



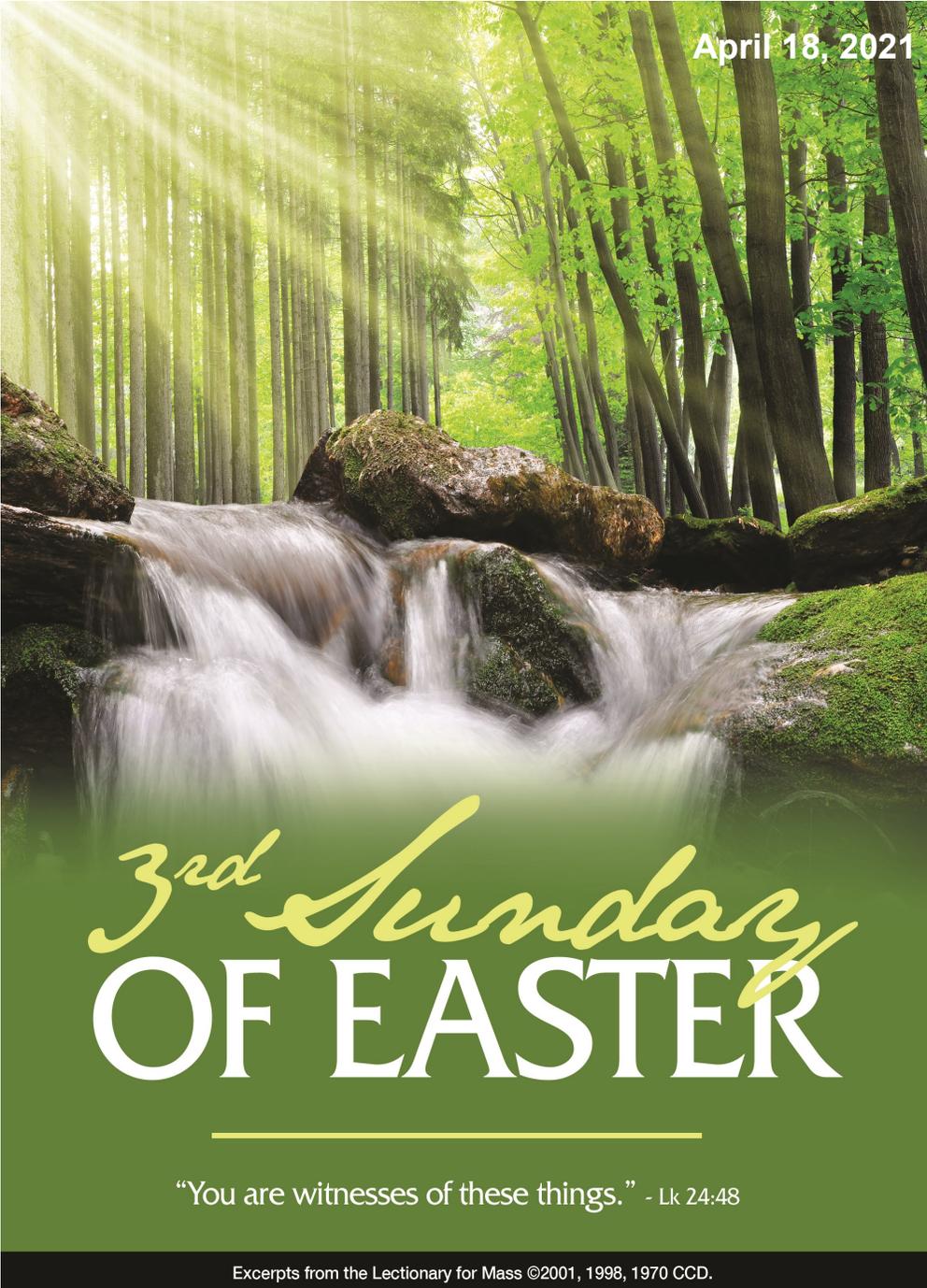
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St. Viator Catholic Community



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April 18, 2021

WELCOME!

