



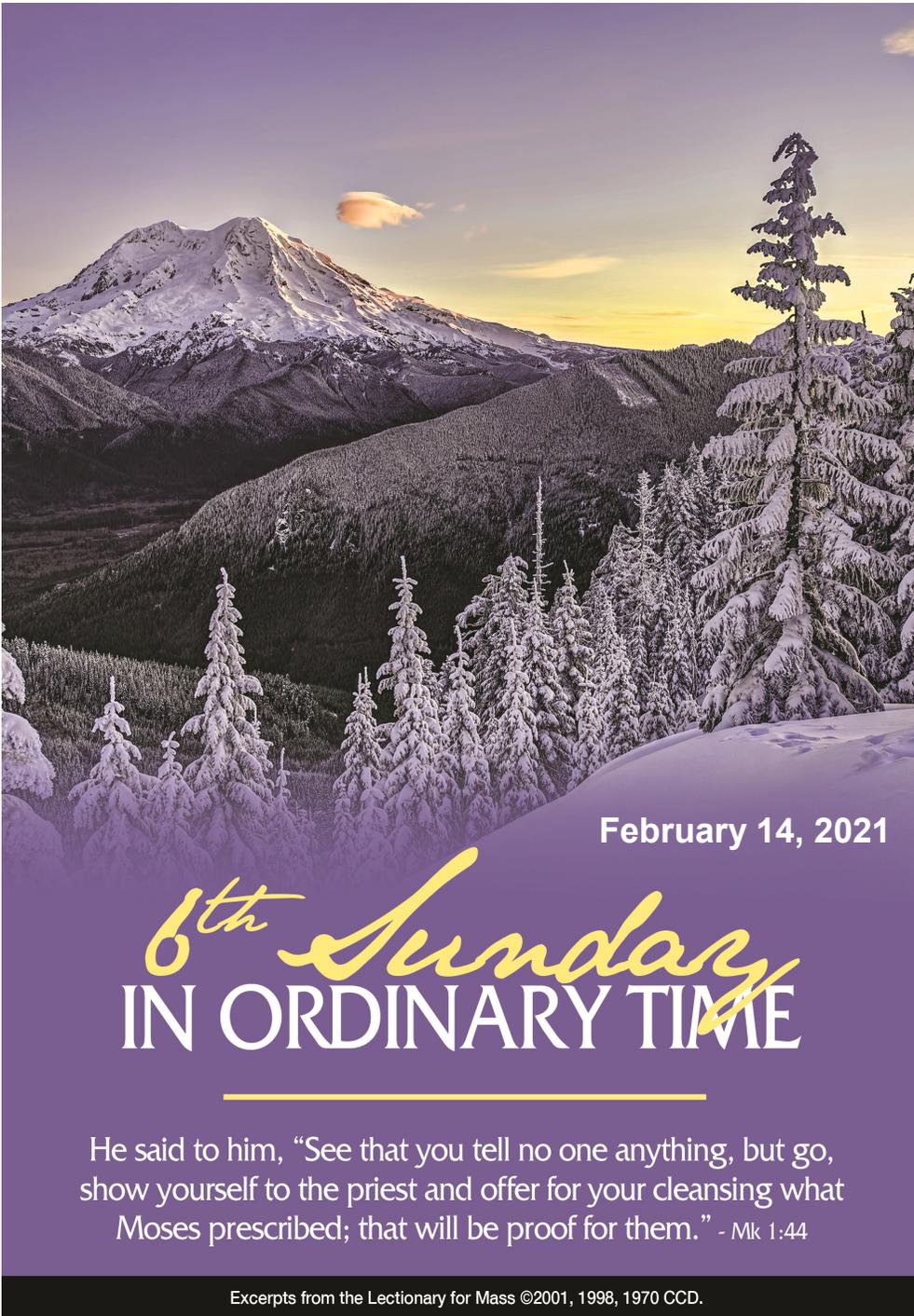
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St. Viator Catholic Community



