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Franciscans of the Sacred Heart Province

JANUARY 17, 2021

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Sundays
9:00 am and 11:00 am

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Mondays through Fridays
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Lower Level of the Church
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Devotions

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Masses.

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10:30 am until 3:00 pm

Sundays
8:30 am until 12:30 pm

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and practice social distancing.*



2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. - Jn 1:35-37

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- www.vatican.va
- www.usccb.org
- www.catholicstv.org
- www.ewtn.com
- www.relevantradio.com

Saints' Days and Observances

- Sun., January 17:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Mon., January 18:** Ordinary Time
- Tues., January 19:** Ordinary Time
- Wed., January 20:** Ordinary Time
- Thurs., January 21:** St. Agnes
- Fri., January 22:** Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children
- Sat., January 23:** Ordinary Time

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WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Many thanks to those of you who have contributed to St. Peter's collection this past week. Your gifts are essential to our ministry, and we are grateful.

Weekly Goal	\$ 12,000
January 3-9	Total\$ 2,116
	Difference\$ - 9,884

THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR



There are a number of important events to remember as we begin 2021. January marks the 158th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation signed by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863. The Emancipation Proclamation was signed January 1, 1863 in the midst of the Civil War that was tearing the country apart.



Tomorrow, Monday, January 18 is a national holiday as we celebrate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Though great progress has been made in tolerance throughout our country since the 1960's, there is still much work to do. As tragic attacks on other human beings, shootings and hate filled language that have become more prevalent in the past couple of years has shown, we still have much work to do to make equality for all people a reality. Let us join in prayer and work daily so that all people of the world might realize the "Dream" of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. that we are truly brothers and sisters to one another in the human family.



Friday, January 22 has been designated, by the US Bishops' Conference as a **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of**

Unborn Children. January 22 is the 48th anniversary of the decision of the US Supreme Court regarding the legality of abortion. Through these 48 years since that decision, many words, arguments and various actions have been taken by those on both sides of this crucial issue. As Catholics we are called by our faith and belief in Jesus Christ to promote respect for all of life from conception to natural death. If we say we are for Respect for Life then we need to work, act and pray as people who respect all of God's creation. The solution to the sometimes, difficult arguments in regard to respecting all of life will not be easily attained. However, we must try with all our might to promote life through our own actions, words and prayers. I encourage you to pray the following prayer, to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of Respect Life, each day in the coming year.

Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. Help expectant parents to welcome from God the priceless gift of their child's life.

Console parents who have lost that gift through abortion, and lead them to forgiveness and healing through the Divine Mercy of your Son.

Teach us to cherish and to care for family and friends until God calls them home. Help us never to see others as burdens.

Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws.

Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen. [from USCCB]



On Wednesday, January 20 we will inaugurate our 46th President of the USA, Mr. Joe Biden. Mr. Biden will say, with his hands on the bible, "I do solemnly swear (affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States." Once he says these words, enshrined in America's founding document, President Biden will then take his place as the 46th president and assume the duties and responsibilities of that office.

The new Vice-President, Kamala Harris (the first woman to become Vice President) will take the following oath, "I do solemnly swear (affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God".

Needless to say the past four years have been a very contentious time for our country. Hopefully, the coming year will see all elected officials and citizens doing whatever we can to protect the rights of every citizen and every person who dwells in our land. As citizens of the USA, let remember to keep all our elected national, state and local government politicians in our prayers and not hesitate to remind them to work for the good of all people. Respect for Life means, as the Church reminds us, to respect everyone, from conception to natural death, especially those most vulnerable in our society, the poor, the young, the elderly and those among us in our great country with no voice.

As we begin this year of 2021, I encourage you to keep in your prayers all our government officials. In 1791, Archbishop John Carroll (who was born in Maryland in 1735 and became the first bishop of the USA in 1789) composed a prayer for the new country's



leadership in 1791. An excerpt of that prayer is below and I encourage you to pray these words for our country's leaders and for all of us who live in the USA.

