



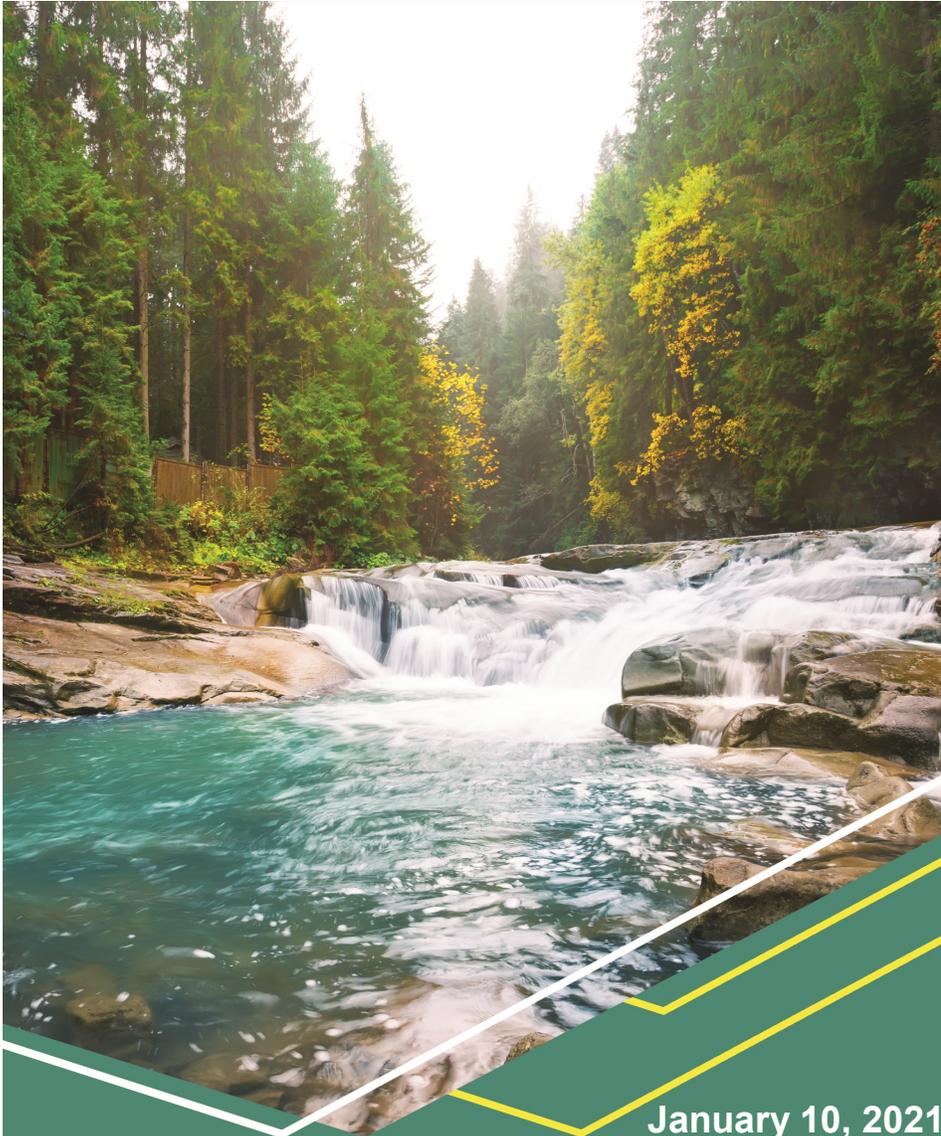
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St. Viator Catholic Community



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January 10, 2021

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." - Mk 1:7-8

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WELCOME!

Mass Schedule
January 11th - 17th

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



St. Viator reminds all of us to wear a face covering in public . . . that includes our church!

ROSY HARTZ, ST. VIATOR FAITH FORMATION COORDINATOR



Our parish is grateful to Rosy for her work with our youth.

Accompaniment: Ministering Together

Rosy Hartz
Coordinator of Faith Formation
20 Years in Ministry

This interview appeared in a publication of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM) whose mission is to support and strengthen those who accompany young people as they encounter and follow Jesus Christ.

NFCYM: Why ministry? Why do you do what you do?

