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St. Viator Catholic Community



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March 21, 2021



5th Sunday
OF LENT

"Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:24

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

WELCOME!

**Mass Schedule
March 22 - 28**

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 27
2:30 - 3:30 PM (extended time)
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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Stewardship Reflection

When Our Own Hour Comes

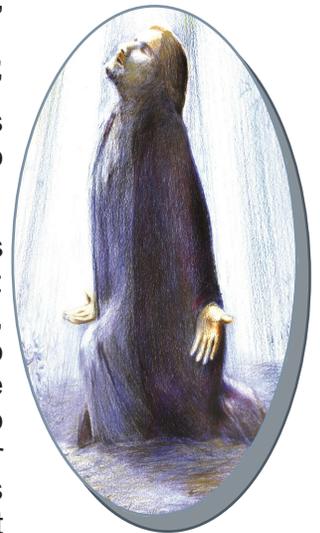
We parents know that it’s tricky, tackling the topic of fear with our kids. We want them to know that it’s okay to be scared, that it’s something we all feel from time to time. We want them to understand that bravery isn’t the absence of fear, but the choices we make in persevering despite that feeling.

Most of all, we want to model the right kind of behavior for our kids. Whatever our scary situation is — illness, a job loss, life changes — we want them to see us make a choice to face that fear head-on.

Jesus seems to be the parent who is gently broaching the topic of fear with his children. A great sense of foreboding hangs over these readings. Jesus knew what was coming. He knew it was going to be hard, both for him and for his followers, who did not have his courage. Even he admits to being “troubled” and he speaks of “the time of judgment.” There is the dramatic raising of Lazarus, the talk of how a grain of wheat must die in order to bear fruit, the depiction of Christ as an obedient student of his own suffering.

“Yet what should I say?” he asks them. “Father, save me from this hour?” But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour.”

This week, Christ gives us a very parental gift: He shows us his fear, and he shows us how to conquer it. He challenges us to embrace the purpose for which we came to this hour — whatever that hour may hold.



— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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.

Blessing of Easter Food

Holy Saturday,
April 3rd
10:00AM
Church Plaza



You are invited to bring baskets with a sample of the Easter foods which will be enjoyed at your Easter Sunday breakfast to be blessed on Holy Saturday. Though this has been a Polish tradition, many families have adopted this custom. The basket traditionally was lined with a white linen or lace napkin. Baskets can be filled with colored hardboiled eggs symbolizing the new life of the Resurrection; a sugar or butter lamb representing Christ the Lamb of God; bread or a tall decorative cake called Babka, ham, sausage, and salt.

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

WHY CHOOSE US?

A long tradition of academic excellence and leadership.

A commitment to providing the highest quality of learning in both spiritual and academic principles for all students.

REGISTRATION
FOR 2021
ONGOING



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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



2021 ST. VIATOR RCIA CANDIDATES & CATECHUMENS



Patricia Ayala



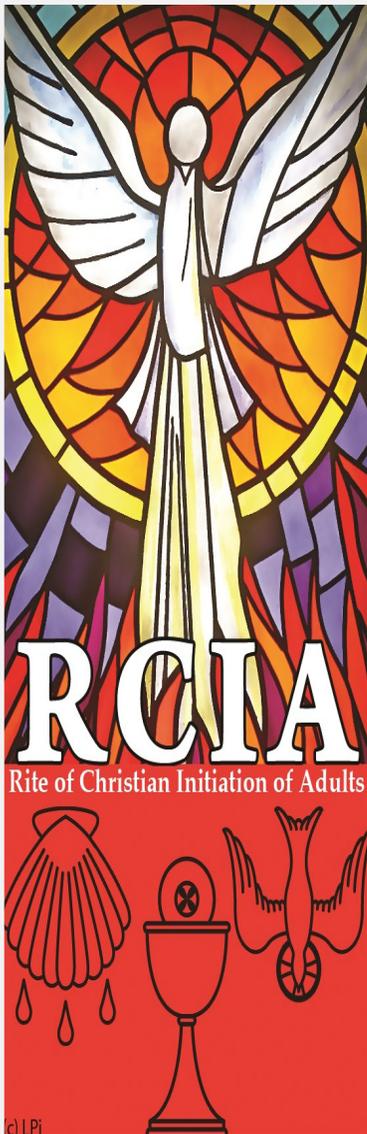
Jeffrey Aylward



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



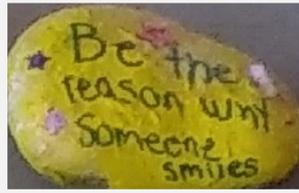
Ulises Torres Villarreal



Justinn Warmesley

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.