Mass Schedule April 19 - 25

Weekday Masses

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

Weekend Masses

Saturday - 4:00 PM
Sunday
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and Noon

**Doors open 30 minutes
before Mass begins**

**Reservations are not needed
to attend Mass as long as the
state regulations allow 25%**

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 PM
In the Parish Center

**Our diocese now requires
a phone number for each
household attending Mass
for possible contact tracing
purposes. A greeter will ask
for your name and phone
number at each Mass
before you enter.**

Faces of Hunger

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to the successful collections for the Faces of Hunger Drives this Lenten season. Your contributions will give our neighbors help and hope in their time of need.

Drives benefited these programs:
Homeless & Housing Services
Loving Hearts Adoptions Services
Hands of Hope Food Pantry

A special thank you to the students of our parish school for collecting 435 boxes of cereal for the Hands of Hope Food Pantry Drive.



Current Food Drive through May 16th to benefit the clients of



Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #8282



Most needed items for the clients of St. Therese:

- canned meat and tuna
- canned chili and stew
- canned vegetables
- canned fruit
- beans (all kinds)
- Top Ramen noodles
- pasta and pasta sauce
- peanut butter and jelly
- cereal
- Bisquick, sugar and flour

Drive through drop-off April 17th from 9 AM - 11 AM in the parish school lot

Other collection options:

Bring food donations to Mass and place in the collection bin or drop off items at the parish office during business hours.



Catholic Charities sent their truck out several times to collect the donations from our parishioners for the Faces of Hunger campaign.



WELCOME TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY!

ST. VIATOR PARISH SCHOOL

We believe that investing in your child's future in both spiritual and academic principles, is one of the most important decisions you will ever make.

Whether you are seeking a "school home" for the next 10 years for your Pre-Kindergartener or looking for a warm, safe learning environment for your student, St. Viator Parish School is your Catholic Community.

ADMISSIONS OPEN

PREKINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 8

WHY CHOOSE US?

A long tradition of academic excellence and leadership.

A commitment to providing the highest quality of learning in both spiritual and academic principles for all students.

REGISTRATION
FOR 2021
ONGOING



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*Easter
Changes Everything*

CHRIST IS RISEN!
Easter blessings
to you and your family.

Fr. Richard Rinn, C.S.V.

Fr. Larry Lentz, C.S.V.

Fr. Dan Nolan, C.S.V.

Deacon Michael Underwood



Viatorian Vocations Corner



Our Lady of Grace

A Prayer toward Deeper, Fuller Discernment

Living God,
In baptism,
you invite all your sons and daughters to holiness.
Help us respond to this universal call.

In our lives of faith,
you invite us to single, married, ordained, or religious life.
Inspire us to explore your invitation for us.

In our states of life,
the gifts and talents you've given us can serve the needs of others.
Grant us the courage and conviction to serve well.

Saint Viator, pray for us!

Amen.



Saint Viator

Viatorians walk with people to discern God's invitation.
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STEWARDSHIP & FAITH

Stewardship Reflection

How To Fail Your Way To Heaven

“You know what are some of my favorite moments in Scripture? The little “Easter eggs” of Jesus’ humanity, things like Jesus falling asleep, Jesus drawing in the sand, Jesus playing with kids. And how about Jesus rising from the dead, appearing to his disciples and saying, “So, have you got anything to eat?”

