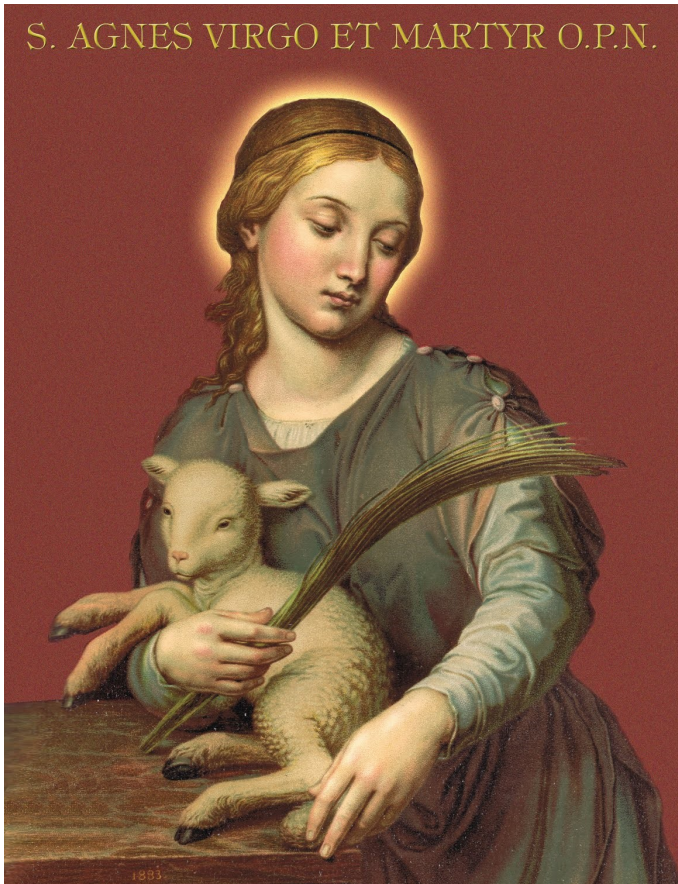


# QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 17, 2021**

S. AGNES VIRGO ET MARTYR O.P.N.



## CLERGY

Fr. Alexander Díaz, Pastor  
Fr. Joseph Rampino, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Richard C. Caporiccio  
Deacon Vincent Kapral

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 8:00 am, 5:00 & 7:00 pm (Spanish)

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm  
1:30 pm (Spanish) 3:00 pm (Ghana Community Mass)

Monday-Friday: 6:30 & 9:00 am

## CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wednesday: 8:30-9:00 am

Thursday: 7:00 pm until last penitent

Friday: 6:30 pm until last penitent

Saturday: 3:30 pm until last penitent

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday 8:30 am-8pm

Thursday: 7:00-8:00 pm

## OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri, 9:30 am-12 pm; 12:30 pm to 5 pm



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Mon – Thurs, 8:00 am – 3:15 pm  
Friday, 8:00 am – 2:15 pm

### STAFF

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Fr. Joseph Rampino,  
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*With Mary, "the first disciple of her son" (Redemptoris Mater, 20), Queen of Apostles Catholic School is rooted in faith, excellence, and joy. We flourish by embracing our call to holiness, advancing in virtue and academics, and cultivating the many talents God has given us.*

*Est. 1966*

## PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear brothers and sisters:

We are celebrating the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. This time is called the time of hope, which is why the priest dresses in green. This Sunday, John the Baptist solemnly shows us how to follow the Lamb of God, the one who takes away the sins of the world; with this, John invites us not to remain stagnant but to look to the Lord and not to lose heart. Precisely today more than ever, we need to put our gaze on Jesus so that this strong storm that we are going through right now smoothes and becomes less dark. Let us not get tired of following the Lamb of God through sacramental life and personal prayer.

