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January 14, 2024 • The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Martin Luther King's daughter considers Pope Francis' vision

John Burger



*Bernice Albertine King compares pope's "Revolution of Tenderness" with father's "Revolution of Values."*

The daughter of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., Bernice Albertine King, met with Pope Francis in March 2018 and presented him with the sixth volume of the series *The Papers of Martin Luther King, Jr.: Advocate of the Social Gospel*.

This week, King recalled her meeting with the pope in light of America's current grappling with issues having to do with race.

In an interview with L'Osservatore Romano and Vatican News this week, King reaffirmed the non-violent approach her father took to seeking social justice. She spoke in the midst of ongoing protests in America and other parts of the world, sparked by the May 25 death of a black man in Minneapolis, George Floyd, while in police custody.

Here are some excerpts from the interview with Bernice King, president of the King Center in Atlanta:

***Pope Francis launched an appeal after George***

***Floyd's death. He said that we cannot close our eyes before racism. At the same time he recalled that violence only leads to self-destruction. How did you receive his words which are so in tune with your father's?***

I agree with Pope Francis that violence only leads to self-destruction. Our means must cohere with our desired end, and if that desired end is peace, we certainly cannot achieve peace with violent methods. This is aligned with my father's beliefs, as well. He stated and believed, as do I, that "Nonviolence is the answer to the crucial political and moral questions of our time." In his last speech, I've been To The Mountaintop, delivered the night before he was assassinated, he said, "It is no longer a choice between violence and nonviolence in this world; it's nonviolence or nonexistence. That is where we are today." That is still where we are today. We are facing a choice between chaos or community. If we embrace violence, we are thereby selecting chaos, which ultimately leads to self-destruction in our World House. If we embrace nonviolence, we will advance in building a more just, equitable, humane, and peaceful world.

***Martin Luther King said: Justice "at its best is love correcting everything that stands against love." This is the heart of the message about the nonviolence your father embodied. How can we build this "revolution of tenderness," as Pope Francis calls it?***

I think that building a "revolution of tenderness," as Pope Francis called it, or a "revolution of values," as my father said, is contingent upon us realizing that there's learning involved in the revolution. We have to learn more about each other, learn more about the condition of humanity, learn how to, as my father said, "live together as brothers and sisters," so that we don't perish together as fools, and learn a way of engaging and destroying injustice and inhumanity without destroying each other. I believe that way is nonviolence. Kingian Nonviolence, which The King Center calls Nonviolence365, is the method of thinking and acting, inclusive of six principles and six steps, that can guide us in the revolution.

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Saturday Vigil at 4:00 PM  
Sunday

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

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**Save the date:**

**Sat. January 20 from 10 am to 1:30pm in Parish Hall**

**(Please Bring a "BROWN BAG" Lunch. Drinks will be provided)**

Our time together will consist of fellowship, teachings, and small group sharing.

#### Topics will include:

- Why we need a "Eucharistic Revival"
- What the Church teaches about the "Eucharist".
- Why Catholics believe in the Eucharistic Presence
- Eucharistic Miracles
- The call to Adoration

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Or for more information.

## Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

Eternal Father, We lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

01/14 • Rev. Connor Penn

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01/20 • Rev. Joseph Waters



January 14, 2024

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 | 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 | Jn 1:35-42

Written by  
THE  
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### GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

When Samuel hears the Lord speak in today's first reading, he mistakes it as Eli calling out to him in the temple. The third time Samuel asks if he called, Eli is wise enough to realize what is going on and guides Samuel: "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." Samuel required guidance because he "was not familiar with the Lord, because the Lord had not revealed anything to him as yet." In a similar way does the Apostle Andrew come to the Lord. In today's Gospel, Andrew didn't know who Jesus was until John the Baptist told him: "Behold, the Lamb of God." Andrew then began to follow Jesus, and to bring others to him. There may be times when we, like both of these men, need someone else to help us hear the call of the Lord clearly, or see his presence among us. Those who serve the Lord in this way are a great gift to us, and enable us to be that gift for others. Pray for the grace to hear what we need to hear, to see what we need to see, and to say to others, "come, we have found the Messiah."

### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Despite our best efforts, the time and attention we give to our lives of faith can ebb and flow. Sometimes we can feel so connected with God that we sense his presence everywhere. But there may also be times when God feels distant and we struggle to hear his voice. Notice in today's readings how Samuel "was not familiar with the Lord" but was sleeping in the temple, close to the ark; notice how Andrew was hanging around John the Baptist and immediately followed Christ when told who he was. We can see that, already before "knowing," is a "desire to know." The Lord created us, formed us into being, and calls us to a relationship with him. We are drawn to him even before we can see or know what he has revealed to us. He is our source, and our ultimate end. We seek eternal life with Christ and a path of holiness to help us on our way. The stories of Samuel and the disciple Andrew impress upon us that God is always near and calling to us – we simply must give him the opportunity to speak, sometimes when we least expect it.

