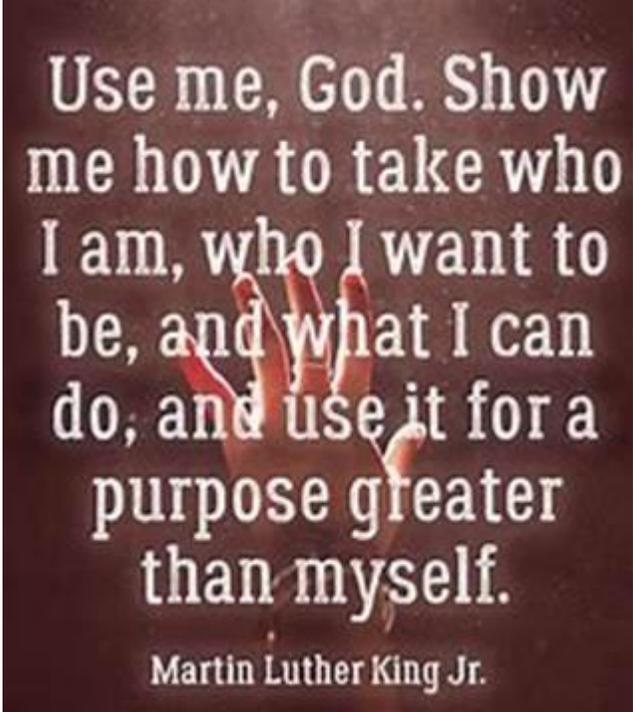


Discipleship News



Use me, God. Show
me how to take who
I am, who I want to
be, and what I can
do, and use it for a
purpose greater
than myself.

Martin Luther King Jr.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Parents:

“Use me Lord for a greater purpose than myself”. When Martin Luther King Jr. said these words he was acknowledging that his own life was not just intended to be strictly for his own will, wishes and actions. As a parent you had a similar life awakening moment when you gave birth to your first child and brought her/him home with you. A new purpose was staring directly into your eyes and you knew that your life was no longer being lived solely for yourself.

The primary modern day story told about Dr. King’s life is that he was a civil rights leader – fighting in a non-violent way for the rights of black people who were being discriminated against just because of the color of their skin. That of course was and remains an important part of modern day history. One of his most often repeated phrases illustrates his foundational thought process: “I have a dream that my four little 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.” This statement is a concise acknowledgement of the universality of the dignity of each individual person. One of the prime reasons (however not always reported today) that Dr. King had the strength and courage to go against culturally accepted biases was that his father was a Christian pastor and that he also was a pastor. His religious formation fed his willingness to stand up for those who were being treated unjustly.

You might be thinking, how can Tony compare Martin Luther King Jr. to a parent who raises a child? You might be thinking that you're not a pastor or a famous public speaker/orator. While that may be true, it does not mean that what you do as a parent is not extremely important. In actual fact – you're the one who teaches your children right from wrong, the value of listening to and acting out the teachings of Christ and of course teaching that discrimination based on skin color was and is never correct. You're the one whom your children respect and learn the most from. The family unit is indeed the fundamental cell that is responsible for building up or eroding the key cross-cultural and moral behavioral norms of society.

In summary the heroic life of Martin Luther King Jr. reminds us that we were created for something greater than our own needs and wants. This unsolicited yet ever-present backdrop of purpose urges us to sacrifice and take risks (despite our ongoing failures – even Dr. King had his own failures to deal with) beyond our own personal capacity – which leads us to believe that something greater than us has created this world!!

Happy Martin Luther King Jr. Wknd!

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Some Previous Newsletter Links

<https://tunein.com/radio/967-K-LOVE-Radio-WKLV-s30192/>

KLOVE – Contemporary Christian Music

<https://relevantradio.com/>

Relevant radio - Up to date conversations and insights into God and Public life

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ZViQlgeLJk&list=PLPnNjqEAAAtVDtjA6BCiFcUMWicVO-fZaQ>

Gregorian Chant -

<https://parents-together.org/what-parents-want/>

Keep calm/be patient, yell less and more community life

<https://www.thoughtco.com/should-catholics-celebrate-halloween-542788>

Halloween

<https://rediscoveredfamilies.com/10-insightful-suggestions-children/>

Top 10 things children want from their parents

-FORMED: Catholic Netflix for families(family movies, Lives of saints for kids, Bible studies, Podcasts, Faith formation talks and Downloadable books, etc.)

Subscribing is free and easy:

1. Click on this website <https://formed.org/>
2. Get Started by clicking on the tab that says ENTER CODE; Our parish code is (DF7YQW)
3. Enter your basic information as prompted and you're all set to enjoy great tools to assist your family!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dfvVu7_vy0

Jordan Peterson: Do you act as if God exists?

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/alicegwalton/2018/09/17/raising-kids-with-religion-or-spirituality-may-protect-their-mental-health-study/>

Here's the link to the article done about the research work by Harvard's T.H. Chan School of Public Health:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=28i3lWxW5xs>

Dr. Jordan Peterson on why we need to believe in God

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9-MebOn3mEk> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1vLqgsDiJBI>
<https://hanm.org/>

Justin Fatica - here are some short sample video links and his ministry's website

Literary Styles in the Bible

Episode 3 shows how reading the Bible wisely requires that we learn about the ancient literary styles used by the biblical authors. These writers expressed their ideas and claims through a variety of different type of literature, and this video will explore why it's important to tell them apart so we can hear their message on their terms

<https://thebibleproject.com/videos/what-is-bible/>

A new and short animated explanation of the Bible for your children

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HugMM_3FfnI

The Holy Triduum explained simply

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ry46FSxUPI>

Jordan Peterson and true friendship (short 5 minute video)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7og8ygvoDZ4>

Short video: Models of Freedom and Joy: Why be a Religious Sister in today's world?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qBhd_bx8V9g&t=330s

Fr Mike Schmitz- just don't think about it – do something! Just 1% everyday! Making New Year's Resolutions stick!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oe9xxUQwnZQ>

Short video on Why we need the Church

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever>

Click on the above link and sign up with your email address and name – it's that simple!!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zqt8QmueKBQ>

Fr Mike Schmitz short video on keeping balance in your life

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JJsokZ6Y2x8>

Saints and Halloween – what is it?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mad1Jgf0jow>

Fr. Mike Schmitz great short video on the "Communion of Saints"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W_1oboaQmQA

Karaoke by some Priests on their way to a large youth rally!