



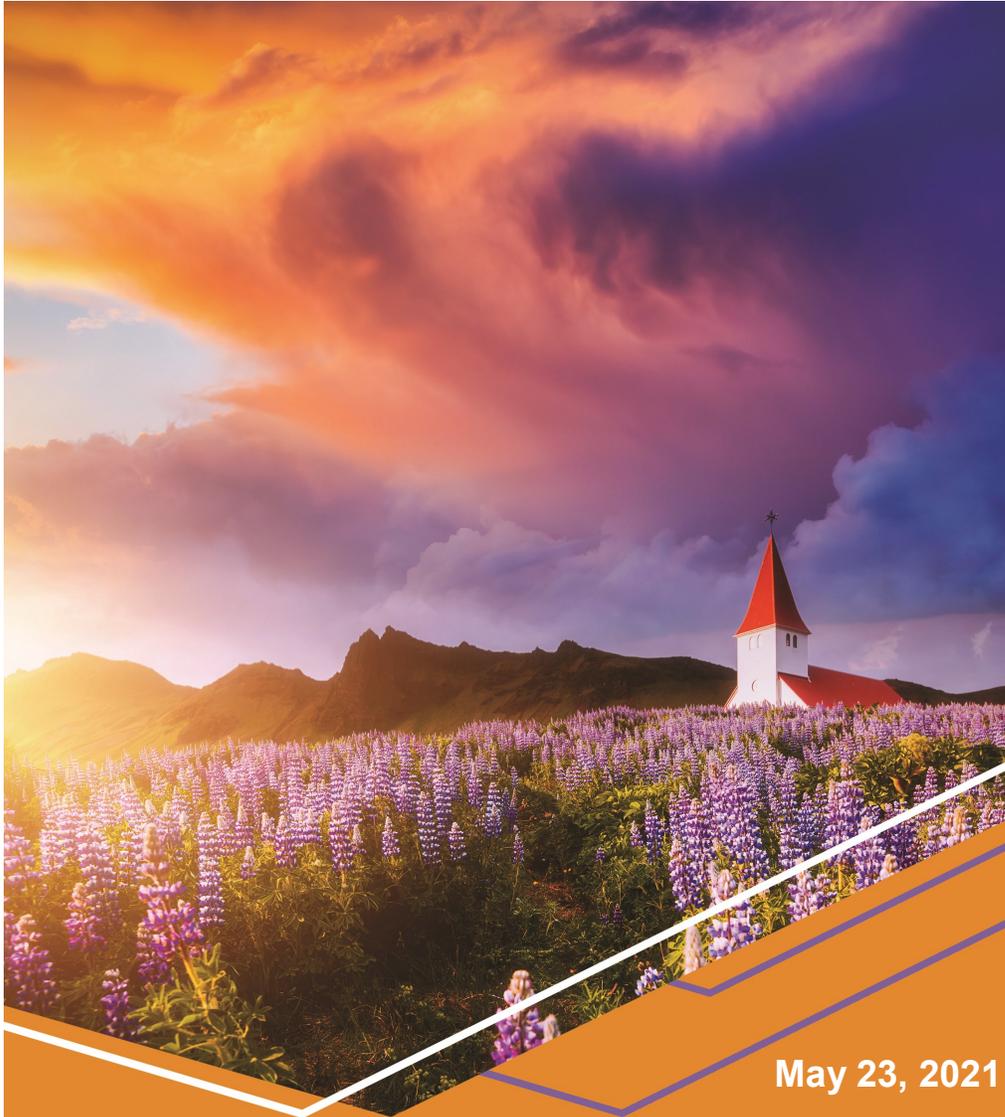
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St. Viator Catholic Community



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May 23, 2021

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me." - Jn 15:26

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# WELCOME!

**Mass Schedule**  
**May 24 - May 30**

**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

**After consultation with the Diocesan Restoration Council, including our Medical Advisory Team, the Diocese of Las Vegas will continue to require all of its current COVID19 safety procedures, including masks and social distancing, to remain in effect until it has had an opportunity to thoroughly review and discuss the latest CDC and Southern Nevada Health District guidelines, and Governor Sisolak's Emergency Directive.**

# FAITH & STEWARDSHIP NEWS

## 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

**On this Pentecost Sunday we pray -  
Come, Holy Spirit**



Ven, Espíritu Santo



Halika, Banal na Espiritu



Vieni, Spirito Santo

**Current Food Drive  
through June 12<sup>th</sup>  
to benefit the clients of**



Sponsored by  
Knights of Columbus  
Council #8282



Most needed items for  
the clients of Shade Tree:

canned meat & tuna  
canned chili & stew  
canned vegetables & fruit  
beans (all kinds)  
Top Ramen noodles  
pasta & sauce  
peanut butter & jelly  
cereal & Bisquick  
sugar & flour

**Drive through drop-off  
June 12th from 9 AM - Noon  
in the parish school lot**

You can also bring food  
donations to Mass and place in  
the collection bin or drop off  
items at the parish office during  
business hours.

