



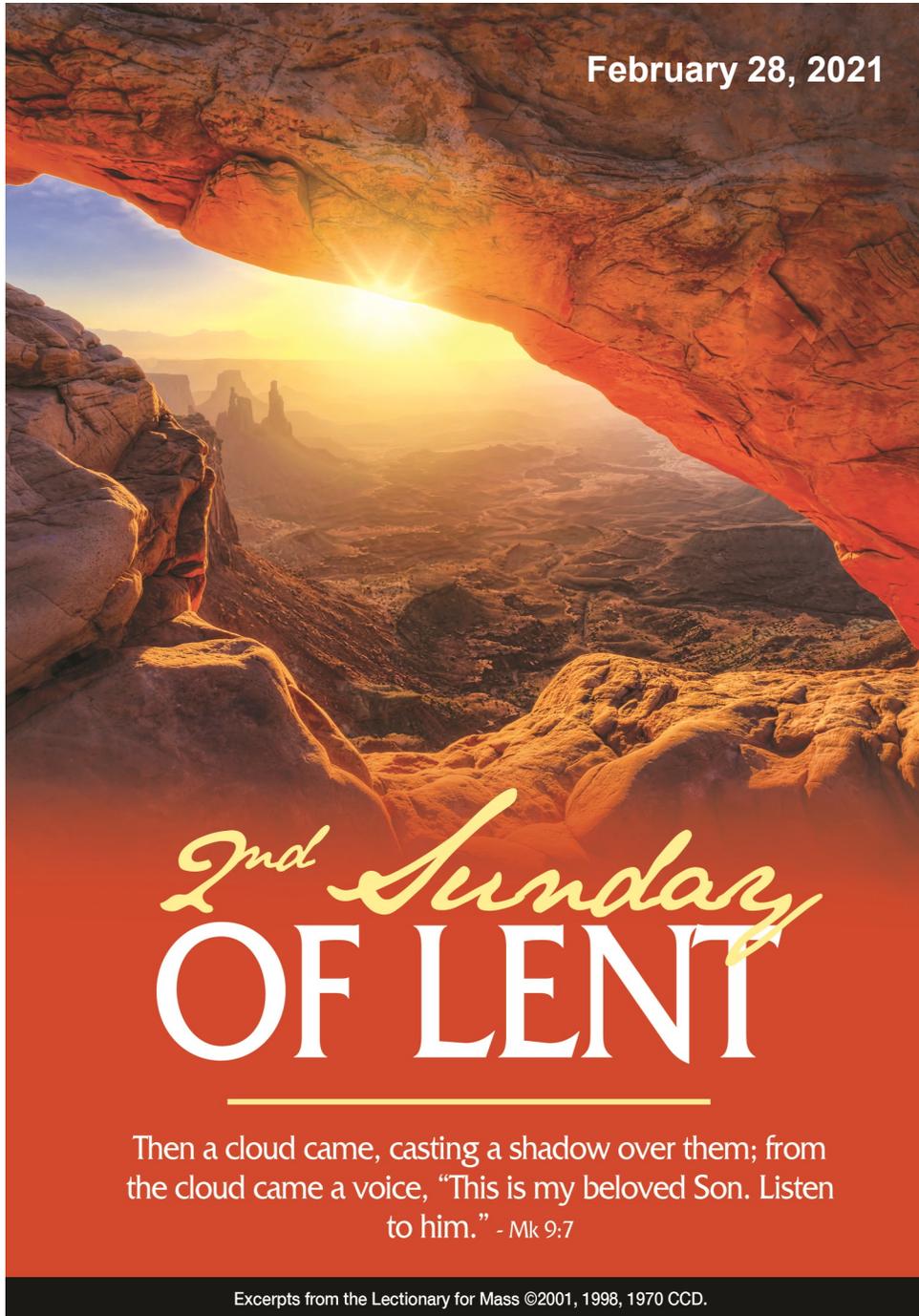
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St. Viator Catholic Community



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February 28, 2021

2nd Sunday OF LENT

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." - Mk 9:7

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WELCOME!

