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Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial in Washington, D.C., Aug. 1, 2022 (NCR photo/Teresa Malcolm)

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A national listing of Church-relevant events honoring the life and legacy of the African-American martyr slain for the cause of civil rights.

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## National

- 1/15 (virtual): [MLK Health Equity Symposium](#) with Trinity Health at 11am ET.

## Albany

- 1/15: [MLK interfaith celebration](#) at Congregation Beth Emeth at 7pm ET.
- 1/17: [STOP Conference](#) at Siena College in Loudonville at 8am ET.
- 2/11: "[The Struggle Makes You Stronger: Lessons Dr. King Taught Me](#)" keynote at Siena College in Loudonville with Nancy Giles at 7pm ET.

## Arlington

- 1/19: [MLK Mass](#) at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More with Bishop Michael Burbidge at 11am ET. Reception to follow.

## Atlanta

- 1/18: [MLK Mass](#) at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Decatur with Archbishop Gregory Hartmayer, OFM Conv. and homilist Dcn Royce Winters at 1pm ET.
- 1/19: [MLK youth celebration](#) at St. John the Evangelist Catholic School in Hapeville at 3pm ET.

## Austin

- 11/18: [MLK commemoration](#) at St. Thomas More Catholic Church with keynote speaker Dr. Christopher Pichon at 11am CT.

## Baltimore

- 1/20: [MLK and Msgr Edward Michael Miller Peace Walk](#) at St. Bernardine Catholic Church with Bishops of Baltimore, Msgr Richard Bozzelli, and guest speaker Councilman Paris Gray at 12pm ET.

## Beaumont

- 1/18: [MLK Mass](#) at the St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica with Bishop David Toups at 4pm CT. RSVP for reception to follow.

## Birmingham

- 3/1: [MLK prayer breakfast](#) at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Hoover at 10am ET.

## Bismarck

- 1/20: [MLK observance](#) at the University of Mary's Lumen Vitae University Center Starion LivingRoom with Derrick Dixon at 10am CT.

## Boston

- 1/20: [MLK prayer breakfast](#) at St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Church with the Rev. Dr. Gregory G. Groover Sr. and the Archdiocese of Boston Black Catholic Choir at 9am ET.
- 1/20: [MLK interfaith prayer service](#) at First Baptist Church in Duxbury at 10am ET.
- 1/20: [Metrowest MLK breakfast](#) at Weston United Methodist Church in Weston at 9am ET. Tickets required. (Co-sponsored by the St. Julia's Roman Catholic Church Social Justice Commission.)

## Bridgeport

- 1/20: [MLK celebration](#) at the Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts in Fairfield with speaker Dr. Brandon Frame at 1pm ET.

## Brooklyn

- 1/19: [MLK Mass](#) at Our Lady of the Presentation-Mercy with Fr Chuks Mueme, SJ at 9am ET.
- 1/20: [MLK Mass](#) at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church with Bishop Robert J. Brennan at 12pm ET.

## Buffalo

- 1/19: [MLK concert and Mass](#) at St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church with Bishop Michael W. Fisher and homilist Fr Kareem Smith at 9:15am ET. Reception to follow.

## Burlington

- 1/20-23: [MLK celebrations](#) at St. Michael's College.

## Chicago

- 1/15 (hybrid): [Ecumenical MLK celebration](#) at the Lutheran School of Theology Chapel.
- 1/18: [MLK celebration and film screening](#) at Catholic Theological Union with speakers Mario Salas and Dr. James Garrett at 11am CT.
- 1/12-2/7: [African-American speaking series](#) on Sundays at St. Sabina Catholic Church.

## Cincinnati

- ["Keep the Dream Alive" MLK awards ceremony](#) at the Church of the Resurrection with keynote speaker Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney at 3pm ET.

## Cleveland

- 1/20: [MLK Mass](#) at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist with Bishop Michael G. Woost and homilist Fr Carl Gales, SVD at 10am ET.
- 1/20 (hybrid): [MLK celebration](#) at St Francis Xavier Catholic Church with speaker Dcn Paul Kipfstuhl in Medina at 7pm ET. Reception to follow.

## Columbus

- 1/16 (hybrid): [MLK Commemorative Celebration](#) at Trinity Episcopal Church with awardee Dcn Royce Winters at 12pm ET.