# 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?

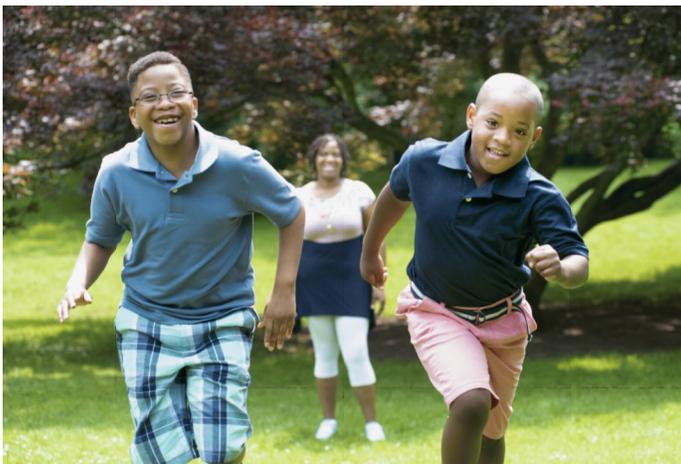
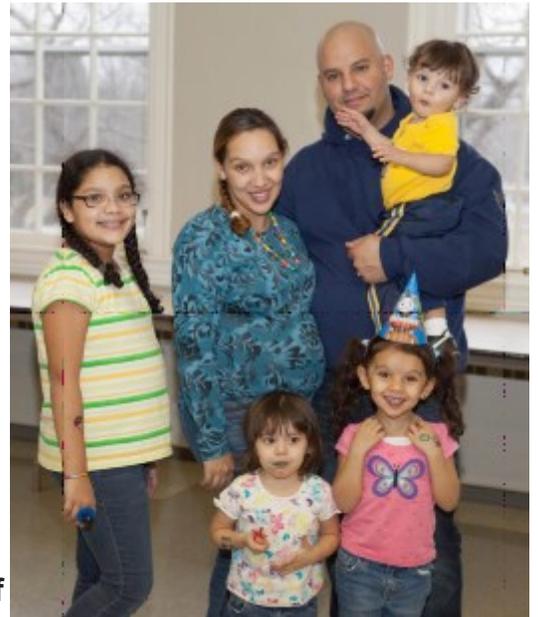
As you can see, this is an exciting opportunity for individuals and families to live out our faith and help others.

**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.

## Flag Retirement Ceremony - June 13th



Abby Hartz, pictured above, is a student of this year's Confirmation class. She is the daughter of our Faith Formation Coordinator, Rosy Hartz. When her mother asked her why she chose St. Viator for her patron saint Abby replied, "What other choice is there!" God bless Abby Viator Hartz.



On Sunday June 13, 2021, Guardian Angel Assembly 3375 Knights of Columbus Color Corps will conduct an American Flag Retirement ceremony at our parish after the Noon Mass. The flags will be blessed at the end of the Mass and then escorted to the retirement point. Parishioners and all Scouts, veterans and any other service organizations are invited to attend and participate. Per the Uniform Code of Flag Etiquette this is the proper way to retire old worn out and unserviceable American Flags.



### 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.

# STEWARDSHIP & FAITH



Diocese of Las Vegas

## ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONFERENCE

# RISE!

# ¡LEVANTATE!

SEPTEMBER 17 & 18, 2021

The Orleans Hotel  
Conference Center

### Stewardship Reflection

#### You Don't Have What It Takes — but You Will

Those of us in ministry love this saying: God doesn't call the equipped. He equips the called.

We all know that sort of queasy feeling we get in the pit of our stomachs when it becomes clear what we're supposed to do, in any situation. It's that feeling of: Oh, no. Not me. Not now. I can't.

