

**January
18, 2026**



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**Second Sunday in
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 12:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m (Vigil).

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (Spanish),
12:30 pm

Weekdays: 7:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 5:30 p.m.

O.L.P.H. Novena: 7:00 p.m. (Shrine) Filipino Sponsored

CONFESSIONS

Mon - Sat: 11:45 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 10:30 a.m. (Spanish)

RECTORY OFFICE

Monday - Friday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

GIFT SHOP SCHEDULE

Monday - Sunday: 10 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS: You are asked to arrange an appointment in advance by telephone with the Priest you wish to see.

SICK CALLS: Emergencies & Hospital Visitation: Please contact the Rectory office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: The Sacrament of Baptism is administered monthly. Arrangements are made in advance at the Rectory. Sponsors must provide proof of eligibility by a letter from their respective pastors, and must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation. Parents attend a Pre-Jordan meeting prior to Baptism, which is arranged at a mutually convenient time.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Arrangements must be made with the pastor at least six months before the date of the wedding. Pre-Cana instructions are required. Couples rather than parents or wedding coordinators should contact the church. If either party was previously married, an annulment must be granted prior to the selection of a future wedding date.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

5:30 PM † Maria Magdalena Ascencio - rb: Victor M. Ascencio

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

7:30 AM Purgatorian Society
9:30 AM Parish Family and † Denise Hall Bryan -
rb: Family
11:00 AM † Eva Olmo – rb: Luz Cartagena
12:30 PM † Betty Haydt - rb: Michael Kost

MONDAY, JANUARY 19 - MLK, Jr. Day

9:30 AM Purgatorian Society

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society
12:15 PM † Steven Buchert - rb: Family
5:30 PM † Fr. Richard Gross, S.J. - rb: Bob McDonald

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society
12:15 PM OLPH MASS LEAGUE
5:30 PM † Antoinette A. Giannini - rb: Annette Giannini

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society
12:16 PM Mary & Joseph DeRitis - rb: Lucille DeRitis
5:30 PM † Dominic & Maria Nguyen - rb: Le Nguyen

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society
12:15 PM Neumann Guild
5:30 PM † Anthony A. Aquilante - rb: Joseph P. Aquilante

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

12:15 PM OLPH MASS LEAGUE

REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH

In your prayers, please keep in mind our sick, homebound, and those in healthcare facilities including: Fr. Gerard Brinkmann CSsR, Jennifer Woods, Clara Torres, Ada Olivo, Wayne Shaak, Michaela Breslin, Marcelino Casiano, Luz Martinez, Juana Ortiz, Charles Ambrose, Ann Pham, Danielle Sorrichillo, Jack Michael Little, Reinallee Colon, Tanya Rapone, Jane Kernan, Alicia Ann Chomo, Betty Santos, Mary Zajac, Kathy Griffin, Michael Micciola, Jeanette Troutman, Linda Butter, Ann Russo, Brian Devers, Terri Campione, Orlando Morales, Monsarate Torres, Lisa Belle, Wayne Belle, William Vaughn, Baby Rivera, and J. Kernan. *Please call the rectory office to add a name.*

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Dreams that lead to action Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

During his recent speech to Congress on September 24 (2015), Pope Francis paid special tribute to the contributions of four great Americans – two Catholics, Dorothy Day and Thomas Merton, and two nonCatholics, Abraham Lincoln and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

In this final installment, we examine the life and legacy of the great civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is one of the most important African-American leaders in U.S. history and one of the iconic figures of the civil rights movement in the United States during the 1950s and 1960s. King's fight against discrimination and segregation changed American history and gave hope to millions of a future of equality.

One of the most inspiring moments of King's life was the August 28, 1963, March on Washington, and his "I Have a Dream" speech, where he stated, "I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

Pope Francis noted the importance of King's dream, one that continues to inspire Americans and people from around the world to this day: "Here too I think of the march which Martin Luther King led from Selma to Montgomery fifty years ago as part of the campaign to fulfill his "dream" of full civil and political rights for African Americans. That dream continues to inspire us all. I am happy that America continues to be, for many, a land of "dreams". Dreams which lead to action, to participation, to commitment. Dreams which awaken what is deepest and truest in the life of a people."