Rosy: I didn't know when I started ministry at age 20 that I would still be doing it. Yet, I keep encountering young person after young person who have new questions, challenges and hopes. As soon as I think maybe it is time to step aside, God reassures me through some young person that is, in fact, not.

I strongly feel when youth need someone or an outlet, ministry serves as that need - we walk alongside them because they need us. Too often the world is pushing them down, but I love ministry with teens because it pushes them up to new levels.

NFCYM: What are some of the ways you have found to be successful in ministering to the young Church during times of tragedy and through this pandemic?

Rosy: We have certainly had our challenges but have met them with creativity. There have been lots of Zoom youth nights led by our college students who suddenly were experiencing their world in new ways as well.

We did yoga with Susan Searle, project coordinator for Just5Days and YouthLeader programs on Zoom.

We had a parent and youth dinner and a show where families ate together then came on Zoom for a magic show with Giancarlo Bernini.

There was an Easter blessing on Zoom with over 100 youth ministry families with Fr. Bill - then again for Pentecost. (Lol, who knew this pandemic would have lasted so long?)

We did scavenger hunts and had a comedy hour.

We also focused on Instagram and Facebook, posting prayers that unite generations. A teen and a family member of two different generations posted a prayer to show that we were united. You can see them @viatoryouth on Instagram.

For campus ministry, we gave all the 8th graders signs to put in their yards and we did weekly challenges. They completed them by sending in pictures. We would post the pictures and then mail packages to all who took part.

Rosy wrote an article, "Confessions of a Youth Minister" for Center for Ministry Development (CMD) that helps explain her "why" when it comes to Youth Ministry. You can read her article at <https://www.cmdnet.org/cmd-blogs-ministry/entry/confessions-of-a-youth-minister>

STEWARDSHIP & FAITH

Pope Francis proclaims “Year of St Joseph”

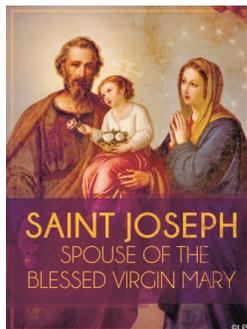
In a new Apostolic letter Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

Pope Francis’ Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX’s declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special “Year of St Joseph,” beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021.

The Holy Father wrote *Patris corde* against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of “ordinary” people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, “the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence,” who nonetheless played “an incomparable role in the history of salvation.”

At the conclusion of his Letter, Pope Francis adds a prayer to St Joseph, which he encourages all of us to pray together:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and
courage,
and defend us from every evil.
Amen.



For more on this special year including plenary indulgences being granted visit the Vatican News website

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2020-12/apostolic-penitentiary-plenary-indulgence-year-st-joseph.html>

Stewardship Reflection

When God Whispers

“You don’t need to shout. My hearing works just fine.”

Are you a parent that has used that one on your kids? I’m not sure at what age they realize that the volume of their voice doesn’t correlate to the likelihood of receiving a favorable reply — it might be sometime in the teenage years, when the talking slows down altogether.

But I’ve got to admit, it would be nice if God always gave us a loud and dramatic sign when He wanted something — the booming voice and the torn-open heavens (“This is my beloved Son!”) really get the message across. Sometimes I find myself envious of the Apostles, who were able to witness such things in person.

The fact of the matter is, in the year 2021, God is more likely to speak in a whisper than in a shout. The prophet Isaiah forewarns that Christ himself will not be a noisemaker — for all his preaching, he will not cry out or shout to bring forth justice to the nations. His way is altogether different than that.

We are not the Apostles, and we do not have the privilege of seeing the Holy Spirit descend on Christ like a dove. But here’s the good news: God doesn’t need to shout. Our spiritual hearing works just fine. We just have to be listening.

Let’s wake up each morning ready to hear God’s whispers throughout the day. Let’s make a conscious effort to invite those whispers into our hearts, where they can become a catalyst for grace in this world.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Thank you, RCIA!



Justinn Warmesley, Mavis Grodzach, Patricia Ayala, Ulises Torres Villareal, Dalma Cruz Martinez (sponsor), Sanchai Funwilas, Jeffrey Aylward and Isabel Herrera (sponsor) are the RCIA candidates/catechumens and sponsors who, along with members of the RCIA team, decorated our church for Christmas this year. Thank you!



Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for the many Christmas cards, good wishes and gifts. We are very grateful for your thoughtfulness and kindness.

Know you are in our prayers.

God's blessings to you!

The Viatorians



P.S. Santa was very good to Sox - she says thank you, too!

Food Pantry Collecting Items Next Recipient - Catholic Worker



Las Vegas Catholic Worker
Serving the Poor and Homeless Since 1986

We need your help!

The pandemic continues and people are hurting.

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 Catholic Worker movement follows the way of action. They seek to approach God and change the world through active compassion. They seek to find God in the affliction and suffering in the world. They endeavor to suffer along with those who suffer, to stand with those who are the most despised and rejected, to love the enemies, and to find God in the midst of this suffering. Their transformation is accomplished by their joining with God in his purposes in the world. He is a God who liberates the oppressed. Catholic Workers seek to join with the suffering Christ in the world." [An excerpt from On Praying the Our Father by Mark J. Kelso]

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

Please help if you can!

FAITH & STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship in the New Year: Making Commitments to the Lord

Stewardship is a commitment of mind and heart to the Lord; a way of life that needs constant renewal and transformation. This time of year has always been one of looking forward to a new year, reflecting on the changes we need to make in our lives and resolving to follow through on those changes. Perhaps those who seek to make resolutions to be better stewards might find inspiration in one or more of the following examples:

Stewardship of Prayer: Resolve to strengthen your relationship with the Lord through prayer. Notice how often you pray and what hinders you from praying. If you are a beginner, commit to short, daily prayer times.



Stewardship of Family: Resolve to set aside more time to stay connected with your family. Eat dinner together, schedule regular dates with your spouse, plan family outings, and go to Mass together. Practice patience and forgiveness.

Stewardship of Health: Resolve to get those medical and dental checkups. Adopt healthier eating habits. Add exercise and other physical activity to your daily routine.

Stewardship of Possessions: Resolve to possess a little more “lightly” this year. Consider ways you can reduce the amount of all that stuff you own. Distinguish between those items that are necessary and those that are considered luxurious and unnecessary.

Stewardship of the Parish Family: Resolve to serve your faith community in some way this year such as at liturgy, in the parish’s outreach or education and formation efforts. Is it time to enhance your generosity to the parish? Have you registered with your parish?

Stewardship of Money: Resolve to render sacred your annual budget. Reprioritize your financial goals to ensure that the Lord comes first in your spending. Take positive steps to improve your financial health.

Stewardship of Work: Resolve to be faithful to your daily, work-related tasks and offer them up to the Lord. Cultivate your skills. Deepen your knowledge. Be mindful of how you are building the Kingdom of God.

Stewardship of Mind: Resolve to keep your mind active. Commit to being more informed on the issues of the day. Read your Bible.

Stewardship of Neighbor: Resolve to be a person of hospitality and mercy. Make time and space for others who enter your life. Be more aware of those times when a neighbor, co-worker, fellow parishioner or stranger, needs a moment of kindness, a little attention or an affirming gesture on your part.

Stewardship of the Poor: Resolve to live with more compassion and in solidarity with those less fortunate. Remember the poor in prayer, and commit to helping relieve in some way the plight of those who are impoverished or marginalized.



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HOME ABOUT US MASS SCHEDULE NEWS SACRAMENTS CONTACT

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.



www.stviator.org

Sunday Mass Sign Up

RESERVE SEAT HERE

If you do not have computer access, call 702.733.8323 to reserve.

Mass Schedule & Bulletin online

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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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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.

For more information call the school office at 702.732.4477 or email mjmarlow@stviator.org.



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.

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 1st of that school year.