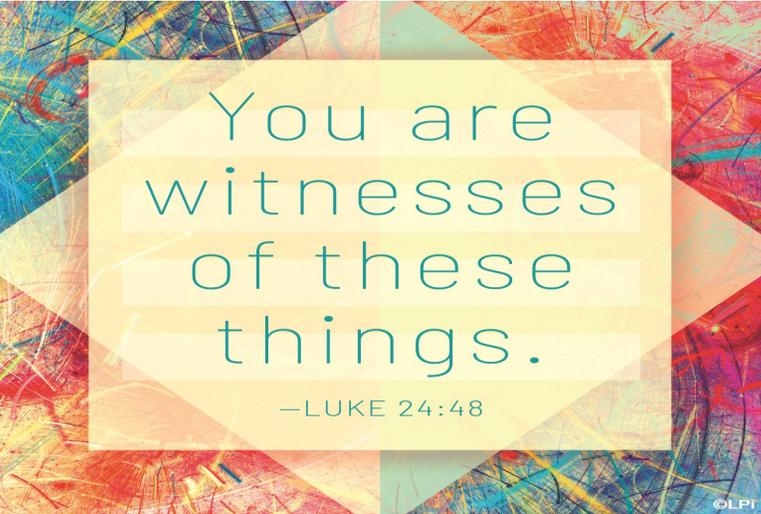
It’s right for us to always keep in mind that Jesus is God. But we also have to remember that he was man. He got hungry. He cried when he felt sad and laughed when he felt happy. He got tired. He got bored.

Because he was God, none of those feelings ever led him into sin, like they do us. He never spent a car ride trying to pass the hours by seeing how annoyed he could make his older sister. He never smacked Peter over the head for saying something really stupid. But he did unleash some Biblically righteous anger on those traders in the temple, didn’t he? And he wasn’t shy about calling Peter “a Satan” when his friend tempted him to take the easy way out.

It’s the tightrope walk we all try to balance every day, honoring our human emotions while still answering God’s call to be better. Being perfect isn’t the domain of the Christian — that’s the domain of Christ only. Trying and failing, then trying again (and failing again) and again and again? That’s the domain of the Christian.

~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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You are
witnesses
of these
things.

—LUKE 24:48

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

**Thank you,
for your CSA donations!**

2019 CSA Assessment: \$129,130
Donations to date: \$130,300

**Every dollar over our assessment
comes back to our parish!**

While parishes rely on the support of parishioners through the weekly offertory collection, the ministry of the Diocese 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 back to that parish. **This year we will continue to finance security cameras around the church and replace the lights in front of our church entrance doors.**

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.
- 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.

Faith Formation

- Training future priests and deacons.

Bishop Thomas' 2021 CSA Reflection

Please go to the Diocese of Las Vegas home page for Bishop Thomas' 2021 CSA video dioceseoflasvegas.org

STEWARDSHIP & NEWS

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On the weekend of April 24 and 25, our Diocese will be taking up the national collection for the Catholic Home Missions and the Black and Indian Missions.

Our Catholic faith is one of beauty and hope, mercy and joy. But for too many people across the country, there are few opportunities to learn about and deepen that faith. Even the most basic programs are out of reach because of fragile financial situations, tough terrain, or small populations of Catholics. One does not need to go far to find mission territory: it is right here at home.

Nearly half of our country is considered home mission territory. This appeal strengthens the Catholic Church in the United States and its territories where resources are thin and priests are few. Proceeds are distributed as grants to dioceses supporting and strengthening evangelization programs which would otherwise be in danger of disappearing among the Black and American Indian communities.

Your support helps these mission dioceses form vibrant faith communities and strengthens the Church at home. Monies are used for a wide range of pastoral services including evangelization, religious education, and maintenance of mission parishes, the training of seminarians and lay ministers, and ministry with ethnic groups.

Please be generous, and prayerfully consider how you can support this collection.

Asking the Lord's continued blessings upon you and your families, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend George Leo Thomas
Bishop of the Diocese of Las Vegas

New Members Welcome!



Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and

a commitment to the life of the parish family. To clearly state your Catholic commitment in all its dimensions brings you advantages, recognition, and responsibilities of many kinds. Being a registered parishioner makes things much easier when it is time for infant baptism, school registration, weddings, volunteering for a parish organization, when asked to be a baptism or confirmation sponsor, and even funerals.

We are often asked to provide affidavits for baptism and confirmation sponsors. We can only do this if a person is a registered, active, and contributing member in our parish. How do you know if you are already registered? A registered parishioner receives all parish mailings.

