Congratulations to the 2025 St. Viator School Foundation Honorees
Mikky & Bobby Scott and The Celeste Family**



Support our parish school by attending the annual Foundation Dinner at the South Point. Scan the QR code on this page to purchase your ticket. More donation opportunities on pages 6 and 7 of this bulletin.



Please purchase and turn in your raffle tickets to support our parish school.



FAITH & WORSHIP

My parents' garage is full of old junk that no longer serves any purpose in my life. As a 46-year-old man, I admit that's pretty lame. Either due to my sentimentality or laziness (or both, probably), I just couldn't get myself to throw things away. But a few days ago, by a grace of God, I thought: "I'll hire my nephew Ryan to throw a bunch of my stuff away — he couldn't care less about my junk!" And you know what? It worked. In one day, Ryan chucked the majority of his uncle's useless stuff. I feel so free, ready for a new junk-free chapter in my life.

This kind of thing happens in this Sunday's Gospel. Peter's net is full of useless junk. Luke says he and the others are cleaning their nets after catching no fish. Imagine them dejectedly and impatiently removing a nasty assortment of seaweed, sticks and muck. The Lord teaches and calls them once their nets are cleared out. So it goes with us. Spiritual life begins by removing that which is useless and merely taking up space in our hearts, minds and lives. Then Jesus teaches and acts in a marvelous way in our lives, too.

So what's junking up your net? What habits, attachments, possessions, preoccupations? If, like me, you struggle to clean your nets by yourself, ask the Lord to send you someone like my nephew to be your "Peter" and help you clean it out. It is well worth it. Once Peter's net is clean, he is free to make a wonderful catch.

~ Father John Muir
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Mini Reflection: What does it mean to lower your net? It means to listen to God, even when you don't understand Him. It means to keep trying the hard thing that you know is the right thing. It means to keep loving the person who is making life hard on you.

The Catch

I love today's Gospel passage, and not just because I love a good fish fry.

I love it because I am Peter. Over and over again, I am Peter, standing here exhausted because I relied on my own abilities, and it got me nowhere. I'm ready to call it quits. I'm ready to say it's too hard. And here comes Jesus, asking me to lower my net. To keep trying.



And I try to talk sense into him. "It's not going to work, God," I insist. "I've been trying."

"You've been trying," Jesus agrees. "But you haven't asked for my help yet."

What does it mean to lower your net? It sounds so simple and so easy, but it takes a great deal of humility and trust. I think I'm the expert on my own life, the captain of my own ship. Peter probably thought so, too — he was the fisherman, after all. Why would a fisherman listen to a carpenter on matters of fishing?

Lowering your net means giving God control and letting yourself be changed by what He chooses to show you.

It means to listen to God's instructions, even when you don't understand them, even when you find them frustrating. It means to keep trying the hard thing that you know is the right thing, even when it hasn't born much fruit. It means to keep loving the person who is making life hard on you, even when all you want to do is give into feelings of bitterness and distrust.

If we would only lower our nets, the catch would astound us.

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman
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FAITH & WORSHIP



MASS PRIEST INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

4:00 PM Fr. Rinn Scott Richie

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

8:00 AM Fr. Egan Roger Esteban

10:00 AM Fr. Rinn Peter Escalona

12:00 PM Fr. Belanger Salud Obach

5:00 PM Fr. Belanger Michael Andrew Shephard

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

No Mass

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

6:45 PM Fr. Belanger For the People

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:15 AM Fr. Belanger Roger Esteban

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

6:45 AM Fr. Rinn Roger Esteban

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

8:15 AM Fr. Rinn Bernardino Santos

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

4:00 PM Fr. Lentz Lillian Dreschler

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

8:00 AM Fr. Belanger Barry D. Sell

10:00 AM Fr. Rinn Matthew Arredondo

12:00 PM Fr. Rinn Roger Esteban

5:00 PM Fr. Belanger Allan Tantano



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8
Psalms 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c)
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Genesis 1:1-19
Psalms 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10; 12, 24 & 35c
Mark 6:53-56

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Genesis 1:20 - 2:4a
Psalms 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Mark 7:1-13

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17
Psalms 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30
Mark 7:14-23

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Genesis 2:18-25
Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
Mark 7:24-30

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Genesis 3:1-8
Psalms 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7
Mark 7:31-37

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Genesis 3:9-24
Psalms 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13
Mark 8:1-10

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Jeremiah 17:5-8
Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6
1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20
Luke 6:17, 20-26

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in motion
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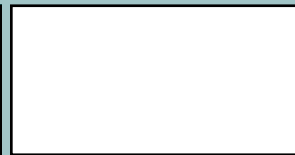


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FAITH LEADERS SPEAK OUT ON IMMIGRATION

To the Honorable Joe Lombardo, Governor of Nevada,
Senator Catherine Cortez Masto, Senator Jacky Rosen, and
Nevada's Representatives Dina Titus, Mark Amodei, Susie Lee, and Steven Horsford,

Recognizing the inherent dignity of each person as a child of God, we stand in firm solidarity with our immigrant brothers and sisters who live and labor in these United States.

From the founding of our nation, immigrants have been essential to this society's growth and prosperity. They come to our shores as strangers, drawn by the promises this land offers, and they become Americans. They continue to provide food security, health services, and many other essential skills that support our prosperous nation.

Our country deserves an immigration system that offers fair and generous pathways to full citizenship for immigrants living and working for many years within our borders.

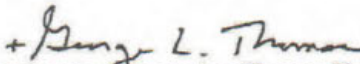
We need a system that provides permanent relief for childhood arrivals, helps families stay together, and welcomes refugees.

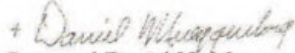
We hope that our country can develop an effective asylum system for those fleeing persecution and an immigration system that keeps our borders safe and secure, with enforcement policies that focus on those who present risks and dangers to society, particularly efforts to reduce gang activity, stem the flow of drugs, and end human trafficking.

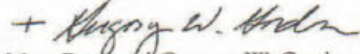
The United States should have an immigration system that protects vulnerable migrants and their families, many of whom have already been victimized by criminal actors.

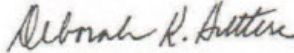
Together, we must speak out on behalf of the "huddled masses yearning to breathe free" and ask our government to provide fair and humane treatment for our beloved immigrant brothers and sisters. It is our hope, and our prayer, that all of us can work together to support a meaningful reform of our current immigration system.

Sincerely,



Most Reverend George Leo Thomas, Ph.D.
Roman Catholic Archbishop of Las Vegas
Board Chair of Nevada Catholic Conference



Most Reverend Daniel H. Mueggenborg
Roman Catholic Bishop of Reno
Board Member of Nevada Catholic Conference

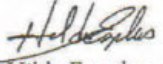

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