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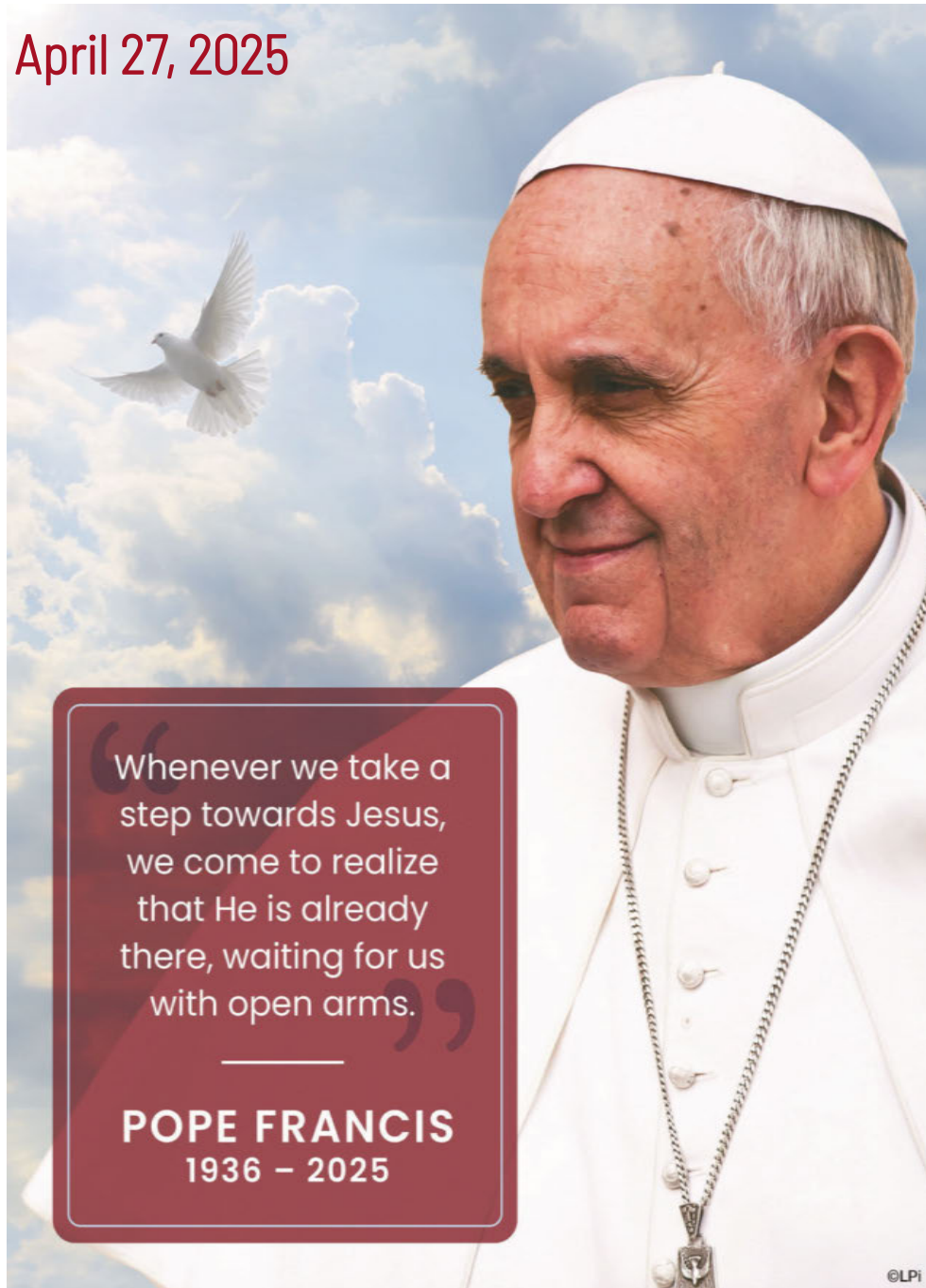


St. Viator Catholic Community



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April 27, 2025



“Whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that He is already there, waiting for us with open arms.”