So, are you a registered parishioner? If not, please consider registering. Registration forms are always available online at www.stviator.org and at the parish office, or fill out the information below and drop it in the collection box. We will mail a registration packet to you.

Yes, I want to register at St. Viator!

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email address _____

Life's emergencies never stop.



Serving with the American Red Cross makes a world of difference to the people of our community.

Es por eso que los voluntarios de la Cruz Roja – quienes representan más de 90% de la fuerza laboral de la Cruz Roja y ayudan para prevenir y aliviar el sufrimiento humano – siempre están listos.

*Usted también puede cambiar vidas al ser un voluntario en una posición que le guste y que le permite usar sus talentos especiales. La Cruz Roja depende de Gente como tú – los cuales ofrecen su tiempo y talentos para ayudarnos a cumplir con nuestra misión de salvar vidas.**

Use your camera to scan the QR code or visit www.redcross.org/volunteer to learn more. Fill-out the online form and one of us will contact you.



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American Red Cross
Utah and Nevada Region

*Are you comfortable working in a community that uses both English and Spanish? We have an especially high need for bilingual volunteers.



Las Vegas Virtual Weekend
April 22 - 25, 2021

Is your marriage hurting?

Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples.

For more information contact Josh & Alma @ (702) 812-8873 or visit our website - helpourmarriage.org



Dispensation from the Obligation to Attend Mass Extension
April 5, 2021 - April 25, 2021

While I have granted permission to begin the reopening of public Masses, due to the ongoing gravity of the present moment and the restrictions being placed on us during the civil reopening plan, I hereby extend the dispensation for **all Catholic faithful of the Diocese of Las Vegas and those Catholics visiting within the geographic boundaries of our Diocese, from the obligation of attending Sunday Masses and Holy Days of Obligation up to and including Sunday, April 25, 2021.**

While we recognize that many are eager to return to Mass in our churches, it remains important for those who are elderly and otherwise at risk to refrain from returning to public Liturgies until it is manifestly safe to do so. For all the faithful, especially those who are sick, at high risk of becoming sick, and their caregivers, the obligation to attend Mass is hereby dispensed.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend George Leo Thomas
Bishop of the Diocese of Las Vegas



STAY CONNECTED!

Whatever your favorite social media platform - you can stay connected with St. Viator!



St. Viator Catholic Community



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www.stviator.org

Flocknote

A new way to keep up on parish news/events [click here](#) for details on flocknote



Reconciliation

Reconciliation is back. [click here](#) for details



Welcome Home!

Here is what you can expect at Mass at St. Viator.



Sunday Mass Sign Up

RESERVE SEAT HERE

If you do not have computer access, call 702.733.8323 to reserve.

Mass Schedule & Bulletin online

Quicklinks

- [Mass Schedule](#)
- [Bulletins](#)
- [Parish Registration](#)
- [Community Outreach](#)



And now you can receive text messages from our parish with the latest Mass schedule and other important news by joining flocknote.



Just text "sox" to 84576

APRIL Is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Every April, Catholic parishes and schools across the United States participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month.



The Effects of ABUSE

When a child is abused, the effects are grave and can last a lifetime. Some of the most common effects of abuse include:

- Loss of faith and trust in God.
- Post-traumatic stress disorder, psychological distress, and other indirect signs of trauma, such as anxiety, trouble sleeping, chronic stomach pain, and headaches.
- A greater risk of developing behavioral problems, substance abuse, and suicide.

The sense of violation goes deep into a person's psyche and feelings of anger, shame, hurt, and betrayal can build long after the abuse has taken place.

Steps to Prevent ABUSE

Communicate with Your Children

It is extremely important to communicate openly with your children. Let them know that they can talk to you about anything that bothers them. This will help you identify warning signs and grooming behaviors perpetrated by offenders before they escalate to abuse.

Educate Yourself and Your Children on Abuse

Learning how to identify, prevent, and report abuse is key. Parents and guardians should empower their children to protect themselves from harm and to report abuse. Ask your diocesan safe environment coordinator or parish delegate about opportunities for safe environment training.