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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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.



BISHOP GEORGE LEO THOMAS, PH.D.
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LAS VEGAS

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: \$ 78,300

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

FAITH & WORSHIP

Gospel Reflection

Any good teacher or parent will tell you that once a lesson is really learned it doesn't need to be taught again. When we internalize things we have learned, they become a part of who we are and influence how we perceive and interact with our world. The same is true for the law God has written upon our hearts. Once humanity learns this lesson, we will simply know it to be true and act accordingly. Sometimes, it is hard to get people to learn the lessons they need to learn. They are often distracted, disinterested, conflicted, misdirected, or just too stubborn and unable or unwilling to see what is right before their eyes. Understanding that God is in a loving and committed relationship with those fashioned and formed in God's own image, seems like such a simple lesson to learn. But history and experience has proven that it is not.

We struggle with faith, especially when that faith asks us to learn something very particular about ourselves. We must, like a grain of wheat, fall to the ground and die. Because God's DNA is at the very core of who we are, there are specific pearls of wisdom that must be acquired before we can live a full life. One very powerful lesson is that it is not the task of the world to tell us who we are and what has meaning, but God. For many, death is not an opportunity for greater life but a permanent ending to the life they have known. Jesus knew every dimension to what it means to be fully human because he was! He knows the joys, limitations, sorrows, frustrations, wonders, suffering, opportunities, and joys of the human experience. Jesus can teach us a wealth of knowledge and life's lessons from his example, especially obedience.

When we accept the law God has placed in our hearts and gain wisdom from it, then when we suffer we learn to listen more attentively to the Voice behind that law. We naturally flee to our Creator for inspiration, consolation, hope, direction, and comfort as we navigate through this time of darkness. We will not need to run from it, subdue it, fight it, or be overcome by it because we will know, having internalized this profound lesson before, that God will bring new life. God's law is love and love never fails. Even in the moments of Jesus' deepest despair, he glorified the name of his Father. What he learned allowed him to

Readings of the Week ©LPI

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

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

MONDAY, MARCH 22

Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]
John 8:1-11

TUESDAY, MARCH 23

Numbers 21:4-9
Psalms 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]
John 8:21-30

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95
Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]
John 8:31-42

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10
Psalms 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]
Hebrews 10:4-10
Luke 1:26-38

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

Jeremiah 20:10-13
Psalms 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]
John 10:31-42

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

Ezra 37:21-28
Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]
John 11:45-56

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 28

Mark 11:1-10
Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalms 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]
Philippians 2:6-11
Mark 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

put everything in perspective and be obedient to the tender, loving Voice within. As Lent quickly winds down, may we learn the same! Then, may we gain the fortitude and wisdom to help others see what is right before their eyes.

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 - see parish website www.stviator.org

Almsgiving

Faces of Hunger campaign benefits Catholic Charities' clients.



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.

Saturday, March 27
2:30 - 3:30pm
in our parish center

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

JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK!

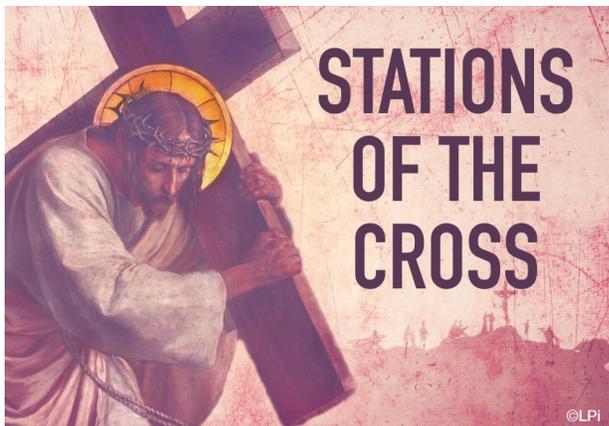
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Saturday Vigil - 4:00 PM
Sunday - 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and Noon

Holy Thursday
Mass of the Lord's Last Supper
7:00 PM

Good Friday
Stations of the Cross
12:00 PM
Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord
3:00 PM and 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil
7:00 PM

Easter Sunday
The Lord's Resurrection
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and Noon

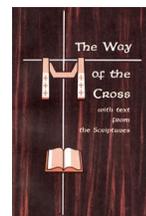


Stations of the Cross, 12:15 PM & 7:00 PM
Frídays of Lent February 19 - March 26

March 19th in the church

12:15 PM - Laity
7:00 PM - Deacon Mike Underwood

You can also take part in this devotion at your convenience from home with our youtube channel or join us for the livestreaming at 7:00 PM.



See our website.