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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BEGGED HIM  
TO LAY  
**HIS HAND.**

— MARK 7:32 —



Welcome!

**Mass Schedule**  
September 9 - 15

**Weekday Mass**  
in the Chapel

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

**Reconciliation**  
In the Chapel

Saturday 2:45 - 3:30 PM



## Becoming Catholic



Are you, or someone you know, interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, looking to become Catholic, or seeking to continue your Catholic faith journey by completing the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation)?

If you answered "Yes!", we invite you to attend our St. Viator *Becoming Catholic* inquiry sessions to learn more and have all of your questions answered. Bring your family, friends or anyone who is interested in embarking on this faith journey guided by our *Becoming Catholic* team.

### Final Inquiry Session This Sunday:

September 8

#### This session will be held:

Chapel meeting room ~ 11:00 AM - Noon

The first formal *Becoming Catholic* class will begin September 15th.

For additional information on receiving the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation) contact: Deacon Mike 702.733.8323, [deaconmike@stviator.org](mailto:deaconmike@stviator.org)



Grieving the Loss of a Loved One Or Know Someone Who Is?

Bereavement Ministry presents GriefShare, a 13-part weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. Each seminar is unique so you can join the GriefShare group at any point during the 13 weeks.

We know it hurts and we want to help.

Our next cycle runs September 4-December 4

We will meet Wednesdays, 9-10:30am in the Fr. White Room of our Parish Center

To register for an upcoming session contact the parish office 702.733.8323 or email [Ministers@stviator.org](mailto:Ministers@stviator.org).

For information, visit [GriefShare.org](http://GriefShare.org)

## Food Drive

Now through September 14th

To benefit:



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Which is Southern Nevada's Premier Domestic Violence Shelter & Resource Center. Their mission is to provide safe shelter and resources to women and women with children in crisis; as well as offer life-changing services that promote stability, dignity, and self-reliance.

Please bring donations from the list below to Mass, the office or to the drive through drop-off on Saturday, September 14th between 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM in the parking lot of our parish school.

- Bottled water
- Bottled juice and sports drinks
- PediaSure
- Snacks - granola bars, applesauce, individual bags of crackers and chips
- Canned items: meat, vegetables and fruit
- Coffee, creamer and sugar
- Cereal
- Rice
- Beans
- Noodles
- Pasta sauce



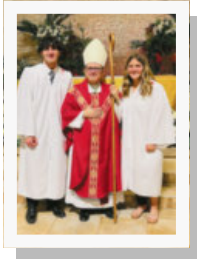
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**Join the Catholic Daughters  
6:30 PM Wednesday  
September 11th  
in the Fr. White Room  
of the Parish Center**

All women 18+ are invited to come to the Catholic Daughters' (CDA) first meeting of the season. Formed in 1903 CDA is one of the oldest and largest organizations of Catholic women in the Americas. Find out more about their mission by attending a meeting!

# PARISH NEWS



## Faith Formation Registration Began August 1st!

Registration forms are available in the office or on our website at [stviator.org](http://stviator.org).

Religious Education offers faith formation through teaching, example and experience to students from 1st Grade-12th Grade. Classes begin in September and end in April.

- First-Fifth Grade classes meet on Sundays 1:15-2:15 PM in the St. Viator Parish Center.
- Sixth, Seventh, Eighth (Middle School Ministry) and Ninth Grade (Pre Confirmation) classes meet on Sundays from 3:00-4:45 PM in the Parish Center followed by 5:00 PM Mass
- Confirmation (10th grade and older) meet once a month on Sundays in the Parish Center 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM including the 5:00 PM Mass.

6/23 Larisa Garcia

7/14 Gerard Murray,  
Eleanor Paulazzo,  
Mary Ann Silverstein

7/28 Lucille Benvenuti  
Medel & Castruita Families

8/11 Ernesto Castruita,  
Irene Gallegos

8/25 Regina Bellinghausen,  
Rosemarie DeMarco,  
John Hansel,  
Banks Rash (Infant),  
Bill Trujillo

9/8 Eileen DeLuca,  
Carlino Mendoza,  
Renedios Mendoza



Students receiving sacraments attend their grade level class and receive sacraments when they are ready.