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February 14, 2021

# 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." - Mk 1:44

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

## WELCOME!

### Mass Schedule February 15-21

### Weekday Masses

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



- 6:45 AM Mass
- 8:15 AM Liturgy of the Word
- 12:15 PM Liturgy of the Word
- 7:00 PM Mass

### 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 before you enter.**

# ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT



6:45 AM Mass

8:15 AM Liturgy of the Word

12:15 PM Liturgy of the Word

7:00 PM Mass

Ashes will be distributed at all liturgies but in a different manner. Read this article [→](#)

## Lent 2021 Faces of Hunger



The Faces of Hunger program will be different this year but still provide an opportunity for us to assist our community. Throughout Lent our parish will be highlighting three helpful programs offered by Catholic Charities, including: Homeless and Housing Services, Hands of Hope Food Pantry and Loving Hearts Adoption Services. Special collections of items needed will take place to assist our neighbors in need served by these Catholic Charities' programs. Prayerfully consider how you can sacrifice to give to others this Lent. See page 3 of this bulletin for the list of items to donate and the dates of each drive.



The Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments asked priests to take special anti-COVID-19 precautions this year when distributing ashes on **Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, including sprinkling ashes on the top of people's heads rather than using them to make a cross on people's foreheads.** The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Divine Worship forwarded directions to United States Bishops.

The committee's note on the "distribution of ashes in time of pandemic" directs priests to say "the prayer for blessing the ashes" and then sprinkle "the ashes with holy water, without saying anything."

"Then he addresses all those present and only once says the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general: 'Repent and believe in the Gospel' or 'Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.'"

The priest and the ministers then cleanse their hands, and distribute the ashes to the faithful while wearing a face mask. "The priest or minister takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each one without saying anything."

The usual practice in the United States would be to repeat the formula -"Repent and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return"- to each person as the ashes are rubbed onto their forehead in the shape of a cross.

Sprinkling ashes on the top of the head, rather than marking foreheads, is the customary practice at the Vatican and in Italy and most European Catholic Churches. Given the spread of the coronavirus, this has the advantage of not requiring the priest or minister to touch multiple people.

Photo from National Catholic Reporter <https://www.ncronline.org/news/vatican/ash-wednesday-vatican-asks-priests-sprinkle-ashes-heads>

# LENTEN PRAYER, ALMSGIVING & WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## “How to Make Your Lent More Better”

The above statement is not grammatically correct, but it hopefully got your attention! We invite you to consider how you plan to journey through this Lenten season.

### What Should We Do During Lent?

Turn away from our sins and turn back to God. Detach from habits and tendencies that are contrary to God’s will. Lent is a time of conversion.

We invite you to consider the various ways our parish embraces Lent. Watch the bulletin for:

**Prayer**—Stations of the Cross, daily Mass, Taizé  
**Almsgiving**—Faces of Hunger campaign benefits Catholic Charities’ clients.

**Reflect** - Sign up for daily reflections from one of the various online Catholic sites. Suggestions can be found on our website.

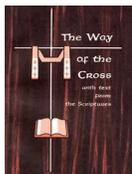
### Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent February 19 - March 26

#### Options available

12:15 PM and 7:00 PM in the church

You can also take part in this devotion at your convenience from home with our youtube channel. See our website.



### A Prayer for Lenten Grace

Loving God,  
during the sacred season of Lent,  
bring me closer to You.

Prepare a place in my home and heart  
for silence and solitude,  
so that I may re-discover  
the grace of a prayer-full life.

Help me to fast from those things that  
threaten the well-being of body and soul  
and remind me of the grace of simplicity.

Enlarge my heart  
so that I give to those in need  
and in so doing, re-discover the grace of  
gratitude and generosity.

May this season be a grace-filled time to  
rekindle my love for and faith in You. Amen.

