

January 17, 2021

Fr. Jim . . .

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Monday, January 18, our country honors Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. We cannot forget Dr. King's work and hard work, the imposition of his life, to eradicate prejudice and racism in our country. In fact, we took some time out of our normal routine to celebrate our country's growth in racial equality because of Martin Luther King Jr.'s conscious conscience. What can we do to keep his dream alive? Although we have made a lot of growth in this area, prejudices still exist due to skin color, appearance, ability, gender, etc. Sometimes it's really obvious as it is with the Black Lives Matter Movement and sometimes it's not as obvious. The child who is ignored or not accepted into a group just because he does not seem to fit or meet the standards of being "cool" or is simply labeled as a rejection target is just an example. Is there equal opportunities for all ethnic groups and for all genders in our country? These are questions that we continually have to ask. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s work didn't just happen once and for all. It is an ongoing effort to continue to raise awareness of this issue of justice. This was also the work of Jesus in building up the kingdom of God, by breaking down the barriers that separate people, by treating everyone as brothers and sisters. We pray for the Spirit that frees us to love all without conditions.

Christian Unity: January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for the Unity of the Church. O God, Holy and Eternal Trinity, we pray for your church in the world. Sanctify your life; renew their worship; empower your testimony; heal their divisions; make your unit visible. Give us, with all our brothers and sisters, communion in faith, in life and in witness. So that united in one body, by one Spirit, we may bear witness together to the perfect unity of your love. Amen.

Roe v. Wade: January 22nd is the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to legalize abortion in this country. We continue to pray that this decision will be annulled and, once again, our country will protect the lives of unborn human beings. We also pray for the millions of unborn children who have lost their lives and women who experience the loss of their child through abortion, who lose a portion of themselves, along with others involved in making that decision. We also want to continue to pray for health care reform that promotes and promotes the growth of life at all levels. Let us continue to pray for our country and our leaders in their efforts to promote reform where it is most necessary for the good of all.

Rest in Peace: Last Tuesday, our parish held Karol Patrick's Funeral. Karol was an active and long-term member of St. Leon the Great Parish. He loved the Lord and the Church. I was very worried about St. Leon. He spent many years in our Parish Pastoral Council. Even when he was locked up at home, he often called me with suggestions and ideas for the good of the parish. She supported us with her prayers and her time, talent and treasure. For the past two years, it gave Karol great joy to buy the candy canes I give the children after Christmas Mass. She was generous and kind and very interested and involved with parish life. He'll be very missed. Our condolences and prayers to your family and friends. May he always rest in peace in the loving arms of his Lord and Savior.

Sunday Mass:
10:30am, limited
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read Fr. Jim's letter at: [www.saint-
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St. Leo's is in need of small child size (1 year, 2Q, and 3T) bibs for the sacrament of Baptism. We also need Amazon gift cards for our daily office needs. Call the office at 513-921-1044 if you have questions or would like to donate these items.

2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) !
It's time to launch CMA 2021 throughout the Archdiocese! The CMA is our opportunity each year to support the work of six vital ministries, all of which operate right here in our archdiocese. In addition, if we exceed our parish goal for the CMA, 50% of our coverage returns to the parish to be used for our parish ministry of immigrant and refugee ministries. Please prayerfully consider supporting this year's CMA. Your help is needed while we are with the thousands of people served throughout our arch diocese. For more information or to donate online, please visit www.AOCstewardship.org. Thank you!

We have some high priority items needed for the food pantry please see our Amazon wish list if you want to buy something: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1Y6S276N39W08?ref_=w_l_share

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