



BISHOP BRENNAN TO SPEAK AT WHEELING'S MARTIN LUTHER KING CELEBRATION PRAYER SERVICE

WHEELING—Bishop Mark E. Brennan will speak at the annual Inter-faith Prayer Service, a centerpiece of Wheeling's Martin Luther King celebration. The service will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, at the Fourth Street United Methodist Church, 1060 Chapline Street in Wheeling.

Other clergy slated to participate are Rev. Chris Figaretti, pastor of The Vineyard Church; Rev. Kenny Hardway, pastor of the First Christian Church; Rev. Erica Harley, pastor of Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church; Rev. Neil Leftwich, Northern District Area Superintendent, United Methodist Church; Rabbi Joshua Lief, Temple Shalom; Rev. Paul Schafer, pastor of St. Mark Lutheran Church; Rev. Jake Steele, pastor of Christ United Methodist Church.

A brief reception will follow the prayer service. All are welcome. Masks are strongly recommended. For more information about Wheeling's MLK celebration, visit WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/MLKJRWHEELING/.



Making Ordinary Time Extraordinary!

It's time for our priests to don the green, as we say hello to Mark in our Sunday gospel readings.

First a little church calendar refresher. Ordinary Time happens twice. The first begins now and extends through Ash Wednesday (*March 2*) as Lent begins. Pentecost (*June 5*) begins the second period of Ordinary Time concluding with the beginning of the Advent Season (*Nov. 27*). Also, notable we are in Year C for the Catholic church Sunday cycle. This actually began on the first Sunday of Advent (*Nov. 28*) and extends to Nov. 20, of this year. During Ordinary Time our priests wear green vestments to symbolize hope and life. Our Gospel readings at Mass each Sunday will mostly center around the Gospel of Mark and chapter six of John.

Mark takes us through the life of Christ. His gospel is not flowery, but short and to the point. We need to let that simplicity bring about prayerful time for reflection. Throughout these readings we will hear the words of Jesus, the decisions of his first disciples to leave their homes, jobs, and families in order to follow Christ. His ministry unfolds for us on his journey as he travels from town to town, teaches, cures illnesses, and forgives believers of their sins. We can put ourselves in these readings as the ones being spoken to, a follower, or a simple bystander witnessing miracles before our eyes.

St. Jerome said, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."

However, Scripture is not always easy to understand and can be cumbersome. That is exactly when we need to reflect and pray, asking God to give us the grace to understand what He is saying to us. Consider it a challenge. St. Jerome was devoted to the Bible to read it, break it down, meditate on it, speak it with a joyful heart, and act on it, mirroring Christ.

We can learn a lot from the saints and what made them exemplary. During these four weeks honor our saints by reading more about them or watch a movie or documentary depicting their lives. Here are a few: *The Song of Bernadette*, about St. Bernadette Soubirous and released in 1943; *A Man for All Seasons*, about St. Thomas More and released in 1966; *Therese*, about St. Therese the Little Flower and released in 1986; and *Fatima* (the latest movie was released in 2020; the classic movie was from 1952), about Ss. Francisco and Jacinta Marto, and their cousin Sr. Lucia de Jesus.

Read your FaithInWV e-bulletin. Our issues include features stories about the saints. A few to look forward to are St. Francis de Sales (feast day Jan. 24); St. Thomas Aquinas (feast day Jan. 28); St. John Bosco (feast day Jan. 31); and St. Brigid of Ireland (feast day Feb. 1). Share these stories with your friend group, children in your lives, and anyone you are moved to evangelize.

Check out a few of our favorite website resources: [THE CATHOLIC ICING](#), [PRAY MORE NOVENAS](#), [THE CATHOLIC GENTLEMAN](#), and [FRANCISCAN MEDIA](#).

Prayer for Ordinary Time

As I walk the path of Ordinary Time, help me to count the many ways you are present – in the comings and goings of family, friends, coworkers, and acquaintances; in the sounds of the seasons and the beauty of your magnificent creation; in the daily routines and responsibilities that make up the rhythm of my days. Make all time extra-ordinary as I seek to become more attuned to your presence. Amen.



RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT POVERTY

January is Poverty Awareness Month, a month-long initiative to raise awareness and call attention to the growth of poverty in our country.

Across the state, Catholic Charities West Virginia staff and volunteers meet people and families daily who are impacted by poverty. Since poverty looks different from one person to another, it can be challenging to recognize. Take the “Smith” family, for example. Both parents have jobs and a stable income. And yet, they and their two children had been living with extended family because they could not afford a home of their own. They were experiencing homelessness.

Consider the actual startup cost of finding a place to rent. You need to save up a security deposit and at least your first month of rent. You also need furniture — a bed for your children and a table for your family’s meals; cleaning supplies to help keep your family healthy; dishes, bedding, and towels.

Understandably, the Smiths had trouble saving enough to get started in their own place.

Many families are faced with similar struggles. The minimum wage in West Virginia (\$8.75/hour) means that two earners, like the Smiths, can make \$36,400 if both are working full time. Rent for a 2-bedroom apartment takes about one-third of that gross income. Once you factor in taxes, childcare, clothing, and food, there’s not much left.

The Smiths came to us during a vulnerable time. They asked for help and we met this family with dignity and compassion. In addition to helping them with their security deposit, we invited other members of the community to help out as well. The response was overwhelming and the family received a table, chairs, twin bed, full bed, sofa, dresser, bath towels, dishes, and bedding.

