



Tomorrow is Dr. Martin Luther King Day. It's no longer a holiday for "them" anymore. It's a holiday for us all. Though not a Catholic, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. deserves to have his legacy of non-violence, love and justice recalled in the context of Catholic social teaching. What's more, the movement he led was very much aligned to Catholic thought.

Are civil rights being violated today? Yes. That is MLK day is more important than ever. Voting rights are being blocked, habeus corpus is disregarded, government agents hide behind masks and sunglasses and carry machine guns in our streets. Citizens are being arrested or shot without cause. The legal process of the right to due process, to an attorney or a phone call is denied, etc. The rule of law has been shredded. Criminals have been pardoned, roaming our streets and committing more crimes. This day is not just for blacks. This is a day for all of us.

After all, as remarkable as King's gifts were as preacher, leader and organizer, it should not be forgotten that he was but part of a movement. The "movement" was made up of people: maids, children, sharecroppers, college students, preachers, union leaders, teachers and thousands of other courageous people who prayed, cried, marched, tried to vote, risked their jobs, risked mob violence and fought for justice and human dignity.

The movement, including but not limited to King, was the embodiment of Catholic social teaching promulgated by Pope John Paul II. In his encyclical letter, *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis* ("On Social Concern"), the pontiff highlighted the principle of solidarity. He wrote:

Solidarity is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good; that is to say, the good of all and of each individual, because we all are responsible for all. ... Positive signs in the contemporary world for the growing awareness of solidarity among the poor themselves, their efforts to support one another, and their public demonstrations on the social scene, which, without recourse to violence, present their own needs and rights. This is what King meant by "the Beloved Community".

The pope concludes this section by noting, "Solidarity is undoubtedly a Christian virtue. ... In light of faith, solidarity seeks to go beyond itself, to

take on the specifically Christian dimension of total gratuity, forgiveness and reconciliation."

The civil rights movement was a vibrant and grace-filled expression of Christian virtue as described by John Paul II. While not "big C" Catholic, King and his compatriots lived out the value of solidarity through prayer meetings, songs, marches, retreats, discussions, debates, speeches and courage in the face of violence and grave injustice.

King's activism extended beyond the interests of Black Americans as he identified the intersectionality between racial injustice, war and economic inequality. To that end, he and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference began intense planning of the Poor People's Campaign, currently headed by the Rev. Bishop William Barber. Their effort is described in detail in the book *Dr. Martin Luther King and the Poor People's Campaign of 1968* by Robert Hamilton.

King and others believed a coalition of the excluded — African Americans, Indigenous, poor whites, Hispanics, welfare recipients, displaced factory workers and others — could persuade the nation to radically change its priorities from war and inequality to peace and social welfare. To that end, King and others traveled the nation to recruit impoverished people of all races to come to Washington, D.C., to advocate, protest and, if necessary, peacefully shut down the government until people's needs were prioritized over war and profit.

Some of the issues of King's time are still with us, and new challenges arise daily. The threatened deportation of millions, tax cuts for billionaires, erosion of the social safety net, denial of medical facts, climate science and historical truths, destruction of federal environmental regulations, undermining public employment and unions, condoning racist language and behaviors are all among the features of this administration.

Our work and calling is clear. Martin Luther King, the civil rights movement, the Poor People's Campaign and the clarity of Catholic social teaching are beacons of light for us to follow in these upcoming times. The urgent question: Is love, engaged in the work for justice, more powerful than bitterness, resentment, fear, intolerance and injustice? It's time we found out.

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News From The Rock!

New Year, New Location, New Website, but the Same Rock! The Rock has moved. On January 2nd, we officially moved our offices next door to **155 Ken Mar Industrial Parkway**. We ask for your prayers as we continue this transition, and we hope you will come visit us--on the radio and in person!

Our website has also moved! With the acquisition of AM 930 and FM 100.3, simulcasting to the Medina and Lorain Counties, we updated our website to **rockcatholicradio.com**. Scan the QR code and give it a look!