King's call for racial equality is echoed in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. "Created in the image of the one God and equally endowed with rational souls, all men have the same nature and the

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same origin. Redeemed by the sacrifice of Christ, all are called to participate in the same divine beatitude: all therefore enjoy an equal dignity.” (CCC 1934).

In his remarks, Pope Francis noted that King’s message of equality is rooted in the Gospel passage of the Golden Rule. “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you” (Mt 7:12).

Yet, while the struggle began by Dr. Martin Luther King and others continue, Pope Francis reminds us not to lose hope: “Building a nation calls us to recognize that we must constantly relate to others, rejecting a mindset of hostility in order to adopt one of reciprocal subsidiarity, in a constant effort to do our best. I am confident that we can do this.”

Excerpt taken from California Catholic Conference
November 9, 2015

Blessings,
Fr Mike

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Consider lighting a candle for your intentions or in memory of a loved one. The candles are located at the Blessed Sacrament Altar, the Perpetual Help Shrine, the St. John Neumann Altar, the Upper Church’s Main Altar, and the Priest Chapel.

If you are interested, please contact the rectory office for details.

Donation: \$20 for 2 weeks; \$10 for one week



THE ROSARY

We invite you to join us each day at 11:55 a.m. in the Shrine as we pray the Rosary for peace. Please come and pray with us.



SANCTUARY CANDLES

This week, the candles in the sanctuaries will burn for the following intentions:

Blessed Sacrament Altar (Lower Church)

Nguyen Family

- rb: Le Nguyen

OLPH Shrine (Upper Church)

Little Family

- rb: Nora Little

St. John Neumann Altar

Nguyen Family

- rb: Le Nguyen

Blessed Sacrament Altar (Upper Church)

Departed Souls of Villanueva and Creachen Families -

rb: Patricia and Raymond Villanueva

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Masses	\$3,727.01
Envelopes Mailed - Offerings	\$834.00
Electronic Giving -	\$2,400.49
Total.....	\$6,961.50
Total 2nd Collection.....	\$820.00

January - Second Collection Schedule

Jan. 4th ... *For the Needy/God’s Poor*
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Jan. 18th ... *Parish Religious Education*
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LA MISA DE HOY

11:00 AM † Eva Olmo – sp: Luz Cartagena

CONFESIONES EN ESPAÑOL

10:30 AM

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VELA DEL SANTUARIO

Esta semana, las velas de los santuarios se encenderán por las siguientes intenciones:

Altar del Santísimo Sacramento (Iglesia de Abajo)

Familia Nguyen - sp: Le Nguyen

Santuario de Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro (Iglesia de Arriba)

Familia Little - sp: Nora Little

Altar de San Juan Neumann

Familia Nguyen - sp: Le Nguyen

Altar del Santísimo Sacramento (Iglesia de Arriba)

Departed Souls of Villanueva and Creachen Families

- sp: Patricia and Raymond Villanueva

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RECORDEMOS A LOS ENFERMOS DE LA PARROQUIA

En sus oraciones, por favor, tenga en cuenta a nuestros enfermos, confinados en casa, y aquellos en los centros de salud, incluyendo: Fr. Gerard Brinkmann CSsR, Jennifer Woods, Clara Torres, Ada Olivo, Wayne Shaak, Michaela Breslin, Marcelino Casiano, Luz Martinez, Juana Ortiz, Charles Ambrose, Ann Pham, Danielle Sorrichillo, Jack Michael Little, Reinalee Colon, Tanya Rapone, Jane Kernan, Alicia Ann Chomo, Betty Santos, Mary Zajac, Kathy Griffin, Michael Micciola, Jeanette Troutman, Linda Butter, Ann Russo, Brian Devers, Terri Campione, Orlando Morales, Monsarate Torres, Lisa Belle, Wayne Belle, William Vaughn, Baby Rivera, and J. Kernan. Favor de llamar a la rectoría para incluir un nombre en la lista.