We've all got our list of reasons why not, don't we? We do it for everything, from big life problems to small everyday choices. I'm not going to invite my neighbor to church because I don't want to come across as pushy. I'm not going to make amends with my cousin because she'll just walk all over me again. I'm not going to say a Rosary tonight because I'm tired and it'll just stress me out.

However, even if we all put our lists of "reasons why we can't" together, I don't think any of us have reasons quite as valid as the apostles. Their job was to convert the nations — and here they are, a bunch of fishermen who haven't been out of Judea, who speak only their own languages. Were they supposed to preach the Gospel via a particularly compelling game of charades?

But even that big, giant, stop-you-dead-in-your tracks Reason Why We Can't was nothing, because God had a plan. He didn't call a bunch of equipped men. He called them, and He equipped them. Cue the tongues of fire!

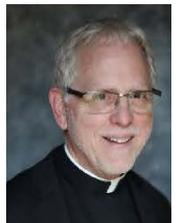
God doesn't call us to do His will because we have what it takes. He calls us because He's ready to give us what it takes. Being a good steward is to answer the call of Christ knowing he will provide.

~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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### 2021 Diocesan Conference September 17 & 18

**RISE!** is the theme for this year's Diocesan Conference. Our keynote speaker is Fr. Paul Turner, pastor of Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Kansas City. He will speak on *Participating in Mass Once Again*.



The pandemic has caused each of us to reconsider what matters the most. By fasting from public worship, we have sharpened our appetites to gather again. As we return, what principles will best help us be better Catholics? How do we rise to the occasion?

The Diocesan Conference will be happening *in person* this year.

#### Registration is now open!



[www.lasvegasdiocesanconference.org](http://www.lasvegasdiocesanconference.org)

Cost to attend the full conference is \$75.

**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!**

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Roman Catholic Church seeks a full-time Director of Environmental Services to oversee the overall maintenance, repair, care, and effective operation of all parish and school facilities and grounds. This position manages, supervises, and coordinates the day-to-day maintenance and cleaning needs of the campus, exercising direct supervision, scheduling, monitoring, and evaluation of the maintenance team. For more information and to apply please visit [www.dolv.org](http://www.dolv.org) and click on Employment Opportunities.

### 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**

### 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.



**BISHOP GORMAN  
HIGH SCHOOL'S**

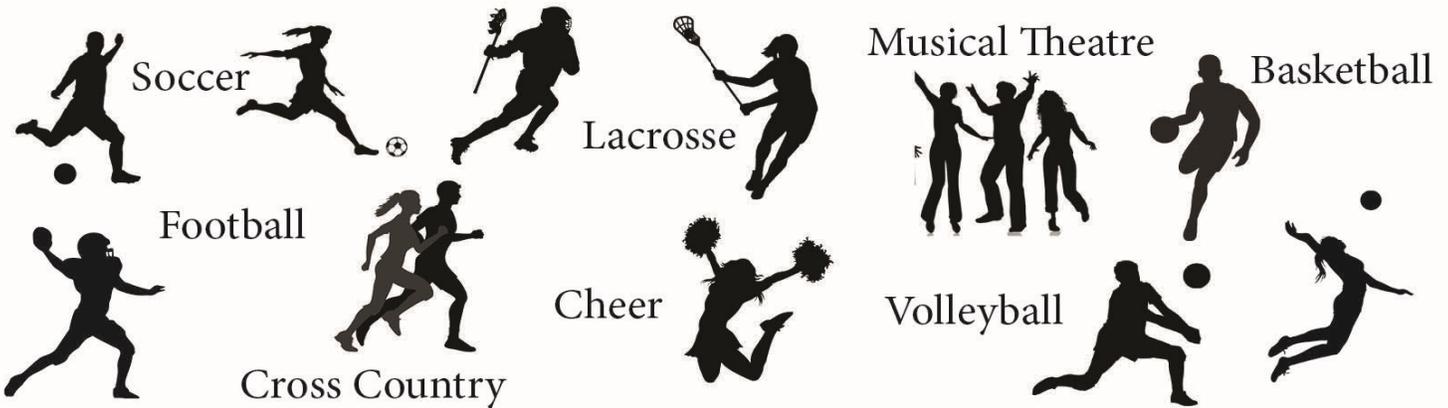


*Join the fun at BGHS Summer Camps!*

In June & July, for Boys and Girls — Age Groups Pre-K to 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

For details or to register online visit:

