



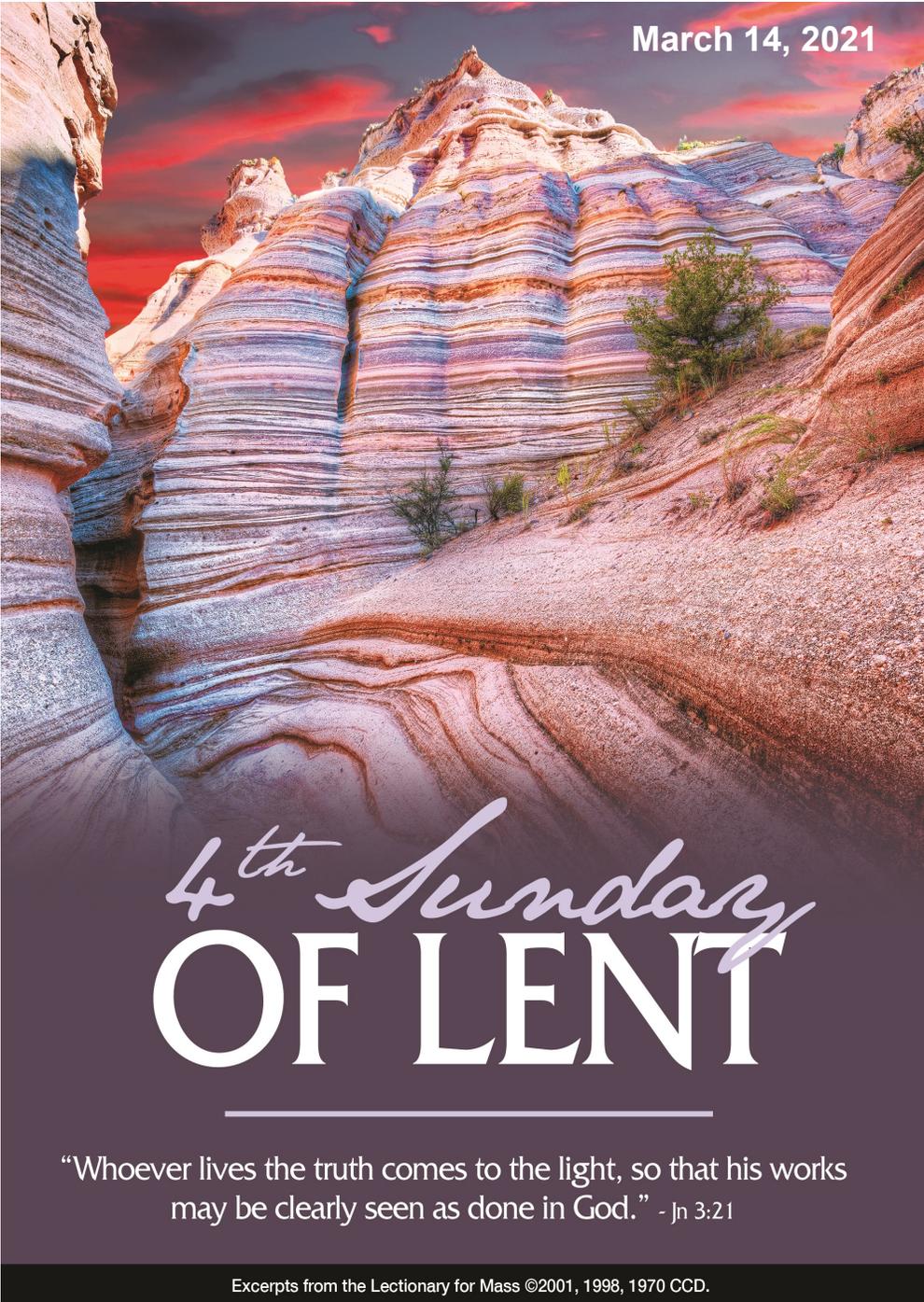
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St. Viator Catholic Community



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March 14, 2021

4th Sunday OF LENT

"Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God." - Jn 3:21

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WELCOME!

**Mass Schedule
March 15 - 21**

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%**

Lenten Reconciliation

Saturday
March 20 and 27
2:30 - 3:30 PM (extended time)
and

This Friday, March 19

5:30 - 6:30PM

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 at each Mass
before you enter.**

Faces of Hunger

The Faces of Hunger campaign will be different this year but still provide an opportunity for us to assist our community. Throughout Lent our parish will be highlighting three helpful programs offered by Catholic Charities, including: Homeless and Housing Services, Hands of Hope Food Pantry and Loving Hearts Adoption Services. Special collections of items needed will take place for two weeks per program to assist our neighbors in need.

