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St. Viator Catholic Community



Text "Sox" to 84576

April 25, 2021



4th Sunday OF EASTER

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me." - Jn 10:14

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

WELCOME!

**Mass Schedule
April 26 - May 2**

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

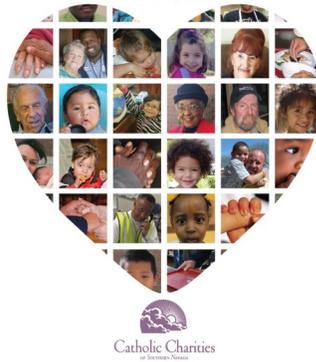
**Our diocese now requires
a phone number for each
household attending Mass
for possible contact tracing
purposes. A greeter will ask
for your name and phone
number at each Mass
before you enter.**

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.



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

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



Most needed items for the clients of St. Therese:

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

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



FAITH & STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Help Homeless Families Through “Just Neighbors”



In 1996, **St. Viator was one of the founding churches to be part of what is now called Family Promise.** Since then, we hosted homeless families in our Parish Center for up to four weeks each year.

When the pandemic hit, Family Promise knew they had to help their families in a safer way and they created “Just Neighbors.”

With **Just Neighbors, we will adopt one family at a time and help them get back on their feet.** We will get to know our adopted family and their needs, then do what we can to fill those needs.

At this time, **all our contact with our adopted family will be virtually,** so you can do it from the comfort of your home.

How Can I Or My Family Help?

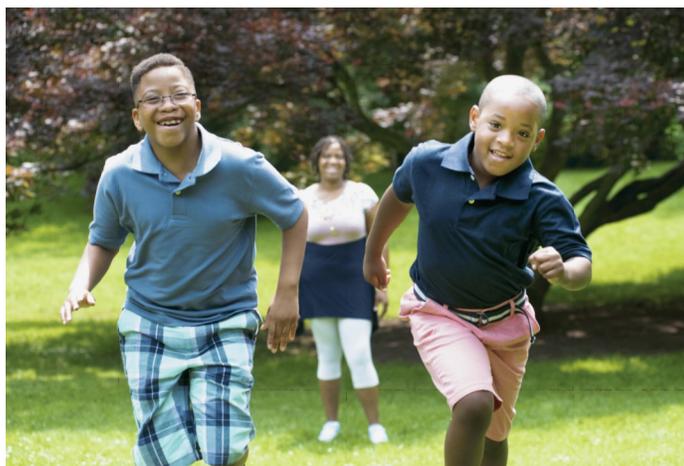
As you can see, this is an exciting opportunity for individuals and families to live out our faith and help others.

Do you like . . .

- . . . talking with people?
- . . . working with children?
- . . . shopping?
- . . . planning and coordinating activities?

then you will be perfect for Just Neighbors!

We are looking for **weekly volunteers: callers, organizers of donations, tutors for children, shoppers, and drivers** to deliver items to Family Promise.



If you would like to be part of this exciting new program, email your preferences to ministers@stviator.org.

Everyone dealing directly with the families must receive special training through Family Promise and fulfill the diocesan volunteer requirements.

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.

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.

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



CONTACT:

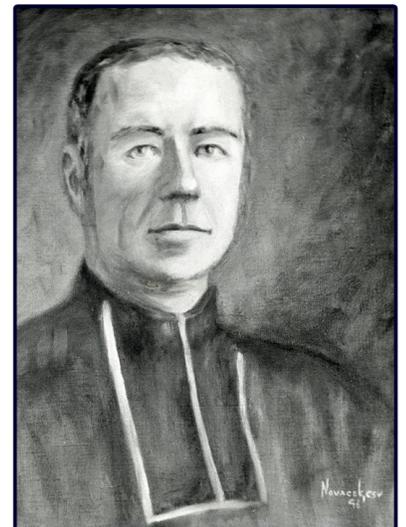
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702.732.4477 X 100

Viatorian Vocations Corner

Did You Know... About Our Founder?

Venerable Louis Querbes was born in Lyon, France in 1793, during the French Reign of Terror. Louis became a diocesan priest and served a rural parish in Vourles. Seeing the need for better liturgy, stronger parochial schools, and greater support for parish life, Louis formulated an association of catechists. He then worked through diocesan and Vatican processes to found the Congregation of the Clerics of Saint Viator. The Viatorians spread to parishes and schools around France, and next to French Canada.

Louis battled chronic health issues but remained a zealous, present leader as the first Superior General of the growing community. He died at the age of 66, leaving a legacy in the Viatorian charism that endures through hundreds of Viatorians serving in twelve countries today.



