



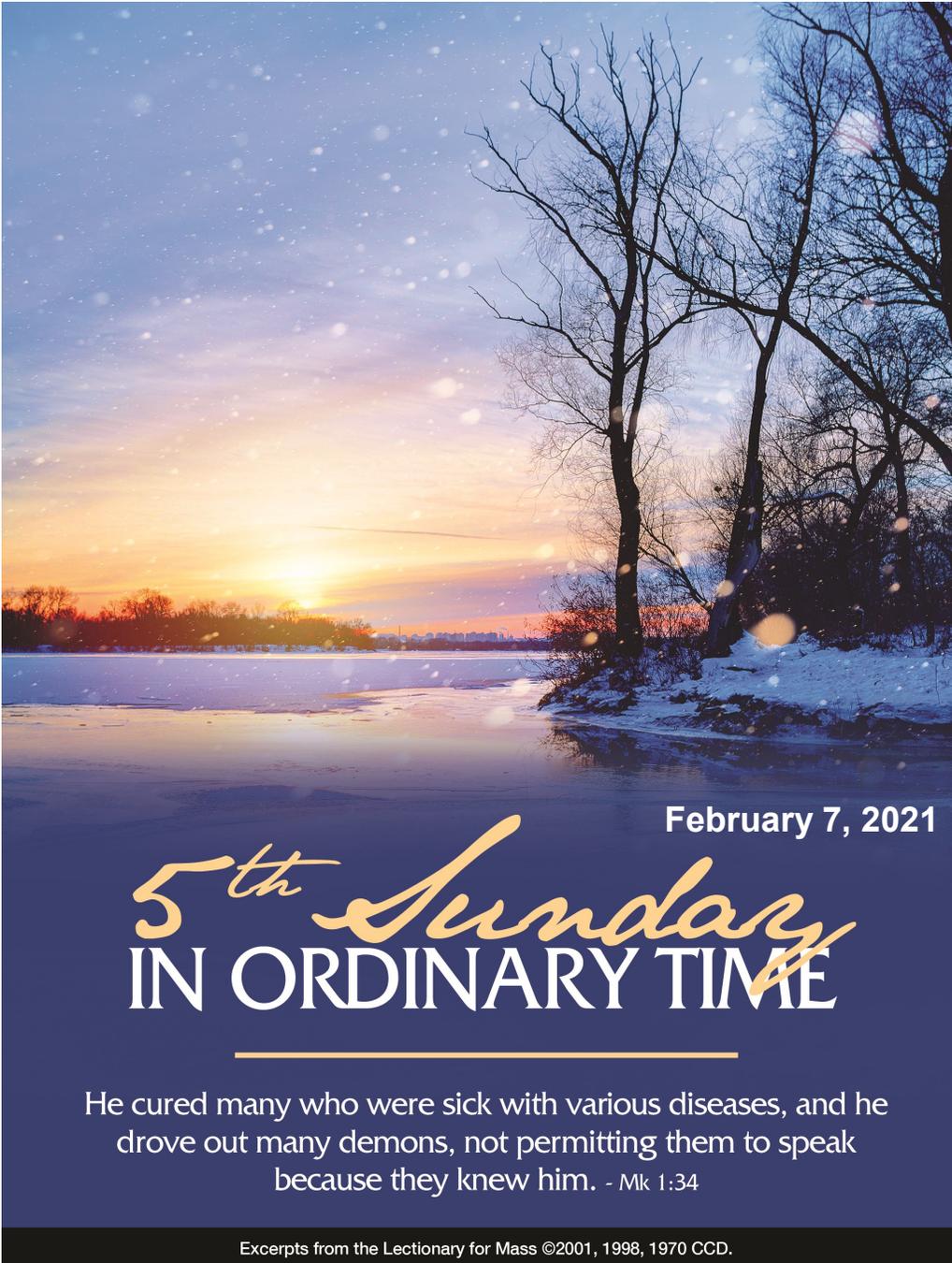
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St. Viator Catholic Community



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February 7, 2021

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

He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. - Mk 1:34

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## WELCOME!

### Mass Schedule February 8-14

#### 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% capacity.**

#### 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 the  
church for Mass.**

# ST. VIATOR NEWS & EVENTS



## St. Viator Parish School Registration for 2021 - 2022

Whether you are selecting a "school home" for the next ten years and preparing your child for Pre-Kindergarten, or searching out a new warm, safe learning environment for your children, come and experience St. Viator School.

We began accepting registrations for the 2021-2022 school year for our Pre-Kindergarten Program. This program is designed to build academic, social and physical skills as well as bringing unity and continuity to each curricular area. Formal prayers are taught and spontaneous prayer is encouraged.