Current Collection March 15 - 28

Loving Hearts Adoption Services

For birth mothers:

- ◆ Women's lotion
- ◆ Bath gel or bubble bath
- ◆ Throw blankets
- ◆ Reusable water bottles

For babies:

- ◆ Handmade baby blankets or hats

Homeless & Housing Services
was collected February 17 - 28.

Hands of Hope Food Pantry
was collected March 1 - 14.



Please consider how you can help our neighbors in need this Lent by giving to our parish's Faces of Hunger Campaign.

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to the successful collections for the Housing & Homeless and Hands of Hope Food Pantry drives.

FACES OF HUNGER & STEWARDSHIP



Loving Hearts Adoption Services is an accredited adoption agency and 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency that provides lifetime support to birthparents, adoptive families, and adoptees before and after placement. Through compassion, clear communication, ethical practices, and support from licensed Social Workers and staff, they are dedicated to helping create the best adoption plan possible.



Valeria, Adoptive Parent
“People like to say we saved [our adopted children], I think they saved us.”

Aurora, Birthmother
“My baby was matched perfectly with careful thought and a lot of love. My child is being raised with all the love she needs.

I recommend anyone who wants to give their children a better life to call Loving Hearts Adoption Services.”

Rebecca, Adoptee
“The best gift you can give to a couple that wants nothing more than to raise a family is the gift of life and I am so grateful for the life that was given to me.”

How can you help? Donate the following:

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- ◆ Bath gel or bubble bath
- ◆ Throw blankets
- ◆ Reusable water bottles

For babies:

- ◆ Handmade baby blankets or hats

Stewardship Reflection

Awake, O Sleeper!

This morning came a little earlier than I would have liked — Daylight Savings Time always does. Sometimes that morning sunlight seems more intrusive than illuminating. You’re still half-lost in sleep, and that sun is demanding of you a lot more than you’re ready to give.

I’ve said it, and I’m sure you’ve said it, too. “Just five more minutes.” You hit the “snooze” button on your iPhone once (maybe twice? Show of hands?) and turn away from the window.

So many kings of the Old Testament were steadfast in their sleepy ways, rejecting the light their God tried to share with them. Likewise, John tells us that, though Light — Christ — was sent into the world, the world preferred darkness.

Sometimes it seems, when reading through Scripture, that all throughout salvation history, God has been trying to pull back the curtains, to rouse us from our defiant slumber. And we resist Him. Time and time again, we resist Him.

Light brings a certain responsibility with it. It seems to compel productivity. Furthermore, there’s no hiding in the light. Any photographer worth his salt knows how to manipulate it, highlighting the good and casting some merciful shade on the bad.

As we enter into the fourth week of Lent, we’re getting so close to the main event. Can we handle the light that will come on Easter morning, bursting into the tomb as the stone is rolled away? Can we keep ourselves from hitting the “snooze” button on our souls, and sit up to face the dawn of a new day?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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LENTEN PRAYER, ALMSGIVING & WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

“How to Make Your Lent More Better”

The above statement is not grammatically correct, but it hopefully got your attention! We invite you to consider how you plan to journey through this Lenten season.

What Should We Do During Lent?

Turn away from our sins and turn back to God. Detach from habits and tendencies that are contrary to God’s will. Lent is a time of conversion.

We invite you to consider the various ways our parish embraces Lent. Watch the bulletin for:

Prayer

Stations of the Cross, daily Mass, Taizé

Almsgiving

Faces of Hunger campaign benefits Catholic Charities’ clients.

Reflect

Sign up for daily reflections from one of the various online Catholic sites. Suggestions can be found on our website.



RECONCILIATION

During this season of Lent we recount God’s mercy and grace poured out upon all mankind.

You are invited to experience God’s mercy through the sacrament of reconciliation.

Reconciliation is being offered:

Saturday, March 20 & 27

2:30 - 3:30pm

in our parish center

This Friday, March 19th

5:30pm - 6:30pm

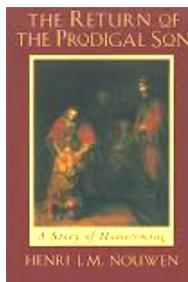
in our parish center

If your schedule does not allow you to come to these reconciliation opportunities please call the office at 702.733.8323 to make an appointment to receive this sacrament.

Two Fun Activities For Your Lenten Journey

Looking for something new to help you on your Lenten journey? Join the **St. Viator Lenten Book Club** or **Movie Club** . . . or both.

Don’t worry, this isn’t like any other book or movie club you may have joined or heard about. Instead of meeting weekly or monthly, we will **meet just once** for each.



For our **book discussion**, you will **do the reading on your own**, reflect on questions we’ll provide, then come together by Zoom with other parishioners to share your thoughts.