Living in poverty can lead to feelings of despair and hopelessness. Pope Francis, in his message for World Day of the Poor, said, “Let us ask ourselves: what is demanded of us as Christians in the face of this reality? We are required to nurture tomorrow’s hope by healing today’s pain.” We are grateful and humbled by this call to serve!

To learn more about Catholic Charities West Virginia, visit www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org.

The Mission of Catholic Charities West Virginia: Guided by God’s love, Catholic Charities collaborates with community partners, parishes and families to provide caring and compassionate services to people in need and work toward lasting and meaningful change.



POVERTY AWARENESS MONTH

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During Poverty Awareness Month, join the U.S. BISHOPS, the CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, and the Catholic community in the United States in taking up Pope Francis’ challenge to live in solidarity with the poor! In addition to the CALENDAR, longer DAILY REFLECTIONS are also available. All of these resources are also en Español. You can SIGN UP to have the daily reflections emailed to you during Poverty Awareness Month!

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her vindication shines forth like the dawn and her victory like a burning torch.

Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory; you shall be called by a new name pronounced by the mouth of the LORD. You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD, a royal diadem held by your God. No more shall people call you "Forsaken," or your land "Desolate," but you shall be called "My Delight," and your land "Espoused." For the LORD delights in you and makes your land his spouse. As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.

Responsorial PSALM 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10

R. (3) Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all you lands. Sing to the LORD; bless his name.

R. Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Announce his salvation, day after day. Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

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Give to the LORD, you families of nations, give to the LORD glory and praise; give to the LORD the glory due his name!

R. Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Worship the LORD in holy attire. Tremble before him, all the earth; Say among the nations: The LORD is king. He governs the peoples with equity.

R. Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Brothers and sisters:

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom; to another, the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another, faith by the same Spirit; to another, gifts of healing by the one Spirit; to another, mighty deeds; to another, prophecy; to another, discernment of spirits; to another, varieties of tongues; to another, interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.

Alleluia 2 Thessalonians 2:14

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

God has called us through the Gospel to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel John 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from — although the servers who had drawn the water knew —, the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

That, inspired by the model of Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr., all the citizens of this nation may work to fight injustice anywhere, let us pray to the Lord. . .

That we may recognize the spiritual gifts of others without jealousy or resentment as we develop our own spiritual gifts for the benefit of those around us, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For leaders of nations, that they may support religious tolerance so that all of their people may worship freely, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For those who are preparing for marriage, that they may be a sign of the love that God has for us all, let us pray to the Lord. . .

Lord hear our prayer

LET US GO *Rejoicing* TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.

PSALM 122



UPDATED GUIDELINES RELEASED

Bishop Mark E. Brennan released updated guidelines for our churches and facilities.

- New Norms for Reopening Parish Facilities for Meetings and Gatherings
- Updated Liturgical Guidelines
- Music Protocols for Liturgical Celebrations

These are available online at www.dwc.org.

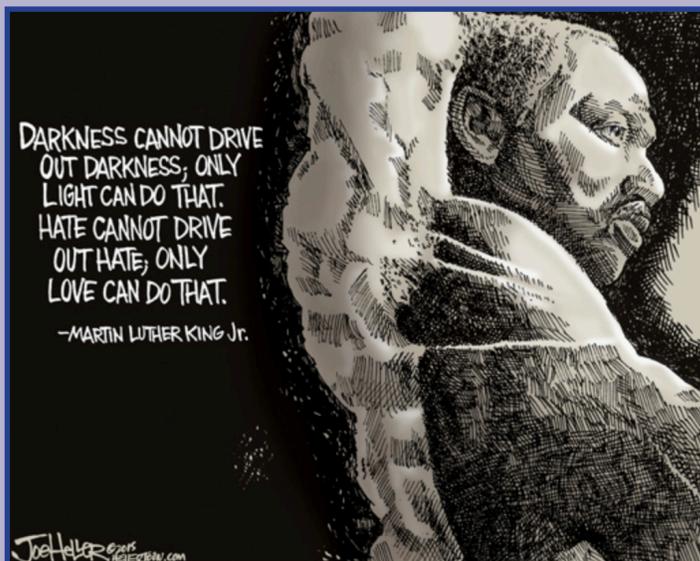
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LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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MASS ONLINE

Saturday 6pm Masses will continue to be livestreamed from the Cathedral of St. Joseph, and will be available on our website each Sunday at DWC.ORG.

Below are four options for enriching your spirit through daily Mass online.

- EWTN airs daily Mass from Our Lady of Angels Chapel, in Irondale, Alabama, at 8am, noon, and 7pm: [HTTPS://WWW.EWTN.COM/TV/WATCH-LIVE](https://www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live)
- St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York has daily Mass live streamed at 7am: [HTTPS://SAINTPATRICKSCATHEDRAL.ORG/LIVE](https://saintpatrickscathedral.org/live)
- Catholic TV also streams its daily Mass: [HTTP://CATHOLICTV.ORG/MASSES/CATHOLICTV-MASS](http://catholicTV.org/masses/catholicTV-mass)
- Daily Mass Online at Notre Dame' Basilica of the Sacred Heart is live at 11:30 am Monday-Friday: [HTTPS://CAMPUSMINISTRY.ND.EDU/MASS-WORSHIP/BASILICA-OF-THE-SACRED-HEART/WATCH-MASS/SPECIAL-MASSSES/](https://campusministry.nd.edu/mass-worship/basilica-of-the-sacred-heart/watch-mass/special-masses/)