

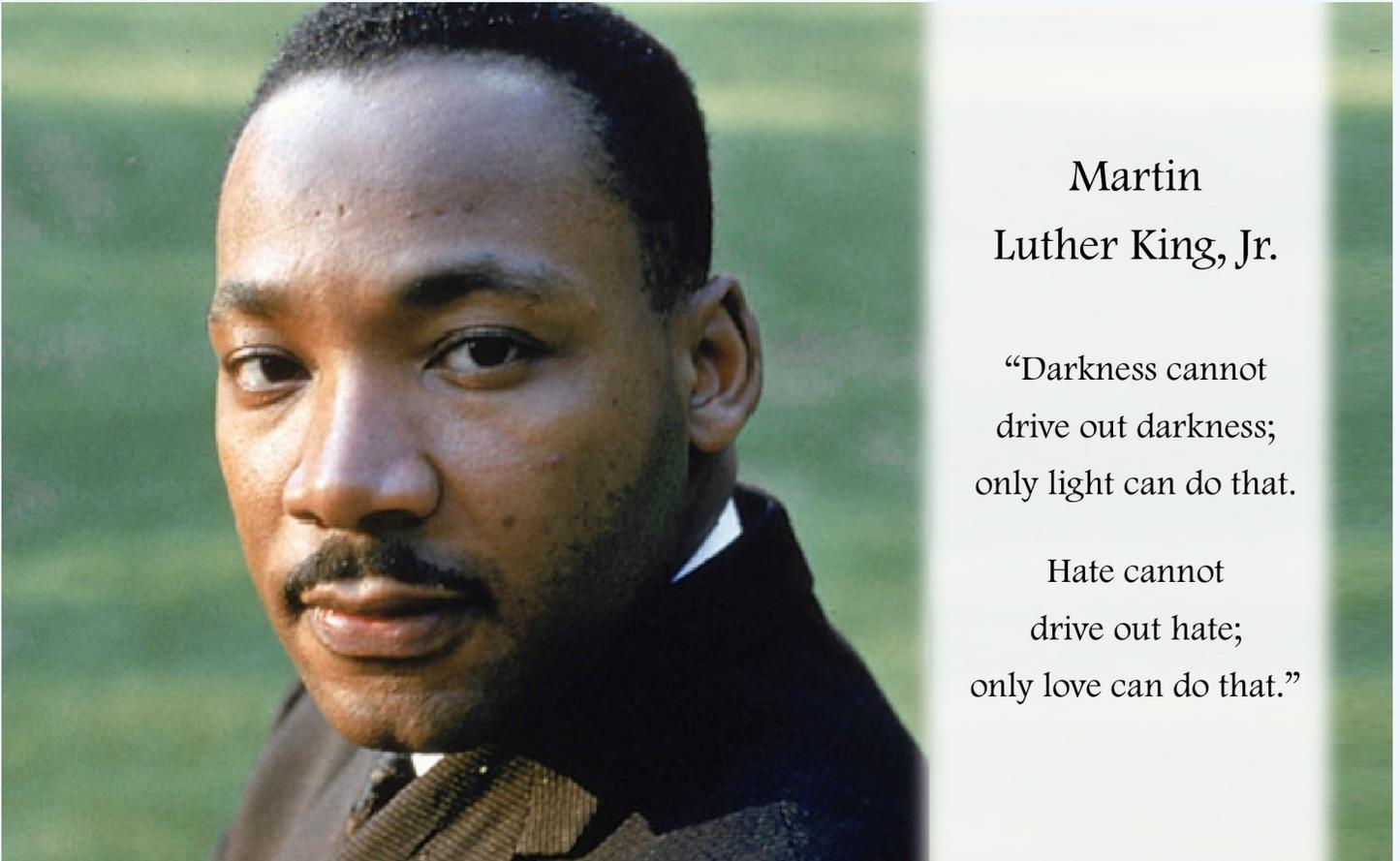
SAINT GREGORY PARISH

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WELCOME, WE'RE GLAD YOU ARE HERE! We extend a warm welcome to all guests and parishioners. We are delighted that you have come to worship with us, and we very much hope that you feel at home here! Newcomers are encouraged to register as members of the Parish. Registration forms are available in the entryways of the Church and in the Parish Office and can be placed in the offertory basket or mailed to the Parish Office.



Martin
Luther King, Jr.

“Darkness cannot
drive out darkness;
only light can do that.

Hate cannot
drive out hate;
only love can do that.”

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SUNDAY MASSES: Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 7:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM

DAILY MASSES: Monday - Friday: 6:45 AM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Second Sunday of every month at 11:00 AM, in the upper Church. Please call rectory in advance to register.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday: Noon—1:00 pm on Saturdays to allow both the celebration of the Sacrament weekly and to schedule funerals.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Couples planning to be married should contact Fr. Jack at least six months prior to the date requested.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: First full weekend of the month after Mass, or anytime by request.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: First Saturday of the month from Noon—1:00 pm.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Classes begin in October each year. Please contact the rectory for more information.

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BULLETIN DEADLINE: Monday morning.