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 1st of that school year.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Mary Jane Marlow at mjmarlow@stviator.org or call 702.732.4477 extension 100. Visit the school website at stviatorschool.org

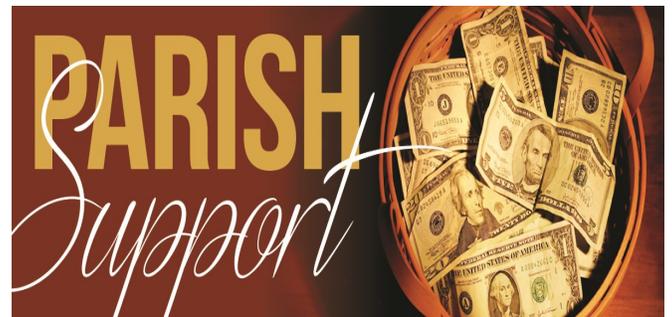
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Dispensation from Obligation to Attend Mass
Extension - Dec. 31, 2020 - Jan. 31, 2021

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 January 21, 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



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.

FAITH & WORSHIP

Gospel Reflection

We need history. We need it in order to understand ourselves, personally and collectively. The pieces of our histories may not have always been the most positive, honest, exemplary, dignified, proud and best moments of our lives, but they are ours. We have to acknowledge, remember, accept, and often heal them. We cannot forget them or pretend that they never existed. As horrible as the atrocities of events like Auschwitz, brutal injustices committed throughout the human journey, or personal painful experiences in our own stories, we need to remember. These times when humanity in general or people in particular have lost their way are times that need to be reconciled and redeemed.

If we lose the memories, we will make the same mistakes again. The human soul needs a strong sense of affirmation, direction, and clear purpose. Without these essentials, we will easily run amuck and repeat the sins of our past. God's voice throughout history has spoken precisely about this! We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds and be reconciled to our Creator.

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is



Readings of the Week ©LPI

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
Psalms 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]
Acts 10:34-38
Mark 1:7-11

MONDAY, JANUARY 11

Hebrews 1:1-6
Psalms 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]
Mark 1:14-20

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

Hebrews 2:5-12
Psalms 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]
Mark 1:21-28

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

Hebrews 2:14-18
Psalms 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]
Mark 1:29-39

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

Hebrews 3:7-14
Psalms 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]
Mark 1:40-45

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

Hebrews 4:1-5, 11
Psalms 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]
Mark 2:1-12

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

Hebrews 4:12-16
Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]
Mark 2:13-17

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19
Psalms 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]
1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20
John 1:35-42

layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God's help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so?

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Viatorian Vocations Corner



St. George in Bourbonnais uses its newly built Querbes Center for religious education classes.

Who We Are and Where We Serve... Parish Religious Education

Venerable Louis Querbes founded the Viatorians to improve the teaching of the faith in our Church. Fr. Querbes especially prioritized teaching children in rural areas and to accompany those accounted of little importance.

Viatorian parishes are dedicated to this mission, and St. George Parish in Bourbonnais, IL, faithfully lives this out. The parish built the Fr. Querbes Youth Ministry Center in 2017. The center houses classrooms, gathering spaces, and dedicated youth ministry functionality. The parish has seen growth in enrollment and met that hunger in its community with great stewardship and dedicated ministry. This important work is an excellent example of the Viatorian charism in action.

Viatorians walk with people to discern God's invitation.
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Reflect

First Reading:

Isaiah was called to be a prophet to bring justice and freedom to those suffering, to be a "light for the nations."

How do you see yourself serving others in need in your life?