Fr. Michael

PRAYER FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

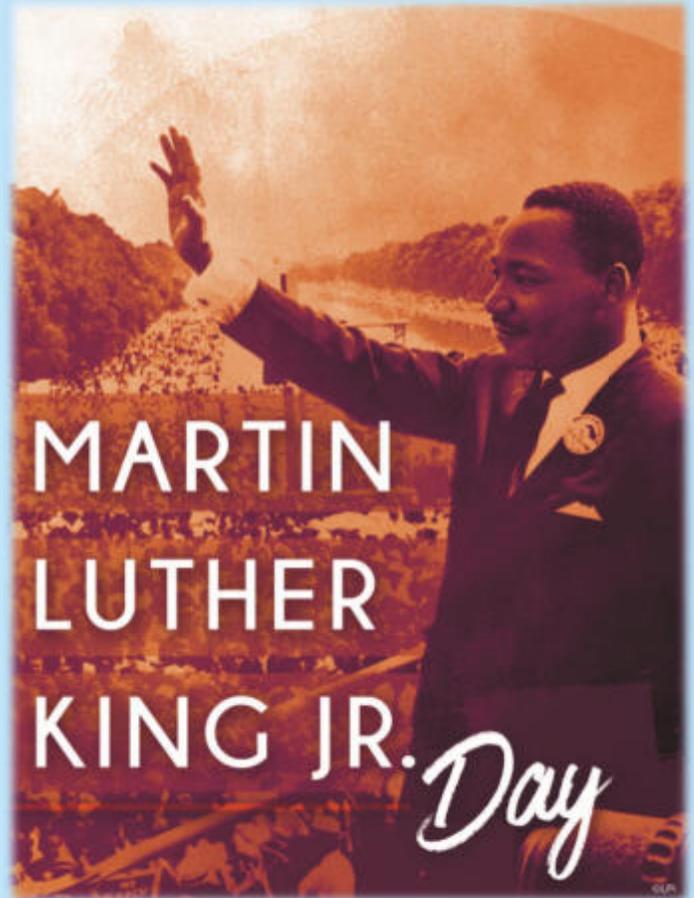
We pray O, God of might, wisdom and justice, through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist with your Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude the president of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness and be eminently useful to your people over whom he presides; by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality.

Let the light of your divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government, so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety and useful knowledge; and may perpetuate to us the blessing of equal liberty.

We pray for his excellency, the governor of this state, for the members of the assembly, for all judges, magistrates, and other officers who are appointed to guard our political welfare, that they may be enabled, by your powerful protection, to discharge the duties of their respective stations with honesty and ability.

We recommend likewise, to your unbounded mercy, all our brethren and fellow citizens throughout the United States, that they may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of your most holy law; that they may be preserved in union, and in that peace which the world cannot give; and after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal.

(Prayer composed by Archbishop John Carroll, 1791)



A Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

And where there is sadness, joy.



O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;

To be understood, as to understand;

To be loved as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

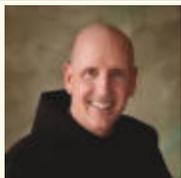




Reconciliation at St. Peter's Church

Monday through Saturday
10:30 am until 3 pm

Lower Level—No Reservation Required



ZOOM Mass Schedule Sundays at 5 pm

As we continue to face the coronavirus pandemic, we will also continue to celebrate a weekly Mass on ZOOM here at St. Peter's. **Fr. Ed Shea OFM** will celebrate the Mass every Sunday at 5:00 pm until further notice. **To access the ZOOM Mass, use the following Code and Password:**

<https://zoom.us/j/7738924134>

Password: EdSheaOFM

Volunteers Needed Can You Help?

An important part of insuring the safety of everyone who comes to St. Peter's are our dedicated volunteers who help our security team with welcoming folks to the church, taking touchless temperatures and making sure everyone who comes has a mask. Our greeters for the Masses help direct people to our pews, guide them for receiving communion and welcome all who come to Mass in church.

As the restrictive guidelines continue we have become aware that we need a few more volunteers to help with welcoming people to the church, help with directing people who have come for confession to their place and volunteers to help as ushers for the Masses. **If you are able and willing to help as a volunteer please contact James Kapellas at 312-853-2418.** Your assistance will help us to continue to offer people an opportunity for confession and an opportunity to come to Mass on weekdays and weekends.

Fr. Michael

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE STUDY

1 Sam 3:3b-10, 19; Jn 1:35-42

Every so often we hear about someone who loses their job and rather than look for work in the same field decides to do something entirely different. And often there's a mentor who encourages and supports them in their decision.



