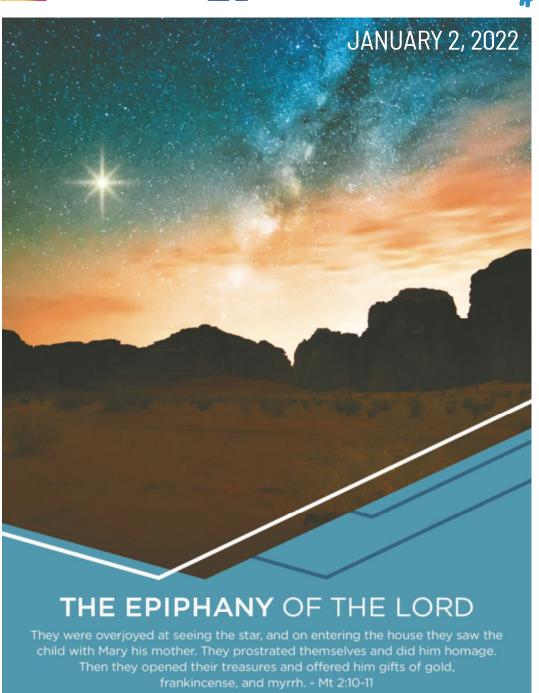






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Welcome!

Mass Schedule January 3 - 9

Weekday Masses in the Chapel No Mass Monday

Communion Services Tuesday - 6:45 AM Wednesday - 8:15 AM

Masses Thursday - 6:45 AM Friday - 8:15 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM

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

Doors open 30 minutes before Mass begins

> Reconciliation In the Chapel Saturday 2:45 - 3:45 PM

FAITH & WORSHIP

Taizé Prayer Captures Advent Stillness



It has been four years since young people started a Taizé prayer service at St. Viator Catholic Community in Las Vegas. What began as an outgrowth of their experience at the Viatorian Youth Congress, brought so much peace to parishioners after the shooting massacre in 2017, that the service stuck and has been a mainstay in the parish ever since.

Holding it during Advent, seemed especially fitting.

"Taizé is good for the soul — and Advent," said Viatorian Associate Rosy Hartz, who helps young people in the parish organize the service each month.

As with most Taizé prayer services, it takes place in a darkened church, lit only by candles. During the hour, there are periods of silence with meditative readings from Scripture, prayers of praise and intercession, and the frequent repetition of simple, contemporary music or chants based on the Psalms.

"There's no place I would have rather been tonight," added Viatorian Associate Juliann Dwyer of the St. Viator service that took place December 14.

It was Fr. Corey Brost, CSV, who first brought Taizé prayer to the Viatorian Community. In 1999, he began offering it at the Viatorian Province Center, reaching out to both Saint Viator High School students as well as supporters of the Viatorians. Since then, nearly all the places where Viatorians minister offer Taizé prayer.



"Those that come, without exception, tell me they find a remarkable peace during the evening," Fr. Brost says. "It's a wonderful way to connect with God. The music and the ritual seem to open people up so that they experience God's love and peaceful presence."

Watch the bulletin and flocknote for the Lenten Taizé

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Fr. Bill Haesaert, CSV, with some of the young people involved.

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

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



Please support this drive if you are able.

Viatorian Vocations Corner

Did You Know... about Viatorian Formation?

Men who discern God's invitation to the Viatorians apply to the Viatorian formation program. Accepted applicants begin Viatorian formation as a <u>pre-novice</u>. The pre-novitiate is an introduction to communal life and Viatorian ministry, living in a Viatorian home and serving Viatorian institutions. This usually lasts one year, after which the candidate can petition to continue as a <u>novice</u>.

Novitiate is the most important step of formation. The novice is considered part of the community and immersed in a deeper experience of prayer and community living, including more apostolic experience and guidance in study of scripture, spirituality, Viatorian traditions, and the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. At the end of novitiate, a novice can request <u>first vows</u>, a temporary three-year commitment, and begin religious life as a Viatorian brother.



Fr. John Van Wiel, CSV, with then-novice Br. Peter Lamick, CSV on a novitiate visit to our foundation in Colombia.

Viatorians walk with people to discern God's invitation. vocations@viatorians.com | (847) 894-8537 | @♥♠ @ViatorianUSA

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.

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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 19th 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, 4th 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 8th 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 8th 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

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our selfagenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

Stewardship Reflection

The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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FAITH & WORSHIP

Mass Intentions

MASS PRIEST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 3 - NO MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

6:45 AM Communion Service

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

8:15 AM Communion Service

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

6:45 AM Fr. Rinn Connie del Pedraza

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

8:15 AM Fr. Rinn Mr. & Mrs. Agerico Alberto

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

4:00 PM Fr. Lentz Rafael Fontenot

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

8:00 AM Fr. Rinn Clairmarie Slaveck

10:00 AM Fr. Lentz Thomas Joseph Preusse

12:00 PM Fr. Rinn Eduardo Dunner

5:00 PM Fr. von Behren Robert Ernest Preusse



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

MONDAY, JANUARY 3

1 John 3:22 - 4:6 Psalms 2:7bc-8, 10-12a Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

TUESDAY. JANUARY 4

1 John 4:7-10 Psalms 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 Mark 6:34-44

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

1 John 4:11-18 Psalms 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 Mark 6:45-52

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

1 John 4:19 - 5:4 Psalms 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 Luke 4:14-22a

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

1 John 5:5-13 Psalms 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Luke 5:12-16

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

1 John 5:14-21 Psalms 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b John 3:22-30

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 Psalms 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b] Acts 10:34-38 Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



Emma Nuzzo

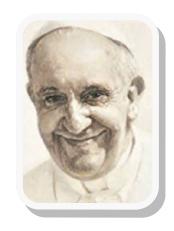
NEW YEAR'S THOUGHTS TO PONDER

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 1st 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 1st 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

