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St. Viator Catholic Community



Text "Sox" to 84576

May 16, 2021

WELCOME!

**Mass Schedule**  
May 17 - May 23

**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**

**Reconciliation**

Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 PM  
In the Parish Center

**Next Sunday we celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, when Jesus gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit as a reminder that He is with us always. Help us fill the church with the color of the Holy Spirit by wearing red to commemorate this special day for the Church.**

*7<sup>th</sup> Sunday*  
**OF EASTER**

"Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth." - Jn 17:17

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

## Updated Safety Protocols

After consultation with the Diocesan Restoration Advisory Council, Bishop Thomas and the Council have mandated the following revised protocols for **implementation beginning Saturday May 1, 2021:**

- The maximum number of people that may be in Mass at one time is now increased to 80% of fire code capacity. The social distancing mandate of six feet (6) has been reduced to three (3) feet. You must maintain three (3) feet of social distancing between congregants that are not of the same household. To that end, you may not be able to allow 80% of your occupancy limit due to the three (3) feet of social distancing requirement. To be clear, you must use the equation of both 80% of fire code occupancy **AND** three (3) feet of social distancing to arrive at the allowable number of congregants you may now have in any one location.
- The mandate to obtain information from attendees for contact tracing purposes is no longer required.
- Pursuant to Governor Sisolak's Emergency Directive 24 issued on June 24, 2020 ("Directive"), face coverings **MUST** be worn at all times during Mass, with the exception of consuming the host.

## Safety ushers will continue the following:

- Sanitize the hands of all who attend Mass
- Guide each household to an appropriate pew
- Direct all to their designated Communion station
- Assist with organized exiting

## Prayer to St. Joseph After the Rosary For Year of St. Joseph

To you, O blessed Joseph,  
do we come in our tribulation,  
and having implored the help  
of your most holy Spouse,  
we confidently invoke your patronage also.  
Through that charity which bound you  
to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God  
and through the paternal love  
with which you embraced the Child Jesus,  
we humbly beg you  
graciously to regard the inheritance  
which Jesus Christ  
has purchased by his Blood,  
and with your power and strength  
to aid us in our necessities.  
O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family,  
defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;  
O most loving father, ward off from us  
every contagion of error and  
corrupting influence;  
O our most mighty protector, be kind to us  
and from heaven  
assist us in our struggle  
with the power of darkness.  
As once you rescued the Child Jesus  
from deadly peril,  
so now protect God's Holy Church  
from the snares of the enemy  
and from all adversity;  
shield, too, each one of us by your  
constant protection,  
so that, supported by your example  
and your aid,  
we may be able to live piously,  
to die in holiness,  
and to obtain eternal happiness  
in heaven.  
Amen.

# FAITH & STEWARDSHIP NEWS

## Help Homeless Families Through “Just Neighbors”



In 1996, **St. Viator** was one of the founding churches to be part of what is now called **Family Promise**. Since then, we hosted homeless families in our Parish Center for up to four weeks each year.

When the pandemic hit, Family Promise knew they had to help their families in a safer way and they created “Just Neighbors.”

With **Just Neighbors**, we will adopt one family at a time and help them get back on their feet. We will get to know our adopted family and their needs, then do what we can to fill those needs.

At this time, **all our contact with our adopted family will be virtually**, so you can do it from the comfort of your home.