As you know, the pandemic has hurt in all aspects, one of them being economical. Our school is not financially well, and the parish is also a bit tight in its budget. To solve this situation a bit, I have decided to host a parish car raffle. In previous years, we joined this activity through All Saints parish, but the profit received was minimal, and it was mostly used in the administrative part of this activity. We researched and discovered that we could gain more if we do a raffle just for the parish. The school and the parish will work together, and the profit will be divided between the school and the parish. I want to ask if one of you knows someone who will be willing to donate a new car for the raffle or that knows/has contact with a car dealer that can give us a car at least at half price or with a good discount. This would help us to have a better profit. If someone wants to support us with the raffle, I ask that you please contact me directly or contact the parish office as soon as possible to start these procedures. The idea is to hold the raffle in June of this year.

Also, at the end of the month, the March for Life will take place. I know that the pro-life committee is preparing for it, but as we already know, this year, everything is different. It is crucial to support this movement, but we must also be clear that it is somewhat dangerous. That day, we will expose the Most Holy Sacrament all day, and we will pray for life and the end of abortion. I invite you to come and spend time in prayer in our sanctuary with Jesus as your way of supporting this activity. However, if someone wants more information about the March, I ask you to contact Larry Cirignano; he will provide you with more details about it.

As you have noticed, we replaced the yellow tape with nice looking white cord for Christmas because many did not like the yellow tape. Unfortunately, the blue masking tape and the tape holding the pew clips need replacement weekly. The tape is destroyed over the weekend because many are not careful or let children play with it. I ask you to please not remove or tear the blue tape because every week we have to change it and it takes hours of work and extra material expenses. Please respect the marked areas; it is for your protection. I'm asking you this out of charity for the many brothers and sisters struggling with this situation.

I hope you have a happy week, and let's continue praying for each other.

*Fr. Alex*

# January 29, 2021

While the March for Life will still be taking place this year in Washington, D.C., we are aware that many parishioners do not feel safe attending due to the pandemic. For this reason, we will have all day Eucharistic Adoration in the Church to pray for the end of abortion for those who still wish to support this movement

Please contact Larry at 202-306-6863 for more information about attending the March in D.C. with Queen of Apostles.



**MARCH FOR LIFE**





## Religious Education Information

Confirmation students in grade 8-high school are to submit his/her Apostolic Service Hours log and 2-page reflection report by **Jan 31, 2021**. School students should check with Miss Hang about the deadline. The Confirmation Liturgy is scheduled for **Monday, Feb 22, 2021** at 7pm in Queen of Apostles Church for desiring and prepared students attending the School or Religious Education Program. A mandatory rehearsal is scheduled for **Friday, Feb 19, 2021** at 6:30pm in the church for students and sponsors. Everyone must wear face masks and observe physical distancing. More information and guidelines will be provided. Students and sponsors should expect to arrive at the church about an hour before the 7pm Liturgy.

The First Penance/First Holy Communion registration form and \$20 fee is due by **Jan 17, 2021** from baptized School and RE students in grades 2 and higher.

The Sacraments of Initiation form and \$50 fee from families with unbaptized children was due **Jan 10, 2021**. The priest signed and sealed Sponsor Certificate of Eligibility is due **Jan 17, 2021**. The Rite of Exorcism, Anointing, and Blessing will be held during the 12Noon Mass on **Jan 24, 2021** at Queen of Apostles. Students and sponsors are to attend and sit in the front pews nearest the Presider's Chair.

Sacraments packets are posted to the QofA website: <https://queenofapostles.org/religious-education/>

For on-line students using MyCatholicFaithDelivered.com, the Zoom schedule has been posted on MCFD/Group Threads.

We continue to be vigilant and intentional as we strive to stay healthy. Before coming to RE on Sunday mornings, please monitor for coronavirus and flu symptoms. If symptoms develop, please contact your primary Health Care Provider immediately, do not attend Religious Education class, and send a message to [s.gray@queenofapostles.org](mailto:s.gray@queenofapostles.org). We greatly value your partnership in taking extra precautions to keep Queen of Apostles parish, school, and Religious Education communities safe and healthy.

**St. Joseph, pray for us.**



## Encourage ONE ANOTHER BY WORD AND DEED

Please see page 4 for more information on the 2021 BLA

**RCIA** The candidate registration form and fee are due **Jan 19/20, 2021** (page 4 of the RCIA candidate packet).

Generally, QofA activities will be canceled if FCPS cancels activities due to snow.