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## LENTEN TRADITIONS

In addition to personally chosen acts of self-discipline and reflection - the Church, as one body, takes on certain ritual acts of fasting and abstinence during Lent. Catholics are obliged to observe the following:

**FASTING** One full meal, as well as two smaller dishes which don’t equal a full meal, with no snacking, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for all those who are at least 18 years of age, but not yet 59 years of age. **ABSTINENCE** No meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent for everyone 14 years or older.

### Faces of Hunger Campaign

Please bring the following items to church for the clients served by these Catholic Charities programs.

Homeless & Housing Services - February 17 - 28

- ◆ Travel-size shampoo
- ◆ Travel-size bars of soap or body wash
- ◆ Toothbrushes and travel toothpaste
- ◆ Men’s razors

Hands of Hope Food Pantry - March 1 - 14

- ◆ Spam
- ◆ Canned fruit
- ◆ Oatmeal
- ◆ Canned chicken
- ◆ Canned tuna
- ◆ Pancake mix
- ◆ Syrup
- ◆ Jelly/ peanut butter

Loving Hearts Adoption Services - March 15 - 28

For birth mothers:

- ◆ Women’s lotion
- ◆ Bath gel or bubble bath
- ◆ Throw blankets
- ◆ Reusable water bottles

For babies:

- ◆ Handmade baby blankets or hats

Please consider how you can help our neighbors in need this Lent by giving to our parish’s Faces of Hunger Campaign.

# FAITH & WORSHIP

## Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas 2021 JCDA Day Proclamation

**Whereas**, the Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas was established on February 22, 1926 to create a National Youth Program for Catholic girls ages 6 through 18, and

**Whereas**, the goals and objectives of the JCDA program are divided into a Threefold Program of Message, Service, and Community including the motto "Be Useful" and a standard of "love God, serve others, live nobly," and

**Whereas**, each Junior Catholic Daughter, having an active faith in God, experience personal and spiritual growth through liturgy, prayer and faith-based activities, and

**Whereas**, each Junior Catholic Daughter participates in enriching lives through service to others in their family, parish, community and world following Christ's example, "What I have done, so you must do." (John 13:13-15)

**Whereas**, opportunities be provided each Junior Catholic Daughter a lifelong journey leading to the development of leadership skills, therefore be it

**Resolved**, each Junior Catholic Daughter seek meaningful behaviors with Joy and gladness to fulfill the JCDA Program, and be it further

**Resolved**, that Sunday, February 21, 2021 be observed as the Ninety Fourth Annual National Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas Day.

Presented this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.



Father Richard Rinn, C.S.V.



Sweatshirts & Flip Flops Drive  
Women and Children Sizes  
Saturday, February 20th  
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
Parish School Parking Lot

The Junior Catholic Daughters are sponsoring this event to assist the women and children in crisis at Safe Nest.

Please help by bringing your donations to their drive on the day/time above. Thank you!

Support our parish's Junior Catholic Daughters as they Celebrate JCDA Day next Sunday.



## DECREE

Dispensation from Obligation to Attend Mass  
Extension - January 31 - April 4, 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 April 4, 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

Dear Parishioners,

At this time each year we conduct the Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA) in the parish. This important effort has proved invaluable in helping to support diocesan programs while at the same time assisting our parish community in meeting some of our needs.

The Catholic Stewardship Appeal invites us to think about vital diocesan programs and services that meet real needs throughout Southern Nevada. Your financial participation helps fund diocesan priorities that are beyond the capability of individual parishes to sustain. Your stewardship in sharing some of your finances with the larger diocesan church is deeply appreciated.

A critical component of the CSA is the Rebate Program in which all funds raised over the parish assessment are returned to the parish for our own needs. The assessment for our parish by the Diocese for 2021 is \$129,130 which is \$1,877 less than last year.

This year we plan to allocate the rebates to continue placing security cameras around the church. This year we had some vandalism at church—some windows to the right of the baptismal were broken—and we believe the security cameras can be a deterrent. We also plan to replace the lights in front of the church entrance doors. These lights are a favorite spot for pigeons to roost making our entrance a less than pleasant experience. As we have done in the past we will use our line of credit from the School Foundation to help fund this project. I am very grateful to the School Foundation for their continued support.