**INVITATION** We are all called to a life of holiness. But it's not always easy to grow in holiness and strengthen one's relationship with God on our own. Consider reaching out to your parish and asking about spiritual direction – a spiritual director will help you fine tune your ears to be more attentive to the Lord's voice.



Samuel Preaching to the People, by John Singleton Copley, 1766



## **Are You Hoping to Receive One of the Seven Sacraments With Us?**

### **Matrimony**

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

### **Baptism**

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the pre-baptism class before scheduling a baptism.

### **Office Hours**

Monday—Friday 9-12 and 1-4  
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### ***Journeying Through Grief***

“Grief is not a sign of weakness. It is a tribute to the loved one who died, and a healthy response to our heart ache.”

If you would like to be part of a Grief-Support “group” or you would prefer “one on one” support, please call Rachel between 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the parish office, 727-867-3663

## **Mass Intentions**

### **Saturday, January 13, Memorial of Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

8:00 a.m. Robert Landry (liv.)

### **Saturday, January 13, Vigil for Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 p.m. James and Lucy Sovey (dec.)

### **Sunday, January 14, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Nathaniel Kuhlman (dec.)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Kiebert Seraphin and Family (dec. & liv.)

### **Monday, January 15, Second Week in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Marie and Walter Murray (dec.)

### **Tuesday, January 16, Second Week in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Ivan and Lucy Beddoe (dec.)

### **Wednesday, January 17, Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbot**

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Ann Marchese (dec.)

### **Thursday, January 18, Second Week in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. John Tomesco (dec.)

### **Friday, January 19, Second Week in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Daniel Wingenfeld (dec.)

### **Saturday, January 20, Memorial for Saint Sebastian, Martyr**

8:00 a.m. Karen Cronin (dec.)

### **Saturday, January 20, Vigil for Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

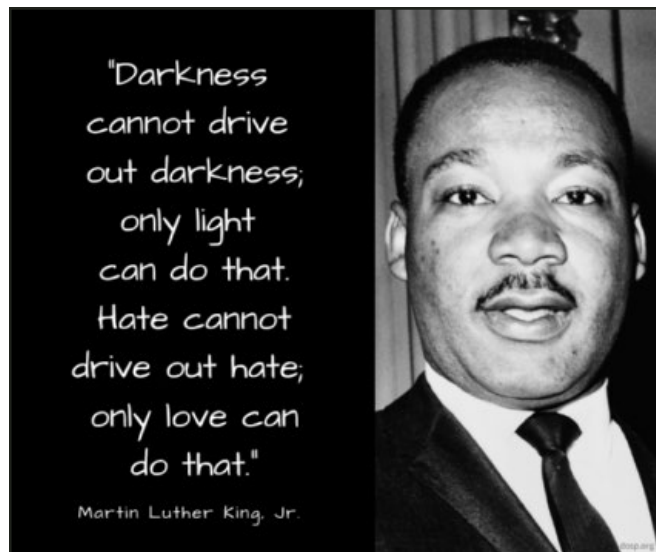
4:00 p.m. Lu Ann Kenning (dec.)

### **Sunday, January 21, The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Marlene Romani (dec.)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Gerald Hayman (dec.)



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Have you ever been somewhere public and days later others said they saw you there? You can find yourself surprised that they saw you and didn't say hello. However, at least they saw you. You, on the other hand, didn't even have any idea they were around you. You may have been oblivious to what was going on or those crossing your path on that day. You may have been forsaking that moment thinking about another time to come down the road.

Imagine being one of those who first encountered Jesus as he began his ministry. Would you have noticed? I would like to think that I would have rushed over to him to introduce myself. But on that day when he passed on by I just might have been caught up in life, unaware of all that was intersecting with my place in the world.

An everyday steward strives to live mindfully. The more mindful we are of all that is around us, the more grateful we find ourselves because we take things less for granted and the more open we are to the call of Jesus Christ. Every day Jesus crosses our path in the form of others. They may be in need or they may have a gift to offer us. Either way, without living in the present and taking in all that God has provided for us in the day, we can miss it. I would not want to hear afterwards that Jesus saw me and I was not paying attention enough to what was around me to notice.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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## Marriage Jubilee Mass

The Marriage Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving will take place at the Cathedral of St. Jude on Sunday, February 11 at 3:00 pm. This event honors couples throughout the diocese who will celebrate their 25th anniversary as well as those celebrating 50 or more years of marriage during the 2024 calendar year. To RSVP, please call our parish office by Tuesday January 16.



