

JANUARY 17, 2021

Your body is a temple of the holy Spirit within you. — **1 Corinthians 6:19a**



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SPEAK, LORD, WE ARE LISTENING

In today's first reading God keeps calling out in the night to a sleeping boy. Neither the boy, Samuel, nor his teacher, Eli, understands who is calling. But God's persistence convinces them. Samuel is then ready—not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. "Speak, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:10).

In the Gospel Jesus is out teaching. Various people notice him and begin to gather around. They soon become disciples and, like the young Samuel, are ready—not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. "Speak," they say, "we are listening."

God's voice is always with us, awake or asleep. It swirls around us like fog on a waterfront, enveloping us, gently urging us to wake up, to listen. Awareness of the voice comes first; then willingness to listen; then, in time, the decision to act, to live according to God's word. Let's ask today for the ability to keep our ears open so we don't miss God's voice.

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TODAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING — Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening (1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19).

PSALM — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (**Psalm 40**).

SECOND READING — Your bodies are members of Christ; glorify God in your body (1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20).

SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

- Edith Bolder Holmesdale Care Center
- Jeanette Hamilton Evans Home
- Inell Hunter Home
- Carlos Nix Home
- Lavel McCullough Home
- Rosa Birch Home
- Sandra Cloyd Home
- Kevin Brown Home
- Jackie Countee Home
- Sharon Shackelford-Allen Home
- Earnestine Nard Home
- Earl Greene Home
- Michael Mize Home
- Chaunceyetta Mize Home
- Margaret Jones Home
- Flora Waddell Home
- Delores Bazy Home
- Deacon Greene Home
- Vera Brown Home
- Ovell Thomas Home
- Joann James Home
- Dorothy Wyatt Home
- Terese Spears Chambers Home
- Alvin Brooks Home
- Cathy Johnson Home
- Mary Ann Grayson Home
- Herman Lovett Home
- Mabel & Donald Parson Home
- Ramonda Doakes Home
- Marjorie Green Home
- Dominique Williams Home

FAMILY MEMBERS: Please inform our Pastor, Fr. Leonard when a loved-one is home bound or has been hospitalized.

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Must wear mask at all times — to attend.

SUNDAY:

8:00 a.m. (Live)

10:00 a.m. (Live & Recorded)

WEDNESDAY

9:00 a.m. MASS (Live)

6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

TODAY'S GOSPEL

— The first disciples saw where Jesus was staying and they stayed with him (John 1:35-42).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

Tuesday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)

Wednesday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian

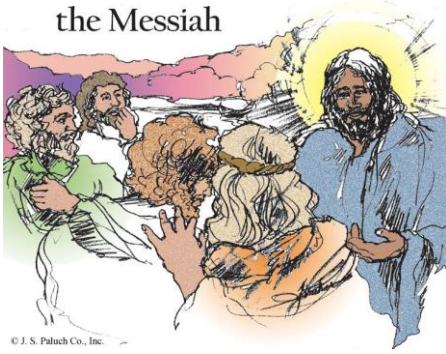
Thursday: St. Agnes

Friday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Saturday: St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope



We have found
the Messiah



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FEAST OF FAITH The Greeting

At several points during the liturgy, the presider greets us with the words, "The Lord be with you." These simple words are not like the greetings that we exchange all day long—our "good mornings," our "hellos" and "how are yous." This liturgical greeting has roots deep in the Old Testament. In the book of Ruth, the words "the Lord be with you" are spoken by Boaz to the harvesters who are laboring in his fields (2:4); in the book of Judges, an angel speaks similar words to Gideon (6:12), where they are words of promise: for soon Gideon will lead his oppressed people to victory and freedom. For us, the words become a greeting of peace, a prayer that the Lord will indeed be with us, and a reminder of his promise to be with us always, to the end of the world (Matthew 28:20). Our response—"And also with you," soon to be "And with your spirit"—returns to the presider this prayer for the Lord's presence. As we know from the scriptures, a prayer for the Lord's presence is no small thing, for when God comes in our midst, God brings healing, grace, and challenge. God's presence transforms us. —*Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*