The book we will discuss is **The Return of the Prodigal Son**, by Henri Nouwen, a world-renowned priest and author. You can purchase a copy at our parish office, get it from the Clark County Library District, or Amazon.com.

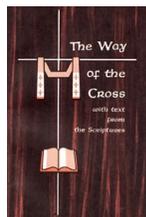
Our **movie discussion** is two-fold: we will discuss **The Two Popes**, the Oscar-nominated movie available for you to watch ahead of time on Netflix. We will also discuss **your favorite movies which have enriched you spiritually . . . so even if you aren’t able to watch The Two Popes, you will be able to join in the discussion.**



Both discussions will be conducted by St. Viator Pastoral Associate Bob Blaskey. In his “spare time,” Bob teaches a course for OLLI at UNLV on using pop culture to understand Christianity and he has been using examples from movies to help him in teaching religion for nearly 40 years.

For more information on either of these discussions and for the Zoom link, write to ministers@stviator.org.

Stations of the Cross, 12:15 PM & 7:00 PM
Fridays of Lent February 19 - March 26



March 12th in the church

12:15 PM - Laity

7:00 PM - Youth Group

You can also take part in this devotion at your convenience from home with our youtube channel. See our website.

FAITH & WORSHIP NEWS



LENTEN FISH FRY "TO GO"

We look forward to the return of our parish's Knights of Columbus fish fry next year. You can try a fish dinner "to go" this year at the following churches:

St. Anne Knights of Columbus Drive-Thru Fish Fry 4 to 7:30PM Fridays during Lent. Fish tacos, fries, coleslaw, dessert and a drink is \$7.

St. Thomas More 4:30 to 7:30PM Fridays. Three pieces of cod, fries and coleslaw for \$10, or meatless baked ziti and garlic bread for \$5.

Holy Spirit 5 to 7PM Friday, March 26 for \$9.

For more information please call the respective church.

ST. VIATOR PARISH SCHOOL

We believe that investing in your child's future in both spiritual and academic principles, is one of the most important decisions you will ever make.

Whether you are seeking a "school home" for the next 10 years for your Pre-Kindergartener or looking for a warm, safe learning environment for your student, St. Viator Parish School is your Catholic Community.

ADMISSIONS OPEN

PREKINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 8

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Dispensation from Obligation to Attend Mass Extension - January 31 - April 4, 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 April 4, 2021.

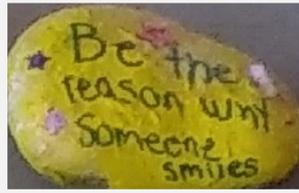
While we recognize that many are eager to return to Mass in our churches, it remains important for those who are elderly and otherwise at risk to refrain from returning to public Liturgies until it is manifestly safe to do so. For all the faithful, especially those who are sick, at high risk of becoming 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



YOUTH MINISTRY SPREADS HOPE & INSPIRATION THIS LENT

In February youth ministry teens painted inspirational rocks with their families to leave in parks and neighborhoods to remind others to see the good in the world.



Want more inspiration? Visit the Viatorian Youth Instagram page for reflections on daily readings.  Viator Youth

Friday, February 19th



Peri Jones
youth ministry

May we fast in Your name and through Your words. Let us remember how we can glorify You in all ways. Show us how we can grow through You. Remind us that You sustain us and all we need is You. Amen.

Reflection Isaiah 58:4b

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Lord, open our eyes to allow us to see you. Allow us to fully gratify you and all you do. Give us a different perspective on life and deliver to us peace throughout our days. Amen.

REFLECTION ON MARK 9:2

NATALYA SAYEGH

VIATOR YOUTH

MARCH 2



JESSICA JOHN
youth ministry

Tuesday of the second week of Lent

As we continue our journey, it is important to trust in God when our burdens become too heavy to carry. Trust that all that has caused pain will finally be uncovered and laid bare.

Reflection on Matt 23:4

Want to join our youth and young adults for a Lenten reflection? View the March 2nd Taizé prayer on our Facebook page

 St. Viator Catholic Community

Be Inspired by Music & Worship

Be Challenged by Scripture



This image of St. Viator carrying a cross was captured the night of Taizé by one of our youth.