## Fr. Lentz Celebrated 60 Years of Religious Life

He would like to thank all the well wishers who came to the Parish Center on August 18th.

Rafaela Bencomo Talavera  
John Casey  
Catherine Gallo  
Caroline Hansel  
Frank Mercandante  
Vincent Policriti  
Maurice Torrey  
Claudia Trujillo  
Christopher Watson



**Prayer List Procedure** - Individuals will remain on the prayer list for three months (date is when added or re-added to the Prayer List). Please call the office if an individual is in continued need of prayers.

## A Big THANK YOU to everyone who signed up to give of their time and talent during Stewardship Sunday. The next step is to complete the Archdiocesan Stewardship Requirements

In order to serve at St. Viator you need to be a registered member of the parish. Registration forms are available at the parish office, the Welcome Table at Church on the first weekend of each month, and on our website - [stviator.org](http://stviator.org).

**Parishioners seeking to live out their baptismal call through a ministry at our parish are required to fulfill the Archdiocesan class and paperwork. It's as easy as 1, 2, 3!**

1. Complete the on-line\*\* Safe Environment training class by going to the following site - <https://lasvegas.cmgconnect.org/>
2. Submit the Archdiocesan volunteer application and review the volunteer handbook - both are available on our website. Scan the QR code below.
3. Make an appointment with our Safe Environment Coordinator, Jamie Reyburn, to be fingerprinted ([jreyburn@stviator.org](mailto:jreyburn@stviator.org)), by the professionals at Fingerprinting Pros.

For more information, see "Volunteer Requirements" at our website - [stviator.org](http://stviator.org) or scan the QR code.

### \*\*On-site Training Sessions Available\*\*



**Fingerprinting, CMG Class, and Document Collection  
Thursday, September 19 at 6 PM  
Parish Center Hall**

Please complete the following in advance if you are able. If not we will assist at class:

- Complete the Volunteer Application and Handbook receipt. Scan QR code.
- Visit CMG website to create an account <https://lasvegas.cmgconnect.org>
- Please be sure to bring your ID to the class since you need it for the fingerprints
- **Call Jamie 702.733.8323, ext. 303 or email her at [jreyburn@stviator.org](mailto:jreyburn@stviator.org) to RSVP**

**CMG Class and Document Collection  
Saturday, September 21 at 9 AM  
Parish Center Hall**

Please complete the following in advance if you are able. If not we will assist at class:

- Complete the Volunteer Application and Handbook receipt. Scan QR code.
- Visit CMG website to create an account <https://lasvegas.cmgconnect.org>
- Please be sure to bring your ID to the class since you need it for scheduling your fingerprints
- **Call Jamie 702.733.8323, ext. 303 or email her at [jreyburn@stviator.org](mailto:jreyburn@stviator.org) to RSVP**

Those attending this session will be able to complete the class and documents.

You will also be given the information for completing your fingerprints at Fingerprinting Pros during their normal business hours of 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM.

# Stewardship SUNDAY



Scenes from Stewardship Sunday and Fr. Lentz's 60th Jubilee.

Thank you to all who attended and assisted at this fun event.

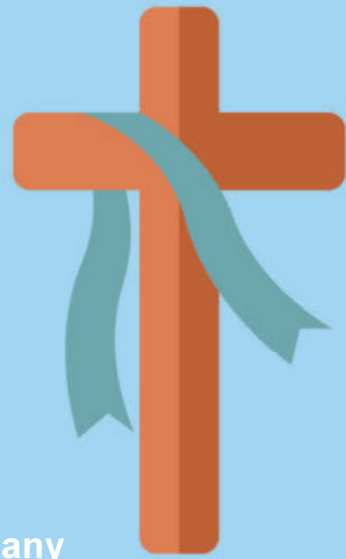


Thank you to all who signed up to give your time and talent at our parish. Please complete the requirements to pursue your chosen ministry.