POPE FRANCIS
1936 – 2025

Welcome!
Mass Schedule
April 28 - May 4

Weekday Masses
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

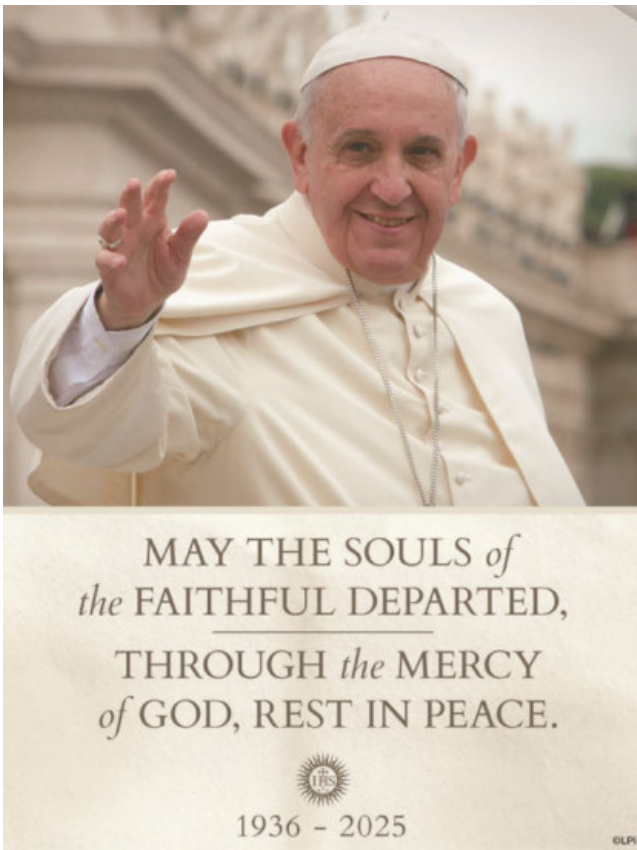
Sunday
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM
Noon and 5:00 PM

Reconciliation
In the Chapel
Saturday 2:45 - 3:30 PM

National Day
of Prayer



Thursday, May 1



Pope Francis

Pope Francis, born Jorge Mario Bergoglio on December 17, 1936, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, was the first pope from the Americas and the first Jesuit to lead the Catholic Church. Before his election as pope on March 13, 2013, he served as Archbishop of Buenos Aires, where he was known for his humility, simple lifestyle, and dedication to the poor.

Raised in a family of Italian immigrants, he studied chemistry before entering the seminary and joining the Jesuits. Ordained a priest in 1969, he later became the Provincial of the Jesuits in Argentina and played a key role in guiding the Church during a period of economic and social crises in the country. When he was appointed bishop in 1992 and archbishop in 1998, he prioritized evangelization, social justice, and pastoral outreach.

As pope, Francis emphasized mercy, care for the marginalized, and environmental stewardship. His papacy was marked by a call for a “poor Church for the poor,” interfaith dialogue, and reform within the Vatican. His teachings focused on compassion, the dignity of every person, and the need for a missionary Church.

On April 21, 2025, Pope Francis passed away, leaving behind a legacy of love, humility, and service.

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.



- 1/26 Richard Ritzo
- 2/2 Tom Burns
- 2/9 Sherryn Canada,
Emily Russell
- 2/16 Evangeline Davidson,
Gloria Sanzare
- 3/2 Rommel Timbal
- Rose King,
Tyler Kropp,
3/9 Carlino Medenoza,
Remediof Medenoza,
Michael Park,
Lida Stuart
- 3/30 RoseMarie DeMarco,
Lisa Milano
- 4/6 Madison Bowe,
Virginia Palumbo,
Rhonda Sharp
- 4/13 Patricia Lee,
Karla Menard,
Richard Menard



Luis M. Castaneda
Charlotte Matanane

Faces of Hunger

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to this year's Faces of Hunger Campaign to assist our neighbors served through the programs of Catholic Charities who are struggling with food insecurity or are in need of a home.

