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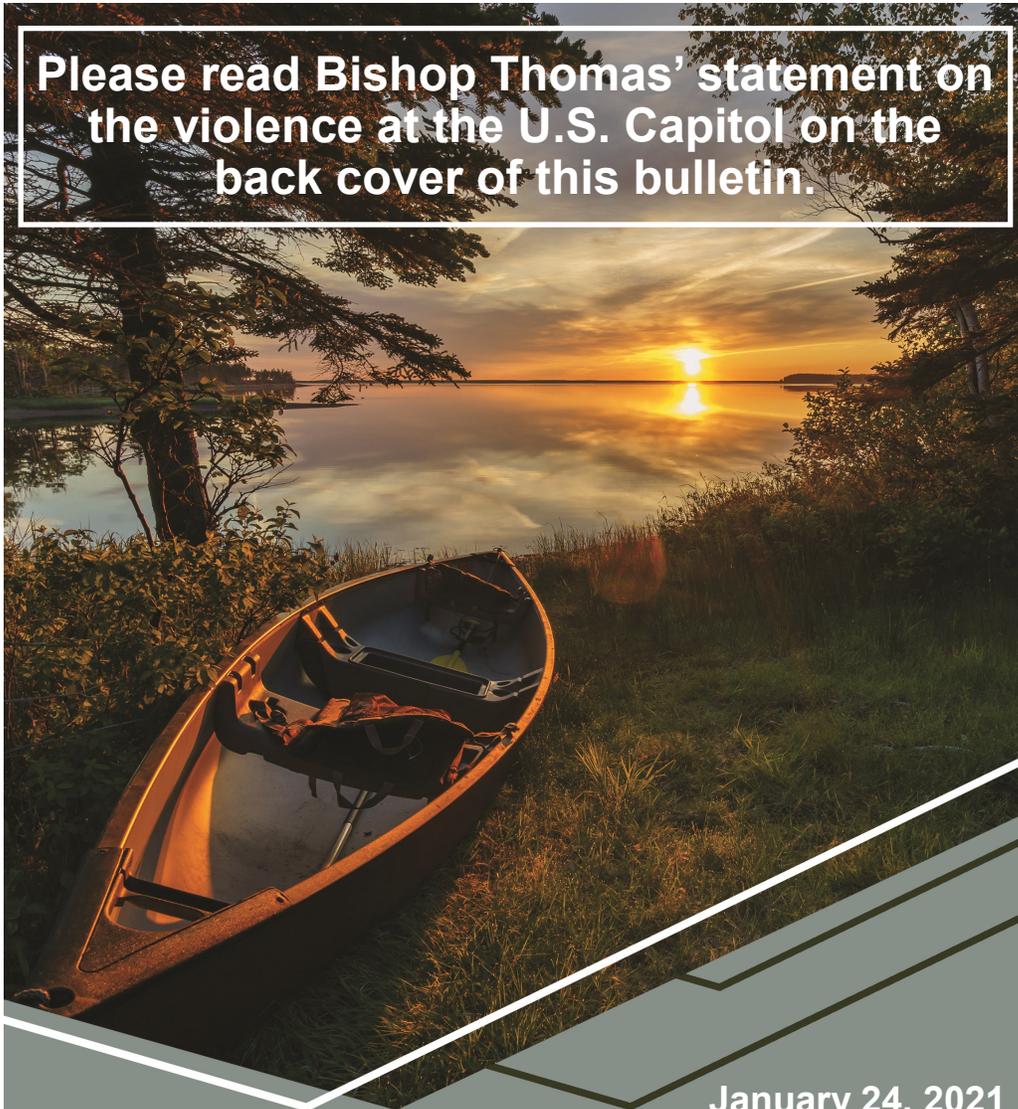


St. Viator Catholic Community



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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 24, 2021

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

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WELCOME!

**Mass Schedule
January 25 - 31**

Weekday Masses
Monday - No Mass
Tuesday - 6:45 AM
Wednesday - 8:15 AM
Thursday - 6:45 AM
Friday - 8:15 AM

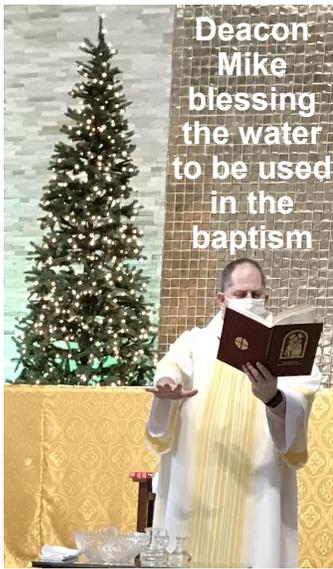
Weekend Masses
Saturday
4:00 PM
Sunday
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and Noon
**Doors open 30 minutes
before Mass begins**

**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!



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.

It's all
about
PRE-K

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,

Kindergarten
ROCKS

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

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 Knights of Columbus
Council #8282 will also host a
drive through 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

Please help if you can!

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](#)
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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

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

Give Until It Hurts

One of the characteristics of Everyday Stewardship is to be committed — to persevere daily in a way of life acknowledging that everything belongs to God.

I know, I know. Easier said than done.

Just ask Zebedee. It's quite an image we get from the Gospel, after all. "So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him."

There was Zebedee, about his business, mending nets with his two sons, who were undoubtedly his best workers — they had to have been more dedicated than the hired men, who worked for wages rather than for family. And in an instant off they go, following this strange man.

I don't know about you, but if my kids left me on a hot summer day to finish the lawn by myself, I wouldn't be too happy.

