



**SHRINE CHURCH OF
OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS**
A MISSION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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Sunday, January 14, 2024

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.



MASS INTENTIONS

January 14

9:00 am English Mass

✠ *Maggie Gilroy* by Maureen Jeffers
*In thanksgiving for the generosity of
our parishioners*

✠ *Bob McGraw* by Sandy and John McGraw

11:00 am Spanish Mass

For the birthdays of *Miguel Fabian, Debbie Klose,*
and *Miguel A. Torres*

*In thanksgiving for the generosity of
our parishioners*

January 21

9:00 am English Mass

11:00 am Spanish Mass

SHARING OUR TREASURE

~ Giving as an act of Worship ~

*We need at least \$2,750.00 per week in the collections to
break even, not counting unexpected maintenance costs.*

Collection Information for January 7, 2024

Regular Offertory: \$1368 (\$50 Christmas)

Total: \$1368

If you are unable to attend Mass, please mail checks to
274 Sherman St., Albany, NY 12206. *Do not mail cash.*

Mission Statement

*"We are a vibrant, welcoming, multi-cultural Catholic
community in the heart of the City of Albany
celebrating and ministering the presence of Jesus
with our parishioners and neighbors."*

DIRECTORY

SHRINE CHAPLAIN: *Rev. Francis O'Connor*
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 14

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Sunday, January 21

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

LECTIO DIVINA

English: <https://catholic.bible/category/lectio-divina/>

Spanish: <https://catholic.bible/lectio-divina-en-espanol/>

Sunday, January 21

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jon 3:1-5, 10

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel: St. Mark 1:14-20

Scam Alert: If you receive an email or text from
Fr. O'Connor or Fr. Dan requesting money or gift cards be
sent to anyone in need, **It is a scam.**

Hospital Visits: Please notify our Shrine Church Office at
518-465-3685 and/or Fr. O'Connor at 518-588-2531 or
Deacon Fabian or our Pastoral Associate Alejandra
Saucedo about any member of our community who is in the
hospital or is homebound and not able to come to church.

View Masses Online on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/shrinechurchofourladyoftheamericas/>

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Tax Statements: "If you would like a 2023 tax statement for your donations, please call the Shrine office or email your request to mfredette103@gmail.com."

Tea & Short Reads: Please join Father Dan once again for another round of Tea & Short Reads! This time, in addition to delicious teas, we will have poems, essays, and short stories to share — all with a Christian theme. Our meetings will be held on the Wednesdays of January at the Pine Hills branch of the Albany Public Library, 517 Western Ave., at 12:30 p.m. Follow this link for access to each session's readings:
<https://blessedsacramentalbany.org/tea-short-reads/>

Pope Francis Speaks of Martin Luther King Jr.

One of the most inspiring moments of King's life was the August 28, 1963, March on Washington, and his "I Have a Dream" speech, where he stated, "I have a dream that my four 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."

Pope Francis noted the importance of King's dream, one that continues to inspire Americans and people from around the world to this day:

"Here too I think of the march which Martin Luther King led from Selma to Montgomery fifty years ago as part of the campaign to fulfill his "dream" of full civil and political rights for African Americans. That dream continues to inspire us all. I am happy that America continues to be, for many, a land of "dreams". Dreams which lead to action, to participation, to commitment. Dreams which awaken what is deepest and truest in the life of a people."

King's call for racial equality is echoed in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. "Created in the image of the one God and equally endowed with rational souls, all men have the same nature and the same origin. Redeemed by the sacrifice of Christ, all are called to participate in the same divine beatitude: all therefore enjoy an equal dignity." (CCC 1934).

In his remarks, Pope Francis noted that King's message of equality is rooted in the Gospel passage of the Golden Rule. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" (Mt 7:12).



MLK Interfaith Celebration

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Interfaith Celebration will be held **January 15 at 7:00pm** at **First Church in Albany (Reformed)**. This year's speaker is Rev. Dr. Mashona Walston Senior Minister of First Church in Albany. Music will be provided by The Festival Celebration Choir, the ecumenical choir of New York State's Capital Region.

2024 MLK Scholarships

Last spring, five scholarships of \$4,000 each were given to graduating seniors to attend their first year in college. We hope churches and individuals will support our efforts again. To raise \$20,000, we are requesting that each church donate \$200 or more and as many individuals as possible donate \$25 or more. Please support us in this effort. Checks can be sent to CACC, 646 State St., Albany, NY 12203.

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Name: _____ () I am new to the parish.
Address: _____ () Send me "The Evangelist".
Phone: _____ Email: _____ () Please send church envelopes.