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- * Brook Robinson (Navy), son of David & Michelle and grandson of Dolores Coleman
- * Kyle A. Riley (Air Force), nephew of Robert Hollowell
- * Greg Koch (Air Force), nephew of Nancy Koch
- * Francisco Cacho (Police), son of Medel Cacho and Stepson to Marianne Cacho.
- * Michael Duniec (Air Force), grandson of Dottie Schultz and nephew of Margie Pavone
- * James Andrews (Navy), nephew of Bob and Kathy Grega
- * A.J Butler (Army) Grandson of Nancy Butler



We Welcome Into Our Blessed Trinity Family:
Chelsea and Tucker Mills

May the Peace of Our Lord be with **Judy Cusack wife of Marty Cusack**. May God grant comfort to her family and friends.



This Week at Blessed Trinity

SATURDAY, JAN. 17

SUNDAY, JAN. 18

9:00am-10:45am

CGS Level 1 (A)

9:00am-10:45am

PSR 1-3 (A)

10:00am-10:45am

PSR 4-8 (RB)

10:00am-10:45am

Breaking Open the Word (R Lib)

10:00am-1:00pm

Coffee & Donuts

11:00am-11:15am

CLW (CH)

MONDAY, JAN. 19

9:00am-10:30am

Legion of Mary (CH)

7:00pm-9:00pm

Peace & Justice Commission (JC Lg)

TUESDAY, JAN. 20

8:00am-8:30am

Novena (CH)

9:00am-11:00am

IDCC (JC Lg)

9:30am-12:00pm

Bountiful Basement (JC Lg)

10:30am-12:00pm

A.A. Meeting (RB)

6:30pm-7:00pm

Fish Fry Volunteer Mtg (FH)

6:30pm-9:30pm

Holy Name Society (JC Lg)

7:00pm-9:00pm

Bell Choir Practice (CH)

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 21

4:00pm-6:00pm

IDCC (JC Lg)

5:00pm-6:45pm

Bountiful Basement (JC Lg)

6:30pm-7:30pm

Tai Chi (FH)

7:00pm-9:00pm

Choir (CH)

THURSDAY, JAN. 22

11:00am-12:30pm

A.A. Meeting (RB)

7:00pm-9:00pm

Bell Choir Practice (CH)

FRIDAY, JAN. 23

SATURDAY, JAN. 24

SUNDAY, JAN. 25

9:00am-10:45am

CGS Level 1 (A)

9:00am-10:45am

PSR 1-3 (A)

10:00am-10:45am

PSR 4-8 (RB)

10:00am-10:45am

Breaking Open the Word (R Lib)

11:00am-11:15am

CLW (CH)

REMINDER: If you are a recipient of the gift card or calendar raffles, please pick up your prize as soon as possible or let the office know if want to donate it back. Also, when purchasing either please do not bring large bills as we may not be able to make change.



Please be sure to fill out the Blessed Trinity Family Ministries survey at the back table. Also, if you are interested in joining the BT Family Ministry Council, please contact Briyant for more information.

WORSHIP

SATURDAY, JAN. 17

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

SUNDAY, JAN. 18 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 49:3 5-6 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34 (64)

9:00am Blessed Trinity

11:00am Blessed Trinity

MONDAY, JAN. 19

11:00am No Mass

TUESDAY, JAN. 20

8:30am No Mass

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 21

8:30am No Mass

THURSDAY, JAN. 22

No Mass

FRIDAY, JAN. 23

8:30am No Mass

SATURDAY, JAN. 24

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

SUNDAY, JAN. 25 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 8:23-9.3 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 Mt 4:12-23(67)

9:00am Blessed Trinity

11:00am Blessed Trinity

January Morning Prayer for Women. Monday, January 19, 9:30am - 11:00am. Women from all walks of life are invited to pray together and learn more about the beauty of prayer. Led by Sr. Mary Ann Flannery, S.C. Free will offering (registration not required).



The Fish Fry Volunteer Meeting is set for January 20th from 6:30pm-7:30pm in Fogarty Hall. Please contact Briyant for more information.

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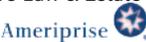
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