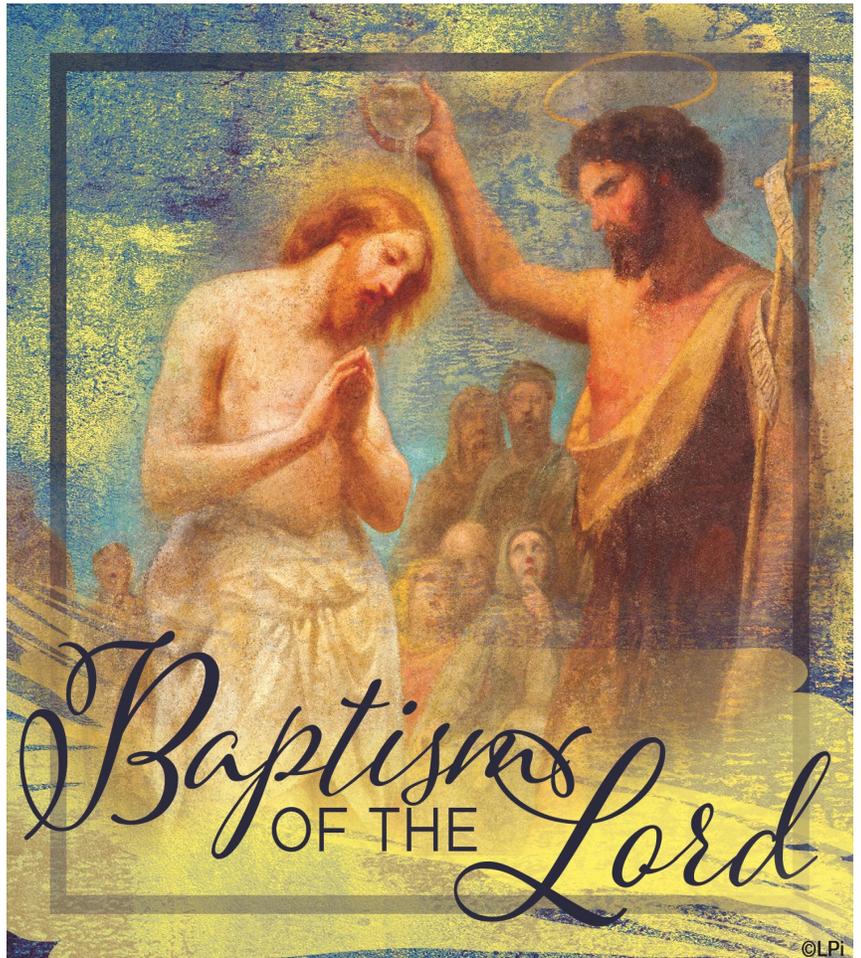
Second Reading:

John teaches his community that God Himself has "testified on behalf of His Son."

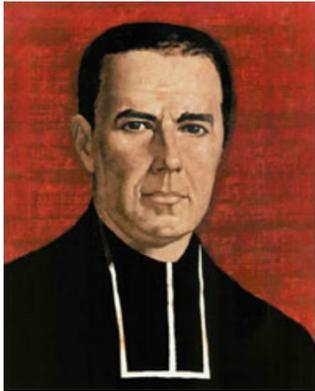
In what way does this divine assurance help strengthen your faith?

Gospel Question:

The preaching of John the Baptist and the baptism of Jesus is the opening scene in the Gospel of Mark. In Jesus' baptism, the Father, Son, and Spirit were fully present. As a baptized Christian, can you think of a time when you experienced God's presence?



Welcome to St. Viator!



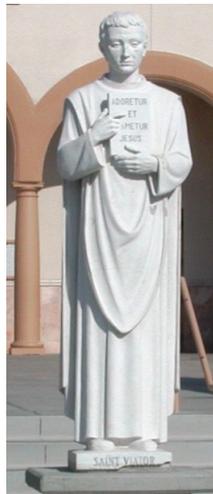
Fr. Louis Querbes

Our parish is administered by the Clerics of St. Viator, Chicago Province. The Clerics of St. Viator were founded in Vourles, France in the 19th century after the French Revolution.

Fr. Louis Querbes created the order to provide much-needed education. As patron

saint of the congregation, Fr. Querbes chose Viator, a young, 4th century catechist-lector of the cathedral church of Lyons, France. St. Viator was devoted to teaching youth, especially the poor, and serving parishes in all matters related to the liturgical practice.

The "Viatorians" came to Las Vegas in 1954. They were asked to administer the first Catholic high school in southern Nevada and they started this parish as well. Mass was held in the home of parishioners, then a bank and various other locations. The parish moved to this location in the 1960's when the parish school was built.



St. Viator

Our current church was opened in 1995. Our Parish Center, the building immediately to the south, was the church from 1977 until 1995 and before that, Mass was said in the school gym.

Our Parish School is pre-K thru 8th grade. Students are offered a variety of co-curricular programs, including a science fair, geography bee, spelling bee, forensics, band, video broadcasting, and class trips for Junior High, culminating with the 8th Grade trip to Washington, D.C.

Stand and Be Counted: 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, or fill out the information below and drop it in the collection box. We will mail a registration packet to you.

Yes, I want to register at St. Viator!

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email address _____