CONDOLENCE

We extend our deepest sympathy and prayers to the Ogletree Family, for the sudden loss of their loved one, **Ms. Ciana Ogletree** (niece of parishioner Melva McClelland). Funeral Service for Ms. Ciana Ogletree was held on Friday, January 15, 2021, at the Ely Funeral Chapel. Please remember the Ogletree / McClelland Family in your prayers


HOMEGOING

Funeral Services for **Mrs. Carolyn Jones**, passed on to be with our Lord, on Saturday, January 8, 2021. A funeral Mass will be held to celebrate her life and her Home going.
THURSDAY: January 21, 2021.(St. Monica)
Visitation: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Funeral Mass: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
FRIDAY: January 22, 2021 Internment - Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery

**CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED,
MONDAY, JANUARY 18th**

**IN HONOR OF
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
HOLIDAY**

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Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Minister

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a federal holiday in the United States marking the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. It is observed on the third Monday of January each year. King's birthday is January 15. The holiday is similar to holidays set under the Uniform Monday Holiday Act. The earliest Monday for this holiday is January 15 and the latest is January 21.



**"If you can't fly then run.
If you cant run, then walk.
If you can't walk, then crawl,
But whatever you do you have
to keep moving forward."**

Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Bulletin Deadline
Wednesday / NOON**

OFFERING ENVELOPES

This year, our 2021 Offering Envelopes will be mailed to your homes. If you have not yet received yours, please use the Supplemental Envelopes / located on the two small tables behind the back pews at the entry of the Sanctuary.

FORWARD IN FAITH



The Stewardship Committee extends a heartfelt thank you to all the St. Monica parishioners for the success of our 110 Anniversary Celebration and Virtual Silent Auction. The Committee worked with precision as a team, under the capable leadership of Mrs. Shirley Thaw, with expert guidance on the auction from Mrs. Angela Curry. Kim Urenda's technical assistance, and Dwight's performance as the announcer contributed to raising a total amount that exceeded our goal! Our success would not have been possible without your support. You donated and bid on many of the 56 available items.

During the process, we added St. Monica Twitter and Instagram accounts to expand our reach on social media. We expect the addition will attract new members as the downtown and 18th and Vine areas expand housing opportunities near the church. Thank you again and look forward to future events to work on together as our parish moves "**Forward in Faith.**"

Our goal is, to raise **\$150,000** by October 2020. So far, we have received **\$47,411.20**, and **\$102,588.50**, still to go. The goal is huge, but God is faithful.
God bless you all.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



(1) Martin Luther King Jr. was born in Atlanta, Georgia on January 15, 1929. (2) As a young boy, he enjoyed singing in the church choir with his mother. (3) In high school, he realized he had a talent for public speaking and he was selected as a member of the school's debate team. (4) Martin was able to enter college early after passing an entrance exam. (5) He attended the prestigious, Morehouse College.

(6) Soon after graduating, he decided he would follow in his father's footsteps and become a preacher. (7) He took his studies to the next level as he also received his doctoral degree in theology. (8) After finishing college Martin Luther King Jr. and his new wife, Coretta Scott King, settled into a new life together in Montgomery, Alabama.

(9) In 1955, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. joined the Montgomery Bus Boycott. (10) This significant event was the start of Dr. King's peaceful fight against racial segregation in the United States. (11) It threw Dr. King into the national spotlight as he became a prominent leader of the civil rights movement.

(12) During the next several years, Dr. King led many peacefully marches and protests against segregation. (13) His most famous speech, "I Have a Dream," was given at the March on Washington in 1963. (14) Dr. King famously said, "I have a dream that my four little 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." (15) Dr. King's speech pushed equal rights to the top of the agenda of many politicians. (16) It also played a huge part in new laws being passed for equal rights in the United States.

(17) After thirteen years of leading the civil rights movement, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was shot and killed outside his hotel room in Memphis, Tennessee. (18) The nation mourned his death.

WHITE HISTORY



