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St. Viator Catholic Community



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## Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord



March 28, 2021

# WELCOME!

### Celebration of the Eucharist Week of March 29 - April 4

#### Daily Mass In the Church

Tuesday  
6:45 AM  
Wednesday  
8:15 AM

**Triduum in Church**  
Holy Thursday 7:00 PM  
Good Friday Stations at Noon  
and Liturgy 3:00 PM & 7:00 PM  
Easter Vigil 7:00 PM

#### Easter Sunday Masses

8:00 AM  
10:00 AM  
Noon

**Doors open 30 minutes  
before Mass**

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Next Opportunity  
April 10 - 3:00 - 3:30PM  
In the Parish Center

#### Parish Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday  
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Closed Noon to 1:00 PM  
Holy Thursday, 8:00 AM - Noon  
Reopens Tuesday, April 6  
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

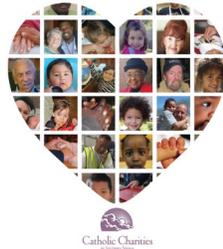
# Faces of Hunger

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to the successful collections for the Faces of Hunger Drives this Lenten season. Your contributions will give our neighbors help and hope in their time of need.

Homeless & Housing Services was collected February 17 - 28.

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

Loving Hearts Adoptions Services was collected March 15 - 28.



## 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.



### 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

## 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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# STEWARDSHIP & NEWS

## Did You Know?

Our parish purchases the palm crosses you received today from *African Palms, USA*. The villagers of Masai, Tanzania are able to supplement the meager income they earn from subsistence farming by hand-weaving these palm crosses. Also, grants from *African Palm, USA* provided by the sale of these crosses funded clean water resources, orphan housing, vocational training and educational opportunities.



**PALM SUNDAY**  
OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

St. Viator Drama  
Ministry Original --  
*COVID Living Passion.*

## All in the family!

If you noticed several actors in this weekend's reflection were not distancing, that's because they are part of the same family - the Slifes. We are grateful to them and everyone who made this possible. It will be repeated Good Friday at 3:00 and 7:00 PM.



**Remember - no gift is too small.  
Please turn in your pledge card!**

**Thank you,  
for your CSA donations!**

2019 CSA Assessment: \$129,130  
Donations to date: \$ 90,900

**Every dollar over our assessment  
comes back to our parish!**

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 back to that parish. **This year we will 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.
- 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 [dioceseoflasvegas.org](http://dioceseoflasvegas.org)

# 2021 ST. VIATOR RCIA CANDIDATES & CATECHUMENS



Patricia Ayala



Jeffrey Aylward



Kelly Collier



Sanchai Funwilas

Pray for those in  
RCIA  
as they prepare  
to receive the  
sacraments on  
Holy Saturday.



Mavis Grodzach



Ulises Torres Villarreal



Justinn Warmsley

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On Good Friday, April 2, 2021, our Diocese will be taking up the national collection for the Holy Land.

The Collection for the Holy Land, in the words of Paul VI, is “not only for the Holy Places but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational, and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities.”

The Collection brings an indispensable support to the Christian minority of the Holy Land. The State of Israel and Palestine have a population of some 10 million people. So the 180,000 Christian inhabitants represent less than 2% of this population. To check the exodus from the Holy Land of Christians whose lives are rendered particularly difficult, Franciscan Custody implements numerous initiatives. In addition to ensuring the guard of the shrines, the Good Friday Annual Collection allows the living stones to inhabit the Holy Places and in so doing bear witness to the Resurrection of Christ.

Shrines in Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jerusalem and many other locations welcome Christian pilgrims regularly throughout the year with Christian generosity and hospitality. Likewise, the Church in the Holy Land provides housing and food for the poor.

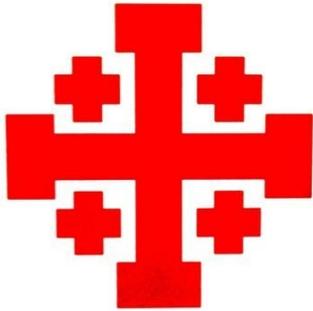
Please be generous, and prayerfully consider how you can support this collection. Holy Land Christians, along with all the clergy and religious working there greatly appreciate your generosity.

May the Lord continue to bless you and your families, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
+George Leo Thomas  
Bishop of Las Vegas



## The Pontifical Good Friday Collection



Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

**PLEASE BE GENEROUS!**

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit the following website [www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday](http://www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday).



## What Is The Pontifical Good Friday Collection?

It supports the people of the Holy Land, the pilgrims who visit - and more!

Funds are distributed at the direction of the Vatican. A portion of the funds are directly allocated to educational and ecclesial projects in the area. The rest of the funds collected support ministries and programs entrusted by the Holy See to the Holy Land Franciscans. The Franciscans have served in the Holy Land for 800 years.

**The Pontifical Good Friday Collection Provides**

**Humanitarian Pastoral**  
**Liturgical Communication Ecumenical**  
**Archaeological Charitable**  
**Education Welcome Pilgrims**  
**Care for the Holy Places**

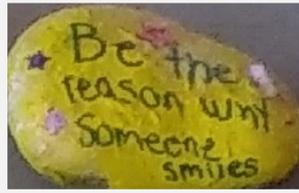
### WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED?

