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We are a Catholic parish where people experience Jesus Christ in a way that changes how they live.

## Regular Mass Schedule

Saturday no live-stream.....	4:30 PM
Misa en español/Mass in Spanish .....	6:30 PM
Sunday: Masses in English with live-stream.....	8:00 & 10:00 AM
Monday, Wednesday, Friday with live-stream .....	8:30 AM
Tuesday with live-stream .....	5:30 PM
Thursday with live-stream .....	7:30 AM

## Confession

Saturdays, 3:15–4:10 PM

Sundays, 9:00–9:50 AM

## Prayer, Devotion, and Adoration

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Monday after Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Wednesday after Mass

Morning Prayer: Thursday after Mass

Rosary in English: Friday, 8:05 AM

Adoration: Monday, 2:00–4:00 PM

Tuesday, 4:15–5:15 PM

Friday, 9:00–10:00 AM

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**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**



**En aquel tiempo, estaba Juan el Bautista con dos de sus discípulos, y fijando los ojos en Jesús, que pasaba, dijo: "Este es el Cordero de Dios". Los dos discípulos, al oír estas palabras, siguieron a Jesús.**

**Jn 1, 35-37**

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

**Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario  
17 de enero de 2021**



## Fr. Bart Timmerman, Pastor

### Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Please see Dcn. Jerome's article for a reflection on the Sunday readings. This Sunday we return to Ordinary Time before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17. Ordinary Time refers to all of those parts of the Catholic Church's liturgical year that aren't included in the major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. The USCCB describes it in this way:

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Christmas Time and Easter Time highlight the central mysteries of the Paschal Mystery, namely, the incarnation, death on the cross, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time, on the other hand, take us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ.

Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ. The goal, toward which all of history is directed, is represented by the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

(United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Website)

We are growing the theme of "Making Sundays Special" by rolling out booklets and Prayer Kits for each parish family. There is nothing ordinary about Ordinary Time! When we use our time to grow in love for God and others, time is extraordinary!

Dorothy Day wrote this about time: "We must practice the presence of God. He said that when two or three are gathered together, there He is in the midst of them. He is with us in our kitchens, at our tables, on our breadlines, with our visitors, on our farms. When we pray for our material needs, it brings us close to His humanity. He, too, needed food and shelter; He, too, warmed His hands at a fire and lay down in a boat to sleep."

### U.S. Bishops' President Calls for Building the "Beloved Community,"

#### Inspired by Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Example

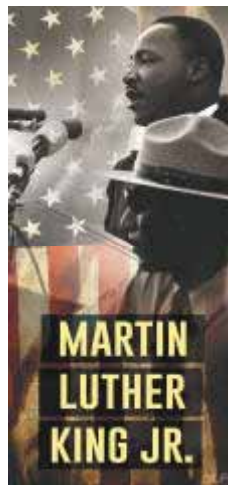
Archbishop Gomez's full statement follows:

As our nation prepares to commemorate the life and witness of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., we are grateful for his courageous stand in solidarity with all who suffer in-justice and his witness of love and nonviolence in the struggle for social change. But we are once again painfully aware that we are still far off from his dream for America, the 'beloved community' for which he gave his life.

We have come a long way in our country, but we have not come nearly far enough. Too many hearts and minds are clouded by racist presumptions of privilege and too many injustices in our society are still rooted in racism and discrimination. Too many young African American men are still being killed in our streets or spending their best years behind bars. Many minority neighborhoods in this country are still what they were in Rev. King's time, what he called 'lonely islands of poverty.' Let us recommit ourselves to ensuring opportunity reaches every community.

In recent years, we have seen disturbing outbreaks of racism and prejudice against other groups. There has been a rise of anti-Semitic attacks and also ugly displays of white nationalism, nativism, and violence targeting Hispanics and other immigrants. Such bigotry is not worthy of a great nation. As Catholics and as Americans, we must reject every form of racism and anti-Semitism.