## Denver

- 1/20: [MLK Mass](#) at Curé d'Ars Catholic Church with Bishop Jorge Rodríguez-Novelo at 9am MT. Reception to follow.

## Detroit

- 1/18-20: [MLK Service Days](#) in the Archdiocese of Detroit.
- 1/20: [Mass for Justice and Peace](#) at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament with Bishop John M. Quinn at 9:30am ET.

## Dubuque

- 1/20: [Annual MLK breakfast](#) at Mount Mercy University's Betty Cherry Heritage Hall with keynote speaker Andre Wright at 8:30am CT.

## Fort Wayne-South Bend

- 1/16: "[Celebration for a King](#)" at St. Augustine Catholic Church in South Bend with the South Bend Symphony Orchestra at 7pm ET.
- 1/26-2/1: [Walk the Walk Week](#) at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend.

## Fort Worth

- 1/18: [MLK Mass](#) at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Arlington with Bishop Michael F. Olson at 5:30pm CT.

## Galveston-Houston

- 1/18: [MLK breakfast](#) at St. Monica Catholic Church in Houston with Knights of Peter Claver Junior Branch and Court #151 at 11am CT.
- 1/19: [MLK Mass of Remembrance](#) at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Houston with Cardinal Daniel DiNardo and homilist Dcn Will Hunter at 3pm CT.
- 1/20: [MLK scholarship breakfast](#) at Knanaya Catholic Community Center in Missouri City with the NAACP Missouri City and Vicinity Branch at 8am CT.

## Helena

- 1/20: [MLK community celebration](#) at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Missoula at 4pm MT. Community social to follow.

## Jackson

- 1/18: [MLK celebration](#) at the Cathedral of St. Peter with Judge Constance Slaughter Harvey at 1pm ET.

## La Crosse

- 1/20: [MLK Day of Service, Learning, and Celebration](#) at Viterbo University.

## Lafayette

- 1/17: [MLK Mass and award celebration](#) at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist with Bishop Douglas Deshotel at 6:30pm ET.
- 1/20: [MLK prayer breakfast](#) at St. Edward Catholic Church in New Iberia with Dr. James Gray at 9am CT.
- 1/20: [MLK grand parade](#) at South City Park in Opelousas with keynote speaker Judge Shaun Caillier Harden at 1pm ET.

## Lansing

- 1/19: [MLK Mass and meal](#) at St. Francis Catholic Church in Ann Arbor at 5pm ET.

## Little Rock

- 1/18: [MLK Mass](#) at the Cathedral of St. Andrew with Bishop Anthony B. Taylor at 4:30pm CT.

## Los Angeles

- 1/14: “[Keeping Dr. King’s Message of Hope Alive in 2025](#)” event at Loyola Marymount University’s University Hall 1857 at 7pm PT.
- 1/19: [MLK benefit concert and evening of solidarity](#) at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church with Bob Hurd and Trevor Thompson in Pasadena at 5pm PT.
- 1/20: [MLK Mass](#) at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels with Archbishop José H. Gómez at 3pm PT.

## Lexington

- 1/19: MLK Mass at St. Peter Claver Catholic Church with Fr John Judie at 10am ET.
- 1/19: [MLK Ecumenical Community Worship Service](#) at Central Christian Church with Rev. Dr. Delesslyn Audra Kennebrew at 6pm ET.

## Louisville

- 1/20: [MLK celebration](#) at the Cathedral of the Assumption with Archbishop Shelton Fabre at 10am ET.
- 1/20: [Annual MLK Celebration](#) at St. Monica Catholic Church in Bardstown with Pastor Michael Caldwell of Pleasant Union Baptist Church at 12pm ET.

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## Memphis

- 1/20: [MLK Mass](#) at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception with Bishop Emeritus J. Terry Steib, SVD at 10am CT.

## Milwaukee

- 1/18: [MLK memorial prayer service](#) at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church with Fr Fred Alexandder, OCD at 1:30pm CT.

## Mobile

- 1/17: [MLK community celebration](#) at the Davis Theatre for the Performing Arts including participants from Holy Spirit and Resurrection Catholic Churches at 10am and 7pm ET.