**Your donations totaled
\$34,885**

Your gifts will make a difference
in our community!



The St. Viator Women's Guild would like to thank all who stopped by the Palm Sunday bake sale.

Your generous donations raised over \$2,100!

The proceeds will help those served by Catholic Charities and the Viator House of Hospitality.



St. Viator Junior Catholic Daughters are sponsoring a

Root Beer Float Sale

Cool off with this tasty treat!

Next Sunday,
May 4th
after the 10:00 AM and Noon Masses



Thank you, for your CSA donations!

2025 CSA Assessment:
\$145,756

Donations to date:
\$81,525

Remember - no gift is too small. Please turn in your pledge card.

The Archdiocesan CSA brochures and pledge cards are available in the racks in the foyer.

PARISH NEWS



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

St. Viator Bereavement Ministry presents **GriefShare**,
a **13 session weekly seminar and support group**.

We know it hurts and we want to help.

**We meet Wednesdays, 9-10:30am through May 7th
in the Fr. White Room of our Parish Center**

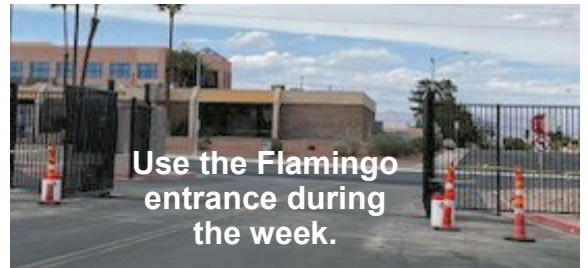
**GriefShare is designed in that you can still
get valuable information even if you join after
the cycle has begun.**

The next session will begin in September.

For more information go to griefshare.org

Entrance Gates Operational

The gates for our perimeter fence are now operational. The gate on Eastern will be closed during the week and all weekday traffic must use the Flamingo driveway. Please call the office if you have any questions.



Divine Mercy Sunday

Question:

Where did the feast of Divine Mercy come from?

Answer:

If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world.

Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young women, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, “a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come.” Go to <https://www.usccb.org/prayers/chaplet-divine-mercy> for the Divine Mercy Chaplet prayers.

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Children's Liturgy News



Our Children's Liturgy Team provides a faith filled lesson twice a month during the 10:00 AM Mass for children ages Pre –K through 8th grade.

The group also gathers after Mass for fellowship and refreshments so all families feel welcomed in our faith community. The team will be holding their final lesson of the session this Sunday then break for the summer. Thank you to all who participated this year.



The Nevada Catholic Conference urges you to **OPPOSE AB346**, a dangerous bill that allows terminally ill patients to obtain life-ending medication in Nevada.

- AB346 undermines the fundamental belief in the sanctity of life from conception to natural death.
- This bill promotes death over compassionate care, disregarding true palliative solutions and diminishing human dignity.
- Our brothers and sisters with disabilities, the elderly, and those battling depression become particularly vulnerable to being pressured into assisted suicide.

Please contact your local representatives and urge them to **VOTE NO** on **AB346**.

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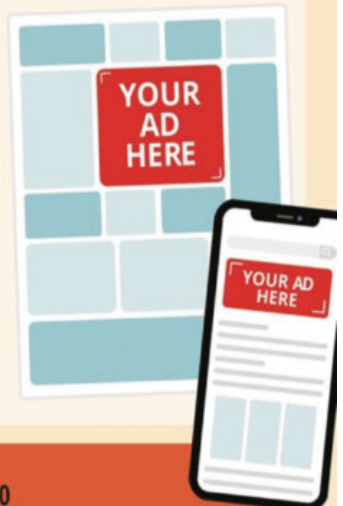
The Support of Your Business is Greatly Appreciated

Kate Tommey from LPI, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing a print and/or digital ad as your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

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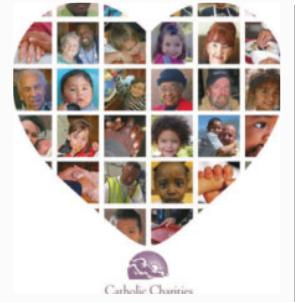