## Thank you!

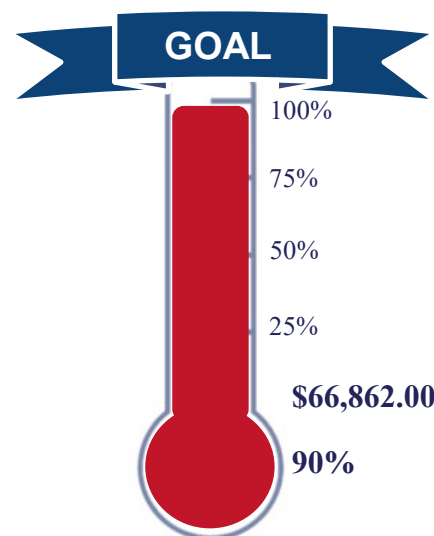


**Our final result for the Catholic Ministry Appeal for 2023 was \$66,862, which was 90% of our goal.**

Many thanks to all who contributed. We had 37% participation from our parishioners, which is considered very good in the diocese.

Our goal for 2024 is \$74,517, which is just slightly higher than for 2023. With a few more people contributing, that goal is within reach!

## Thank you for your prayerful giving!





## Upcoming Events

<b>Sunday, January 14</b> 8:30-11:00 am	K.O.C. Pancake Breakfast	PH
<b>Monday, January 15, Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b> Parish office will be closed.		
7:00 pm	"Life in the Spirit" Prayer Group	CYH
<b>Tuesday, January 16</b> 10:00-11:30 am	Scripture Class	CYH
<b>Thursday, January 18</b> 6:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	MR
<b>Saturday, January 20</b> 10:00 am	National Eucharistic Revival	PH
<b>Monday, January 22</b> 7:00 pm	"Life in the Spirit" Prayer Group	CYH
<b>Tuesday, January 23</b> 10:00-11:30 am	Scripture Class	CYH
<b>Thursday, January 25</b> 6:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	MR
<b>Friday, January 26</b> BT Social Group Meets after the 8:00 am Mass@ Kahwa Coffee 400 45th Ave S, St. Petersburg 33705		
<b>Saturday, January 27</b> 7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Sock Hop Dance	PH
<b>Sunday, January 28</b> 9:00 and 10:30 am	Coffee and Donuts	PH
<b>Monday, January 29</b> 7:00 pm	"Life in the Spirit" Prayer Group	CYH
<b>Tuesday, January 30</b> 10:00-11:30 am	Scripture Class	CYH
<b>Thursday, February 1</b> 6:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	MR
<b>Saturday, February 3</b> 5:00 pm	K.O.C. event: Fish n'Chicken Fry	PH
<b>Sunday, February 4</b> 9:00 and 10:30 am	Coffee and Donuts	PH
<b>Monday, February 5</b> 7:00 pm	"Life in the Spirit" Prayer group	CYH
<b>Tuesday, February 6</b> 10:00-11:30 am	Scripture Class	CYH
7:00 pm	K.O.C. Meeting	PH
<b>Thursday, February 8</b> 6:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	MR.

PH= Parish Hall, MR=Music Room, CYH= Courtyard Hall, CH=Church



## "Life in the Spirit" Prayer Group

Monday evenings at 7:00 pm in  
Courtyard Hall.  
**All are welcome!**  
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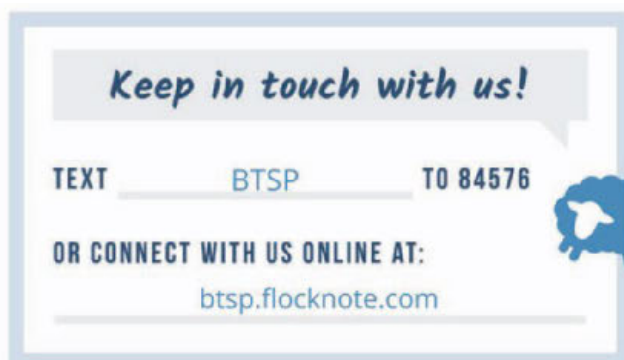


## Social Group

The Blessed Trinity Social Group is meeting regularly now. Please join us at the Kahwa coffee shop @ 400 45th Ave S, St. Petersburg, FL 33705 after the 8:00 am Mass on the Last Friday of each Month. Bring your ideas!

**Please note our next meeting will be Friday, January 26th.**

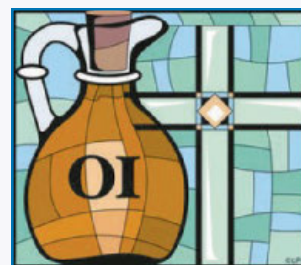
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