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Pope Paul VI and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. during a meeting at the Vatican in September 1964. (AP/Vatican Media)

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On Monday, Jan. 19, the nation will commemorate Martin Luther King Jr. Day — on and around which Black Catholic events can be found in good measure across the country. Below, you will find a listing of such events, both in-person and virtual.

(This list may not be exhaustive. You can contact your local diocese, [Black Catholic office](#), or [a Black parish in your area](#) for more info. We will be updating this page and [the BCM calendar](#) as more events are announced.)

National

— 1/19 (virtual): [MLK Health Equity Symposium](#) with Trinity Health.

Albany

— 2/10: [MLK and Coretta Scott King Lecture Series](#) at Siena College's Sarazen Student Union Maloney Great Room. with Dr. Stella Safo.

Arlington

— 1/18: [MLK Mass](#) at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church with Bishop Michael Burbidge. Reception to follow.

Atlanta

— 1/17: [MLK Mass](#) at Sts Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Decatur with Archbishop Gregory Hartmayer, OFM Conv. and homilist Auxiliary Bishop John-Nhan Tran..

— 1/18: [MLK youth celebration](#) at St. Mary's Academy in Fayetteville with Auxiliary Bishop Bernard Shlesinger III.

Austin

— 1/17: [MLK commemoration](#) at St. Austin Catholic Church with keynote speaker Fr Bruce Nieli CSP. Reception to follow.

Baltimore

- 1/19: [MLK prayer service and peace walk](#) at St. Bernardine Catholic Church with guest speaker Taylor Branch, Archbishop William Lori, and Msgr. Richard Bozzelli.
- 1/19: [MLK breakfast and prayer celebration](#) at St. Mary's College of Maryland's Campus Center Great Room with keynote speaker Tanya Hughes.
- 1/26: [MLK convocation](#) at Loyola University Maryland's McGuire Hall with Dr. Carla Hayden.

Baton Rouge

- 1/19: MLK Mass and breakfast at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Beaumont

- 1/17: [MLK Mass](#) at St. Anthony Cathedral with Bishop David Toups. Reception to follow.

Biloxi

- 1/12: [MLK interfaith celebration](#) at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Hattiesburg. Unity march, wreath presentation, and program to follow at various locations.

Birmingham

- 1/10: [MLK prayer breakfast](#) at the Cathedral of St. Paul Life Center with Fr Kareem Smith.

Bismarck

- 1/19: [MLK event](#) at the University of Mary's Starion Bank Living Room with reflection speaker Damon Owens.

Boston

- 1/19: [MLK prayer breakfast](#) at St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Church with keynote speaker Meyer Chambers.

Brooklyn

- 1/18: [MLK Masses](#) at St. Bonaventure and St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Churches in Jamaica Queens.
- 1/19: [MLK Mass of Thanksgiving](#) at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Flatlands.

Buffalo

- 1/18: [MLK Mass](#) at St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church with Bishop Michael W. Fisher and homilist Fr Carl Gales, SVD.

Burlington

- 1/19: [MLK events](#) at Saint Michael's College's.

Camden

- 1/12-19: [MLK blood drives](#) at various locations.

Chicago

- 1/15 (hybrid): [MLK celebration](#) at the Lutheran School of Theology Chapel with panelist Catholic Theological Union president Fr Enzo Del Brocco, CP. Reception to follow.
- 1/18: [MLK speaker series](#) at St. Sabina Catholic Church with Rev. Traci Blackmon.
- 1/18: [MLK Mass](#) at Our Lady of Africa Catholic Church with homilist Fr Ken Hamilton, SVD.
- 1/19: [MLK day of service](#) with Loyola University Chicago at various locations.
- 1/19: MLK events with Benedictine University in Lisle, including the [DuPage County MLK Unity Breakfast](#) at Dry Lane in Oakbrook Terrace, followed by an on-campus Mass and luncheon with a virtual presentation from Nate Tinner-Williams.

Cincinnati

— 1/19: [Keep the Dream Alive Awards](#) at the Church of the Resurrection with keynote speaker Rep. Greg Landman.

— 1/17-22: [MLK Week](#) events at Xavier University.

— 1/20: [MLK Day events](#) at Mount St. Joseph University.

Cleveland

— 1/16: [MLK Mass](#) at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist with Auxiliary Bishop Michael Woost and homilist Fr Kareem Smith.

Dallas

— 1/10: [MLK celebration](#) at Holy Cross Catholic Church.

Davenport

— 1/18: [MLK citywide celebration](#) at St. Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church in Ottumwa with keynote speaker Rachelle Chase.

Detroit

— 1/17: [MLK service day](#) at various locations. Meet at Sacred Heart Activities Building. Prayer service and presentation to follow.

— 1/19: [MLK Mass for Justice and Peace](#) at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament with Archbishop Edward Weisenburger.

Dubuque

— 1/20: [MLK breakfast](#) at Mount Mercy University's Betty Cherry Heritage Hall with Rev. Dr. Michael Blackwell.

Fort Wayne South Bend

— 1/24-31: [Walk the Walk Week](#) at the University of Notre Dame.

Fort Worth

— 1/24: [MLK Mass](#) at St. Patrick Cathedral with Bishop Michael F. Olson and homilist Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus Joseph N. Perry of Chicago.

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Galveston-Houston

— 1/18: [MLK Mass of Remembrance](#) at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Houston..

Indianapolis

— 1/19 (virtual): [Sister Thea Bowman Black Catholic women's prayer group](#) reflecting on MLK's "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speech.

Jackson

— 1/17: [MLK celebration](#) at St. Peter Cathedral with the Xavier University of Louisiana choir and Sr Thea Bowman Choir and guest speaker Dr. William Jemison.

