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# 🗽 December 26, 2021



#### **Weekday Masses** in the Chapel

Monday - No Mass Tuesday - 6:45 AM Communion Service Wednesday - 8:15 AM Thursday - 6:45 AM

#### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

We invite you to honor Mary and celebrate the arrival of the New Year by attending one of the scheduled Masses.

#### **Weekend Masses**

Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, Noon and 5:00 PM

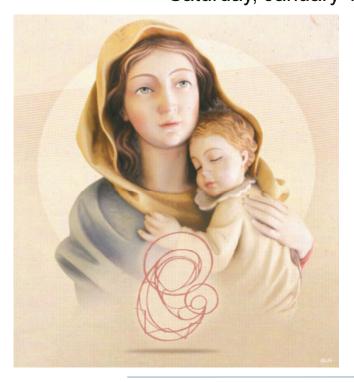
Doors open 30 minutes before Mass begins

# FAITH & WORSHIP

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

We invite you to join us for Mass as we celebrate Mary and the arrival of the New Year.

Friday, December 31st - 4:00 PM (Vigil) and Saturday, January 1st - 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM



Mary, Mother of God

Helping a friend, volunteering for the church or school event, shoveling the sidewalk — all of these actions require a yes. Becoming your parent's medical power of attorney, resigning from a job or accepting a new one — our lives require yes after yes. Each one sets us up for even more choices. On January 1st, we celebrate Mary as Mother of God. This title is monumental. It elevates a simple girl from Nazareth to the most highly revered woman in all creation. And it all started with a simple yes! But it didn't end there. Being free from sin doesn't mean being free from temptation. Mary had countless opportunities to say ves or no to God throughout her life. She is an example for us on the power of graced perseverance! Whatever your resolutions or decisions in the coming year, ask for Mary's intercession to say yes.

#### Reflections From Joseph

If you thought the man who played Joseph in the monologue after the Gospel looked familiar, you're right.

That was Conor Slife, who played Jesus earlier this year for Drama Ministry's COVID Living Passion.

Conor has been involved in our parish far before he started acting. As a convert to Catholicism, he went through the RCIA program in 2007. He helped with RCIA every year since, until this one (he gets an exemption since this year brought the birth of his third child). He is also a Lector and Hospitality Minister, helping to reopen the church when we had to follow the strict protocols.

"It means a lot for me to be involved with our parish, as I consider it home for my family," Conor said. "This parish has done so many things for me and my family. My wife and I were married here, our kids were all baptized here and have gone through Religious Education. I feel honored to give back in the small ways I can."

Even though he started his acting career as Jesus and followed it as Joseph, Drama Ministry is new to Conor. "I don't feel worthy of portraying Joseph, who is a special saint for me," he said. "And I feel even less worthy portraying Jesus."

But he was definitely worthy to bring the two towering figures of our faith alive.

# PARISH NEWS





Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for the many Christmas cards, good wishes and gifts. We are very grateful for your thoughtfulness and kindness.

Know you are in our prayers.

God's blessings to you!

Fr. Richard Rinn, C.S.V.

Fr. Lawrence Lentz, C.S.V.

Fr. Daniel Nolan, C.S.V.

Fr. Tom von Behren, C.S.V.

Fr. Bill Haesaert. C.S.V.

Deacon Mike Underwood



January 1 - Pray for peace in our world!

# HOIDAY OFFICE HOURS OLP I

Monday, December 27 - 8:00 AM - Noon Tuesday, December 28 - 8:00 AM - Noon Wednesday, December 29 - 8:00 AM - Noon Thursday, December 30 - 8:00 AM - Noon

Closed December 31

#### **Women's Resource Center Drive**



Catholic Daughters is sponsoring a drive to benefit the clients of Women's Resource Center.

Women's Resource Medical Centers of Southern Nevada is a faith-based, nonprofit 501(c)3 charitable organization committed to supporting families with pregnancies. They provide complete, accurate information, and certified crisis counseling, and services to women and couples who are making decisions about unintended pregnancies.

Please bring items for infants and toddlers to Mass between now and January 29th.

