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St. Viator Catholic Community



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**Please read Bishop Thomas' statement on the violence at the U.S. Capitol on the back cover of this bulletin.**



January 17, 2021

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher— "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a

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## WELCOME!

**Mass Schedule  
January 18 - 24**

### **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.**

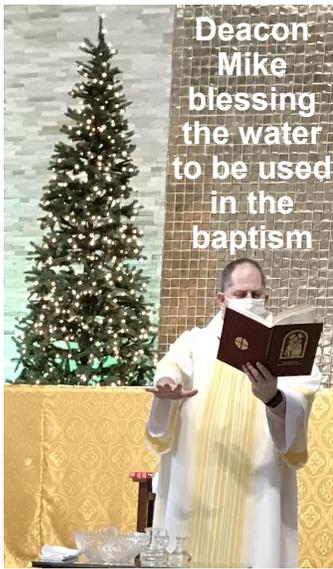
### **Reconciliation**

Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 PM  
In the Parish Center

**The Parish Office will be  
closed on Monday in  
observance of**



MARTIN LUTHER  
**KING JR.**  
DAY



## FAITH & WORSHIP

# Baptism

Last Sunday we celebrated the close of the Christmas season with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Students from our Faith Formation program, and their younger siblings, were baptized on this special day.

Welcome to our family of faith!



Tracing the sign of the cross on Angel's forehead.



Aolanis, Aiden, Jayden and Angel were washed clean in the waters of baptism, anointed with the sacred chrism and received the light of Christ.

We pray that they will walk in His light, guided by their parents and godparents, as they continue their faith journey



Lighting the baptismal candle from the Paschal candle. Receive the light of Christ!



# 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.

For more information call the school office at 702.732.4477 or email [mjmarlow@stviator.org](mailto:mjmarlow@stviator.org).

It's all  
about  
PRE-K

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> of that school year.

Kindergarten  
ROCKS

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)

## 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).

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!



### 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.

# STAY CONNECTED!

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



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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](#)
- [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 & 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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# STEWARDSHIP & FAITH

## Stewardship Reflection

### Christ Is Anything But Ordinary

We're about to dive headlong into week two of Ordinary Time, and we need to admit, after the hustle and bustle of the holidays, things are indeed looking more ... ordinary, at least in our spiritual lives.

The transcendent highs of the Christmas season are flatlining a bit and the vivid imagery of the Nativity scene has faded. The solemn anticipation of the Advent season is by now a distant memory.

Are you bored yet?

Here's a secret: I think that Ordinary Time can actually be quite extraordinary, if we're really living out our baptismal call.

In today's Gospel, Jesus point-blank asks Andrew, who is following him after hearing John the Baptist's testimony: "What are you looking for?" He's asking us the same question.

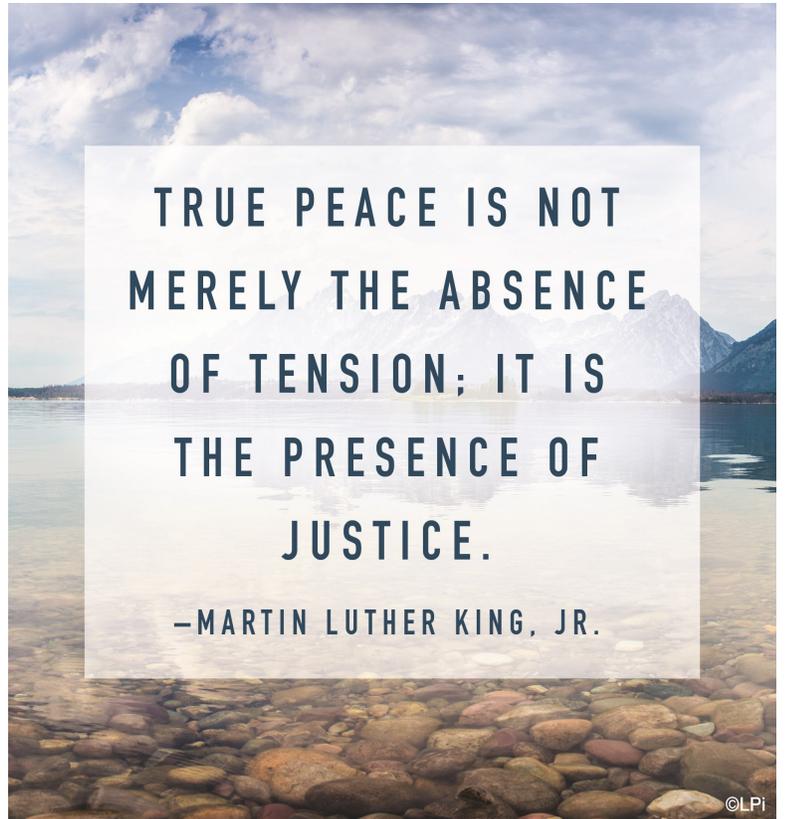
What are you looking for? Why are you following me? Is it for the Christmas cookies and the Advent carols? Is it for the King's Cake on the Epiphany? Is it for the feeling we get on Christmas when we just know God has done a wondrous thing?