Painting of
Venerable Louis Querbes
by Fr. Raymond Novacek, CSV

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

Stewardship Reflection

Confidence in Princes

“Have you ever confided your problems to a friend, only to get the answer, “have you prayed about it as much as you’ve talked about it?”

Like all good advice, it can really irritate the recipient at first. Here I am, vulnerable and wounded, unloading my problems, and this joker tries to load them right back up and ship them off to Someone with a higher pay grade.

But again, like all good and irritating advice, it rings true if you sit and think about it.

Sure, venting is helpful. We all need that friend or family member who can listen to our problems. But if we ever start to think that person can solve them, it’s a good sign that we’re losing perspective.

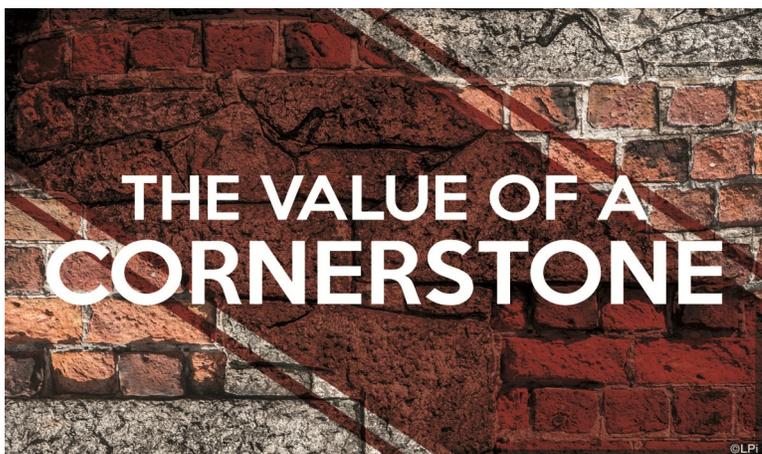
Are you looking to the world for an answer? Are you looking in the mirror, expecting to find a solution to your problems? Are you expecting happiness, peace, contentment or justice to come from any place other than God?

“It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in princes,” the Psalms tell us. Well, I’ve never put much confidence in princes. But when it comes to problems, I often find myself telling God to take a step back — “I’ve got this.”

It’s tough to pray about any problem as much as you talk about it. We want so badly to tackle the issue ourselves. But I’ll let you in on a secret: it doesn’t matter what the question is, we don’t have the answer. Take it to the One who does.

~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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: \$144,700

**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

Bishop Gorman High School's Gaels Theatre Guild Presents

Peter and the Starcatcher

A Play by Rick Elice

Based on the Novel by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson

Originally produced on Broadway by Nancy Nagel Gibbs, Greg Schaffert,
Eva Price, Tom Smedes, and Disney Theatrical Productions

April 27, 28, 29 at 6pm

Box Office Information
Call: 702 - 476 - 4175
Tickets available on www.showtix4u.com

Jim³ House of Performing Arts
5959 S. Hualapai Way Las Vegas, NV 89148
www.bishopgorman.org

Elena Ferrante-Martin
Artistic Director & Managing Producer

Limited Seating
State Mandated Social
Distancing Rules in Effect

To have faith is to have wings

PETER AND THE STARCATCHER

Is presented through special arrangement with Musical Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.
www.mtishows.com

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.

Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus Christ, you came that we might have life, and have it more abundantly. You call each of us to a life of holiness, serving you and one another, to build up your Kingdom of peace and justice and love. Open the hearts of those who are being called by you to a vocation to Priesthood or Religious Life. Give them the courage they need to respond generously to your call, that we the Church of Las Vegas, nourished in Word and Sacrament, may shine your Light ever more brightly in our world today. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ Most Reverend George Leo Thomas, Ph.D.
Third Bishop of Las Vegas



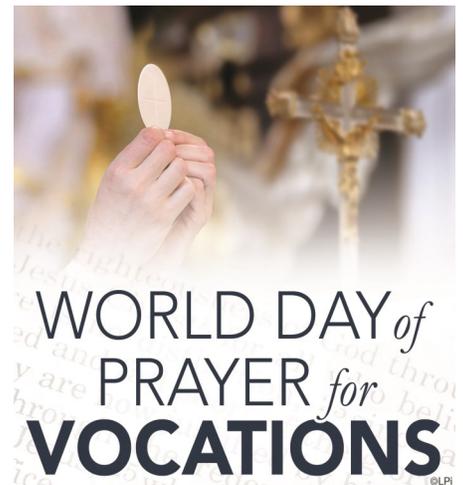
**Dispensation from the
Obligation to
Attend Mass Extension
April 5, 2021 - April 25, 2021**