**Altar Servers—Serving our Lord in the Eucharist** Thank you to our altar servers/families who have returned to serve the sacred liturgy. If your son is willing to serve at Holy Mass on Sundays (8am, 10am, 12noon) and other Masses, please send a message to Susan Gray at [s.gray@queenofapostles.org](mailto:s.gray@queenofapostles.org) or talk with Fr. Rampino. Boys are asked to arrive no less than 15 min before Mass, wear dress shoes, bring a face mask, use the upper sacristy, and wait for the priest. We need more boys to serve the 12noon Mass. Thank you.



## Joining Our Parish Family

Welcome to Queen of Apostles! We warmly invite you to join our parish family. So that you might receive all of our parish communications, and so that our clergy and staff may respond appropriately to your various sacramental needs, we encourage you to register at Queen of Apostles through the Parish Office or on our website [queenofapostles.org](http://queenofapostles.org). Parish registration forms are available in the Church vestibule and at the Parish Office, located at 4329 Sano Street.

Please notify the Parish Office of any family status changes or if you have moved outside the parish by contacting (703) 354-8711 ext. 10, or [general@queenofapostles.org](mailto:general@queenofapostles.org)

# † PARISH LIFE †

## Masses This Week

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday, January 17:

8:00 am +Carol Cole  
10:00 am Living and Deceased Parishioners  
12:00 pm +Genevieve Hilles  
1:30 pm +Maria Villaseca

### Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Monday, January 18:

No 6:30 am Mass

9:00 am +Maria Antonia Martinez

### Tuesday, January 19:

6:30 am +Dorothy Mohn  
9:00 am +Guadalupe Portillo

### St. Fabian - Wednesday, January 20:

6:30 am +Leo Weston  
9:00 am +Fr. Michael Dobbins

### St. Agnes - Thursday, January 21:

6:30 am +Marc Anthony Roman  
9:00 am +Romeo and Milagros Layson

### Friday, January 22:

6:30 am +Dorothy Mohn  
9:00 am (L) Karen Barnoski

### St. Vincent - Saturday, January 23:

8:00 am Special Intention  
5:00 pm (L) Michelle Agtarap  
7:00 pm +The Deceased Members of the Rosada Family

*Have you signed up for Parish electronic giving through Faith Direct?* To join Faith Direct, start by simply focusing your phone camera on this QR code! You can also visit [faithdirect.net](http://faithdirect.net) and enroll online using our Parish code:



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### January 21 - St. Agnes of Rome

St. Agnes (c. 304) is to be numbered among the most famous martyrs of Rome. When the Diocletian persecution was at its height, and when priests as well as laymen were apostatizing from the faith, Agnes, a girl of twelve, freely chose to die for Christ. When she was commanded to offer incense to false gods, she raised her hand to Christ and made the Sign of the Cross. When the heathens threatened to bind her, she hastened to the place of torture as a bride to her wedding feast. When the son of the Roman prefect offered to marry her, she said: "The one to whom I am betrothed is Christ Whom the angels serve." When the executioner hesitated, she encouraged him with the words: "Strike, without fear, for the bride does her Spouse an injury if she makes Him wait".

**2021 Bishop's Lenten Appeal Begins!** This month the mailing for the 2021 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) was sent to all registered diocesan households. The theme this year is "Encourage One Another by Word and Deed." After reflecting upon the blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a pledge to this important appeal that funds many programs and ministries that serve thousands of people in our diocese. Together, through the BLA, let us renew our personal commitment to furthering the Mission of our Lord Jesus throughout our diocese.

**Life is VERY Good Evening of Prayer** is scheduled for 7:30pm on **Thursday, January 28** at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More. This evening will include confessions, Eucharistic Adoration and procession led by Bishop Burbidge, beautiful music, and a message from the Holy Father imparting his Apostolic Blessing upon participants! The intended audience is teenagers, but families are welcome and will grow in their respect for life by participating in this prayerful experience. Participation is FREE and is limited to Catholic Diocese of Arlington families and youth. Please go to the Life is VERY Good webpage to reserve a spot!