Drive through drop off also available:
January 29th
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
In front of the church

Items to donate include:
Disposable diapers and wipes
Body wash and shampoo
Infant clothing
Toddler clothing



# PARISH NEWS





Support our parish school by attending the annual Foundation Dinner & Auction. See the back cover of this bulletin for information on registration for our parish school's 2022-2023 academic year.

December 13, 2021

Dear Fr. Rinn and Everyone at St. Viator Catholic Community,

Please thank the youth in the Confirmation class for putting together 200 bag lunches. Joe and Mary Burns brought them last Thursday morning, and we have delivered them to the homeless along the city's highways and byways.

#### Blessings,

Gary Cavalier and all at Las Vegas Catholic Worker.



December's
Homeless
Lunches
were
packed
by our
Confirmation
Students.



# PARISH NEWS

#### St. Viator Parishioners' Generosity Shines Through

Many struggling individuals and families are able to celebrate the joy of this season due to the generosity of our parishioners. The "Thanks" Giving Tree was well supported with over 115 gift cards donated along with extra cash donations.















# Turkey and Dinner Fixings Drive Also HUGE Success!

Our parishioners donated 30 turkeys plus many boxes filled with fixings of Thanksgiving dinner for families served by St. Therese to enjoy a delicious meal.

# PROMISE TO PROTECT



# PLEDGE TO HEAL

BELIEVE IN THE POSSIBILITY OF HELP AND HEALING. THERE IS HOPE.

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Call Ron Vallance, Victim Assistance Coordinator, Diocese of Las Vegas 702.235.7723

# WELCOME!



# Welcome to St. Viator!

Our parish is administered by the Clerics of St. Viator, Chicago Province. 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 '60s when the parish school was built.

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.



Stand and Be Counted: 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 and at the parish office, or fill out the information below and drop it in the collection basket. We will mail a registration packet to you.

Yes, I want to register at St. Viator!

Name
Address
City, State, Zip
Email address

# FAITH & STEWARDSHIP

# Stewardship in the New Year: Making Commitments to the Lord

Stewardship is a commitment of mind and heart to the Lord; a way of life that needs constant renewal and transformation. This time of year has always been one of looking forward to a new year, reflecting on the changes we need to make in our lives and resolving to follow through on those changes. Perhaps those who seek to make resolutions to be better stewards might find inspiration in one or more of the following examples:

**Stewardship of Prayer:** Resolve to strengthen your relationship with the Lord through prayer. Notice how often you pray and what hinders you from praying. If you are a beginner, commit to short, daily prayer times.



**Stewardship of Family:** Resolve to set aside more time to stay connected with your family. Eat dinner together, schedule regular dates with your spouse, plan family outings, and go to Mass together. Practice patience and forgiveness.

**Stewardship of Health:** Resolve to get those medical and dental checkups. Adopt healthier eating habits. Add exercise and other physical activity to your daily routine.

**Stewardship of Possessions:** Resolve to possess a little more "lightly" this year. Consider ways you can reduce the amount of all that stuff you own. Distinguish between those items that are necessary and those that are considered luxurious and unnecessary.

**Stewardship of the Parish Family:** Resolve to serve your faith community in some way this year such as at liturgy, in the parish's outreach or education and formation efforts. Is it time to enhance your generosity to the parish? Have you registered with your parish?

**Stewardship of Money:** Resolve to render sacred your annual budget. Reprioritize your financial goals to ensure that the Lord comes first in your spending. Take positive steps to improve your financial health.

**Stewardship of Work:** Resolve to be faithful to your daily, work-related tasks and offer them up to the Lord. Cultivate your skills. Deepen your knowledge. Be mindful of how you are building the Kingdom of God

**Stewardship of Mind:** Resolve to keep your mind active. Commit to being more informed on the issues of the day. Read your Bible.

**Stewardship of Neighbor:** Resolve to be a person of hospitality and mercy. Make time and space for others who enter your life. Be more aware of those times when a neighbor, co-worker, fellow parishioner or stranger, needs a moment of kindness, a little attention or an affirming gesture on your part.

**Stewardship of the Poor:** Resolve to live with more compassion and in solidarity with those less fortunate. Remember the poor in prayer, and commit to helping relieve in some way the plight of those who are impoverished or marginalized.