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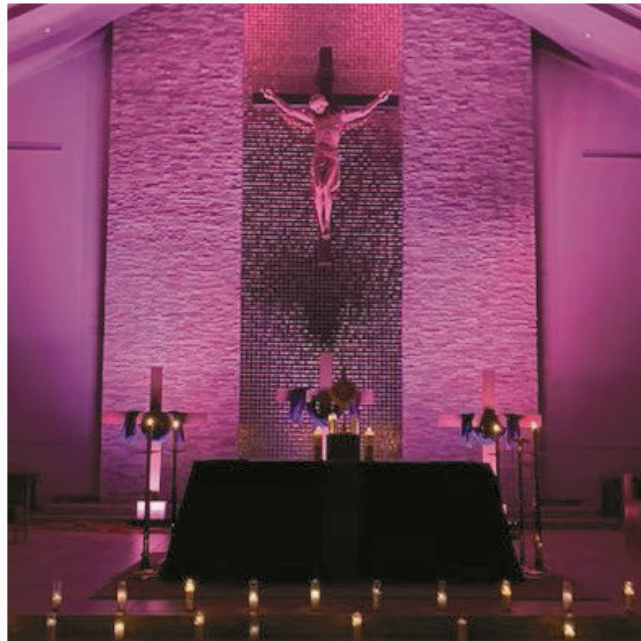
ST. VIATOR COMMUNITY'S LENTEN SEASON



A glimpse of this year's activities, prayer and giving campaign which provided opportunities for a more meaningful Lent with the support of our faith community.



A screening of *The Two Popes* was available as well as guided discussions with movie clips focusing on the themes of sacrifice and resurrection.



Our parish participated in the Faces of Hunger campaign providing the opportunity for each of us to donate to Catholic Charities' numerous programs which assist neighbors in need.

Opportunities for prayer were available - including Taizé/ Adoration and Stations of the Cross (both traditional and contemporary versions led by various groups).



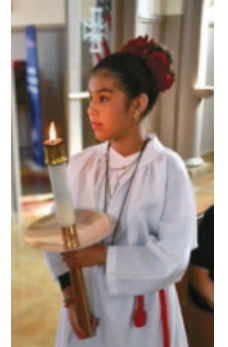
God's mercy was available through the sacrament of Reconciliation during our parish penance service and regularly scheduled weekly confession each Saturday.

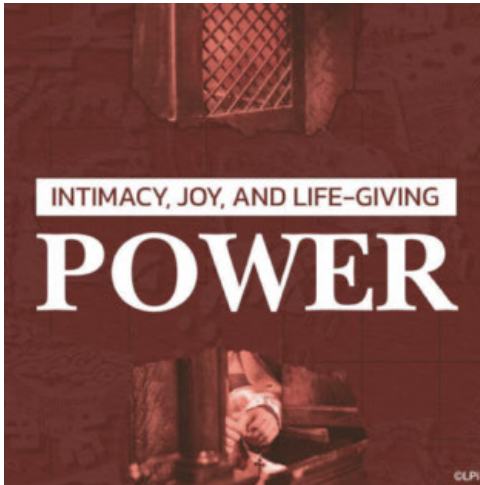


The Lenten Friday Fish Fry, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, provided our community a delicious way to abstain from meat each Friday while gathering with friends and family.



ST. VIATOR COMMUNITY'S PALM SUNDAY





It's common for Catholics to hear the question, "Why do I have to go to a priest to have my sins forgiven?" I've never liked that question because not only is it clunky (confession is the ordinary way for the pardoning of serious sins, not lesser ones). But it misses the larger context: the wonderful origins of the sacrament itself. And this context is deeply Jewish.

Ancient Jews associated forgiveness of sins with priests offering sacrifices in the Jerusalem temple. It was a solemn, public, and tangible way to access God's mercy. So when the risen Jesus breathes on the Apostles and says, **"Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained"** (John 20:23), the upshot is remarkable: he is the new temple and his Apostles are the new priests. Jerusalem is no longer the place to find forgiveness from sin. Jesus' body, the Church, is.