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, January 18** in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. There will be only one Mass celebrated at 9 am.

**Parish Office** Over the next couple of weeks, renovations will be made in the Parish Office, mainly at the front desk. During the process, things will operate a little differently—the location of the entrance and front desk, noise, etc. We ask for your patience and cooperation during this time. Thank you!



**Text and Email Scams** Please be vigilant about fraudulent solicitation texts and emails appearing to come from our priests and staff. Authentic requests for donations from the parish will always direct parishioners to FaithDirect, PayPal, or other legitimate websites with secure online forms. Never will the parish ask for gift cards or for money to be transferred directly to an account. If you have received either form of solicitation, please inform the Parish Office.

## Gospel Commentary for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: The More Important Answer

*Fr. Joseph Rampino*

“Come, and you will see.” Christ’s words to Andrew and John today in the Gospel both show us the way God likes to build friendships with those whom He loves, and call us to respond in some practical way to His invitation.

We may notice that when these two former disciples of John the Baptist inquire after Jesus, looking for answers about Him and His life, the Lord does not directly answer them, but draws them first into His company. This is all the more notable since the question they asked Him was a simple one: where are you staying? Given His answer, Jesus is clearly not interested in simply conveying information, but rather in letting these disciples meet Him and spend time in His presence. He longs to teach them experientially who He really is, and clearly, even an afternoon is enough to convince them of what they later tell Peter: “we have found the Messiah.” Christ knows the hearts of Andrew and John, and seeing clearly the desire for God, He gives them far more than they ask for, filling them with joy and setting them on the grand mission that will lead to their glorious entrance into Heaven.

Of course, when Christ responds to our questions the way He did to theirs, we might not always react with the same joy. When we have difficulties in our lives, and bring them to Christ, sometimes what we chase is the bare information, or the simple cure. We may come to Christ seeking to understand exactly why something has happened, what we should do about it, or how God is going to fix it. When Christ says to us, just as He did to the first Apostles “come and stay with me,” we might not find it comforting in the same way. It takes an act of faith to trust that simply remaining in the presence of the Lord really is the answer to every question and every difficulty. We may seek the immediate and practical solution, but Jesus is always seeking the friendship that is itself the solution.

This should also teach us something about understanding God’s will in our lives. Whether in discerning our vocations, or simply trying to see how God wants us to navigate a situation in the lives we already lead, pursuing deeper friendship with the Lord always leads us to the correct answer. God might not give us extraordinary signs in prayer, directing down a certain route, just as He did not give a simple answer to Andrew and John, but He does give the answer by inviting us closer to Himself. If we make our decisions based on whether each route will lead us into deeper love for the Lord and the ones He has given us, we will surely not go astray, and may find that in keeping our eyes focused on Him, the Lord has taken us on an adventure we would never have thought possible had we been told directly.

This week, we ought to make acts of faith and of trust in this God who desires our friendship, so that we might stay faithful to this often unclear, but always sure path until it finds its end in the bright lands of the heavenly kingdom.



### Have you committed to our Capital Campaign?

There is much to be done to maintain our Parish facilities, and you could help make it all possible. Please prayerfully consider either making a pledge or a one-time gift if you have not already done so. We have sent out letters to those families who have not yet pledged to provide more information on how their contributions will help with essential renovations and safety upgrades in our beautiful Church. Installments can be made through Faith Direct, PayPal, and other forms of electronic giving as well as by check. We sincerely thank you for your generosity.



### Please pray for the sick members of our parish

Jin C. Navarro, Leo Monterroso, Etelvina León-Duarte, Ginny Cook, Olivia Castillo Asnis, Maria Reyes, Anna Anderson, Jean McDermott, Anne Kemble, Virginia Shea, Joseph Lipari, Rosa María Santos, Carmelita Mate, Leonor Cabrestane, Roger Trozado, Jeanie Miller, Maddie Respicio-Cabatic, Helen Brooks, Charles Ferris, Dominic Blansett, Linda Intihar, Melencio Morales, Reyes Duran, Luong Bui, Nick Tullier, Rose Maalouf, Nicole Pack, Barbara J. Banis, Numa Osuna, Jr., Timmy Burnway, Mark Bush, Margaret Peiffer, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Spracht, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Russ and Jill Amerling, Richard Esterlund, Margaret Fiore, Michael Robertson, Mr. Cervantes, Jocelyn Reyes, Wilma Robles, Maryann McNutt, Yolanda Arzadon