Identify and Report Warning Signs of Child Abusers

Grooming behaviors are the actions abusers take to project the image that they are kind, generous, caring people, while their intent is to lure a minor into an inappropriate relationship. Offenders can be patient and may groom their victim, his or her family, or community for years.

Some abusers isolate a potential victim by giving him or her undue attention or lavish gifts, while others allow young people to participate in activities which their parents or guardians would not approve, such as watching pornography, drinking alcohol, using drugs, and excessive touching, such as wrestling and tickling. Abusers also often try to isolate their victims from family or friends and encourage their victims to keep secrets from their parents or other caring adults.

Holding Offenders ACCOUNTABLE

To help hold offenders accountable, report all suspected abuse to local public authorities. You can also contact your local diocesan victim assistance coordinator to make a report and seek outreach for the abused.

In accordance with diocesan policy, when a single act of sexual abuse is admitted or established, the offender is to be removed permanently from ministry.



“Let it be clear that before these abominations the Church will spare no effort to do all that is necessary to bring to justice whosoever has committed such crimes . . . To those who abuse minors I would say this: convert and hand yourself over to human justice, and prepare for divine justice.”

—Pope Francis, Dec. 21, 2018



FAITH & WORSHIP

Gospel Reflection

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.

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Readings *Week* of the ©LPI

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
Psalms 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]
1 John 2:1-5a
Luke 24:35-48

MONDAY, APRIL 19

Acts 6:8-15
Psalms 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]
John 6:22-29

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

Acts 7:51 - 8:1a
Psalms 31:3cd-4,6 & 7b & 8a, 17 & 21ab [6a]
John 6:30-35

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

Acts 8:1b-8
Psalms 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]
John 6:35-40

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

Acts 8:26-40
Psalms 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]
John 6:44-51

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

Acts 9:1-20
Psalms 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]
John 6:52-59

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

Acts 9:31-42
Psalms 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]
John 6:60-69

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

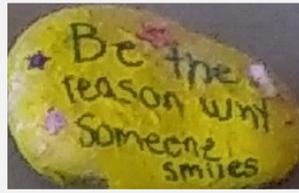
Acts 4:8-12
Psalms 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]
1 John 3:1- 2
John 10:11-18



ST. VIATOR COMMUNITY SPREAD HOPE & INSPIRATION



A glimpse of this year's Lenten prayer and giving opportunities which brought hope and inspiration to our community.



Youth ministry teens painted inspirational rocks with their families to leave in parks and neighborhoods to remind others to see the good in the world.

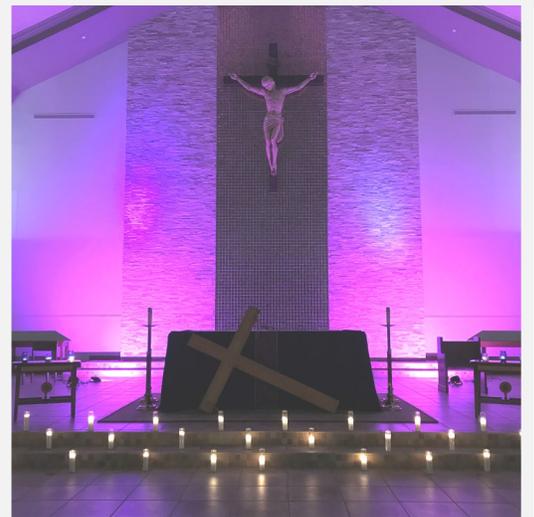


Virtual Stations of the Cross

Opportunities for prayer were available via in person, live streamed and virtual platforms - including Taizé and Stations of the Cross.



God's mercy was available through the sacrament of Reconciliation.



HOMELESS SERVICES



Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada

Faces of Hunger

Our parish participated in the Faces of Hunger campaign providing the opportunity for each of us to help neighbors in need through several drives to assist clients of Catholic Charities' numerous programs.