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St. Viator Catholic Community



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WELCOME!

Mass Schedule February 22 - 28

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 before you enter.**

February 21, 2021

1st Sunday
OF LENT

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee
proclaiming the gospel of God. - Mk 1:14

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

FACES OF HUNGER & LENT

Faces of Hunger

The Faces of Hunger campaign 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 for two weeks per program to assist our neighbors in need.

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.

FACES OF HUNGER & LENT



HOMELESS AND HOUSING SERVICES

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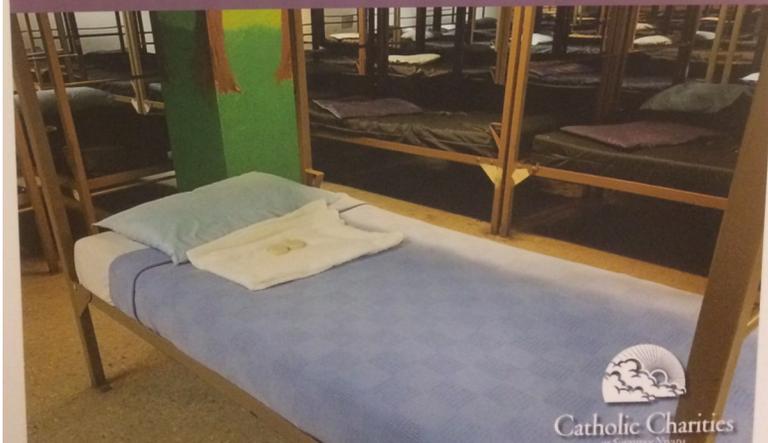
With 400 beds available, this year-round emergency night shelter provides a clean and safe environment for adult homeless men every night. Additionally, case management is available every night to provide access to community resources.

The night weather shelter is open every night of the year with check-in at 3:00 PM daily and provides laundered linens, showers, toiletries, restroom facilities, and face masks. Toiletries are distributed when available. **This is the focus of our parish's collection for this program.**

THE FACILITY AND LEVEL OF CARE

Night shelter services are equipped with bunk beds for able bodied men, able to function without need of medical care. To promote safety, each bed has a lexan sneeze guard. Additionally, the shelter is cleaned and sanitized each day. The shelter beds are provided on a first come first serve basis, offering lower bunks to those in wheelchairs and or with walkers, including seniors.

HOMELESS SERVICES



How Can YOU help?

Donate the following items

February 17 - 28

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



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

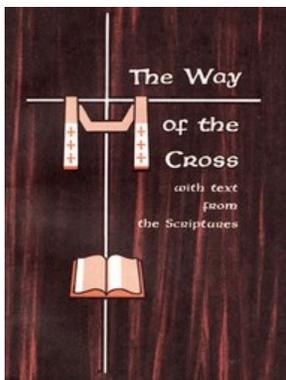
Almsgiving

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.

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.

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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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 14th day of February, 2021.



Father Richard Rinn, C.S.V.

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

REGISTRATION FOR 2021 ONGOING

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.

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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



FOOD DRIVE REPORT - SUCCESS!

Food Drive for Catholic Worker HUGE Success!!

Carloads of food donated by parishioners were delivered by Knights of Columbus Council 8282 to the Las Vegas Catholic Worker last Saturday. Many thanks to all who brought food to church or to the drive-thru drop off, hosted by the Knights of Columbus, to help Catholic Worker continue their mission to feed the hungry in our community.



Las Vegas Catholic Worker

Serving the Poor and Homeless Since 1986



Julia Occhiogrosso and Gary Cavalier standing by some of the food items St. Viator parishioners donated to Catholic Worker.



Scenes from the drive-thru food drive and delivery of items to Catholic Worker.

The food drive began the first week of January. Our food bank coordinators delivered several carloads of food in addition to this recent delivery by the Knights of Columbus.

Thank you, Gary and Julia for your mission to serve the poor and homeless of our community.

Thank you, Knights of Columbus Council 8282 for holding the drive-thru food drop off and delivering several carloads of donated food to Catholic Worker.



STAY CONNECTED!

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



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HOME ABOUT US MASS SCHEDULE NEWS SACRAMENTS CONTACT



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](#)
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- [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.



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Why do we do that?

Question:

Why do Catholics eat fish on Friday during Lent?

Answer:

For centuries, meatless Fridays were the norm for Catholics throughout the world. Friday was chosen because that was the day on which Jesus died, and Christians wanted to find a way to honor that day with special prayers and acts of penance and self-denial. The practice of abstaining from meat on Fridays — under pain of sin — grew out of that desire, and it became an official part of Church teaching until the time of the Second Vatican Council.

In the 1960s, there was a shift in the Church's thinking, in large part because there was a recognition that differences in cultures and economic realities meant that eating or not eating meat had different meanings for different peoples. For example, in cultures that were largely dependent on seafood or a vegetarian diet, abstaining from meat was no sacrifice at all. While in other places, eating fish and other kinds of seafood was actually something rare and special and not a sacrifice. This was all part of a basic reflection on "why we do what we do" among the Church's pastors.