I know these are difficult times for many of you. Please be as generous as your situation allows. Fill in a pledge card and return your gift to the parish by mail or the collection boxes at church. You can pledge your gift and pay it off throughout the year. No gift is too small and all gifts help.

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

Sincerely,



Father Richard Rinn, C.S.V.  
Pastor

# ST. VIATOR NEWS & EVENTS

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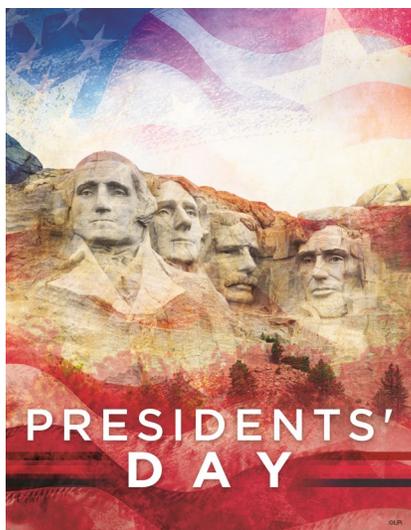
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In observance of Presidents' Day the office will be closed Monday, February 15th

### Quotes to Ponder

"I would rather belong to a poor nation that was free than to a rich nation that had ceased to be in love with liberty."

– Woodrow Wilson

"Honesty is the first chapter of the book of wisdom."

– Thomas Jefferson

"The advancement and diffusion of knowledge is the only guardian of true liberty."

– James Madison

"Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power."

– Abraham Lincoln

"America was not built on fear. America was built on courage, on imagination and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand."

– Harry S. Truman

"As we express our gratitude we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them."

– John F. Kennedy

# STAY CONNECTED!

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



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



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# FAITH & STEWARDSHIP

## Gratitude 101

by  
Bishop Robert F. Morneau

Our God is a gift-giver. We are recipients of God's incredible benevolence. Bearing this in mind the psalmist raised a fundamental question that never goes away: "How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?" (Ps. 116:12).

Struggling with this, St. John Paul II wrote:

*Can I ever repay my gratitude to the sea  
whose quiet waves come out to seek me  
as I am lead astray, day after day?  
And to the sun, for not spurning me,  
its journey done, and for keeping  
evening and dawn not far apart?*

Questions that spring from a grateful heart. Try as we might, we can never make sufficient repayment for the gifts of God great and small. **The best we can do is develop a spirit of gratitude that overflows in generosity to others.**

"Some people learn gratitude too late," Flannery O'Connor writes in one of her short stories, "and some never learn it at all." Blessed is the child who, while not yet ten, is trained to write notes of "thank you" for gifts given. Gratitude is a discipline, demanding explicit effort and constancy. If our education has not included "Gratitude 101," we have been short-changed.

One way to acknowledge God's gifts is in words, whether written or spoken. But more is required: **We must nurture and share the gifts given; become the gift.** This is the point of every Eucharist, our central moment of thanksgiving. We gather as a community to express our gratitude for the mysteries of creation, redemption, and sanctification. In the Eucharist we break open the Scriptures and come to know Jesus as we break the bread. We then share what we have received in Word and Sacrament. "Gratitude 101" over and over.

When Mass was celebrated in Latin, the liturgy ended with the celebrant exclaiming: *Ite, Missa est* (Go, the Mass is ended). The congregation responded: *Deo gratias* (Thanks be to God).

Those two little words - *Deo Gratias* - are inscribed on Dorothy Day's headstone. And they should be tattooed on our heart, so that our stony, hard heart will be removed and our inner spirit will be transformed (Ezekiel 36:24 - 28).

Thanksgiving is not reserved for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery, or for one day out of the year. Thanks be to God for the fresh morning muffin, the smile from a stranger, the unexpected note from a friend - and, yes, even the hardships of life that challenge us to embrace our cross as Jesus and Mary did. Indeed, our suffering can be a great blessing.