2021 ST. VIATOR RCIA CANDIDATES & CATECHUMENS



Patricia Ayala



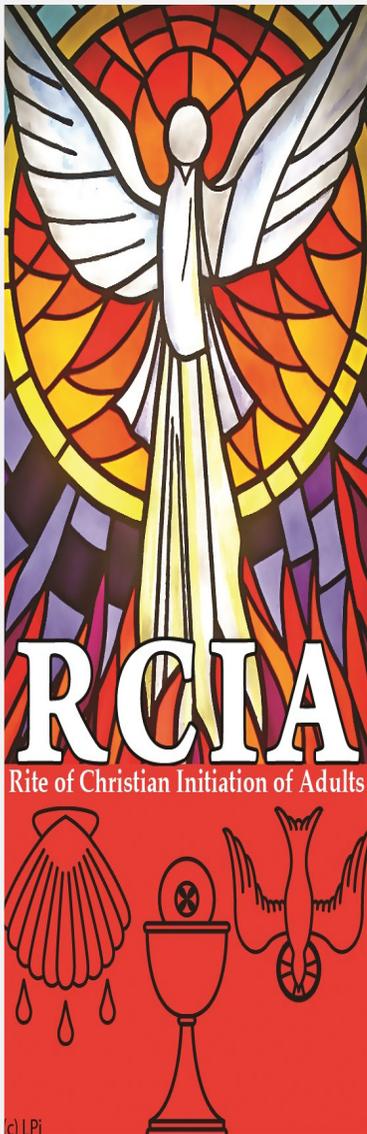
Jeffrey Aylward



Kelly Collier



Sanchai Funwilas



Pray for our RCIA Candidates and Elect (Catechumens)

O God, we thank You for implanting the gift of faith in human hearts and sending Jesus, Your Son, as the fullness of Your love. May His life and mission lead us to share in Your divine life. Today, we ask You to bless, in a special way, all catechumens and candidates who have responded to the invitation of Jesus: "Come, follow Me." Help them to persevere in their journey of faith despite any difficulties. Bless all those who minister to them through the RCIA program, under the guidance of Your Holy Spirit, that they may lead others to a life of faith in Jesus Christ. Call us to a renewal of our faith, and inspire us all to be Your light in the world. Amen



Mavis Grodzach



Ulises Torres Villarreal



Justinn Warmesley

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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 & WORSHIP

Gospel Reflection

Is there something to Lent that goes beyond our own spiritual house cleaning and spiritual refinement? Yes, there is! It has to do with listening and learning so that we can take up the task of the Gospel with greater clarity and fortitude. While the spiritual refocusing of Lent is necessary, the fruit of this Lenten conversion has much more to do with learning how we can be a better Church than it does about our eternal salvation. Salvation is a gift that flows out of God's unconditional Mercy and cannot be merited. The spiritual maturity we can experience as a result of our Lenten disciplines serves to reduce the anxiety and apprehension we may experience as messengers of good, but very challenging, and unsettling, news.

St. Oscar Romero said that, "a church that doesn't provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed, what gospel is that?" When we listen to those descriptive and provocative words, do they resonate with anything in our experience? As messengers of the Gospel, we are called to bring an unsettling message to the world. If our main concern is protecting our self-interests, then we are missing something huge! Many really struggle with being rejected, dismissed, or perceived as someone who is speaking out of turn. There is a counter cultural message that must be preached that clearly sides with the poor, marginalized, victimized, oppressed, neglected, disregarded, and lost souls throughout the world. There is a widespread misery among the peoples that is all too often allowed to fester with no one coming forward to offer a change or resolution.

The Church can speak to the needed structural changes that will allow people to earn just wages, feed their families and share abundantly and equally in the gifts of God's good earth. Such a vision is not some optimistic fairy tale, but the vision of the Creator himself. Lent reminds us, as St. Oscar Romero also states, that, "we are workers, not master builder, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own." We are not called to labor simply for the benefit of the here and now but of the "what is to come." Our myopic vision can be replaced by a more

Readings of the Week ©LPi

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

MONDAY, MARCH 15

Isaiah 65:17-21
Psalms 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]
John 4:43-54

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

Ezra 47:1-9, 12
Psalms 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]
John 5:1-16

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

Isaiah 49:8-15
Psalms 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]
John 5:17-30

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

Exodus 32:7-14
Psalms 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]
John 5:31-47

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
Psalms 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]
Romans 4:13, 16-18, 2
Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

Jeremiah 11:18-20
Psalms 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]
John 7:40-53

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 21

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalms 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]
Hebrews 5:7-9
John 12:20-33

far reaching Lenten vision that is much greater and deeper in scope. As long as we are carrying the right blueprints with us and our thoughts extend beyond ourselves, then even the little things we do and the simplest prayer we utter go a long way. They give witness to our preference for the light of Christ and not the darkness of error and sin.



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.

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.

Thank you to those who
turned in their CSA pledge.

If you have not sent in your pledge card
and donation - please remember -
no gift is too small and all gifts help!

Update

2021 CSA Assessment: \$129,130
Donations to date: \$ 63,400



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/5zbfjx9l0enxzb/DOLV_CSA21_03_EspSubtitles.mp4?dl=0