# Gospel Reflection

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful lifegiving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

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#### **Stewardship Reflection**

#### All In The Family

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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# FAITH & WORSHIP

For the People

#### **Mass Intentions**

MASS PRIEST INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25** 

8:00 AM Fr. Rinn

10:00 AM Fr. von Behren

Fr. Nolan

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26** 

Noon

8:00 AM Fr. Rinn Helen Magdalene Cesnik

10:00 AM Fr. Lentz For the People

12:00 PM Fr. Rinn Don Vorpahl

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 27** 

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28** 

6:45 AM Communion Service

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29** 

8:15 AM Fr. Rinn Luis Evangelista

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30** 

6:45 AM Fr. Rinn Anthony Urevich

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

4:00 PM Fr. Rinn Phillip Del Padraza

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 1 - SOLEMNITY OF MARY** 

8:00 AM Fr. Rinn

For the People

10:00 AM Fr. Lentz

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2 - EPIPHANY

8:00 AM Fr. Rinn Dawn Seibel

10:00 AM Fr. Lentz Lylian Pytel

12:00 PM Fr. Nolan Miles Patrick Smith

5:00 PM Fr. Rinn For the People

Readings Week

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26** 

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]

Colossians 3:12-21

Luke 2:41-52

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 27** 

1 John 1:1-4

Psalms 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]

John 20:1a, 2-8

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28** 

1 John 1:5 - 2:2

Psalms 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]

Matthew 2:13-18

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29** 

1 John 2:3-11

Psalms 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]

Luke 2:22-35

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30** 

1 John 2:12-17

Psalms 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]

Luke 2:36-40

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

1 John 2:18-21

Psalms 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]

John 1:1-18

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 1** 

Numbers 6:22-27

Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:16-21

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 2** 

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12



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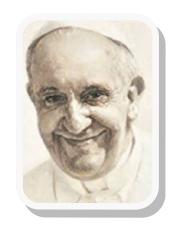
# NEW YEAR'S THOUGHTS TO PONDER

Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, In all the places you can, At all the times you can, To all the people you can, As long as ever you can.

> ~John Wesley (1703-1791)



Pope Francis' Ideas for **New Year's** Resolutions



- 1. Don't gossip.
- 2. Finish your meals.
- Make time for others.
- 4. Choose the "more humble" purchase.
- 5. Meet the poor "in the flesh".
- 6. Stop judging others
- 7. Befriend those who disagree.
- 8. Make commitments, such as marriage.
- 9. Make it a habit to "ask the Lord".
- 10. Be happy.







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#### St. Viator Parish School Registration for 2022 - 2023

Whether you are selecting a "school home" for the next ten years and preparing your child for Pre-Kindergarten, or searching out a new warm, safe learning environment for your children, come and experience St. Viator School. Schedule a tour by calling the school office at 702.732.4477 or email mjmarlow@stivator.org.



Beginning the first week of January 2022 we will be accepting registrations for the 2022-2023 school year for our

Pre-Kindergarten Program. This program is designed to build academic, social and physical skills as well as bringing unity and continuity to each curricular area. Formal prayers are taught and spontaneous prayer is encouraged.

Pre-Kindergarten is full-day beginning at 8:00 AM with dismissal at 2:25 PM. This is a five-day a week program. To attend children must be 4 years of age by October 1<sup>st</sup> of that school year.



Beginning the first week of January 2022 we also will be accepting applications for our Kindergarten Program. Our Kindergarten is a full-day

program and will consist of, but not be limited to, the following activities: Religion, Language Arts, Spanish, Math, Handwriting, Science and Social Studies, P.E., Art, Music, and Computer. Classes begin at 8:00 AM and are dismissed at 2:35 PM. To attend Kindergarten children must be 5 years of age by October 1<sup>st</sup> of that school year.

Applications for all other grades are taken throughout the month of February with testing in March and notification of acceptance in April.

If you have any questions please contact
Mrs. Mary Jane Marlow at mjmarlow@stviator.org
or call 702.732.4477 extension 100.
Visit the school website at stviatorschool.org