*It's all  
about  
PRE-K*

Pre-Kindergarten is full-day beginning at 8:00 AM with dismissal at 2:45 PM. This is a five-day a week program. To attend children must be 4 years of age by October 1<sup>st</sup> of that school year.

*Kindergarten  
ROCKS*

We are also accepting applications for our Kindergarten Program. Our Kindergarten is a full-day program and will consist of, but not be limited to, the following activities: Religion, Language Arts, Spanish, Math, Handwriting, Science and Social Studies, P.E., Art, Music, and Computer. Classes begin at 8:00 AM and are dismissed at 2:45 PM. To attend Kindergarten children must be 5 years of age by October 1<sup>st</sup> of that school year.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Mary Jane Marlow at [mjmarlow@stviator.org](mailto:mjmarlow@stviator.org) or call 702.732.4477 extension 100.

Visit the school website at [stviatorschool.org](http://stviatorschool.org)



**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!

## Food Pantry Collecting Items Next Recipient - Catholic Worker



**Las Vegas Catholic Worker**  
Serving the Poor and Homeless Since 1986

Our parish is now ready to accept non-perishable food once again in our food pantry to assist different groups which feed the hungry. You can bring your donations for Catholic Worker to Mass or to the parish office (during open hours).

**The Knights of Columbus  
Council #8282 will also  
host a drive up drop off  
to collect donations for  
Catholic Worker on  
February 13th 9am - Noon  
Parish School Parking Lot**



Catholic Worker is requesting the following:  
Jelly, Tuna lunch kits  
Cereal, Chips (snack size)  
Granola bars, Trail mix  
Cookie snack bags  
Fruit snacks, Fruit cups  
Crackers with cheese or peanut butter



Dear St. Viator,  
Thank you so much for the ready-to-go food Joe and Mary Burns delivered to us (2 vehicles FULL!) this week. We take lunches in bags to folks on the street on Thursdays. We are also serving and assembling (all outdoors) about 300 hot "to go" meals 3 mornings per week. St. Viator has been so generous and faithful during this difficult time.

Blessings,  
Gary Cavalier  
Las Vegas Catholic Worker

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

# 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 [→](#)



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>

## 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. Watch the bulletin, website and our social media pages for the list of items to donate.

# FAITH & WORSHIP

## Supporting Families in the United States Armed Forces

Former St. Viator School student, Ryan Barnard, reached out to our parish for his daughter's baptism. Fr. Rinn immediately agreed to assist Ryan who is currently stationed in Louisiana and would be visiting family in Las Vegas while on leave for a few days. Ryan and his sister Rylee (her niece's godmother) attended our parish school while the family lived in Las Vegas. They moved to California when Ryan was entering 8th grade.

Thank you, Ryan, for your service to our country.



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### 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

Reflect on and pray for our  
country's future.



“The Hill We Climb” - Poem for President Biden’s Inauguration  
by Youth Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman

When day comes we ask ourselves,  
where can we find light in this never-ending shade?  
The loss we carry, a sea we must wade  
We've braved the belly of the beast  
We've learned that quiet isn't always peace  
And the norms and notions  
of what just is  
Isn't always just-ice  
And yet the dawn is ours  
before we knew it  
Somehow we do it  
Somehow we've weathered and witnessed  
a nation that isn't broken but simply unfinished  
We the successors of a country and a time  
Where a skinny Black girl  
descended from slaves and  
raised by a single mother  
can dream of becoming president  
only to find herself reciting for one  
And yes we are far from polished far from pristine  
but that doesn't mean we are  
striving to form a union that is perfect  
We are striving to forge a union with purpose  
To compose a country committed to all cultures, colors,  
characters and conditions of man  
And so we lift our gazes not to what stands between us  
but what stands before us  
We close the divide because we know,  
to put our future first,  
we must first put our differences aside  
We lay down our arms  
so we can reach out our arms  
to one another  
We seek harm to none and harmony for all  
Let the globe, if nothing else, say this is true:  
That even as we grieved, we grew  
That even as we hurt, we hoped  
That even as we tired, we tried  
That we'll forever be tied together, victorious  
Not because we will never again know defeat  
but because we will never again sow division  
Scripture tells us to envision  
that everyone shall sit under their own  
vine and fig tree  
And no one shall make them afraid  
If we're to live up to our own time  
Then victory won't lie in the blade  
But in all the bridges we've made  
That is the promise to glade  
The hill we climb  
If only we dare  
It's because being American is more than  
a pride we inherit,  
it's the past we step into  
and how we repair it  
We've seen a force that would shatter our nation  
rather than share it  
Would destroy our country