# Children's Liturgy

Every Sunday at the 10 A.M. Mass, starting the first Sunday of August! Open for All Children Pre-k to 8th grade!

Contact RhiAnna Cardinali , if you have any questions [Rhianna.cardinali@gmail.com](mailto:Rhianna.cardinali@gmail.com)



Blessing the children during the 10:00 AM Mass on August 18.

Parents lead children through age appropriate activities during Children's Liturgy.



Children's Liturgy  
August 11th  
Join the fun!



# ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As another school year commences, I am continually reminded of the profound importance of Catholic education in nurturing the spiritual and intellectual growth of our young people. Our Catholic schools equip them with a sound education rooted in the Gospel, ensuring they can navigate our complex modern world with moral integrity and uprightness.

In the Archdiocese of Las Vegas, our Catholic schools serve not only their respective parishes but all families within the Archdiocese. In past decades, these schools were staffed by dedicated religious Sisters, Brothers, and Priests. Today, we rely on many committed lay teachers to carry forward this vital apostolate, which must be supported by compensation worthy of their noble calling.

On the weekend of September 15<sup>th</sup>, the Archdiocese will conduct a second collection for Catholic elementary school scholarships. This collection aims to address the rising operational costs and capital needs that have led to increased tuition rates, posing a financial challenge to many families.

I ask you to be as generous as possible. Your support in this collection will provide young minds and hearts with the opportunity to receive a solid spiritual and academic formation in the Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of Las Vegas.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support. Together, we can ensure that our schools remain a beacon of faith, education, and hope for all.

With gratitude for your continued generosity, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend George Leo Thomas, Ph.D.  
Archbishop of Las Vegas

## Junior Gaels Band

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**WHO:** STUDENTS LEARNING A BAND INSTRUMENT, LOOKING TO GET MORE EXPERIENCE PLAYING IN AN ENSEMBLE

**WHEN:** THURSDAYS, SEPT. 26 - DEC. 5

**TIME:** 4:00 - 6:00 P.M.

**WHERE:** BISHOP GORMAN HIGH SCHOOL  
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LAS VEGAS 89148 - **ROOM 108**

**PARENT MEETING & STUDENT INSTRUMENT SELECTION**  
(for new students to music)  
Thursday, September 19 at 4:00 p.m.

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$400/SEMESTER  
**REGISTER AT:** BISHOPGORMAN.ORG  
**QUESTIONS?** EMAIL DR. CARMELLA CAO  
CCAO@BISHOPGORMAN.ORG

Performance with BGHS Band on  
Monday, December 9, 6:00PM at Jim<sup>3</sup> Theatre



Several parishes across the valley, and their respective Knights of Columbus Councils, held Silver Rose Respect Life prayer services to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Thank you, Council 8282!

# FAITH & WORSHIP



One of the most touching YouTube videos I've ever seen is one in which a deaf woman receives new technology to heal her hearing. She hears her husband's voice for the first time — and her own, too — and bursts into tears of overwhelming joy. It must have been like an immovable wall between her and her loved ones came tumbling down.

We are all like this woman, to some degree. We believe in the presence of God's love, but we can't hear Him. We can't speak well about Him. The deaf man who can't speak properly in the Gospel today is an image of what God wants us to experience again and again. Jesus takes the man aside to a private place away from the crowd, touches his ears and tongue, and says, **"Ephphatha!"** The man's ears are opened, and he speaks clearly. Contact with Christ has this effect on us.

This experience happens to us in our baptism, almost exactly. It happens to us in the liturgy. It happens in our private prayer. It happens when we hear the voice of God in our conscience. The more we engage these privileged channels of Jesus' healing, the more we are empowered to hear and speak of the presence of God's perfect love.

~ Father John Muir  
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## Be Opened

There are several moments throughout the calendar year when we are tricked into thinking we can reinvent ourselves.

One of them is New Year's Day. The barista at my coffee shop told me that they sell more decaf coffee in January than in the entirety of the remaining year, because everyone is swearing off caffeine. By February, she said, the trend subsides: folks have realized they're not actually superheroes just because the last digit of the year has increased by one.