### How Can I Or My Family Help?

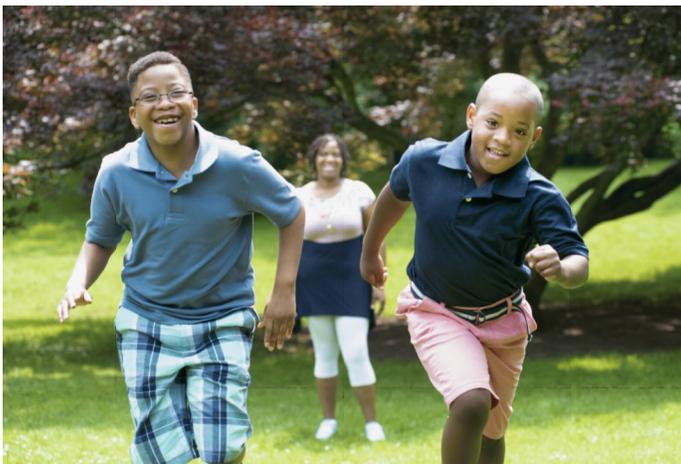
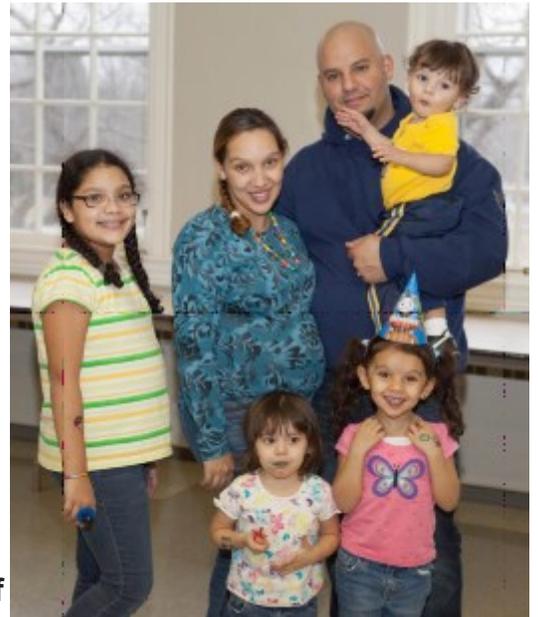
As you can see, this is an exciting opportunity for individuals and families to live out our faith and help others.

**Do you like . . .**

- . . . talking with people?
- . . . working with children?
- . . . shopping?
- . . . planning and coordinating activities?

**then you will be perfect for Just Neighbors!**

We are looking for **weekly volunteers: callers, organizers of donations, tutors for children, shoppers, and drivers** to deliver items to Family Promise.



**If you would like to be part of this exciting new program**, email your preferences to [ministers@stviator.org](mailto:ministers@stviator.org).

Everyone dealing directly with the families must receive special training through Family Promise and fulfill the diocesan volunteer requirements.



## Dispensation from the Obligation to Attend Mass Extension April 25 - May 30, 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 Sunday, May 30, 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

## Priesthood Ordination

Bishop George Leo Thomas, Ph.D., and the Vocations Office, cordially invite you to attend the priesthood ordination of transitional Deacon Mauricio Espino.

It will be held Thursday, June 3, 2021 beginning at 6pm, at Guardian Angel Cathedral.

Because of COVID restrictions, seating will be limited, and will be on a "first come first served" basis.

The ordination Mass will also be available for viewing at the vocations office Facebook page titled "Diocese of Las Vegas - Office of Vocations".

Let us pray for Deacon Mauricio as he prepares for priestly ministry in the Church of Las Vegas, and let us continue to pray for those especially being called to vocations to priesthood and religious life.

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## Part-time Janitorial/Security Maintenance Position For Holy Family Church

Seeking a highly motivated, experienced and presentable individual

### Requirements:

- Dependable transportation
- Work documents
- Bi-lingual necessary
- Able to follow instruction
- Pass criminal background check
- Work with little supervision
- Able to lift 50+ lbs if necessary
- Requires complete physical mobility - reach, bend, stoop, kneel, & stand for extended periods
- Able to perform general building and grounds maintenance

Hours - requires a flexible schedule, including but not limited to evenings, weekends, holidays, etc.

Job description - janitorial/maintenance for the parish property.

Duties include but are not limited to the following responsibilities:

- Clean floors and restrooms, wash walls and glass, and trash removal
- Set up for church celebrations
- Some maintenance involved

Send resume to: [lovegospa96@yahoo.com](mailto:lovegospa96@yahoo.com) and put Part-time in subject line.