Racism is a sin that denies the truth about God and his creation, and it is a scandal that disfigures the beauty of America's founding vision. In



## Prayer for Life

For public servants and elected officials: May God grant them the humility, wisdom, and courage to defend all human life; We pray to the Lord:



## Prayer for Justice

For followers of Christ: That we may have the courage to give voice to his teachings and urge elected officials to pass legislation that protects the most vulnerable. We pray to the Lord:

## Parish Office Hours

The parish office next to the Gathering Area will be open as follows:

- Monday - Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Thursday: 9:00AM - noon and 3:00 - 5:00 PM
- Friday: 9:00 AM - noon

The church will still be open for individual prayer, and you can drop off papers, offerings, and small items through the document drop slot in the wall of the Gathering Area or on the table in the hall outside the office door.

our 2018 pastoral letter on racism, my brother bishops and I stated: 'What is needed, and what we are calling for, is a genuine conversion of heart, a conversion that will compel change and the reform of our institutions and society.'

Let us honor the memory of Rev. King by returning to what he called 'the best in the American dream and the most sacred values in our Judeo-Christian heritage.' Let us commit ourselves once more to building his 'beloved community,' an America where all men and women are treated as children of God, made in his image and endowed with dignity, equality, and rights that can never be denied, no matter the color of their skin, the language they speak, or the place they were born."

*The U.S. Bishops' 2018 pastoral letter on racism, "Open Wide Your Hearts: The Enduring Call of Love," and other resources from the Ad Hoc Committee on Racism can be found at: [www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/racism/index.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/racism/index.cfm).*

### This Year's Spaghetti Supper is Cancelled Due to the Pandemic

We have cancelled our annual Spaghetti Supper in Honor of our Patron Saint, St. Thomas Aquinas. I hope that we will be able to continue this wonderful tradition in 2022. Let us continue to pray for one another and for our beloved parish family of St. Thomas Aquinas. Thank you for all that you do to support our mission to love God, love others, and make disciples!



## Bishop Hying on “Go Make Disciples”



Do Prayer is to our soul what eating is to the body. A life without prayer quickly becomes aimless and lost. Prayer is the compass that keeps us focused on our pilgrimage to the Lord; it elevates the heart, gives peace to the soul and roots us in the eternal, as we make our way through this passing and challenging world.

All of those things sound wonderful...who doesn't love to eat, to have peace, and to feel rooted when going through the storm? Ask God to grace you with those gifts during your daily time of prayer.

*From Bishop Hying, in Go Make Disciples Newsletter, October 2020, No.6*



## Gospel Reflection By Dcn. Jerome Buhman

“What are you looking for?”

This question is Jesus' first words in the Gospel of John. Though he was asking this of Andrew and John (according to tradition), it is also a question addressed directly to us. What are we looking for?

While it certainly is a question that calls for reflection about that which we ultimately seek, I don't want to focus on that aspect today. I want to look at the form of the question itself. Notice that Jesus does not ask “who are you” or even “what is it you want,” he asks “what are you looking for.” This phrasing implies action on the part of the seeker. Andrew and John are actively seeking to know Jesus, spurred on by John the Baptist who identified him for them. They seek an encounter with him, to get to better know him.

This leads us to the question for ourselves: how active are we in our daily lives to “look for” Jesus? In what ways do we vigorously seek out an encounter with him every day? Being a Christian is not a passive existence or just a name badge we wear; it is a call to action. It is a reminder to us to seek the Lord in all that we do.

Today Jesus asks us a question. It is not a one-time or a once-a-week question; Jesus asks us each and every day: “What are you looking for?”

## Baptism Prep. Sessions and Baptism Ritual

If you are looking to baptize your first child, please contact Deacon Jerome at [dcn.jerome@stamadison.org](mailto:dcn.jerome@stamadison.org) to learn how to attend an online Baptism Preparation session.



Regarding the Baptisms: although public celebrations of Masses are still very small, Father Bart can celebrate the ritual of Baptism without a Mass. There are specific guidelines to follow if you choose to baptize your child during these moments of the pandemic. Please contact Dcn. Jerome to start the conversation. Praying for all our young families!