So why should we go to the Sacrament of Confession? For the same reason ancient Jews went to the temple in Jerusalem: to experience the intimacy, joy, and life-giving power of God's eternal forgiveness.

~ Father John Muir
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Mini Reflection: It does sound unbelievable, the story of the Resurrection. But lots of things are unbelievable. That doesn't mean they're not true. Take Thomas' example: stay close to the people you trust. Be willing to recognize Jesus when he's in front of you.

Wonder, Don't Wander

My daughter recently asked me if it's okay to "wonder if all the Jesus stuff is true."

I wasn't surprised by her question. I've expected it, in fact. If you're raising a child to be a critical thinker, you don't want them to accept everything you tell them simply because it comes from your lips. I have promised my children that I will always give them the truth about God. But that's all I can do — give it to them. Whether or not they accept it, ultimately, is their own choice.

"I know it's true," she told me. "But sometimes it just all sounds so...unbelievable."

She's not wrong. It does sound unbelievable that an all-powerful God could create us for no reason other than sheer love, that He could be generous enough to give us free will to accept that love, that he could be merciful enough not to destroy us when we reject that love, and finally that he could be faithful enough in that love to become flesh and die in order to save us from the consequences of our own poor choices.

But lots of things are unbelievable. That doesn't mean they're not true.

When Jesus says, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed," he isn't calling Thomas a fool for questioning something that sounds a little outrageous. He's just highlighting the fact that Thomas is afforded a luxury that none of the Christians born after him, my daughter included, will have: he gets to see proof with his own eyes.

I told my daughter it's fine to wonder — just don't wander. Take Thomas' example. Stay close to the people you trust. Return to the warmth of the upper room. Be willing to recognize Jesus when he's in front of you. Never be afraid to believe.

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman
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FAITH & WORSHIP



MASS PRIEST INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

7:00 PM Fr. Egan Patrick Traficant

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

8:00 AM Fr. Rinn Teresa Murillo

10:00 AM Fr. Rinn Bernadette Conklin

12:00 PM Fr. Rinn Petrona Oneida Mederos

5:00 PM Fr. Lentz Felina Andrada

MONDAY, APRIL 28

No Mass

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

6:45 PM Fr. Belanger For the People

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

8:15 AM Fr. Belanger Mac Gabriel Family

THURSDAY, MAY 1

6:45 AM Fr. Rinn Danilo Dizon

FRIDAY, MAY 2

8:15 AM Fr. Rinn Maria Quirk

SATURDAY, MAY 3

4:00 PM Fr. Belanger Augustine Wickett

SUNDAY, MAY 4

8:00 AM Fr. Rinn Sam Colarusso

10:00 AM Fr. Belanger Ashley Hernandez

12:00 PM Fr. Suarez Michael Caeg

5:00 PM Fr. Lentz Ramon M. Rosales



SUNDAY, APRIL 27

Acts 5:12-16
Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)
Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
John 20:19-31

MONDAY, APRIL 28

Acts 24:23-31
Psalms 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9
John 3:1-8

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

Acts 4:32-37
Psalms 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5
John 3:7b-15

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

Acts 5:17-26
Psalms 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
John 3:16-21

THURSDAY, MAY 1

Acts 5:27-33
Psalms 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20
John 3:31-36

FRIDAY, MAY 2

Acts 5:34-42
Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14
John 6:1-15

SATURDAY, MAY 3

1 Corinthians 15:1-8
Psalms 19:2-3, 4-5
John 14:6-14

SUNDAY, MAY 4

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41
Psalms 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19



Magnificat Las Vegas Meal
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Online Link: <https://magnificat-ministry.net/chapters/nv-las-vegas/>

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After cutoff date: Contact Sara Ford
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Sunday, April 27th

Following the 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and Noon Masses
in the Parish Center Hall

All are welcome! Wish them well in their future endeavors
and thank them for their years of ministry.

Refreshments sponsored by the Women's Guild will be served by various
parish service groups.