## New York

- [MLK interfaith prayer service](#) at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Harlem with keynote speaker Rev. LaKeesha Walrond at 11am ET.

## Newark

- 1/20 (hybrid): [MLK Symposium](#) at Seton Hall University's Bethany Hall with Dr. Drew Hart at 8:30am ET. Registration required.
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## Oakland

- 1/19-2/23: [African-American celebrations series](#) at St. Columba Catholic Church.
- 1/20: [MLK Mass and prayer breakfast](#) at St. Benedict Catholic Church at 9am PT.

## Omaha

- 1/15-21: [MLK Week](#) events at Creighton University.

## Orlando

- 1/20: MLK breakfast at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Altamonte Springs with AdventHealth Seminole County at 7:30am ET.



## Palm Beach

- 1/20: [MLK fellowship dinner](#) at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Lake Worth Beach at 4pm ET.

## Pensacola-Tallahassee

- 1/18: [MLK luncheon](#) at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Pensacola with Dr. Lonnie D. Wesley at 12pm ET.

## Philadelphia

- 1/19: [Annual MLK Interfaith Prayer Service](#) at St. Athanasius Catholic Church with Archbishop Nelson Pérez at 3pm ET.
- 1/18-23: [MLK events](#) at Villanova University.
- 1/20: [MLK Mass](#) at the Miraculous Medal Shrine at 12:05pm ET.

## Phoenix

- 1/18: [MLK Mass and service awards breakfast](#) at Xavier College Preparatory with Bishop John Dolan at 10am MT.

## Providence

- 1/23:: [MLK celebration](#) at Providence College with Matthew Slater at 5:30pm ET.
- 1/26-31: [MLK Week](#) events at Salve Regina University in Newport.

## Raleigh

- 1/20: [MLK Mass](#) at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral with Bishop Luis Zarama and homilist Archbishop Emeritus Joseph Kurtz of Louisville at 12pm ET.

## Rochester

- 1/16: [MLK celebration](#) at St. Marianne Cope Catholic Church in Henrietta at 7pm ET.

## San Angelo

- 1/20: [Ecumenical MLK celebration](#) at Sacred Heart Cathedral with Bishop Michael Sis at 12pm CT.

## San Antonio

- 1/24 (hybrid): [Sankofa Institute Christian Unity Service](#) at the Oblate School of Theology at 7pm CT.

## Scranton

- 1/19: [MLK celebration and awards dinner](#) at the University of Scranton's Patrick and Margaret DeNaples Student Center with keynote speaker Dr. Terrell Lamong Strayhorn at 2:30pm ET.

## Seattle

- 1/20: [MLK Mass](#) at Seattle University's St. Ignatius Chapel with Fr Crispin Okoth and keynote speaker Gregory K. Alex at 11am PT.
- 1/23: [MLK Commencement](#) at Seattle University's Pigott Building 104 with Dr. Lerone A. Martin at 12:30pm PT.

## Spokane

- 1/20: [MLK rally, march, and teach-in](#) at the Spokane Convention Center with Gonzaga University at 10am PT.

## St. Augustine

- 1/20: [MLK Silent March](#) from St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church with plaza speaker Pastor E. Chris Washington at 9:00am ET.

## St. Louis

- 1/19: [Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice](#) at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis with Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski at 2:30pm CT.

## Toledo

- 1/19: [MLK Mass and Drum Major Awards](#) at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church with Bishop Daniel E. Thomas at 10:30am ET.

## Venice

- 1/20: [MLK prayer breakfast](#) at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church's Grogan Center with the NAACP Highlands County Branch and keynote speaker Pastor Katrina Lunsford at 7:30am ET.

## Washington

- 1/18: [MLK dinner and prayer walk](#) at Holy Trinity Catholic Church's McKenna Hall at 7pm ET.
- 1/19: [MLK concert and Mass](#) at Holy Family Catholic Church in Hillcrest Heights with Cardinal Wilton Gregory and the HU Bison Catholic Gospel Choir at 9:30am ET.
- 1/19: [MLK Day of Service](#) at the Catholic University of America's Pryzbyla Center Great Rooms at 8am ET.

## Worcester

- 1/20: [MLK breakfast](#) at Assumption University's Plourde Recreation Center with Dr. Kellie Carter-Jackson at 8am ET. Tickets required.