## Weekly Offertory Update

Week Ending January	Income*	Monthly Budget Projection	Make Disciples Capital Campaign (MDCC)	MDCC Endowment
3	\$13,188		\$19,215	\$40
10	\$9,497		\$2,150	\$20
17				
24				
31				
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,685</b>	<b>\$89,283</b>	<b>\$21,365</b>	<b>\$60</b>

\*Envelopes, stock gifts, PayPal Credit/Debit and ACH online, ACH monthly withdrawals, plus Loose Offertory (cash)

## Counters Schedule

Monday, January 18: Aeki Baik or Barbara Rudin

Monday, January 25: Dick Ihlenfeld or Carol Sawyer

## 2021 Diocese of Madison Annual Catholic Appeal Begins

### Please Make a Generous Pledge

This week, parishioners throughout the Diocese will receive a mailing asking for a pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal to support the ministries of the Diocese of Madison.

Please prayerfully consider making a pledge payable over 6-months to the appeal. Your gift will help enable the diocese to reach its goal and provide for many ministries, education and services throughout the Diocese.

Thank you for your continuing support of our parish, diocese and the work of the Church throughout the world.

## Getting Ready to Make Sundays Special

What's this? You'll find out pretty soon!

Recently Bishop Hying has urged us to reclaim Sundays. Sundays are a day for us to spend time nurturing our relationship with God, family, and friends – as Bishop says they are meant to be “days free of servile work, dedicated to worship, prayer, time spent with family and friends, rest, study and works of charity.” Sunday is a gift to us from God.

Watch for a booklet about how to Make Sundays Special to arrive in your mailbox the week of January 18.

And after that, to support you in your efforts, the parish will be providing a kit of materials to help create a home altar, and seasonal ideas for throughout the year. Keep your eyes and ears open for more information!



## Historical Offertory Update

Total Offertory including envelopes, stock gifts, PayPal Credit/Debit and ACH online, manual credit/debit, ACH monthly withdrawals, plus Loose Offertory (cash)			Variance 2020 compared with 2019
Month	2020	2019	
January	\$87,215.15	\$82,218.80	\$4,996.35
February	\$90,682.78	\$88,043.67	\$2,639.11
March	\$79,747.02	\$60,902.37	\$18,844.65
April	\$137,854.60	\$107,452.44	\$30,402.16
May	\$94,901.60	\$99,707.85	(\$4,806.25)
June	\$96,913.45	\$91,942.95	\$4,970.50
July	\$77,585.23	\$86,839.22	(\$9,253.99)
August	\$99,641.91	\$88,599.46	\$11,042.45
September	\$98,954.73	\$107,051.49	(\$8,096.76)
October	\$93,553.50	\$76,329.16	\$17,224.34
November	\$102,175.30	\$101,536.27	\$639.03
December	\$153,882.18	\$196,718.89	(\$42,836.71)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,213,107.45</b>	<b>\$1,187,342.57</b>	<b>\$25,764.88</b>



Above reflects offertory received in 2020 compared with 2019 on a monthly and annual basis. As you can see, our parishioners showed an amazing level of stewardship and determination during the COVID-19 pandemic. Although we faced an uncertain time in our lives, we gave testament to the need for St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Parish to sustain our operations and continue our mission. The column on the right shows the variance between 2020 compared with 2019. Our offertory declined significantly in March 2020 when we were unable to have in-person Masses. Our parishioners responded abundantly to Father Bart's request for support. Again in December 2020 we received \$42,836.71 less than we received in December 2019. Overall for the entire year, however, we received \$25,764.88 more in 2020 than in 2019.

This article represents only offertory income. Soon we will share a more detailed reporting of our income and expenses from 2020. Thank you for your generosity and perseverance in the face of adversity. Let us go forward in 2021 with the same level of stewardship and love for each other.