## CARTA DEL PÁRROCO

Queridos hermanos y hermanas

Estamos celebrando el Segundo domingo del tiempo ordinario, este tiempo es llamado tiempo de la esperanza por eso el sacerdote se viste de color verde. Este domingo, Juan el Bautista nos muestra de manera muy seria a seguir el cordero de Dios, el que quita el pecado del mundo, con ello Juan nos invita a no quedarnos estancados sino a poner la mirada en el señor y a no desfallecer; precisamente hoy más que nunca necesitamos poner nuestra mirada en Jesús para que esta dura tormenta que vivimos sea más suave y menos oscura. No nos cansemos de seguir al cordero de Dios a través de la vida sacramental y oración personal.

Como saben la pandemia ha hecho daño en todos los aspectos y uno de ellos es la parte económica, nuestra escuela no está bien financieramente y la parroquia también va un poco apretada en su presupuesto, para solventar un poco esta situación he decidido realizar la rifa de un carro, en los años anteriores nos uníamos a esta actividad que la parroquia de Todos los Santos realiza, pero la ganancia que se recibía era bien mínima y mucho de esta quedaba en la parte administrativa de esta actividad, haciendo números hemos descubierto que podemos ganar el doble si nos proponemos como parroquia a desarrollarla bien. Juntos, escuela y parroquia trabajaremos y las ganancias las dividiremos en ambos lugares. Quiero pedir si uno de ustedes conoce a alguien que desee donar un carro nuevo para la rifa o que uno de los dealers nos lo venda a mitad de precio o con un buen descuento, esto nos ayudaría a tener una mejor ganancia, si alguien desea apoyar esta actividad les pido por favor se comuniquen con migo directamente o con la oficina parroquial lo antes posible para iniciar con estos trámites, la idea es realizar la rifa para junio de este año.

También este mes es la marcha por la vida, sé que el comité pro-vida se está preparando para ello, pero como ya sabemos las cosas este año todo es diferente, es importante apoyar este movimiento pero también hay que tener claro que es un tanto peligroso, ese día expondremos el santísimo sacramento todo el día y oraremos por el respeto a la vida y por el fin del aborto, les invito a que vengan y pasen un tiempo en oración en nuestro templo con Jesús eucaristía en apoyo a esta actividad, si alguno desea tener más información sobre la marcha les pido que se comuniquen Larry Ciringiano, él les informara más al respecto.

Como han podido notar para navidad cambiamos la cinta a amarilla por lazos blancos, ya a muchos no les gustaba; pero hemos descubierto que han roto el tape azul lo rompen continuamente y rompen el tape que sostiene los pew clips, porque permiten que los jueguen con eso, les pido por favor que no rompan el blue tape, porque cada semana hay que cambiarlo y eso lleva horas de trabajo a los de mantenimiento y gasto de material, por favor respeten las áreas marcadas, es por su bien, se los digo con caridad.

Espero que tenga una feliz semana, y continuemos orando unos por los otros.

P. Alex

# 29 de Enero de 2021

Si bien la Marcha por la Vida todavía tendrá lugar este año en Washington, D.C., somos conscientes de que muchos feligreses no se sienten seguros asistiendo debido a la pandemia. Por esta razón, tendremos todo el día la Adoración Eucarística en la Iglesia para orar por el fin del aborto por aquellos que todavía desean apoyar este movimiento

Comuníquese con Larry al 202-306-6863 para obtener más información sobre cómo asistir a la Marcha en D.C. con la Reina de los Apóstoles.