La Crosse

— 1/19: [MLK Day of Service, Learning, and Celebration](#) events at Viterbo University.

Lafayette

— 1/19: [MLK prayer breakfast](#) at St. Edward Catholic Church in New Iberia with the Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and guest speaker Dr. Phebe Hayes.

— 1/16: [MLK Mass and awards celebration](#) at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist with Bishop Douglas Deshotel.

Lansing

— 1/18: [MLK dinner and Mass](#) at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Ann Arbor.

Little Rock

— 1/10: [MLK Mass](#) at the Cathedral of St. Andrew with Bishop Anthony B. Taylor.

Los Angeles

— 1/17: [MLK prayer breakfast](#) at Proud Bird Restaurant with guest speaker Dr. Ansel Augustine and Drum Major Award winner Oscar Pratt Sr. Tickets \$75.

— 1/18: [“Mission Possible: Protecting Freedom, Justice, and Democracy for Future Generations”](#) event at Loyola Marymount University’s Life Sciences Building Auditorium with panelists Dr. Ansel Augustine, Donovan Blount, Todd Hawkins, and Eddie Hilley.

— 1/19 (hybrid): [MLK Mass](#) at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels with Archbishop José H. Gómez.

Memphis

— 1/19: [MLK Mass](#) at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception with Bishop David P. Talley.

Milwaukee

— 1/17 (hybrid): [MLK memorial prayer service](#) at All Saints Catholic Church with Archbishop Jeffrey Grob and keynote speaker Vevette Hill-Nwagbaraocha.

— 1/20: [MLK day of service](#) with Marquette University’s Arrupe Center for Community Service and Social Responsibility at the Alumni Memorial Union.

New Orleans

— 1/18: [MLK Mass and celebration](#) at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church with keynote speaker Dr. Leona Tate.

— 1/19: [MLK day of service](#), meeting at the CYO Building on Mendez Street.

— 1/20: [MLK interfaith celebration](#) at the Loyola University New Orleans’ Chapel of St. Ignatius Loyola with keynote speaker Cherrell Simms Taplin.

Newark

- 1/16: [MLK keynote lecture](#) at Seton Hall's University Center Event Room with Dr. Khyati Y. Joshi.
- 1/19: [MLK symposium and workshop](#) at Seton Hall University's Bethany Hall Room A.

New York

- 1/17: [MLK interfaith service](#) at St. Aloysius Catholic Church with keynote speaker Tusef Salaam and community spiritual leaders in Harlem.
- 1/18: [MLK Mass](#) at Church of the Holy Rosary-Nativity of Our Blessed Lady. Reception to follow.
- 1/19: [MLK March for Justice](#) at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Highland Falls. Program and reception to follow.

Oakland

- 1/19: [MLK mass and prayer breakfast](#) at St. Benedict Catholic Church.

Pensacola-Tallahassee

- 1/18: [MLK Mass](#) at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Pensacola with Bishop William Wack, CSC. Reception to follow.

Philadelphia

- 1/18: [MLK interfaith prayer service](#) at St. Malachy Catholic Church.
- 1/18-23: [MLK week events](#) at Villanova University.

Phoenix

- 1/17: [MLK Mass, awards, and prayer breakfast](#) at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church with Cardinal Wilton Gregory and Bishop John P. Dolan.

Pittsburgh

- 1/19-21: [MLK events](#) at Duquesne University.

Providence

- 1/21: [MLK remembrance luncheon](#) at Providence University's Slavin Center.
- 1/25-30: [MLK week events](#) at Salve Regina University in Newport.

Raleigh

- 1/19: [MLK Mass](#) at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral with Fr Michael Burbeck and homilist Fr Kareem Smith.

Rochester

- 1/15: [MLK celebration](#) at St. Marianne Cope Catholic Church in Henrietta.

Rockville Centre

- 1/19: [MLK day of service and events](#) at Molloy University.

San Diego

- 1/18: [MLK Mass](#) at St. Rita Catholic Church with Auxiliary Bishop Felipe Pulido and homilist Dcn Marvin Threatt.

San Francisco

- 1/13: [MLK noontime concert](#) at Old St. Mary's Cathedral with pianist Carl Blake, guest musicians, and narrator Dr. Aaron Grizzell.
- 1/19: [MLK multifaith day of service](#) at various locations, including St. Bartholomew Catholic Church in San Mateo.

Santa Fe

- 1/19: [MLK celebration](#) at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Rio Rancho with guest speaker DeMark Liggins. \$40 per seat.

Scranton

— 1/19-23: [MLK Week](#) events at Misericordia University in Dallas.

Seattle

— 1/19: [MLK Mass](#) at Seattle University's St. Ignatius Chapel with keynote speaker Sharon Spence-Wilcox.

Spokane

— 1/18-23: [MLK Week](#) events at Gonzaga University.

St. Augustine

— 1/19: [MLK silent march](#) at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church. Program and concert to follow.

St. Louis

— 1/18: [MLK Peace and Justice Mass](#) at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis with Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski.

Washington

— 1/18: [MLK Mass](#) at the Shrine of St. Jude Thaddeus in Rockville, Maryland, with Cardinal Robert W. McElroy.

— 1/18: [MLK day of service](#) with the Catholic University of America, meeting at the Pryzbyla Center Great Rooms.

— 1/19: ["Let Freedom Ring" celebration](#) at the Howard Theatre with Common and Georgetown University.

Worcester

— 1/19: [MLK community breakfast](#) at Assumption University's Plourde Recreation Center with Quinsigamund Community College and keynote speaker Dr. Jennifer Davis Carey.

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