None of those things are bad, but they are not what Andrew was looking for, and they were not what Christ promised him when he said, "Come, and you will see." Andrew was looking for the Messiah — the One who makes even Ordinary Time extraordinary. The One who can sanctify the longest and dullest of to-do lists, on the longest and dullest of days. The One whose peace can reign in our homes on January 25, not just December 25.

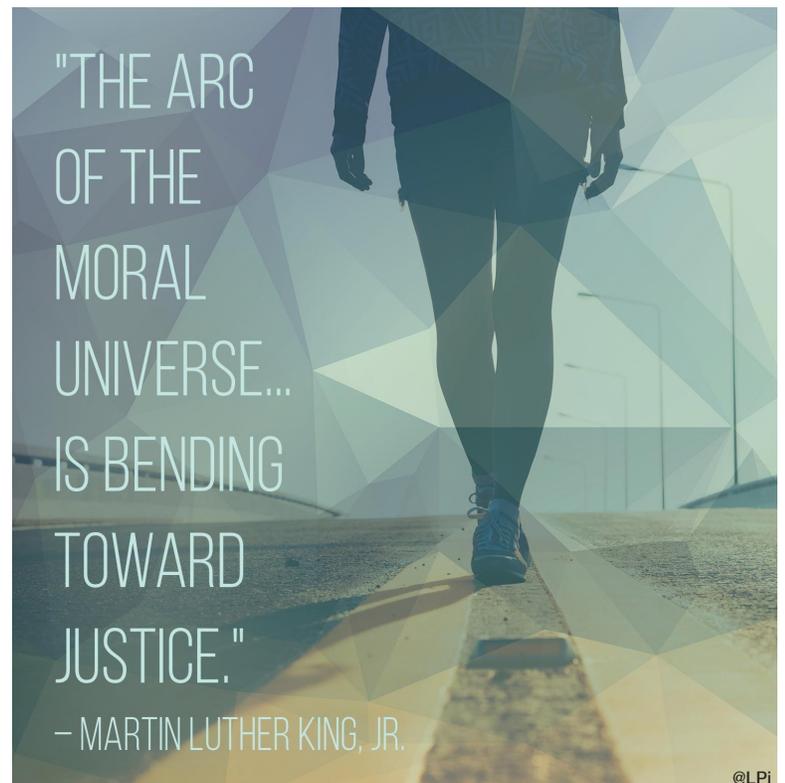
Remember what you are looking for. Come, and you will see.

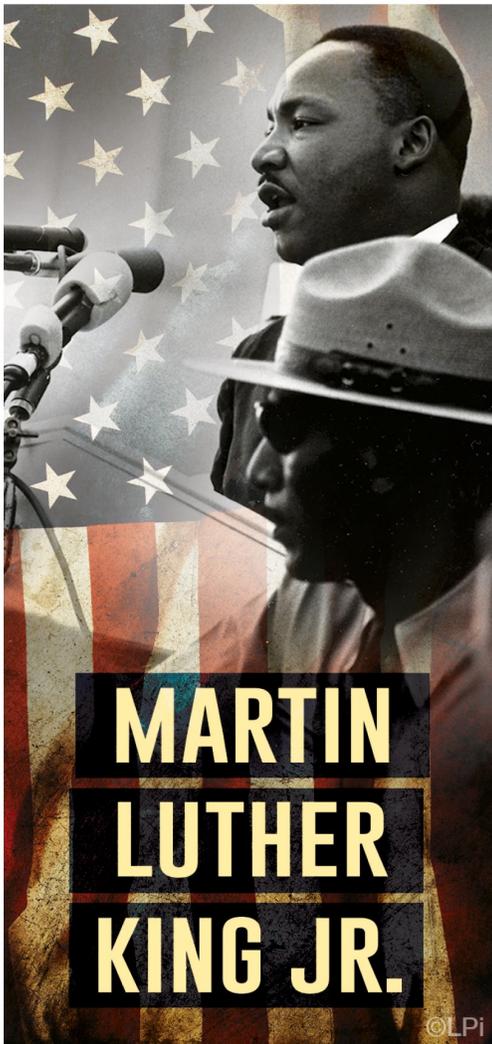
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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The voice of a peacemaker -  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.