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DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PASTOR

Queridos Feligreses,

**Sueños que llevan a la acción -
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

Durante su discurso ante el Congreso el 24 de septiembre (2015), el Papa Francisco rindió homenaje especial a las contribuciones de cuatro grandes estadounidenses: dos católicos, Dorothy Day y Thomas Merton, y dos no católicos, Abraham Lincoln y el Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

En esta última entrega, examinamos la vida y el legado del gran líder de los derechos civiles, el Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

El Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. es uno de los líderes afroamericanos más importantes en la historia de Estados Unidos y una de las figuras icónicas del movimiento de derechos civiles en Estados Unidos durante las décadas de 1950 y 1960. La lucha de King contra la discriminación y la segregación cambió la historia de Estados Unidos y dio a millones de personas la esperanza de un futuro de igualdad.

Uno de los momentos más inspiradores de la vida de King fue la Marcha sobre Washington del 28 de agosto de 1963 y su discurso "Tengo un sueño", donde afirmó: "Tengo el sueño de que mis cuatro hijos algún día vivan en una nación", donde no serán juzgados por el color de su piel sino por el contenido de su carácter".

El Papa Francisco destacó la importancia del sueño de King, uno que continúa inspirando a los estadounidenses y a personas de todo el mundo hasta el día de hoy: "Aquí también pienso en la marcha que Martin Luther King encabezó desde Selma a Montgomery hace cincuenta años como parte de la campaña para cumplir su "sueño" de plenos derechos civiles y políticos para los afroamericanos. Ese sueño continúa inspirando a todos. Me alegra que Estados Unidos siga siendo, para muchos, una tierra de "sueños". Sueños que llevan a la acción, a la participación, al compromiso. Sueños que despiertan lo más profundo y verdadero en la vida de un pueblo".

El llamado de King a la igualdad racial tiene eco en el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica. "Creados a imagen del único Dios e igualmente dotados de alma racional, todos los hombres tienen la misma naturaleza y el mismo origen. Redimidos por el

sacrificio de Cristo, todos están llamados a participar de la misma bienaventuranza divina: todos gozan, por tanto, de igual dignidad". (CCC 1934).

En sus comentarios, el Papa Francisco señaló que el mensaje de igualdad de King tiene sus raíces en el pasaje evangélico de la Regla de Oro. "Haz a los demás como te gustaría que te hicieran a ti" (Mt 7,12).

Sin embargo, mientras continúa la lucha iniciada por el Dr. Martin Luther King y otros, el Papa Francisco nos recuerda que no perdamos la esperanza: "Construir una nación nos llama a reconocer que debemos relacionarnos constantemente con los demás, rechazando una mentalidad de hostilidad para adoptar uno de subsidiariedad recíproca, en un esfuerzo constante por dar lo mejor de nosotros. Estoy seguro de que podemos lograrlo".

Extracto tomado de la Conferencia Católica de California 9 de noviembre de 2015

Bendiciones,
Padre Mike

EL ROSARIO

Les invitamos a unirse a nosotros todos los días a las 11:55AM en el Santuario a rezar el Rosario por la paz. Venga y únase a nosotros con el arma espiritual.



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Sobres por Correo - Ofrendas	\$834.00
Donaciones Electrónicas -	\$2,400.49
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Total 2a colecta.....	\$820.00