**No phone calls or walk-ins accepted**

# STEWARDSHIP & FAITH



## Stewardship Reflection

### There's No Place Like Home

Where do you get the best night's sleep? For me, it's in my own bed. I don't even really know why. There's something about the texture of the sheets, the groove I've worn in the pillow. The mattress seems to recognize my shape. I've got a job that sees me traveling often and I've stayed in plenty of nice places. But there's just no sleep like the sleep you get at home.

There's a feeling that we have when we're at home. Our bodies seem to recognize it when we walk in the door. There's a relaxation that kicks in, a peace that falls over us. I think that's what Heaven will be like. It won't be pleasure or happiness — those words aren't enough to describe what it feels like to be at home, are they? It's more than that.

If you ever wonder why there is pain in this world, it's because we're not at home.

That's not to say we don't belong here. Through God's mercy, this beautiful world is where we live out our earthly existence, and those existences can be filled with amazing relationships and profound experiences. In fact, we might enjoy our time here so much that we don't want to leave.

But there's a reason this life has so many things that don't make sense: loss, fear, anger, sickness, hatred. It's because we weren't made for this place. For our souls, it's like a never-ending night in a hotel bed.

~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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## 2021 Diocesan Conference September 17 & 18

**RISE!** is the theme for this year's Diocesan Conference. We recall familiar stories in scripture where Jesus calls to the person he heals to, 'Rise!' or 'Take up your mat and walk.' or 'Come out!' Each person is restored to their rightful place in society. Each is called to witness to the Jesus as Son of God and Savior of the World! We, too, are called to witness to Jesus – to RISE! as a community of faith – as baptized members of the Body of Christ in the Catholic Church!

The Diocesan Conference will be happening *in person* this year at the Orleans Hotel Conference Center on September 17 & 18, 2021. The hotel staff, as well as our Conference organizers will follow all safety protocols with regard to wearing masks, social distancing and sanitizing.

**Registration is now open at this link:**  
[www.lasvegasdiocesanconference.org](http://www.lasvegasdiocesanconference.org)

Cost to attend the full conference is \$75.

Don't miss this opportunity to **Rise!**

**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: \$152,300

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

# FIRST COMMUNION CLASS OF 2021

## Congratulations to the St. Viator Faith Formation First Communion Class of 2021

Faith Formation First Communion Class  
Nourished with the Eucharist on April 25, 2021

### 2nd Grade Class

Anthony Bello  
Charlotte Caday  
Elijah Capuchino  
Maya DeFranco  
Brookelynn Drake  
Alena Foster  
Sofia Fua  
Piper Johnson  
Ariana Larguso  
Mikael Ramirez  
Nico Steidler  
Luke Wang  
Kylene Williams

### 3rd-5th Grade Class

Kyle Connolly  
Michaela Fredericks  
Sebastian Leviste  
Mia Orozco Esparza  
Cesar Orozco Flores  
Benjamin Parra  
Angel Sanchez  
Jayden Sanchez

### Middle School (6th-8th grade)

Briana Cabrera  
Shelsea Esquivel  
Juan Giron  
Mya Lopez  
Emma Parra  
Leonardo Payan  
Jesse Rojas  
Abel Zavala  
Adrianna Zavala  
Vivian Zavala

### High School

Gabriel Castillo  
Brooke Jacobson



### High School

### 2nd Grade



# FIRST COMMUNION CLASS OF 2021



3rd - 5th Grade



6th - 8th Grade



Our parish is grateful to Rosy Hartz, Youth Faith Formation Coordinator, as well as the catechists listed below who guided these students on their faith journey.

Michelle Castillo  
Emily Glasgow  
Alison Snyder  
Patricia Snyder  
Leah Zeldin

# 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](#)
- [Community Outreach](#)



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

## Gospel Reflection

“God remains where love remains. When a believer realizes without doubt that God is love, it is a powerful moment. Being able to place our resurrection trust in this fundamental truth allows us to experience God’s presence in all of our experiences: the good and the bad, positive and negative, life enriching and destructive events we encounter. It is no wonder that St. Paul so accurately tells us that it is love that endures all things and lasts. How can God not endure or ever fade away? Because he is God, Jesus also guarded and protected his disciples as the endearing shepherd who always had their best interest at heart.