Today, Catholics throughout the world are still instructed to abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent. The bishops of some countries, such as in England and Wales, ask Catholics to abstain from meat every Friday, continuing the older tradition. The Bishops of the United States have taken a slightly different approach, encouraging Catholics to honor Friday as a special day by abstaining from meat every Friday or by taking on some other work of penance or charity for the sake of others.

Regardless of what we choose to do, the real value in all of this is to see a reflection of Good Friday in each Friday of Lent, to remember the self-giving love of Jesus, and to honor that love through some sort of sacrifice or act of mercy.

Stewardship Reflection

The Unlikely Suspects

Have you ever taken a nature walk? Have you leisurely strolled through a forest or field, with no real destination in mind and your only objective being receptivity to and observation of all God's creation?

Sometimes, Scripture readings can feel like a nature walk. All of salvation history plays out against the backdrop of the natural world, with all elements of God's creation — plants and animals and the dust of the earth itself — turning in a supporting performance. How about Jesus in the hot and dusty desert, tempted, living "among the wild beasts?" Noah departed from his ark with the animals he rescued, observing God's sign in the very clouds of the sky. Even God Himself, offering us salvation from original sin through the waters of baptism.

How often do we remember that God speaks to us through all of His creation, even in the unlikeliest suspects?

Let's go back to the nature walk. It sounds like a lovely way to pass an afternoon, amongst wildflowers and butterflies, but don't forget the beating hot sun, mosquitos, and threat of rain on the horizon. Remember, we're not in heaven yet. Here on earth, God may be present in His creation, but that doesn't mean it's always easy to endure.

Lent is, essentially, a time to listen for the voice of God in places we may not expect: the mild irritations you experience when you're craving the chocolate you gave up, or the dull pangs of hunger during the Ash Wednesday fast. It's a golden opportunity to see the divine hand in all of creation, even those unlikely suspects.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

FAITH & WORSHIP

Gospel Reflection

St. Oscar Romero said, “Aspire not to have more, but to be more.” These powerful words provide the perfect framework for a conversion oriented Lenten experience. God is giving us this Lenten sign to stop being concerned about what you have and focus on who you are. This requires that we create a desert space and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. It is all so wonderfully simple on the one hand and so incredibly challenging on the other. The message is simple: love God, neighbor, and self. Those simple words make great sense, but we struggle translating them into reality. Our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness all anchor us to the “idol of the self,” keeping us mired in our compulsive need for self-aggrandizement. It’s not about us!

God vowed, long ago, to nurture, sustain and protect the relationship He has with His people. He called us into being, nurtures us in being, and sustains us in being. Without the Loving Divine Presence, all life would cease. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God’s love and how we can better imitate God’s loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. In short, we will see our myopic short sightedness and figure out how we can better share the Divine Fire within with others. Lent isn’t just about giving stuff up for forty days and indulging again at Easter. We need to push things much farther and wrestle with the question of how we can be more. “Being more” means becoming more fully alive and in touch with the holiness of life and the divinity that lives in and empowers all beings and things. It is realizing that the “quality” of our presence is crucial to being an effective witness and herald of God’s unconditional love.

The illusion we have bought into causes us to believe that the wrong things and systems matter. We tirelessly fight to keep things the way they are, to return to the former ways of doing things or restore some nostalgic fantasy memory of “life in the good old days.” Lent isn’t about maintaining what we have or returning to something that is gone. It’s about becoming something new. It’s about being more focused, centered, convicted, and grounded so that

Readings of the Week ©LPi

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

1 Peter 5:1-4
Psalms 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]
Matthew 16:13-19

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Isaiah 55:10-11
Psalms 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]
Matthew 6:7-15

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Jonah 3:1-10
Psalms 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]
Luke 11:29-32

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25
Psalms 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]
Matthew 7:7-12

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Ezra 18:21-28
Psalms 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]
Matthew 5:20-26

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Deuteronomy 26:16-19
Psalms 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]
Matthew 5:43-48

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
Psalms 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]
Romans 8:31b-34
Mark 9:2-10

we can be a person who truly loves and treasures being made in the image of God. The secret to Gospel living is not found in accumulating anything for ourselves, even merit points for heaven. Gospel living means learning how to live with less so that others can live with more. The thought of permanently giving something up makes us feel uncomfortable. Truth often does. ©LPi



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.

Thank you to those who
turned in their CSA pledge.

If you have not sent in your pledge card
and donation - please remember -
no gift is too small and all gifts help!

Update

2021 CSA Assessment: \$129,130
Donations to date: \$ 23,800



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

Spanish

https://www.dropbox.com/s/5zbfjx9l0enxzb/DOLV_CSA21_03_EspSubtitles.mp4?dl=0