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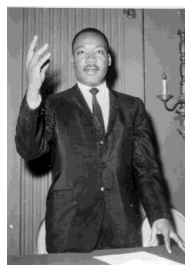
January 21, 2024: “I will make you fishers of men...”

Fishing was exhausting work which presented almost no opportunity for economic success. Rome claimed full and exclusive rights to all waters and any resources collected from them. This meant Galilean fisherman, like Jesus’ first disciples, paid for the right to fish. These taxes were paid as a portion of the day’s catch, which were collected whether the fishing was successful or not. This heavy taxation, along with the capital costs of fishing boats and nets, rendered Galilean fishermen quite vulnerable and barely able to subsist. It was this sort of taxation which generated resentment toward the Roman Empire. Jesus invites Simon and Andrew to take a profound economic risk calling them away from the business of feeding the empire and toward the work of healing, teaching, and loving ordinary people. Their eagerness to follow Jesus is striking: they walk away from the life they knew, even abandoning family. It is a response to Jesus’ charisma, but it also bears witness to a smoldering sense of dissatisfaction; a sense the brothers were ready to leave behind the tasks of a dominated people and seek a new freedom. Jesus’ earliest followers were those who needed an alternative to Caesar’s kingdom. These first followers jump at the invitation to stop working for the empire. There are risks and costs associated with such a leap. The brothers leave behind their nets and their father. They leave behind their best chance at a livelihood.



Martin Luther King and Jesus Christ

This past Monday (Jan. 15) we celebrated MLK Day. Many of us profess to be followers and admirers of both, yet we often disrespect what they tried to teach us. Jesus and Dr King both preached non-violence and led many successful efforts without having to take up the sword. They had a lot in common here. Only once did Jesus use overt aggression when he overturned the tables of the money changers in the temple at Jerusalem. One of MLK’s most famous quotes is: “In the end, we will not remember the harsh words of our enemies as much as the silence of our friends,” virtually recalling the apostles’ treatment of Christ just before he was tried, convicted and executed on a cross. King, like Jesus, made a lot of powerful enemies and it cost both of them their lives. We have



a tendency to associate MLK’s legacy solely with “racial equality,” overlooking his unpopular stands against the Vietnam War, his unflagging support of unions and his devotion to helping the poor. There are those today who sometimes praise him uncomfortably and awkwardly now only because he’s dead. While King was alive, he was widely reviled and powerful figures, like FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, tried to bring him down.



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Saint Anthony, Abbot - January 17, 2024

Patron Saint of Animals, skin diseases, farmers, butchers, the poor, basket makers, brush makers, and gravediggers. Anthony was born in Koma in Lower Egypt to wealthy landowner parents. When he was about 20 years old, his parents died and left him with the care of his unmarried sister. Shortly thereafter, he decided to follow the gospel exhortation in Matthew 19: 21, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasures in heaven." Anthony gave away some of his family's lands to his neighbors, sold the remaining property, and donated the funds to the poor. He then left to live an ascetic life, placing his sister with a group of Christian virgins. Anthony is sometimes considered the first monk, and the first to initiate solitary desertification, but there were others before him. Anthony was not the first ascetic or hermit, but he may properly be called the "Father of Monasticism" in Christianity, as he organized his disciples into a community and was the inspiration for similar communities throughout Egypt and elsewhere. Macarius the Great was a disciple of Anthony. Anthony was first recognized for his great gift of preaching at a gathering in 1222. Visitors traveled great distances to see the celebrated holy man. Anthony is said to have spoken to those with a "spiritual disposition," leaving the task of addressing the more worldly visitors to Macarius. The fame of Anthony spread and reached Emperor Constantine, who wrote to him requesting his prayers. The brethren were pleased with the Emperor's letter, but Anthony was not overawed and wrote back exhorting the Emperor and his sons not to esteem this world but remember the next. The stories of the meeting of Anthony and Paul of Thebes, the raven who brought them bread, Anthony being sent to fetch the cloak given him by "Athanasius the bishop" to bury Paul's body in, and Paul's death before he returned, are among the familiar legends of his life. In 338, he left the desert temporarily to visit Alexandria to help refute the teachings of Arius. When Anthony sensed his death approaching, he commanded his disciples to give his staff to Macarius of Egypt, and to give one sheepskin cloak to Athanasius of Alexandria and the other sheepskin cloak to Serapion of Thmuis, his disciple. Anthony was interred, according to his instructions, in a grave next to his cell.