if it meant delaying democracy  
And this effort very nearly succeeded  
But while democracy can be periodically delayed  
it can never be permanently defeated  
In this truth  
in this faith we trust  
For while we have our eyes on the future  
history has its eyes on us  
This is the era of just redemption  
We feared at its inception  
We did not feel prepared to be the heirs  
of such a terrifying hour  
but within it we found the power  
to author a new chapter  
To offer hope and laughter to ourselves  
So while once we asked,  
how could we possibly prevail over catastrophe?  
Now we assert  
How could catastrophe possibly prevail over us?  
We will not march back to what was  
but move to what shall be  
A country that is bruised but whole,  
benevolent but bold,  
fierce and free  
We will not be turned around  
or interrupted by intimidation  
because we know our inaction and inertia  
will be the inheritance of the next generation  
Our blunders become their burdens  
But one thing is certain:  
If we merge mercy with might,  
and might with right,  
then love becomes our legacy  
and change our children's birthright  
So let us leave behind a country  
better than the one we were left with  
Every breath from my bronze-pounded chest,  
we will raise this wounded world into a wondrous one  
We will rise from the gold-limbed hills of the west,  
we will rise from the windswept northeast  
where our forefathers first realized revolution  
We will rise from the lake-rimmed cities of the  
midwestern states,  
we will rise from the sunbaked south  
We will rebuild, reconcile and recover  
and every known nook of our nation and  
every corner called our country,  
our people diverse and beautiful will emerge,  
battered and beautiful  
When day comes we step out of the shade,  
aflame and unafraid  
The new dawn blooms as we free it  
For there is always light,  
if only we're brave enough to see it  
If only we're brave enough to be it

See her recitation at <https://www.cnn.com/2021/01/20/politics/amanda-gorman-inaugural-poem-transcript/index.html>

# 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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- [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 & 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)



# FAITH & WORSHIP

## Gospel Reflection

If I only knew then what I know now, how different life would be. This sentiment, expressed in myriad ways, is found on every human being's lips at one point or another. Life may have brought us to a vulnerable place where we see some of the poor choices we made and the effects they are having. Perhaps we fell into some destructive and dysfunctional relationships or behaviors and are finding how they held us captive. Our zeal and passion for life may have drifted away and we are waking up to the reasons apathy has taken hold. Life can be hard. In fact, some would describe their lives as a drudgery. They walk through each day with an anxious unsettledness, wondering when their restlessness will cease. There is a temptation to believe that what I see is all I will get. Mortality and hopelessness await the dawn. If I could only have known what would come in the future, I could have made better choices and avoided all of this misery!

Really? While we can certainly give into weakness, sin, impulsiveness, and idiosyncrasies that cause us to stumble over ourselves, life is really a journey. If we don't make the mistake of wallowing in self-pity and realize the new life God is calling us to, then there are thrills, adventures, surprises, and soul-searching graces we can surely miss. We are not tethered to our past nor are we bound to the ills life can bring upon us. We are never hopeless or helpless. The problem is that our myopic vision only allows us to see the misery and misfortune that is before us, not the potential that can come from choosing healthier and more life-giving options. Jesus came that we might have fullness of life. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet.

We need to allow God into our pain and heal our past. We have to wrestle with our histories, agonize and search and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. Job could not see how his story would end or trust the guidance of the God who called him. We live in that same blindness and suffer from the same lack of confidence. Once we allow ourselves to be touched by God's healing power, we begin to see that all of the pieces of our lives are necessary parts of a greater whole. Along the way of our lives, God uses our omissions and failures to create new things and possibilities. →

## Readings of the Week ©LPI

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Job 7:1-4, 6-7  
Psalms 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]  
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23  
Mark 1:29-39

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Genesis 1:1-19  
Psalms 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 & 12, 24 & 35c [31b]  
Mark 6:53-56

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Genesis 1:20-2:4a  
Psalms 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]  
Mark 7:1-13

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17  
Psalms 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]  
Mark 7:14-23

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Genesis 2:18-25  
Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]  
Mark 7:24-30

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Genesis 3:1-8  
Psalms 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]  
Mark 7:31-37

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Genesis 3:9-24  
Psalms 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]  
Mark 8:1-10

### NEXT 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

When doors close, others open and we can be amazed by the joyful and unexpected surprises we receive. Once we know the power of God's creative, healing, life-giving, forgiving, and dynamic presence, it is no wonder we want to put ourselves at the service of others and show them what life can be.



# 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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[https://www.dropbox.com/s/5zbfjx9l0enxzxb/DOLV\\_CSA21\\_03\\_EspSubtitles.mp4?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/5zbfjx9l0enxzxb/DOLV_CSA21_03_EspSubtitles.mp4?dl=0)