Mass Schedule March 1 - 7

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 & 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 & MORE



HOMELESS AND HOUSING SERVICES

MENS SHELTER

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



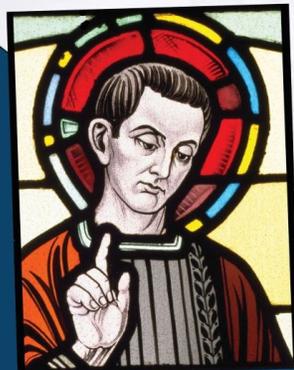
How Can YOU help?

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



CRISTO REY ST. VIATOR COLLEGE PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL



- Work-Study Program
- Faith-Based Education
- Sports & Clubs
- Welcomes students with Limited Economic Resources
 - Programa de Estudio Trabajo
 - Educación Basada en la Fe
 - Deportes y Clubs
 - Para estudiantes con Recursos Económicos Limitados



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FAITH & STEWARDSHIP



Hands of Hope Community Food Pantry Collection March 1 - 14

*Read how many
receive help through
this important program*

The Hands of Hope Community Food Pantry provides groceries for 4,000 families in need each month. The program is designed to assist clients with supplemental food items when they otherwise might be lacking. Clients are able to choose among various baked goods, fresh produce, boxed food items, canned items and frozen products when available. Clients are able to access the food pantry once every 30 days. For more information on this program go to their website http://www.catholiccharities.com/service_details/food-pantry/

Your donations of the items listed below will help stock the shelves of the food pantry for our neighbors in need.

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



Stewardship Reflection

When Sacrifice Becomes Mundane

It seems to happen every year, like clockwork: we drag a bit, as we enter into the second week of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we feel a bit like soldiers banging our shields, rushing into battle. “We’re ready, God!” our hearts cry out. “Transform us through sacrifice! Your will be done!”

But by now, these Lenten resolutions are no longer novelties — they’ve joined the ranks of everyday inconveniences, which somehow are the hardest to bear. Because transformation, in real life, happens in inches, just as a battle is won slowly in the crash of one sword against another. It’s not always a dramatic thing, to the naked eye. It’s the perseverance in prayer despite weariness, or the continual denial of some pleasure even though there’s that nagging voice in our minds saying: go ahead, God doesn’t really mind.

It’s a week when we all need a shock to the system — and wouldn’t you know it, this Sunday God gives us a double-whammy of dramatic sacrificial scenes. We picture Abraham, who also cried “Ready!” when God called, never imagining what He would ask: the surrender of his long-awaited son. We see Christ himself transfigured, as God shows us what He is ready to give up for love of us.

We must remain committed, persevering daily in acknowledging that everything belongs to God. What we sacrifice, we simply give back to Him.

If God is for us, who can be against us? Can we still reply, “Ready!” when we hear the call of God?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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

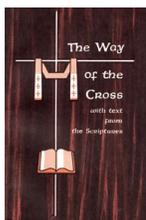
Almsgiving

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, 12:15 PM & 7:00 PM Fridays of Lent February 19 - March 26



March 5th in the church

12:15 PM - Laity
7:00 PM - Fr. Rinn

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

Taizé Prayer ~ St. Viator Church March 2 ~ 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Also being livestreamed on our Facebook page



BE INSPIRED
By Music and Worship

BE CHALLENGED
By Scripture

BE WELCOMED
By Viatorian Tradition

St. Viator Catholic Community invites all (14 years and up) who wish to dive into their faith and connect with God on a deeper level this Lent.

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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COMING NEXT WEEK . . .

. . . information on our Lenten
book and movie discussions!



FAITH & WORSHIP

St. Viator Parish School began Lent with Mass

Students from our parish school attended a special Ash Wednesday Mass with their classmates for the first time since the beginning of the pandemic. The middle school classes attended the Mass in person and the younger grades were able to participate in the livestreamed Mass in their classrooms.



RCIA at Red Rock

This year's RCIA group, including their sponsors, enjoyed the beauty of God's creation with a hike through Red Rock as a part of their faith journey. Please keep our RCIA candidates and catechumens in your prayers.