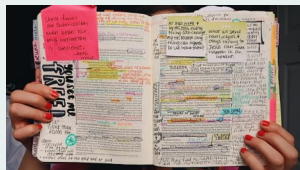


**Join us for
Bible Study
1st and 3rd Thursday
1:00 & 7:00 PM
Via ZOOM
1:00 pm Meeting
ID: 87233018319
Passcode: 689472**

**Contact:
Carolyn James
(323) 394-5441**

**7:00 pm Meeting
ID 811 5705 8134
Passcode: 6FuFf7**

**Contact:
Elsie Dixon
(310) 410-2962**



The origins of Mardi Gras can be traced to medieval Europe, passing through Rome and Venice in the 17th and 18th centuries to the French House of the Bourbons. From here, the traditional revelry of "Boeuf Gras," or fatted calf, followed France to her colonies. On March 2, 1699, French-Canadian explorer Jean Baptiste Le Moyne Sieur de Bienville arrived at a plot of ground 60 miles directly south of New Orleans, and named it "Pointe du Mardi Gras" when his men realized it was the eve of the festive holiday. Bienville also established "Fort Louis de la Louisiane" (which is now Mobile) in 1702. In 1703, the tiny settlement of Fort Louis de la Mobile celebrated America's very first Mardi Gras. In 1704, Mobile established a secret society (Masque de la Mobile), similar to those who form our current Mardi Gras krewes. It lasted until 1709. In 1710, the "Boeuf Gras Society" was formed and paraded from 1711 through 1861. The procession was held with a huge bull's head pushed along on wheels by 16 men. Later, the revelers would parade with an actual bull, draped in white and signaling the coming Lenten meat fast. This occurred on Fat Tuesday. New Orleans was established in 1718 by Bienville. By the 1730s, Mardi Gras was celebrated openly in New Orleans, but not with the parades we know today. In the early 1740s, Louisiana's governor, the Marquis de Vaudreuil, established elegant society balls, which became the model for the New Orleans Mardi Gras balls of today.



WE NEED YOUR PALMS. JUST DROP THEM IN ONE OF THE BASKETS NEAR THE ALTAR. They will be burned, blessed and used to produce the Ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Coffee and donuts



We need "Coffee and Donut Sponsors"

No Set Up, or Pick Up, Just Pay Up.

We will take care of the rest.

Whether you are a Couple, a Family, a Parish Ministry, a Local Business Owner, or a Service Organization. ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS: DONATE

ALL OR PART OF THE (ONE TIME) WEEKLY COST TO THE CHURCH, WE TAKE CARE OF THE REST. FOR DETAILS CALL THE PARISH OFFICE at (323)293-4877 .

Coffee and donuts



On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court legalized abortion throughout the United States in its companion decisions **Roe v. Wade** and **Dobbs v. Jackson**. Since then, millions of children have lost their lives, and millions of women and families have been wounded by abortion. On June 24, 2022, the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization decision overturned Roe v. Wade. praise God for this great opportunity state and federal legislators now have to protect pre-born children. While God, in His mercy, ended the nearly fifty-year nationwide regime of abortion on demand, state and federal laws, are still hostile to pre-born children. Prayer and advocacy are needed. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children": In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 is observed as a day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. The liturgical celebrations for this day may be the "Mass For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life" celebrated with white vestments, or the Mass "For the Preservation of Peace and Justice" celebrated with violet vestments.

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St. Bernadette was honored to be the site of the fourth Archdiocesan healing garden dedicated to those harmed by abuse – inspired by a survivor of clergy sexual abuse, these gardens offer a sacred space for those harmed to come closer to God. A tangible symbol of the church's solidarity with those healing from abuse, the gardens were made possible by the leadership of Archbishop Gomez, the collaboration of Victims Assistance Ministry and the Archdiocesan Construction Department, and the very generous support of our parishes. Thank you to Fr Marcellenus Mbata and Bishop Matthew Ellshoff for officiating at the Mass and for blessing the "Garden".