## Martin Luther King Day

### Monday, January 18

The Justice and Peace Committee encourages prayer, study and action on Monday, January 18 in remembrance of the work of civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. This is an opportunity to recommit to making a difference on the issue of systemic racism.

You can find out about virtual events at [mlkcoalition.org](http://mlkcoalition.org), including the 36th Annual King Holiday Observance, at 6:30 PM on January 18, with keynote speaker Eddie S. Glaude, Jr., author, professor, and chair of the Department of African-American Studies at Princeton University.

You might also consider watching a video of MLK's "I have a Dream" speech or reread the speech. Both are readily available online.

Start your day with prayer and end the day with a commitment to learn more about and take action on racial disparities.

## Dismantling Racism in My Family of God

Dear God,

In the effort to dismantle racism, I understand that I struggle not merely against flesh and blood but against powers and principalities – those institutions and systems that keep racism alive by perpetuating the lie that some members of our family are inferior and others superior.

Create in me a new mind and heart that will enable me to see brothers and sisters in the faces of those divided by racial categories.

Give me the grace and strength to rid myself of racial stereotypes that oppress some in my family while providing entitlements to others.

Help me to create a nation that embraces the hopes and fears of oppressed people of color where we live, as well as those around the world.

Help me to heal your family making me one with you and empowered by your Holy Spirit.

Adapted by Debra Mooney, PhD from Pax Christi

## The Supreme Court and Abortion: When might Roe be overturned?

### Tuesday January 19, 6:30 PM

Please join us for a Zoom presentation by Barbara Sella to discuss the Supreme Court environment and pending cases that could provide challenges to Roe vs. Wade. Barbara works for the Wisconsin Catholic Conference (WCC), the public policy voice of the Wisconsin bishops since 1969.

Barbara Sella is the Associate Director for Respect Life and Social Concerns at the Wisconsin Catholic Conference, where she has worked since 2002. She is a member of Good Shepherd Parish in Madison.

For the Zoom link, please contact Greg Chesmore at [gchesmore@yahoo.com](mailto:gchesmore@yahoo.com).

*La carta del Padre Bart empezó en la página 6*

“El racismo es un pecado que niega la verdad sobre Dios y su creación, y es un escándalo que desfigura la belleza de la visión fundadora de Estados Unidos. En nuestra carta pastoral de 2018 sobre el racismo, mis hermanos obispos y yo dijimos: ‘Lo que se necesita, y lo que pedimos, es una conversión genuina del corazón, una conversión que impulse el cambio y la reforma de nuestras instituciones y la sociedad.’”

“Honremos la memoria del Rev. King volviendo a lo que él llamó ‘lo mejor del sueño americano y los valores más sagrados de nuestra herencia judeocristiana.’ Comprometámonos una vez más a construir su ‘amada comunidad,’ una América donde todos los hombres y mujeres sean tratados como hijos de Dios, hechos a su imagen y dotados de dignidad, igualdad y derechos que nunca podrán ser negados, sin importar el color de su piel, el idioma que hablen o el lugar donde nació.”

*La carta pastoral de 2018 de los obispos de EE. UU. sobre el racismo, “Open Wide Your Hearts: The Enduring Call of Love” y otros recursos del Comité Ad Hoc sobre el Racismo se pueden encontrar aquí: [www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/racism/index.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/racism/index.cfm).*

### **La Cena de Espagueti de este año se Canceló debido a la Pandemia**

Hemos cancelado nuestra Cena anual de Espagueti que usualmente hacíamos en honor a nuestro santo patrón, Santo Tomás de Aquino. Espero que podamos continuar con esta maravillosa tradición en 2022. Sigamos orando unos por otros y por nuestra querida familia parroquial de Santo Tomás de Aquino. ¡Gracias por todo lo que hacen para apoyar nuestra misión de amar a Dios, amar a los demás y hacer discípulos!

## **Reflexión del Evangelio**

### **Diácono Jerome Buhman**

“¿Qué estás buscando?”