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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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



RECENT DRIVES REPORT - SUCCESS!



**Sweatshirt and
Flip-flop Drive
For Safe Nest
HUGE
Success!!**



Junior Catholic Daughters extend their deepest gratitude to all those who donated items at the February 20th drive-thru drop off event for the adults and children served by Safe Nest. One parishioner even brought magazines for the women and children. At the close of the event a parishioner donated 8 huge bags of clothing and blankets for the cause. What a blessing!

Established in 1977, Safe Nest is Nevada's largest, most comprehensive nonprofit dedicated to ending domestic violence by focusing on five core confidential, trauma-informed services: emergency shelter, 24/7 crisis hotline, counseling, advocacy and prevention education.

Food Drive for Catholic Worker Another HUGE Success!!



Las Vegas Catholic Worker
Serving the Poor and Homeless Since 1986

February 15, 2021

Dear St. Viator Catholic Community,

On Saturday, the Knights of Columbus Council 8282 showed up with four vehicles completely full of non-perishable food for our ministry serving the poor and homeless. We will give some to our monthly food box distribution and a lot of it will be used for our morning food line. We are making about 300 hot "to go" meals three mornings per week, we assemble and serve outside due to COVID-19. The chips, cookies and fruit cups make a nice side in the bag meals along with a hot main dish.

Blessings,
Gary Cavalier
Las Vegas Catholic Worker

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](#)
- [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.



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FAITH & WORSHIP

Gospel Reflection

A pregnant woman was walking in the store and met an old friend. Her friend exclaimed, "You are absolutely beaming!" The new life God placed in her womb radiated throughout her body. It was brightly visible on her face and in her eyes. Transformation and change usually happen from the inside out. It is very rare that simply imposing structure from the outside does any good. Yes, it is true that routines and habits can change when things are done differently. But, for this change to last there has to be an interior renewal and metamorphosis as well. Simply regulating behavior and bringing someone into conformity with accepted protocols doesn't mean their heart and soul come with them.

Peter was a homeless man who lived in a very remote and rudimentary tent community. He was happy to make his daily trip to McDonald's and always welcomed a gift card or two so that he could buy some coffee and something to eat. A generous advocate worked to secure him an apartment in hopes of moving Peter out of his makeshift housing and into something safer. Peter finally got the grand tour of his new "digs," received his own key, remarked how wonderful the place was, closed the door behind him when they left and never returned. He preferred his tent. No matter how much things changed on the outside, Peter was happy where he was. A poignant lesson was learned that day.

How is your Lent going? By now you ought to have a sense of whether you're really "into it" this year and something transformational is happening. For many, it's only the stuff on the outside that changes for a few weeks and then they return to business as usual. For others, there are some real inner changes happening that are deepening their relationships with God, others, self, and creation. If we are serious about moving to a new place and radiating with the presence of new life and joy, then we have to clear the way to listen for God's call. Then, there is God's request to change things up a bit and order our lives differently. After realizing we have been called and given a mission, we have to trust that this is where we need to be. And then, after all of this hard work we are asked to act. The fruit that is revealed will indicate whether our journey is authentic. The brilliance of conversion will begin to shine on our faces as we contemplate the One to whom we are asked to listen.

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Readings of the Week ©LPI

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

MONDAY, MARCH 1

Daniel 9:4b-10
Psalms 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]
Luke 6:36-38

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20
Psalms 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]
Matthew 23:1-12

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

Jeremiah 18:18-20
Psalms 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]
Matthew 20:17-28

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]
Luke 16:19-31

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a
Psalms 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]
Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20
Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 7

Exodus 20:1-17
Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [John 6:68c]
1 Corinthians 1:22-25
John 4:5-42



**To Our
Wonderful
Stewards of
St. Viator**

We appreciate your continuous generosity to support our mission and properties. If you are interested in electronic giving please contact Susan Lockett, Operations Manager, at 702.733.8323 ext. 308.



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: \$ 35,800



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