  
**MARCH FOR LIFE**

## Misas esta semana

### Domingo 17 de enero:

8:00 am +Carol Cole  
10:00 am Living and Deceased Parishioners  
12:00 pm +Genevieve Hilles  
1:30 pm +Maria Villaseca

### Lunes 18 de enero:

No 6:30 am Mass

9:00 am +Maria Antonia Martinez

### Martes 19 de enero:

6:30 am +Dorothy Mohn  
9:00 am +Guadalupe Portillo

### Miércoles 20 de enero:

6:30 am +Leo Weston  
9:00 am +Fr. Michael Dobbins

### Jueves 21 de enero:

6:30 am +Marc Anthony Roman  
9:00 am +Romeo and Milagros Layson

### Viernes 22 de enero:

6:30 am +Dorothy Mohn  
9:00 am (L) Karen Barnoski

### Sabado 23 de enero:

8:00 am Special Intention  
5:00 pm (L) Michelle Agtarap  
7:00 pm +The Deceased Members of the Rosada Family

## ¡Comienza La Petición Cuaresmal Del Obispo De 2021!

Este mes se envió la correspondencia sobre la Petición Cuaresmal del Obispo de 2021 a todas las familias inscritas en la Diócesis. El tema de este año es "Animémonos unos a otros de palabra y obra". Después de reflexionar sobre las bendiciones que Dios les ha dado, en espíritu de oración, consideren la posibilidad de hacer una promesa de contribución a esta importante petición que financia muchos programas y ministerios al servicio de miles de personas en nuestra Diócesis. Juntos, por medio de la Petición Cuaresmal del Obispo, renovemos nuestro compromiso personal de fomentar la Misión de Nuestro Señor Jesús en toda nuestra Diócesis.

## La vida es MUY buena noche de oración

está programada para las 7:30 pm del **jueves 28 de enero** en la Catedral de Santo Tomás More. Esta velada incluirá confesiones, Adoración eucarística y procesión dirigidas por el obispo Burbidge, e incluso un mensaje del Santo Padre impartiendo su bendición apostólica a todos los participantes! El público previsto es adolescente, pero familias enteras son bienvenidas y crecerán en su respeto por la vida participando en esta experiencia de oración. La participación es GRATUITA y se limita a las familias de la Diócesis Católica de Arlington.

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**21 de enero - Santa Inés** Santa Inés (c. 304) debe ser contado entre los mártires más famosos de Roma. Cuando la persecución de Diocleciano estaba en su apogeo, y cuando sacerdotes y laicos apostataban de la fe, Agnes, una niña de doce años, eligió libremente morir por Cristo. Cuando se le mandó ofrecer incienso a dioses falsos, levantó la mano a Cristo e hizo el Signo de la Cruz. Cuando los paganos amenazaban con atarla, se apresuró al lugar de la tortura como novia a su fiesta de bodas. Cuando el hijo del prefecto romano se ofreció a casarse con ella, dijo: "Aquel a quien estoy prometida es Cristo a quien sirven los ángeles." Cuando el verdugo vaciló, ella lo animó con las palabras: "Golpe, sin miedo, porque la novia hace a su esposo una lesión si ella le hace esperar".

## Estafas por correo electrónico y mensajes de texto

Por favor, esté atento a los textos de solicitud fraudulentos y correos electrónicos que parecen provenir de nuestros sacerdotes y personal. Las solicitudes auténticas de donaciones de la parroquia siempre dirigirán a los feligreses a FaithDirect, PayPal u otros sitios web legítimos con formularios seguros en línea. La parroquia nunca pedirá tarjetas de regalo o que el dinero se transfiera directamente a una cuenta. Si ha recibido un mensaje de texto o correo electrónico fraudulento, es importante que informe del correo electrónico a la policía local llamando a la línea directa que no es de emergencia y solicitando al departamento de delitos financieros.

**Oficina Parroquial** Durante las próximas dos semanas, se realizarán renovaciones en la Oficina Parroquial, principalmente en recepción. Durante el proceso, las cosas funcionarán un poco diferente: la ubicación de la entrada y la recepción, el ruido, etc. Pedimos su paciencia y cooperación durante este tiempo. ¡Gracias!



**Día de Martin Luther King, Jr.** La Oficina Parroquial permanecerá cerrada el **lunes 18 de enero** en cumplimiento del Día de Martin Luther King, Jr. Sólo habrá una misa celebrada a las 9 am.