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St. Viator Catholic Community



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WELCOME!



January 3, 2021

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2

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Mass Schedule January 4th - January 10th

Weekday Masses

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

No reservation required

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and Noon

Reservation required

**The reservation system opens
at 7:00 PM on Thursday for the
weekend Masses.**

**Check the website www.stviator.org
to reserve a seat at weekend liturgies.**

**Doors open 30 minutes prior to the
beginning of Mass.**

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”

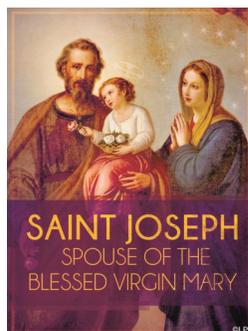
In a new Apostolic letter Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

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

Wise Men See God in the Simple Things

If you’re on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: “God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace.”

There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God’s and Herod’s. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn’t entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which.

After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn’t say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey.

But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I’ll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod’s charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe.

The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it’s enough to remember this: God’s plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let’s have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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ST. VIATOR NEWS & EVENTS

Thank you, RCIA!



Justinn Warmasley, 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!



Sox with Lamb Chop
Sox turned 11 on December 26th
Make sure to join her on Flocknote!

Food Pantry Collecting Items
Next Recipient - Catholic Worker



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!



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 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!



STAY CONNECTED!

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



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HOME ABOUT US MASS SCHEDULE NEWS SACRAMENTS CONTACT



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.

See the back cover for more information.



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RESERVING A SEAT FOR MASS

Securing a reservation for Sunday Mass is just a few clicks on your phone or computer. Just go to our website stviator.org and follow the prompts.

Begin Here!

Sunday Mass sign up

RESERVE SEAT HERE

Which will take you to this page

Remember: If you do not have access to a computer you can call our office 702.733.8323 on Friday for assistance.



Mass Reservation at SVCC
 St. Viator Catholic Community - 2461 East Flamingo Road,
 Las Vegas, NV, USA

Sep 20, 2020

Where you click here

More Info



Sep 20, 2020

Get Tickets

This will take you to the page with upcoming Masses for Sunday.



Upcoming Events (2)

Sep 20, 2020
8:00 AM

Note that you cannot reserve your seat until after 7:00PM Thursday for next Sunday's Mass.

On Sale : Sep 17, 2020
 On Sale : Sep 17, 2020, 7:00 PM

Sep 20, 2020
10:00 AM

On Sale : Sep 17, 2020
 On Sale : Sep 17, 2020, 7:00 PM

Prior to 7:00PM Thursday the boxes are gray to show the reservation is not open.

Get Tickets

Starting from \$0.00

After 7:00PM on Thursday the buttons on the above screen will be purple and indicate you can make a reservation. Click the time you would like to attend Mass.



Mass Reservation at SVCC

St. Viator Catholic Community

Sep 20, 2020, 8:00 AM

Get Tickets

Starting from \$0.00

General Reservation

This ticket is for seating for one person at the Mass you select

Quantity

Click the down arrow to select the number of seats you would like to reserve.

\$0.00

Your ticket(s) have been emailed to

If you do not receive ticket(s) within a few minutes, please check your email junk/spam folder.

Give your email for your confirmation.

Click here to print your reservation.

Print My Tickets

Print Receipt

Present your reservation at church. You will be seated in either the church or the parish center hall.

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 Present this entire page at the Venue

Mass Reservation at SVCC
 EVENT DATE: Sep 20, 2020, 08:00 AM

TICKET NO: 1
 PRICE: \$0.00

TICKET TYPE: General Reservation
 PURCHASER NAME:
 TICKET #: ZRV944402499
 LOCATION: 2461 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV, USA
 Face covering required upon exiting your car and throughout Mass. Doors open 30 minutes before Mass. Show your ticket at the door. An usher will seat you in either the church or parish center. Your ticket is valid up to 5 minutes before Mass begins.

ADMIT ONE

THANK YOU!

Parishioners' Generosity Abounds



Virtual Thanks "Giving" Tree

The Walmart and Target gift cards donated by our parishioners will bring hope and joy to countless of individuals and families this Christmas season. Below are the organizations whose clients will be the recipients of this drive. Thank you to all who gave this year.



Dear St. Viator Catholic Community,



Through the virtual Thanks "Giving" tree your parishioners donated \$575.00 worth of gift cards. I was in awe! We are so grateful for your amazing gifts! There is no amount of money that can replace the kindness and or generosity that is given from the heart. You have displayed what Spreading The Joy is all about! Thank You again for your contribution in making Christmas a little bit brighter for our families.

It takes a Village to raise a child, that same Village can change a Community with Unity.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Tammy Morrison
Resident Services Coordinator
Project Access Charleston Resource Center Las Vegas

Drive Through Baby Shower a Success

Thank you to all those who stopped by and supported the baby shower event sponsored by the NV State CDA at our local Court 2118 which benefitted the Women's Resource Center. God works graciously and gave us good weather, lots of help, and great response from parishioners, members from other local churches, and even an out of town!

It was good to see how many items and gift cards were donated at this drive. The picture (above) did not capture the donated items piled on the other side of the driveway. Michelle, the representative from Women's Resource Center, who assisted at the drive - was amazed how generous people were during this pandemic time.

We are filled with gratitude to all parishioners, visitors of our parish, CDA members from St. Viator, Holy Family, and St. Anne, and all the volunteers who made this drive a success.



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.

Gospel Reflection

“Where is that thing?” mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. “I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!” Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, “Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear.” The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light!

We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

“And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.” The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God’s tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God’s salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

MONDAY, JANUARY 4

1 John 3:22-4:6
Psalms 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]
Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

1 John 4:7-10
Psalms 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]
Mark 6:34-44

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

1 John 4:11-18
Psalms 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]
Mark 6:45-52

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

1 John 4:19-5:4
Psalms 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]
Luke 4:14-22a

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

1 John 5:5-13
Psalms 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]
Luke 5:12-16

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

1 John 5:14-21
Psalms 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]
John 3:22-30

NEXT 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

Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God’s healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Use the light to find what you are really looking for!

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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BE A GAEL

HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST

For incoming 9th grade applicants

Next Opportunity:

Saturday, January 9, 2021

BISHOP GORMAN HIGH SCHOOL
DIOCESE OF LAS VEGAS



APPLY & REGISTER FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST AT:
BISHOPGORMAN.ORG/ADMISSIONS

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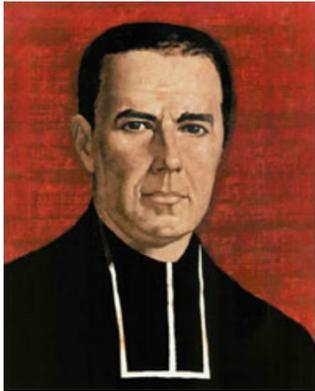
Dispensation from Obligation to Attend Mass
Extension - Dec. 31, 2020 - Jan. 31, 2021

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

Welcome to St. Viator!



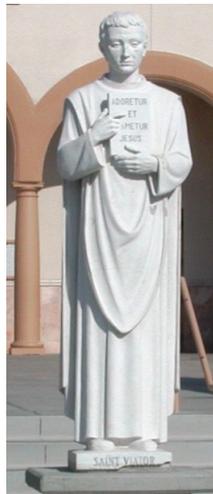
Fr. Louis Querbes

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 _____