The beginning of a new school year is another of those moments. Every pencil is freshly sharpened, and every lesson plan is painstakingly plotted. Our heads are full of what we plan to do this year, how we plan to do it, who we plan to become.

But by May, the wind is out of our sails. We've learned the concepts, we've used up the pencils, yes — but we've remembered that underneath it all we're basically the same people, with the same shortcomings and the same obstacles as we always were. The only difference in September was we had new planners.

The truth is that we cannot reinvent ourselves. We can't change ourselves at all, not on New Year's Day or the first day of school or on our 40th birthday or after quitting a bad habit. We are what we are: blind in some ways, deaf in others, crippled in still more, moving through life with uncertainty, stumbling in the dark.

People don't change. Not without miracles.

But being a Christian means believing in miracles and being ready for them at any moment — in January or in September, in the middle of a hopeless week or at the end of a bad day, when you feel strong and when you don't, when you want to be better and when you feel too tired to try.

No, we can't change ourselves, but we can be changed. There is one who can change us if we will let him. He is waiting — now, tomorrow, yesterday, next week. The time is always right for a miracle.

*"He put his finger into the man's ears ... and said to him, 'Ephphatha!'— that is, 'Be opened!' - And immediately the man's ears were opened ..."*

- Mark 7:34-35

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman  
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# FAITH & WORSHIP



MASS                  PRIEST                  INTENTIONS

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

4:00 PM    Fr. Belanger    John Lomeo

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8:00 AM    Fr. Belanger    Runa Trombley

10:00 AM   Fr. Rinn        Ashlee Hernandez

12:00 PM   Fr. Belanger    Anna Maria De Pasquale

5:00 PM    Fr. Rinn        Antonia Velasco

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

No Mass

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

6:45 AM    Fr. Belanger    For the People

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8:15 AM    Fr. Belanger    Maurice D. Torrey

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

6:45 AM    Fr. Rinn        Bienvenido & Reynita Hilbero

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8:15 AM    Fr. Rinn        Alfredo Garcia Sr.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

4:00 PM    Fr. von Behren   Ed Vergara

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

8:00 AM    Fr. Rinn        Merle Vitug

10:00 AM   Fr. Rinn        Frank Gronowski

12:00 PM   Fr. Belanger    Dorothy Nader

5:00 PM    Fr. Belanger    Dale Waterman



## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Isaiah 35:4-7a  
Psalms 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1B)  
James 2:1-5  
Mark 7:31-37

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

1 Corinthians 5:1-8  
Psalms 5:5-6, 7, 12  
Luke 6:6-11

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

1 Corinthians 6:1-11  
Psalms 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b  
Luke 6:12-19

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

1 Corinthians 7:25-31  
Psalms 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17  
Luke 6:20-26

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13  
Psalms 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24  
Luke 6:27-38

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27  
Psalms 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12  
Luke 6:39-42

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Numbers 21:4b-9  
Psalms 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38  
Philippians 2:6-11  
John 3:13-17

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Isaiah 50:4c-9a  
Psalms 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9)  
James 2:14-18  
Mark 8:27-35

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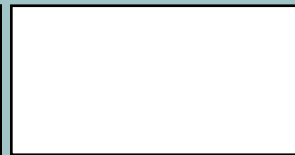
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# WHAT DID YOU DO THIS SUMMER?

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The children pictured here enjoyed diving into friendship with God during this year's VBS. The theme created an underwater adventure where they experienced the ever-flowing, never ending love of God.



Thank you, Rosy Hartz - Youth Faith Formation Coordinator, and your team of youth leaders for this fun, faith-based summer camp experience for the children of our parish.

## BISHOP GORMAN CHEER CAMP



Kara Hartz, St. Viator Parish School graduate, and the St. Viator Parish School cheer captain helped to lead the Bishop Gorman cheer camp as a JV cheer leader. Several St. Viator Parish School students attended and thoroughly enjoyed their time together.

Photo credit Jamie Reyburn, Lisa Cano and Lisa Doyle