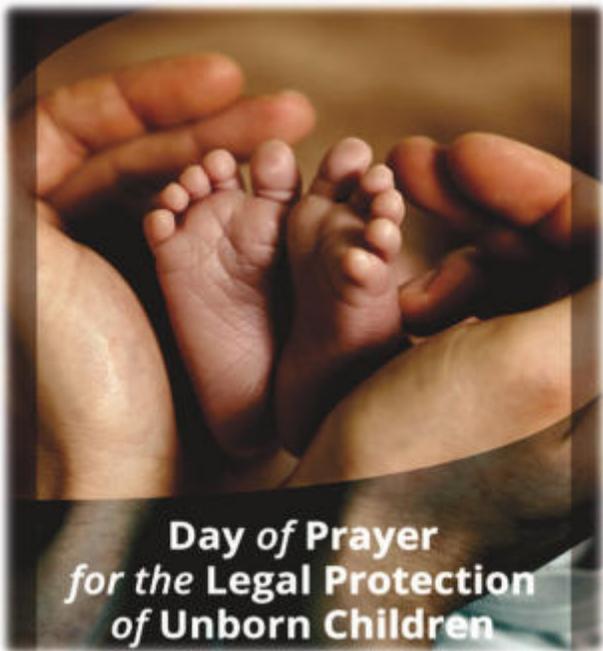
Fred is a retired university professor. It was his job to advise students regarding employment after graduation. Today Fred is busier than ever but now it's the unemployed who come to him for advice.

Marci was in her early 50's when, after working in manufacturing for 20+ years, her company was acquired and Marci's entire division was sold off. Suddenly she found herself in the bewildering world of electronic resumes and computer networking sites and she was beginning to think that she'd never find another job when she met Fred. "If you could have any job you wanted, what would you do?" No one had ever asked Marci that question before, but she had an answer ready. You see, Marci had a dream. She'd always wanted to open a tea shop but most folks just laughed and told her to be happy she had a job and forget the dream. But not Fred. He handed her the catalog from a local technical school and offered to help her with the online registration. "*Come and see...*"

A "vocation" – a call from God. When Catholics hear the word they usually think of priests, or maybe nuns or brothers. But every one of us has a vocation. We just don't always know what it is. We need someone to help us to hear how God is calling us. Eli realized that it was God who was calling Samuel and he told him what to say the next time God called. John the Baptist knew that Jesus was calling the two disciples and he pointed Him out to them when He walked by. Fred knew that God was calling Marci and he offered to help her realize her dream. "*Come and see...*"

Each one of us has a vocation. Perhaps yours is to help someone else hear how God is calling *them*.

By Vinal Van Benthem offs



Day of Prayer
for the Legal Protection
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- Feb. 8: **Obstacle #3: Promises Dictated by Perfectionism**
- Feb. 15: **Obstacle #4: Self-Sabotage in Keeping Promises**
- Feb. 22: **Obstacle #5 Maintaining Your Promises to Yourself**



Psychologist Dr. Jerry Hiller and Marilyn Rochon MA, LCPC guide participants in the pursuit of stress relief, self-acceptance, self-efficacy, and developing a sense of purpose. Participants learn to increase self-confidence, navigate through loss and depression, and

improve relationships with themselves, others and God. The sessions combine practical psychology with the life-giving ways of St. Francis of Assisi.

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BLACK LIVES MATTER

A Conversation from a
Catholic Perspective

St. Peter's Church

February 2021

View on St. Peter's YouTube Channel

Blacks Who Participated in the Slave Trade

Fr. Elric Sampson, O.F.M.



How the Black Lives Matter Movement

Compares to Previous

Black Liberation Struggles

Mr. Gardis Watts, Jr.



Franciscan Spirituality and

Black Lives Empowerment

Fr. Abraham Joseph, O.F.M., M.Div.



What Are Black Bishops and Catholic
Theologians Saying about Racial Justice?

Bishop Joseph N. Perry, J.C.L.



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Little Rock Scripture Study

Next Session

Spring 2021

Registration begins January 25th

Program will take place via ZOOM.

The Passion and Resurrection Narratives of Jesus

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Before tuning into the Little Rock ZOOM live sessions, registered participants are asked to prepare by reading the assigned lessons in advance from the textbook.

Meeting Time and Dates:

Fridays, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Feb. 19, 26; March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2021

\$12 Program Fee payable by cash or check includes book. To register, please contact Jo Ann Bednar at 312-853-2376; or email joannstpeters@gmail.com.



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Sr. Fran Sulzer FSPA, D. Min. and **Br. Guillermo Morales OFM** will work with persons who contact them for an appointment. Sr. Fran is also a counselor for people who choose or need a more clinical approach. Appointments can be made for times between **10:30 am and 3 pm.**

To contact Sr. Fran email:

fmsulzer@gmail.com

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