**[BISHOPGORMAN.ORG/SUMMERCAMPS](http://BISHOPGORMAN.ORG/SUMMERCAMPS)**

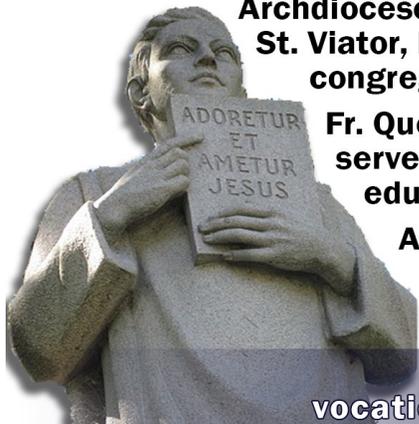


### *Viatorian Vocations Corner*

**Did You Know About... Our Patron?**

**Saint Viator was a 4th century catechist and lector who taught the faith and proclaimed the Scriptures to young people in Lyon, France.**

**Venerable Louis Querbes grew up in Lyon and was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Lyon. When he founded the Viatorians, he chose St. Viator, local model for youth, as the patron saint of this new congregation.**



**Fr. Querbes sought brothers and priests who would teach the faith and serve the holy altar in a way that strengthened parish life and Catholic education, especially for young people as they grew in the faith.**

**As Viatorian communities, we look to the intercession of St. Viator to advocate for our young people and the growth of their faith.**

***Saint Viator, pray for us!***



***Viatorians walk with people to discern God's invitation.***  
**[vocations@viatorians.com](mailto:vocations@viatorians.com) | (847) 894-8537 | @ViatorianUSA**

# STAY CONNECTED!

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



St. Viator Catholic Community



@stviatorlasvegas



**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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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

Begin by taking a moment to calm yourself, focus on your breathing and become aware of the life force that flows through your veins. Center yourself in the words and affections of St. Augustine's Prayer, "Breath in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy." Sanctifying, bringing things to wholeness, blessing, restoring and creating are just some of the fruits of the presence of the Holy Spirit. It's about unfolding and encountering the ordinary in an extraordinary way. Being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with the fullness of God's life and in touch with the power and wonder of God's presence. It's about becoming holy.

It is not just for saints or people who have a religious vocation. Holiness is for the ordinary, simple run-of-the-mill person who desires to love God, others, and all of creation. When an ordinary, humble person becomes connected with life and the wondrous power of God's love, they begin to live life more deeply, a bit more reverently, desire a simple fare and find themselves relishing in ordinary beauty. Their senses become attuned to the Author of life and they realize that they are not alone. The Holy Spirit connects all of the dots of human experience and existence, bringing everyone to center on the Divine Presence. The Holy Spirit does not just breathe "on me" but "in me" and is the force behind every breath I take. Take a moment to soak that thought in. There is the Divine Presence of the Holy Spirit in me, right now. When a person becomes in touch with truth, they know that when inspired by the Holy Spirit, his or her actions are not solely their own. They realize that they are moved by Divine Grace and drawn to things not found in secular affairs.

We live in a world where it is hard to discover truth. Real truth is veiled by so many imposters that it is hard to find. It is only the Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the church most especially, who guides us to truth and shows us the way to be the graced and holy human beings God made us to be. The wonders and inspirations of today's Feast of Pentecost are necessary to share with both those

## Readings *Week* of the ©LPI

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

MONDAY, MAY 24

Genesis 3:9-15, 20  
Psalms 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7  
John 19:25-34

TUESDAY, MAY 25

Sirach 35:1-12  
Psalms 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]  
Mark 10:28-31

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

Sirach 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17  
Psalms 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [Sir 36:1b]  
Mark 10:32-45

THURSDAY, MAY 27

Sirach 42:15-25  
Psalms 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]  
Mark 10:46-52

FRIDAY, MAY 28

Sirach 44:1, 9-13  
Psalms 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]  
Mark 11:11-26

SATURDAY, MAY 29

Sirach 51:12cd-20  
Psalms 19:8, 9, 19, 11 [9ab]  
Mark 11:27-33

SUNDAY, MAY 30

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40  
Psalms 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]  
Romans 8:14-17  
Matthew 28:16-20

we love and those who only casually cross our paths. The first disciples, touched by the Holy Spirit, brought the Gospel to the ends of the earth one step at a time. Is it unrealistic to ask that we assist in that same mission by helping people understand who they are and who God is? Ask the Holy Spirit to alleviate the fear in your heart that prevents you from doing so. ©LPI

# 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.

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