*Please turn off cell phones and pagers
upon entering the church.*

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 15**

4:00 PM Susan Sullivan (8th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

7:00 AM Patricia Henry (2nd Anniversary)

10:00 AM James Sena Cozzo (1st Anniversary)

5:00 PM Members of St. Gregory's High School
Class of 1956**MONDAY, JANUARY 17**

6:45 AM Peace and Justice

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

6:45 AM Parishioners of St. Gregory Parish

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

6:45 AM Mary Magdalene Thuy Nguyen (Anniv.)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

4:00 PM Rita Fraser (5th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

7:00 AM Annie Skalecki Woloschuk (19th Anniv.)

10:00 AM John Dooley (3rd Anniversary) and
John R. Dooley (1st Anniversary)

5:00 PM James E. Farricy, Jr. (30th Anniversary)

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January: We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Please keep in your prayers

Please pray for Pearl Campbell, Nora Goonan, Thomas Goonan, and all those who have died recently, that they may rest in God's peace. Please also remember their families and friends.

Offertory Collection—Sunday, January 9, 2022**\$5,468.00 (includes online and mailed in giving)****Grand Annual to date: 49,205.00 (Goal: \$60,000.00)**

To give online go to stgregoryparish.com and click on the green button **"Get Started"**. For help, call Julie at the rectory.

**SYNOD 2021-2023**

Over the coming months, Catholics from around the world will be participating in the Synod on Synodality. What does that mean? Here in Boston, it means that we will be gathering, as parishes and as a diocese to pray together and to invite the Holy Spirit to help us to listen deeply to one another, and we will talk together about how best to do that.

Hopefully over the next several months we will gather as a Parish (and perhaps with other Dorchester Parishes) to engage in a conversation.

In the meantime, the Cardinal is requesting that as many people as possible to take a simple survey. Copy and paste this link to your browser to complete the survey.

<https://forms.office.com/r/aPadVsPft9>

Thanks for your participation!

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

"Do whatever he tells you." These are the words of Mary at the end of today's Gospel! Mary is saying these words to us – to each and every one. What is Jesus telling you to do? The psalm gives us one way – 'proclaim God's marvelous deeds.' St. Paul also reminds us that each one of us has special gifts, gifts that are different in each person. As you take time this week in prayer, humbly acknowledge the gifts that are uniquely yours from God. Then, like Mary, do whatever Jesus tells you, putting your gifts at the service of others.

Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Prayer Life Moved Him to Justice

A reflection by Fr. Bryan Massingale

In April we will mark the 54th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination. He was killed in Memphis while supporting sanitation workers on strike who were protesting for a living wage. He died while actively planning for a massive Poor People's Campaign in Washington, D.C. to dramatize the cruelty of poverty for a complacent nation. He was martyred for his uncompromising advocacy of equal rights for all.

He also died shortly before he was to make an extended retreat at the Trappist monastery at Gethsemani in Kentucky under the direction of spiritual master Thomas Merton. This retreat receives little attention in celebrations of King's life. But it points to something essential for understanding his importance to Christian believers.

His Christian ideals and religious convictions not only grounded his political strategies but also provided the reservoir of courage needed to endure racial persecution, unrelenting harassment, and the constant threat of death. Without an appreciation of King's faith, our understanding of the man and the movement that transformed America is both limited and inadequate.

For example, one of King's spiritual disciplines as a young pastor was carving out significant time each week for prayer and meditation as a part of his sermon preparation. Later in his life, even in the midst of a crushing speaking calendar and the incessant demands of national leadership, King often would spend what he called a "prayer-centered day" in a motel while he traveled, longing for the "spiritual renewal" obtained through inner quiet and contemplative prayer.

In his 2015 pastoral visit to the United States Pope Francis reminded us that America is a great nation "when it fosters a culture which enables people to dream of full rights for all their brothers and sisters, as Martin Luther King sought to do." King would remind us that only a mature spirituality and deep prayer enabled him to dream and act for justice. He provides a model for the kind of socially engaged holiness that our nation so desperately needs.

**"Life's most persistent and urgent question is,
what are you doing for others?"**

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

Prayer for Justice

Grant us, Lord God, a vision of your world as your love would have it:
a world where the weak are protected,
and none go hungry or poor;
a world where the riches of creation are shared, and everyone can enjoy them;
a world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect;
a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.
Give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- Author Unknown

Covid Concerns

We are up to the challenge of the Covid Omicron variant. With God and his gift of medical advances and caring people like you --- we got this!

But out of an abundance of concern and in the light of spiking numbers of new COVID cases and the likely increase in those numbers Cardinal Seán is mandating that throughout the Archdiocese all people attending public Masses, including weddings and funerals, wear masks. This mandate has been **extended to March 3, 2022**, at which time we will look at where we are with the reported numbers of infection. During this time, please continue to pray for all touched by Covid. Masks are available in the Church.

Also, as before, if you have concerns for your health and well-being and believe it is not safe nor prudent to attend Mass, by all means stay home and be safe. God understands!

Fr. Jack



First Communion Class

There is no First Communion Class today, in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday. Classes resume next Sunday, January 23rd.

Cancellation due to inclement weather will be posted on our website homepage: www.stgregoryparish.com