But Zebedee must have been someone quite special. Perhaps he realized that his sons didn't belong to him — not really. They belonged to God, and from the beginning of time, it had been appointed that they would be among the first disciples of Christ. He passed, he called, they followed, and Zebedee obliged. He simply went back to mending his nets, I imagine.

Zebedee already understood what St. Teresa of Calcutta would say millennia later: "Give until it hurts."

"You're wasting my time." "I've done so much for her; she owes me this." How often do we think things, and even people and relationships, belong to us? The truth is none of them do. We must be ready, as Zebedee was, to surrender them to God when He comes walking past.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Feast Day of St. Blaise
February 3rd, will be celebrated
at all Masses on
February 6th and 7th

Saint Blaise is believed to have begun as a healer then, eventually, became a "physician of souls." He then retired to a cave, where he remained in prayer. People often turned to Saint Blaise for healing miracles.

In 316, the governor of Cappadocia and of Lesser Armenia, Agricola, arrested then-bishop Blaise for being a Christian. On their way to the jail, a woman set her only son, who was choking to death on a fish bone, at his feet. Blaise cured the child, and though Agricola was amazed, he could not get Blaise to renounce his faith and put him to death for his beliefs.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops - Committee on Divine Worship declared this year our priests are to use the provision of conferring the blessing of St. Blaise upon the faithful by extending hands over the entire congregation while saying the prayer instead of the usual individual blessing of the throats with candles due to the ongoing pandemic.

St. Blaise reminds us of the importance of taking care of our health and to thank God for healthcare workers and treatments that can help us recover from illnesses. We honor St. Blaise for his faith and care for his people.

St. Blaise, pray for us.

Frontline Workers Blessing

In addition to the St. Blaise blessing our parish will have a special blessing for all frontline workers attending Mass
February 6th and 7th.

Please plan to attend and pray for those who are keeping us safe during this pandemic.



THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

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*Teach me
your
ways.*

— PSALM 25 —

Reflect

First Reading:

Although initially reluctant to be one of God's prophets, Jonah was ultimately successful in getting the Ninevites to repent of their sins.

When do you find yourself resisting God's will?

Second Reading:

In trying to awaken a sense of spiritual urgency, Paul taught the Corinthians that Christ's return was imminent and that, "time is running out."

How can a sense of urgency aid one's spiritual life?

Gospel Question:

In Mark's account of the call of the first disciples, Simon (Peter), Andrew, James, and John immediately answer Jesus' call to follow him.

How would you describe your response to Jesus' call in your life?

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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 31, 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

FAITH & WORSHIP

Gospel Reflection

It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well.

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Readings of the Week ©LPi

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 25

Acts 22:3 -16
Psalms 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]
Mark 16:15-18

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

2 Timothy 1:1-8
Psalms 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]
Mark 3:31-35

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

Hebrews 10:11-18
Psalms 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]
Mark 4:1-20

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

Hebrews 10:19-25
Psalms 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]
Mark 4:21-25

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

Hebrews 10:32-39
Psalms 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]
Mark 4:26-34

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]
Mark 4:35-41

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]
1 Corinthians 7:32-35
Mark 1:21-28

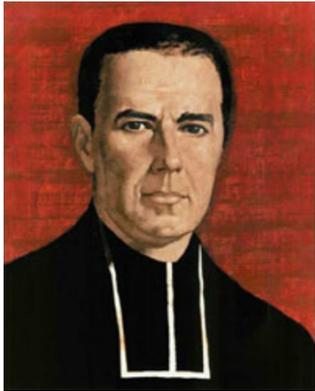


**To Our Wonderful
Stewards of
St. Viator**

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.

Welcome to St. Viator!



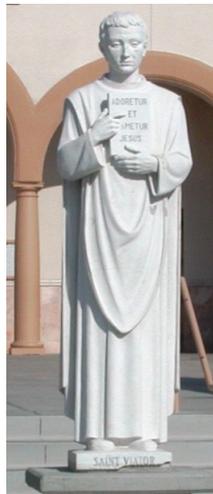
Fr. Louis Querbes

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.

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 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."

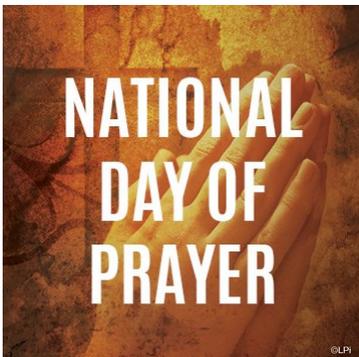
During these pivotal days, when the nation is already under considerable duress, we turn to the Prince of Peace asking Him to guard and guide the United States, and to keep us true to our ideals as "One nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

Nationwide Prayer Vigil for Life

January 28th - 29th



Catholics across the country are encouraged to observe a nationwide prayer vigil from Thursday, January 28 to Friday, January 29, 2021 marking the 48th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*.

Each January, the National Prayer Vigil for Life is hosted by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception to pray for a greater respect for all human life. While thousands of pilgrims typically attend the vigil in person each year, the Basilica will not be open to the public and the vigil will be streamed online.

The vigil will begin with a live broadcast at 8:00 PM (eastern standard time) on Thursday, January 28 from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. with a rosary, followed by Mass opening the National Prayer Vigil for Life. After the Mass and throughout the night, holy hours led by bishops from various dioceses around the country will be broadcast on the USCCB's and EWTN websites. The vigil concludes at 8:00 AM on Friday, January 29 with Mass.