## Reflect

### First Reading:

Eli was the priest of the temple in Shiloh. He raised Samuel and helped Samuel to hear God's voice in his life.

Who have you taught to hear God's voice?

### Second Reading:

Paul taught the Corinthians that believers should "glorify God in your body" by avoiding immorality.

What do you think is needed to live a good, moral life?

### Gospel Question:

In John's account of the call of the first disciples, Jesus poses the question, "What are you looking for?"

In your own spiritual journey, how do you know you have found Jesus?

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## DECREE

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

*The time is  
always right  
to do what  
is right.*

— DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

# FAITH & WORSHIP

## Gospel Reflection

Our faith is not just about ideas. It's really about having an encounter with God and, in particular, the Risen Christ! Once we give ourselves over to the notion of God's presence, we have to train ourselves to listen for God's voice and be attentive to God's call. Having companions on our faith journey is so incredibly important as they can help us fine-tune our listening skills and discern God's voice from others we may be hearing. Faith is all about having these profound encounters not only with God but with our brothers and sisters, and creation itself. Anyone or anything that is alive with God's presence becomes an occasion for God to speak and call us to deeper graces and experiences. "Come, and you will see."

The example and teaching of Jesus, the lives of the saints, those living among us and those glorified in heaven, and the wonder and beauty of creation can all serve to help us listen more clearly and assist in positioning ourselves for this profound God meeting. It is an encounter that can quickly and easily lead to a friendship and intimate intertwining of our souls to their Maker, making a claim on us like no other. Then, the Word of God moves from being just a body of ideas to something we simply accept and do. The person of Jesus Christ swiftly moves from being just a good prophet in word and deed to the incarnate presence of God Himself, the Lamb of God. The voice leads us to the Person behind it.

The Gospel is hard to follow. We can intellectually debate whether what Jesus said is really what we are asked to do. The Gospel ideas do not always make sense in our practical, secular world. The person of God always does. We can debate the practicality and sense of ideas and doing so often keeps the more difficult ones at a safe distance away from us. Jesus said to love our enemy, but we really don't need to do that, our minds try to convince us. It just doesn't make sense. Yet, if we are truly in love with the God who is behind the voice of those words, they make perfect sense. Our deep and intimate love of this God would even find us laying down our lives for Him if necessary. Speak Lord, your servant is listening.

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## Readings of the Week ©LPi

### 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

### MONDAY, JANUARY 18

Hebrews 5:1-10  
Psalms 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]  
Mark 2:18-22

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

Hebrews 6:10-20  
Psalms 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]  
Mark 2:23-28

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17  
Psalms 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]  
Mark 3:1-6

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

Hebrews 7:25 - 8:6  
Psalms 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]  
Mark 3:7-12

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

Hebrews 8:6-13  
Psalms 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [11a]  
Mark 3:13-19

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14  
Psalms 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]  
Mark 3:20-21

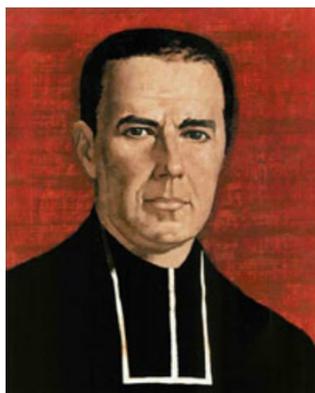
### NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]  
1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
Mark 1:14-20



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

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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, 4<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> Grade trip to Washington, D.C.

## Stay Connected: 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](http://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 \_\_\_\_\_



January 6, 2021

## **Bishop George Leo Thomas' Statement on Today's Violence at the US Capitol**

Dear Friends in Christ:

We join our voices with people of good will everywhere, condemning the violence and lawlessness that unfolded today in Washington, D.C.

Along with my fellow Bishops, I strongly condemn the actions of the misguided protesters and anarchists who breached the Capitol chambers today, wreaking havoc and mayhem while lawmakers debated the certification of the presidential election results.

I strongly echo the sentiments of Archbishop José Gomez, President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, who wrote, "This is not who we are as Americans ... the peaceful transition of power is one of the hallmarks of this great nation."

During these pivotal days, when the nation is already under considerable duress, we turn to the Prince of Peace asking Him to guard and guide the United States, and to keep us true to our ideals as "One nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "George Leo Thomas".

Most Reverend George Leo Thomas, Ph.D.  
Bishop of Las Vegas