If we become too immersed in the world, we lose touch with these deeper realities. We can become so preoccupied with preserving what we have created or think that we need, forgetting that it is not building our city that really matters, but God’s. Jesus clearly did not belong to the world and, by virtue of his resurrection, he tries to get us to understand that we do not either. The truth brings us to other worldly, more divine places and takes our eyes off of the concerns that often captivate our fears and storm our senses.

Life can easily erode our faith. Think of your life over the last couple of weeks. What challenged your faith and distracted your divine glance? Even being overly stimulated with technology and social media can erode our sense of confidence and cause us to forget who we really are. We need to distance ourselves from the world in order to experience the joy that Christ offers. The world will never like the word of God. It is too challenging and too perplexing. The world mistakenly believes that it can survive on its own. It is a mistaken judgment that may cost people a lot in the end. It is all so very simple: God remains when we love one another. If in all the business of our lives and all that each day brings, the good and the bad, we follow the call and path of love, we will walk with God. There is nothing to fear and anxiety finds no home.

### SUNDAY, MAY 16

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26  
Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]  
1 John 4:11-16  
John 17:11b-19

### MONDAY, MAY 17

Acts 19:1-8  
Psalms 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]  
John 16:29-33

### TUESDAY, MAY 18

Acts 20:17-27  
Psalms 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]  
John 17:1-11a

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

Acts 20:28-38  
Psalms 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]  
John 17:11b-19

### THURSDAY, MAY 20

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11  
Psalms 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]  
John 17:20-26

### FRIDAY, MAY 21

Acts 25:13b-21  
Psalms 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]  
John 21:15-19

### SATURDAY, MAY 22

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31  
Psalms 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]  
John 21:20-25

### SUNDAY, MAY 23

Acts 2:1-11  
Psalms 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13  
John 20:19-23



# FAITH & NEWS

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Diocese of Reno  
Bishop Randolph Calvo,

April 13, 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

There are two bills in the Nevada legislature which would make doctor prescribed suicide legal in our state. Although there are differences in SB 105 and AB 351 each provides that if a patient has been diagnosed with a medical condition which may be terminal within six months, the treating physician is required to inform the patient that they may request their doctor to prescribe suicide pills.

In states such as Oregon and California, which have enacted doctor prescribed suicide, some medical insurance companies have refused to approve medical procedures requested by physicians, and have instead informed the treating physician that the insurance company will only approve prescribing the suicide pills. What will the insurance companies do next? Will the insurance companies deny treatment to people with medical conditions, or disabilities, which would be fatal without expensive medical procedures, and, instead, only offer to pay for the suicide pills? Will the elderly be denied potential lifesaving treatments, and be offered the choice to take a deadly poison, so they “won’t” be a burden on their family? Stated differently, will the “right to die”, turn into a “duty to die”?

What impact would these bills have on young people struggling with emotional issues and considering suicide. What about persons battling depression or suffering from traumatic brain injury? What is the message to our veterans, who are dealing with post-traumatic stress disorder? Do SB 105 and AB 351 send our veterans the message that suicide is an acceptable alternative? In Oregon, the total suicide rate has increased by more than twice the national suicide rate since physician assisted suicide was passed.

The proponents of SB 105 and AB 351 view these laws as progress. We believe that legalizing physician assisted suicide in Nevada will lead to the same issues which now plague Oregon and California.

We ask for your help in making our legislators understand the Church’s position on physicians assisted suicide. Please make your opposition on SB 105 and AB 351 clear to Nevada Legislators by following the instructions below.

Please also call your Senator and Assemblyperson and leave a message that you oppose SB 105 and AB 351. Thank you.

In Christ, 

- Go to: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/81st2021/> • Scroll down to Share Your Opinion on Legislative Bills • On the Select Bill, click or enter: AB351 or SB 105 • Scroll down to the Your Opinion of the Bill and click on Against • Fill in the Your Information section.

Bishop Randolph R. Calvo  
Diocese of Reno

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Diocese of Las Vegas