Segundo calendario de recolección para enero

4 de enero ... *Para los necesitados/Los pobres de Dios*
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18 de enero ... *Educación Religiosa Parroquial*
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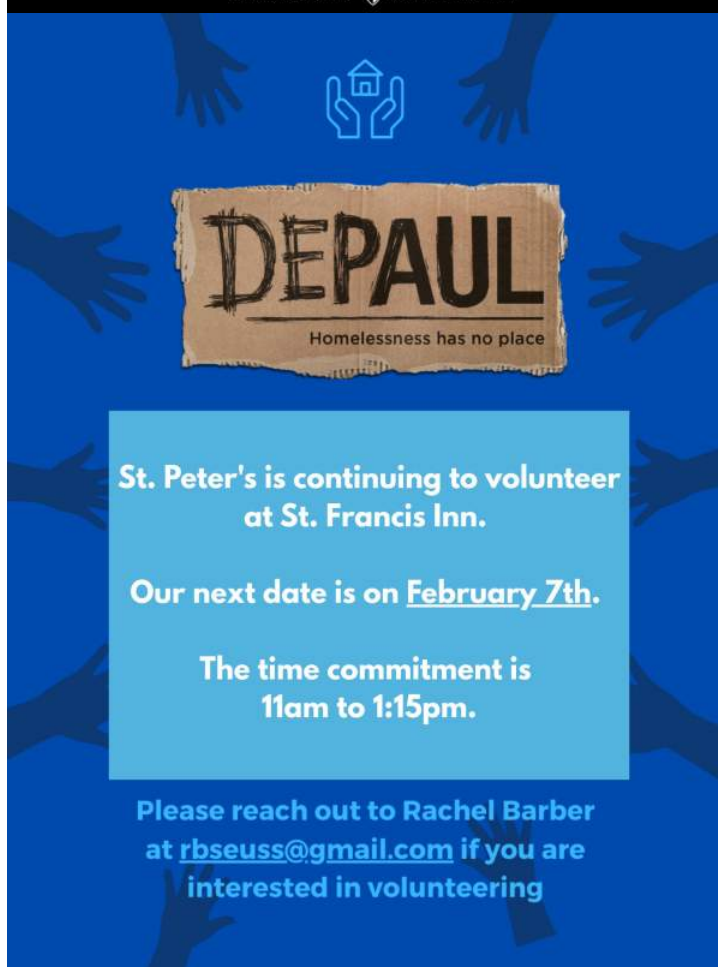
Martyrdom of St. Agnes | Sacred Art

Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down with different pieces of Sacred Art to discuss their theological meanings and how they can speak to us today. This week, they are looking at The Martyrdom of St. Agnes as depicted by Zampieri Domenico.

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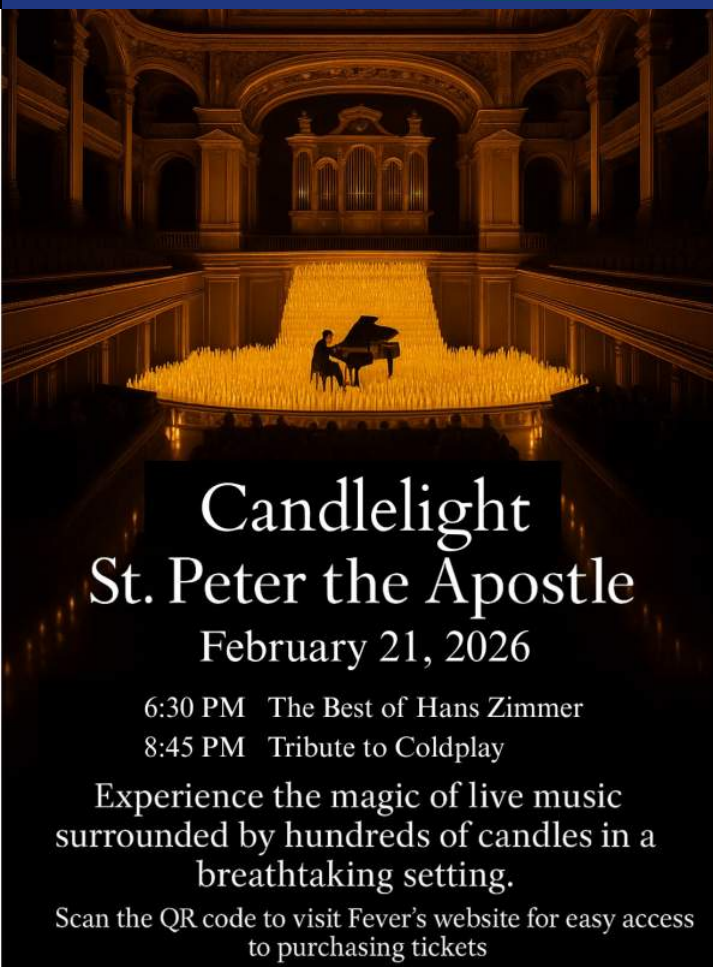
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MONDAY, JANUARY 19TH

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-Martin Luther King, Jr



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