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

FAITH & WORSHIP

Gospel Reflection

Any builder worth his or her salt knows the value and importance of a cornerstone. Properly laying and securing this primary unit determines how the rest of the project unfolds and its success. Cornerstones are necessary elements not only of buildings but of lives as well. Many human beings conduct the business of their lives paying little attention to a grounding reference or starting point. Hence, what unfolds is a tapestry of relativism, with few anchors or guideposts and many impulsive choices. Some consider love to be their cornerstone. While this may sound attractive and useful, the pursuit of love without a simultaneous pursuit of its source can be shallow and self-focused. Just because a person chooses to do no harm and love others does not mean that they are living in truth and properly anchored to the real cornerstone.

Jesus is the true and authentic cornerstone and shepherd. It is only in following the Risen One as the way, the truth, and the life that we can move from being well grounded ethical people to properly focused moral ones. Proper conduct, a true sense of justice, wisdom, virtue, moral principles, faith, hope, and love will be difficult to find unless we listen to the right Voice. It is when we learn to listen to the voice of God that we begin our journey on the road to salvation. It is only the Good Shepherd, the authentic and solid cornerstone, who can guide us through life's questions and challenges and bring us to the safe and proper pasture.

A person's life only has meaning when the cornerstone is properly selected and set. Understanding themselves only as random acts of creation, existing without intent or purpose, will color their choices and influence their decisions. The foundation of their lives will be simply a matter of preference and choice, leaving benchmarks of growth and higher ideals optional to pursue. Whereas people who believe that they are fashioned and loved into existence by a God who purposely made them, have this incredible unconditional relationship at their source which has tremendous significance. Their allegiance is not to themselves but to their Creator. Life, then, is an adventure in search of this Creator God and a journey of self -

Readings *Week* of the ©LPI

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

MONDAY, APRIL 26

Acts 11:1-18
Psalms 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]
John 10:1-10

TUESDAY, APRIL 27

Acts 11:19-26
Psalms 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a]
John 10:22-30

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

Acts 12:24 - 13:5a
Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]
John 12:44-50

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

Acts 13:13-25
Psalms 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]
John 13:16-20

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

Acts 13:26-33
Psalms 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]
John 14:1-6

SATURDAY, MAY 1

Acts 13:44-52
Psalms 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]
John 14:7-14

SUNDAY, MAY 2

Acts 9:26-31
Psalms 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]
1 John 3:18-24
John 15:1-8

discovery that seeks to unite their will to His. There is a cost. We have to give up our life in order to gain our life. As ironic as that sounds, it is true. It is only when we finally figure this out that the true cornerstone of our lives will be properly laid and we can, with God's help, get about the business of properly constructing a temple that endures. ©LPI

FAITH & NEWS



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Diocese of Reno
Bishop Randolph Calvo,

April 13, 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

There are two bills in the Nevada legislature which would make doctor prescribed suicide legal in our state. Although there are differences in SB 105 and AB 351 each provides that if a patient has been diagnosed with a medical condition which may be terminal within six months, the treating physician is required to inform the patient that they may request their doctor to prescribe suicide pills.

In states such as Oregon and California, which have enacted doctor prescribed suicide, some medical insurance companies have refused to approve medical procedures requested by physicians, and have instead informed the treating physician that the insurance company will only approve prescribing the suicide pills. What will the insurance companies do next? Will the insurance companies deny treatment to people with medical conditions, or disabilities, which would be fatal without expensive medical procedures, and, instead, only offer to pay for the suicide pills? Will the elderly be denied potential lifesaving treatments, and be offered the choice to take a deadly poison, so they “won’t” be a burden on their family? Stated differently, will the “right to die”, turn into a “duty to die”?

What impact would these bills have on young people struggling with emotional issues and considering suicide. What about persons battling depression or suffering from traumatic brain injury? What is the message to our veterans, who are dealing with post-traumatic stress disorder? Do SB 105 and AB 351 send our veterans the message that suicide is an acceptable alternative? In Oregon, the total suicide rate has increased by more than twice the national suicide rate since physician assisted suicide was passed.

The proponents of SB 105 and AB 351 view these laws as progress. We believe that legalizing physician assisted suicide in Nevada will lead to the same issues which now plague Oregon and California.

We ask for your help in making our legislators understand the Church’s position on physician assisted suicide. Please make your opposition on SB 105 and AB 351 clear to Nevada Legislators by following the instructions in the attachments.

Please also call your Senator and Assemblyperson and leave a message that you oppose SB 105 and AB 351. Thank you.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads “+George Leo Thomas”.

Bishop Randolph R. Calvo
Diocese of Reno

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