

Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

An Independent Roman Catholic Church
2715 South Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89146 (702) 655-5840

August 2020

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Parish Staff

Pastor: Bishop Brian P. Spencer

Associate Pastor: Deacon Imani Boyd

Director of Religious Education: Carol Anderson

Parish Administrator: Marie Kirker

Building and Grounds: Archie Kirker

Mass Times

Sunday: 9:00 am and 11:00 am

Wednesday: 9:00 am

Sacraments

Baptism: Third Sunday of the month after the 11:00 am mass.

Matrimony: Please contact Bishop Brian.

Reconciliation: For individual confession, please contact Bishop Brian.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact Bishop Brian if you are preparing for surgery, hospitalized, or homebound.

From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

It is with great joy that the Independent Roman Catholic Church announces the deaconate ordination of John Grafer. John will be ordained Sunday, August 23rd at the 11:00 a.m. mass. The celebration continues after mass with a light luncheon.

John received his calling to serve the Church as an ordained minister early in life while growing up in Chicago. Through the years, God's calling for John to serve has deepened, and he is now ready to once again say "yes" to God.

Employed as a respiratory therapist, John is the proud father of five children, and is blessed to have his wife Jocelyn at his side.

John began his studies years ago with the Ecumenical Catholic Church and the Vilatte Theological Institute and has completed his studies through Holy Cross Seminary.

In the Independent Catholic Church throughout the country, many of the clergy do not have the proper education and formation, which was the case with some former clergy in the "old St. Thomas" and the Diocese of Saint Thomas (prior to myself becoming pastor and bishop). This is not the case with John. He has received a wholistic seminary formation in the areas of spirituality, apostolic experience, and academics.

Deacon Imani and I are excited and grateful to have John minister with us in serving the needs of our parish.

Blessings,

+*Brian*

Wednesday daily mass will resume August 5th, at 9:00 a.m. The praying of the rosary will follow mass.

Thank you for tithing to Saint Thomas Church during these difficult times. While circumstance can prevent one from attending mass on occasion, please be consistent in your weekly offering. For your convenience, offerings can be made via PayPal located on our Facebook page.

Buried in Christ

Alicia Bartolay Rejuso

July 29, 2020

An Oldie, but a Goodie

Footprints in the Sand

One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord. Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky.

In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand. Sometimes there were two sets of footprints, other times there was one only.

This bothered me because I noticed that during the low periods of my life, when I was suffering from anguish, sorrow or defeat, I could see only one set of footprints, so I said to the Lord,

“You promised me Lord, that if I followed you, you would walk with me always. But I have noticed that during the most trying periods of my life there has only been one set of footprints in the sand. Why, when I needed you most, have you not been there for me?”

The Lord replied, “The years when you have seen only one set of footprints, my child, is when I carried you.”

Thanks to Mike Boeckle for reminding us of the importance of this prayer.

Feast of the Assumption of our Blessed Mother

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: “We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed



body and soul to heavenly glory.” The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.

In the light of the Assumption of Mary, it is easy to pray her Magnificat (Luke 1:46–55) with new meaning. In her glory she proclaims the greatness of the Lord and finds joy in God her savior. God has done marvels to her and she leads others to recognize God’s holiness. She is the lowly handmaid who deeply revered her God and has been raised to the heights. From her position of strength she will help the lowly and the poor find justice on earth, and she will challenge the rich and powerful to distrust wealth and power as a source of happiness.

Sunday Gospel Readings for August 2020

Read, Reflect, and Apply

August 2nd Mt 14: 13-21

Jesus blesses and multiplies the loaves and fish

August 9th Mt 14: 22-33

It is I- do not be afraid

August 16th Mt 15: 21-28

Great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire

August 23rd Mt 16: 13-20

The keys of the kingdom of heaven

August 30th Mt 16: 21-27

Get behind me Satan



“Yes, the disciples followed Jesus...
but not on Twitter.”

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