#### LAST YEAR'S PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION:

- Supported 29 parishes, four homes for orphans, three academic institutions
- Helped keep schools open for over 10,000 pre-K through grade 12 students
- Supported 120 men preparing to be priests or brothers
- Helped rehabilitate 80 homes for Christian families
- Provided senior care facilities in Bethlehem and Nazareth
- Created 1,500 jobs in the Holy Land for Christians
- Preserved 54 shrines connected with the life of Jesus and the prophets

# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](#)
- [Bulletins](#)
- [Parish Registration](#)
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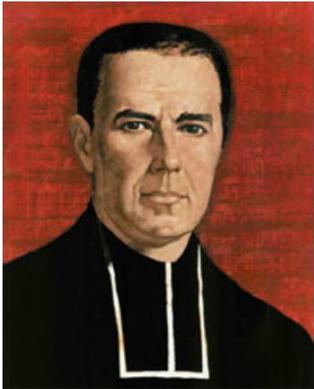


And now you can receive text messages from our parish with the latest Mass schedule and other important news by joining flocknote.



Just text "sox" to 84576

# 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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, 4<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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!

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Email address \_\_\_\_\_

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# FAITH & WORSHIP

## Gospel Reflection

Many struggle with Jesus. Some who consider themselves faithful hail him in their churches but still struggle to figure out what to do with him on our streets. The message is somehow more palatable when it echoes pious renderings and sentiments worship. It becomes a bit trickier when it gets to the part about changing the way we conduct the business of our lives, becoming more sensitive to the disadvantaged, poor, and marginalized, and living as servants of our Loving Creator. Ultimately, it is a struggle between wanting to be God ourselves and letting God be God. That's why it's so easy to become hypocritical. We, like those who hailed Christ as he arrived in Jerusalem and sent Christ to the cross to die, also talk out of both sides of our mouths.

We seek to remove as many obstacles and hurdles as possible in search of the easiest, quickest, and most efficient path we can find. We have created drugs and laws that preserve our free choice, even though it may mean setting aside God's vision and example. Why suffer when we can easily be put to rest? Why endure insult or injury when we can retaliate, eliminate or subdue? Why accept life when it is acceptable to choose otherwise? We want to be God and resist accepting the fact that our real Creator has already given us the blueprints for the life we need to live in the Beatitudes and in the example of his Passion. We don't like being stewards and managers and really want the power to do as we wish and desire. We want to create our own way.

Where has the true, effective Christian voice been through all of the wars and violence, prejudice and unjust conquests, abuse of human beings and attempted extinctions of nationalities, the establishments of procedures and protocols that serve only a few and not the many and all of the injustices and exploitations that are a part of our human history? A few courageous prophets have stood up and out throughout all of the comings and goings of our human journey with many receiving the same fate as the Crucified One we hail this week. Some still walk among us as shining stars showing us how it really can be. How would Jesus' journey have ended if he lived life as we

## Readings of the Week ©LPI

### 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

### MONDAY, MARCH 29

Isaiah 42:1-7  
Psalms 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]  
John 12:1-11

### TUESDAY, MARCH 30

Isaiah 49:1-6  
Psalms 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 & 17 [cf. 15ab]  
John 13:21-33, 36-38

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalms 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]  
Matthew 26:14-25

### HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14  
Psalms 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
John 13:1-15

### GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2

Isaiah 52:13-53:12  
Psalms 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]  
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9  
John 18:1 - 19:42

### HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 3

Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]  
Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23  
Romans 6:3-11  
Mark 16:1-7

### EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4

Acts 10:34a, 37-43  
Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]  
Colossians 3:1-4  
John 20:1-9

do? Unless we encounter the good with the bad, the just with the unjust, the grace with the sin, the glory with the cross, the death with the life we most certainly risk rendering God obsolete. After all, haven't we already convinced ourselves that we can do better? ©LPI

# Triduum and Easter Schedule

Join us during the holiest days of our liturgical year



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

Mass on Holy Thursday is the commemoration of the Last Supper and institution of the Eucharist. Our prayer calls us to remember what God has done for us through Jesus Christ. Our liturgy is rich in symbols and gestures ~ including Jesus' example of service and the candlelit transfer of the Eucharist to the tabernacle.



## Good Friday Lord's Passion Liturgy ~ 3:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Traditional Stations of the Cross will be at 12:00 Noon. The liturgies include a reflective presentation of the Passion of Our Lord, solemn intercessions, adoration of the cross and Communion using hosts consecrated on Holy Thursday.



## Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass ~ 7:00 PM

The Vigil liturgy includes the Easter Proclamation, Litany of the Saints, Baptism and Confirmation of new members of the Church, renewal of Baptismal Promises and the celebration of the Eucharist. This is a longer liturgy, overflowing with symbols, rituals and music which express the core of our faith.



## Easter Sunday Easter Mass ~ The Lord's Resurrection

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

12:00 PM