Perhaps as we celebrate Valentine's Day\* once again, we might offer this prayer until our request is granted:

Lord, give me a heart of generosity,  
that I may emulate Thee,  
a heart of compassion,  
that I may cry with Thee,  
a heart of hospitality,  
that I may welcome Thee,  
and, yes, a grateful heart,  
that I may thank Thee.

Robert F. Morneau is the auxiliary bishop emeritus of the Diocese of Green Bay

\*(substituted for author's Thanksgiving Day)



Happy Valentine's  
Day

# FAITH & WORSHIP

## Gospel Reflection

The Church, as a voice of the Gospel, proclaims the sacredness of all human life. Everyone created by God is fashioned in God's image and has Divine DNA at the center of their soul. God never leaves what God creates but always remains intimately bound to what he has given form. Everyone has a place and because they have received the gift of Divine Blessing, nobody deserves to feel inferior, unworthy, unwanted, unclean or marginalized. Even the most broken of souls has a place. We, the Body of Christ, have the privilege and responsibility to give voice to the voiceless. The cries of the little one in his or her mother's womb are just as sacred as the cries of one who is homeless and hungry. The migrant deserves our attention as much as the forgotten elderly and even the prisoner, with a heart hardened by anger and resentment, deserves respect and dignity.

The Gospel of Life is often hard to swallow, and we would rather keep those we consider unclean, different or unfixable in a place by themselves. It is hard to see them with us, but they deserve to be. There is far too much violence in this world and the result of that violence is the assault on human life. Many are forced to leave the place they call home in search of safer ground, finding few if any along the way who will help them. How different today's Gospel story would be if Jesus gave in to what was politically correct at that time. The leper would have been turned away and a soul, already beaten down by disease and fear, would have experienced an even deeper wound. Jesus wouldn't have captured much attention from anyone, nor would he have mirrored the Father's compassion and love.

Where do we stand with all of this? Do we at least understand that God's vision is often in conflict with the vision put forth in our world and even the one we advance ourselves? There is no doubt that it is incredibly challenging to find a place for everyone at the table. This challenge is compounded when the systems of operation and structure that are so ingrained in us affirm power and privilege rather than inclusivity and justice. Everything really goes askew when the powerful begin to control who is entitled to wholeness and inclusion, and greed becomes a driving force. Prejudice and entitlement raise their ugly heads and we find ourselves with quite a mess. It's time to admit that things have been a mess for a very

## Readings of the Week ©LPI

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46  
Psalms 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]  
1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1  
Mark 1:40-45

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Genesis 4:1-15, 25  
Psalms 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]  
Mark 8:11-13

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10  
Psalms 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]  
Mark 8:14-21

### ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Joel 2:12-18  
Psalms 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]  
2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]  
Luke 9:22-25

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Isaiah 58:1-9a  
Psalms 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]  
Matthew 9:14-15

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Isaiah 58:9b-14  
Psalms 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]  
Luke 5:27-32

### NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Genesis 9:8-15  
Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]  
1 Peter 3:18-22  
Mark 1:12-15

long time. The mess needs to be healed, not by erasing it but by allowing God to touch it and make it whole. We need to bring God back to the center of life where God belongs. There are no easy solutions to the world's dilemmas. But, knowing that wholeness, healing, and dignity are worthy pursuits, we can more confidently labor to achieve God's vision.

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# CSA IS HERE! WHO BENEFITS FROM CSA? WE ALL DO!

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 to that parish. Our parish will use this rebate in 2021 to continue to finance security cameras around the church and replace the lights in front of our church entrance doors (please read Fr. Rinn's letter on page 3 of this bulletin for more information).

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.
- 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.

Below are the video links:

English

[https://www.dropbox.com/s/44ftkmp72s6ls81/DOLV\\_CSA21\\_03.mp4?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/44ftkmp72s6ls81/DOLV_CSA21_03.mp4?dl=0)

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