Esta pregunta son las primeras palabras de Jesús en el Evangelio de Juan. Aunque les estaba preguntando esto a Andrés y Juan (según la tradición), también es una pregunta dirigida directamente a nosotros. ¿Qué estamos buscando?

Si bien ciertamente es una pregunta que requiere una reflexión sobre lo que en última instancia buscamos, no quiero centrarme en ese aspecto hoy. Quiero mirar la forma de la pregunta en sí. Note que Jesús no pregunta “¿quién eres?” O incluso “¿qué es lo que quieres,” él pregunta “¿qué estás buscando.” Esta redacción implica acción por parte del buscador. Andrés y Juan buscan activamente conocer a Jesús, impulsados por Juan el Bautista, quien lo identificó por ellos. Buscan un encuentro con Él, para conocerlo mejor.

Esto nos lleva a la pregunta para nosotros mismos: ¿qué tan activos somos en nuestra vida diaria para “buscar” a Jesús? ¿De qué manera buscamos vigorosamente un encuentro con Él todos los días? Ser cristiano no es una existencia pasiva o simplemente una placa de identificación que usamos; es un llamado a la acción. Es un recordatorio para nosotros de buscar al Señor en todo lo que hacemos.

Hoy Jesús nos hace una pregunta. No es una pregunta de una sola vez o una vez a la semana; Jesús nos pregunta todos los días: “¿Qué buscas?”



## **Mass Intentions for This Week**

### **Saturday, January 16**

4:30 PM Margaret Petron

6:30 PM Bill and Lexy Rotzoll ☩

### **Sunday, January 17: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

10:00 AM Yolanda Busse ☩

### **Monday, January 18: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Martin Luther King Day**

8:30 AM Mary Jo Dalton ☩

### **Tuesday, January 19**

5:30 PM 90th Birthday of Leo Walsh

### **Wednesday, January 20: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr**

8:30 AM Dick Genske ☩

### **Thursday, January 21: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr**

7:30 AM Kreuser Family Living and Deceased

### **Friday, January 22: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

8:30 AM Errol Roy ☩

### **Saturday, January 23**

4:30 PM Marv Prue ☩

6:30 PM Fr. Donald Murray ☩

### **Sunday, January 24: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

10:00 AM George Ingwell and the Living and Deceased members of the Alighieri Family ☩

## **Readings for the Week of January 17**

**Sunday:** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/

1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

**Monday:** Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday:** Heb 7:25 - 8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12

**Friday:** Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [11a]/Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday:** Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Mk 3:20-21

**Next Sunday:** Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

## **Las lecturas de la semana del 17 de enero**

**Domingo:** 1 Sm 3, 3-10. 19/Sal 39, 2. 4. 7-8. 8-9. 10 [8. 9]/1 Cor 6, 13-15. 17-20/  
Jn 1, 35-42

**Lunes:** Heb 5, 1-10/Sal 109, 1. 2. 3. 4 [4]/Mc 2, 18-22

**Martes:** Heb 6, 10-20/Sal 110, 1-2. 4-5. 9 y 10 [5]/Mc 2, 23-28

**Miércoles:** Heb 7, 1-3. 15-17/Sal 109, 1. 2. 3. 4 [4]/Mc 3, 1-6

**Jueves:** Heb 7, 25—8, 6/Sal 39, 7-8. 8-9. 10. 17 [8 y 9]/Mc 3, 7-12

**Viernes:** Heb 8, 6-13/Sal 84, 8 y 10. 11-12. 13-14 [11]/Mc 3, 13-19

**Sábado:** Heb 9, 2-3. 11-14/Sal 46, 2-3. 6-7. 8-9 [6]/Mc 3, 20-21

**Domingo siguiente:** Jon 3, 1-5. 10/Sal 24, 4-5. 6-7. 8-9 [4]/1 Cor 7, 29-31/  
Mc 1, 14-20



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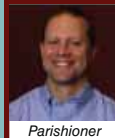
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#### Segundo Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario

Vea el artículo del diácono Jerome para una reflexión sobre las lecturas dominicales. Este domingo regresamos al Tiempo Ordinario antes de que comience la Cuaresma el Miércoles de Ceniza, 17 de febrero de 2021. El Tiempo Ordinario se refiere a todas aquellas partes del año litúrgico de la Iglesia Católica que no están incluidas en las épocas principales de Adviento, Navidad, Cuaresma, y Semana Santa. La USCCB lo describe de esta manera:

El tiempo de Navidad y el tiempo de Pascua resaltan los misterios centrales del misterio pascual, a saber, la encarnación, la muerte en la cruz, la resurrección y la ascensión de Jesucristo, y el descenso del Espíritu Santo en Pentecostés. Los domingos y semanas del tiempo ordinario, por otro lado, nos llevan a través de la vida de Cristo. Este es el momento de la conversión. Esto es vivir la vida de Cristo.

El tiempo ordinario es un tiempo de crecimiento y maduración, un tiempo en el que el misterio de Cristo está llamado a penetrar cada vez más profundamente en la historia hasta que todas las cosas sean finalmente recogidas en Cristo. La meta, hacia la que se dirige toda la historia, está representada por el último Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario, la Solemnidad de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo.

(Sitio web de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos)

A medida que continuamos nuestra jornada de fe aquí en STA, estamos desarrollando el tema de “Haz del Domingo un Día Especial” a medida que lanzamos los folletos y los paquetes de oración para cada familia en la parroquia. ¡No hay nada ordinario en el Tiempo Ordinario! Cuando usamos nuestro tiempo para crecer en amor por Dios y por los demás, ¡el tiempo es extraordinario!

Dorothy Day escribió esto sobre el tiempo: “Debemos practicar la presencia de Dios. Dijo que cuando dos o tres se juntan, allí está Él en medio de ellos. Él está con nosotros en nuestras cocinas, en nuestras mesas, en nuestras líneas del supermercado, con nuestros visitantes, en nuestras granjas. Cuando oramos por nuestras necesidades materiales, nos acercamos a Su humani-



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dad. Él también necesitaba comida y refugio; Él también se calentó las manos en el fuego y se acostó en un bote a dormir.”

## El presidente de los obispos de EE. UU. pide la construcción de la “amada comunidad,” inspirado en el ejemplo del reverendo Martin Luther King, Jr.

La declaración completa del Arzobispo Gómez sigue a continuación:

“Mientras nuestra nación se prepara para conmemorar la vida y el testimonio del Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., estamos agradecidos por su valiente posición en solidaridad con todos los que sufren la injusticia y su testimonio de amor y no violencia en la lucha por el cambio social. Pero una vez más somos dolorosamente conscientes de que todavía estamos lejos de su sueño para los Estados Unidos, la “comunidad amada” por la que dio su vida.

“Hemos recorrido un largo camino en nuestro país, pero no lo suficientemente lejos. Demasiados corazones y mentes están nublados por presunciones racistas de privilegio y demasiadas injusticias en nuestra sociedad todavía tienen sus raíces en el racismo y la discriminación. Demasiados jóvenes afroamericanos siguen siendo asesinados en nuestras calles o pasan sus mejores años tras las rejas. Muchos vecindarios de minorías en este país siguen siendo lo que eran en la época del reverendo King, lo que él llamó “islas solitarias de pobreza.” Volvamos a comprometernos a garantizar que las oportunidades lleguen a todas las comunidades.

“En los últimos años, hemos visto brotes inquietantes de racismo y prejuicios contra otros grupos. Ha habido un aumento de ataques antisemitas y también horribles demostraciones de nacionalismo blanco, nativismo y violencia contra los hispanos y otros inmigrantes. Tal intolerancia no es digna de una gran nación. Como católicos y como estadounidenses, debemos rechazar toda forma de racismo y antisemitismo.

*La carta del Padre Bart continúa en la página 5*