LITURGY SCHEDULE

MONDAY,
JANUARY 22, 2024
TO SUNDAY,
JANUARY 28, 2024

Monday, Jan. 22, 2024

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
8:00 Communion Service
Live-Streamed and In-Person

Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024

St Vincent Deacon & Martyr
St Marianne Cope
8:00 Communion Service
Live-Streamed and In-Person

Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2024

St Francis De Sales
Bishop & Doctor
8:00 am Mass
Live-Streamed and In-Person

Thursday, Jan. 25, 2024

Conversion of St Paul, Apostle
8:00 am Mass
Live-Streamed and In-Person

Friday, Jan. 26, 2024

8:00 am Mass
Live-Streamed and In-Person
Sts Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Saturday, Jan. 27, 2024

St Angela Merici, Virgin
BVM
3:00 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, Jan 28, 2024

10:00 am Mass
Coffee & Donuts
Sponsored by the Parish
(Other Sacraments as Scheduled)

Mass Intentions

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*LOTW: Liturgy of the Word

Wondering what to do with all those leftover empty boxes?



Fill them with non-perishable food items and bring them to us. We will redistribute your donations to families in need.

Grocery Box Giveaway
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(323)293-1877 stbernadettecla.org

Wondering what to put in your empty box? Here's Some Suggestions

Suggested Donations for the 2024 Grocery Box Giveaway:		
Cake Mix	Cornbread Mix	Canned Fruit
Canned Vegetables	Cooking Oil	Mac & Cheese Box Mix
Hot Chocolate Mix Crackers	Can(s) of Tuna Fish	
Pasta and Sauce	Canned Tomatoes	Peanut Butter
Jelly	Stuffing Mix	Applesauce
Rice	Canned Yams	Beans (Dried and/or Canned)
Canned Soups	Bottled Juice	Vienna Sausages
Coffee	Granola	Sugar
Pancake Mix	Pancake Syrup	Flour

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1 Corinthians 15:58

*Oh Lord, help every worker to
work wholeheartedly for the
church. Help them to remember
the work they do in the church is
not in vain as Your Word
declares Your work is never
wasted.*



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Mass Intentions: January 20 to January 26 2024

Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 4:00 pm

The Intentions of All Parishioners

Sunday, January 21, 2024 at 10:00 am

The Intentions of All Parishioners

Requesting a Mass Intention?

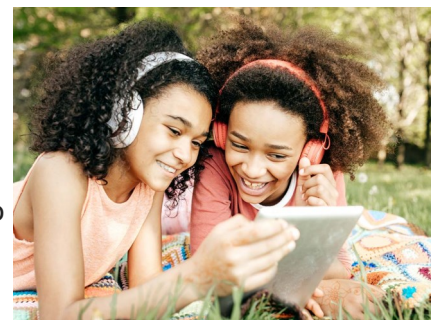
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DID YOU KNOW? January 20/21, 2024

Guidelines for online interaction with young adults

Appropriate behavior online is critical to maintaining boundaries and being a trusted adult to the young people in your care. Do not use your personal social media account to “friend” or “follow” the children you work with. Do not email from a personal email address. If you do interact with young people online, do not comment on their social media accounts or use them to obtain more information or start conversations. If your organization does not have rules about social media use for employees, work with management to put some in place.

For more information, read the VIR-TUS® article “Social Media Rules to Follow with Children” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



We are ALWAYS Looking for Lectors and

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Those who proclaim God's word in the liturgy are known as Lectors. It is an ancient teaching in the Church, Christ is truly present in His Word: the Word is spoken, heard and acted upon. Answering the call to become a Lector, enters one into a deeper relationship with God as he is revealed in Sacred Scripture. The Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) distribute Holy Communion to God's people on those occasions where there are an insufficient number of priests and deacons. If you are interested in joining our Lector Ministry please Contact Lawrence Reney at lrtrojandado2@gmail.com or (213)999-4491 We especially need Lectors for the 4:00 PM Saturday Mass. If you are interested in becoming an EMHC, Please contact the Parish Office.



**Please submit Bulletin Articles and Pulpit Announcements
AT LEAST TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE.**

If you have questions?

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