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St. Viator Catholic Community



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January 31, 2021

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

WELCOME!

**Mass Schedule
February 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% 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.**

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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.



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



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

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!

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

STEWARDSHIP & FAITH

Stewardship Reflection

Embracing Change in Christ

It's officially one month since we popped the champagne, toasted 2021 and wrote down a list of resolutions. This is usually the time when we start to take a good, hard look in the mirror to assess what we have done — or have not done — with the first month of this brand-new year.

New years can be scary, can't they? Full of promise, sure, but also full of room for failure. Full of space for our old baggage, old fears and the continuation of old mistakes.

The same can be said of Christ, and the new life he offers us, if we are brave enough to accept it. Opportunities like that can be intimidating. In that moment, we might find ourselves like the man with the unclean spirit crying out: "What have you to do with me, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?"

Jesus is a comforter of the afflicted; he is a consoling figure, but he is also a challenging one. Sometimes we have grown attached to our afflictions. The idea of correcting bad habits or forming new ones is frankly terrifying to us. We have a voice deep inside who sees Christ and his invitation to repentance, and it cries out in fear: "I know who you are!"

When we live in the present, disavowing the baggage of the past or fear of the future, we submit ourselves to the promise of redemption. Let us be brave everyday stewards and invite Christ's healing power into our lives. We won't regret it — I'm sure the demoniac never did.

— 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.

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.



Reflect

First Reading:

Moses taught the Israelites that God would send prophets to assist them in knowing His will.

Why do you think people so often reject the prophetic message?

Second Reading:

Paul speaks of the inevitability of anxiety in life.

How does your faith assist you in handling what makes you anxious?

Gospel Question:

In the story of the healing of a demon-possessed man, Mark reports how the demons knew Jesus' true identity as "the Holy One of God."

What does this reveal about the unseen order?

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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 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

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>

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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

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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

Most of us are quiet people who desire to live a good and holy life, promote the values and mission of the Gospel as best we can and desire to one day inherit the surprise of life eternal God promises to us. We are not trail blazers. We are simple people who want to do the simple things of life well. But there are others who left a more profound impact along the way of the paths they walked. Folks like Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King, Thomas Merton, Gandhi, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and many others left lasting impacts and legacies. Like Moses, they show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose driven life look like. They show us how to be holy. We need Moses people like these to give us inspiration, hope and an example of holy living.

We do not need to do what they did or even mirror their relationship with God. Each one of us is God's special creation, with a purpose and soul known only to us. We need to learn how to open up and bring, without compromise, our soul-ness to life. We know when someone is authentic and centered because they always point to truth, even though they struggle and sin themselves, and they embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and it astonished many who listened. We do not need to move mountains, advance a cause, write books or become notable. All we have to do is become credible witnesses of the faith we profess. Moses people can teach us how to do this.

St. Oscar Romero was an amazing man and a Moses figure for sure. He saw God in the burning bush and brought the flame of Gospel faith to the poorest of the poor, challenging the evils of the society in which he lived. He was tireless and persistent. He must have gotten very close to the problem because it cost him his life. He suspected it would. St. Romero said, "When we leave Mass, we ought to go out the way Moses descended Mt Sinai: with his face shining, with his heart brave and strong to face the world's difficulties." We can learn from this wisdom. If we allow the power of the Mass to truly transform us, we will leave that holy encounter changed. Our face will shine, and we will have courage. We can then bring what we have received to life's challenges. That sounds doable, doesn't it? Because of the example of our simple holiness, people will be amazed.

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Readings of the Week ©LPI

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Hebrews 11:32-40
Psalms 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 [25]
Mark 5:1-20

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Malachi 3:1-4
Psalms 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15
Psalms 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]
Mark 6:1-6

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24
Psalms 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]
Mark 6:7-13

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Hebrews 13:1-8
Psalms 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]
Mark 6:14-29

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21
Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]
Mark 6:30-34

NEXT 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



**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,



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

Spanish

https://www.dropbox.com/s/5zbfjx9l0enxzxb/DOLV_CSA21_03_EspSubtitles.mp4?dl=0