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Rosie the Rhino covered in snow at the SMFA

A Reflection from our Catholic Chaplain

Greetings to you this first week of the new semester.

In my tradition, today is the second Wednesday of Ordinary Time. The season of Ordinary Time includes these weeks between Christmastide and Lent when we sink into the stories of Jesus' life and ministry rather than focusing on his birth (Christmas) and death (Lent). The term "Ordinary Time" comes from the Latin word *ordinalis* which means numbered, counted or ordered. It is about keeping track of the rhythms of the season, the days, the hours as we read and reread the sacred scriptures. By living side-by-side these stories of Jesus' gritty love and compassion, the hope is that our own stories will intersect with his, helping us to be faithful followers and doers of justice.

While the majority of our lives are spent in the common, unspectacular moments of the everyday, they are not insignificant. Rather, one might say they define our character. What do we value? Are these values reflected in how we spend our time and what we tend quietly? Sr. Joan Chittister puts it perfectly when she writes that "There's nothing ordinary about Ordinary Time at all. It makes dailiness, stability, fidelity, and constancy the marks of what it takes for Christians to be 'Christian' the rest of the year."[1]

Each of the liturgical seasons bears a color and Ordinary Time is green—the color of life and growth. It feels all the more powerful that, even in these dark days of winter, hints of new life and renewal are baked in to the story. Right here, right now, in our everyday reality, there are opportunities to pause and sink into the rich spirit of the green.

In this time of ever-present unknowns, I invite you to tend to the green in your life—whether it is the promise of a seed yet to be sown, a wee sprout just peeking through the surface or a lush picture of something you have been nurturing and stewarding for years. Whatever you are growing, may it carry you through this challenging time. May it offer you perspective and rootedness.

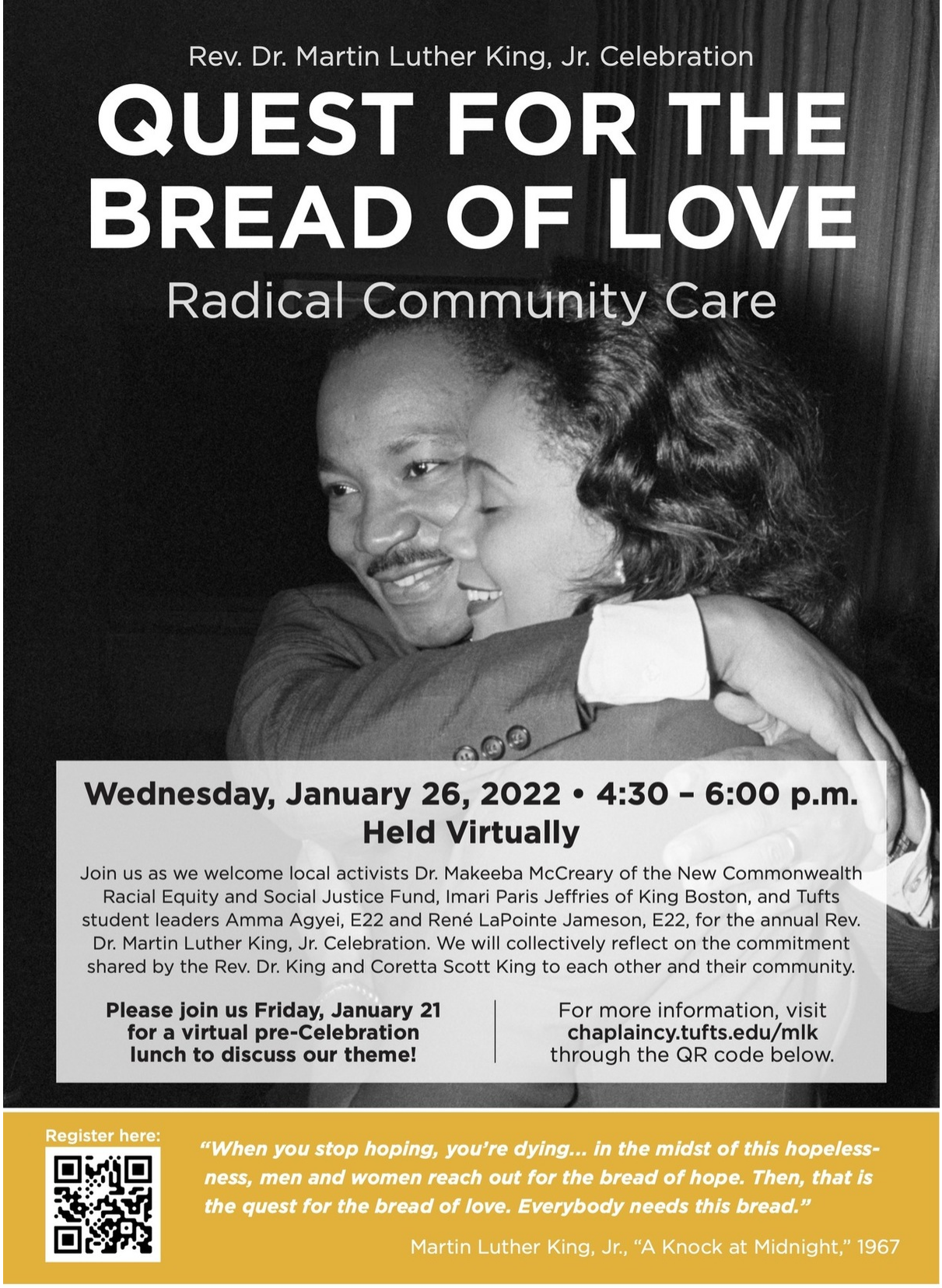
All the best, and looking forward to being together soon.

Warmly,

Lynn Cooper
Catholic Chaplain and University Chaplaincy Associate Director

[1]Chittister, Joan. *The Liturgical Year (The Ancient Practices Series).* Thomas Nelson Press, 2009.

Upcoming Signature Events



Register here:

"When you stop hoping, you're dying... in the midst of this hopelessness, men and women reach out for the bread of hope. Then, that is the quest for the bread of love. Everybody needs this bread."

Martin Luther King, Jr., "A Knock at Midnight," 1967

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The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Celebration
Wednesday, January 26, 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. ET, held virtually

Save the date for the annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. This year's theme, *Quest for the Bread of Love: Radical Community Care* is based on the 1967 speech, "A Knock at Midnight" wherein Rev. Dr. King proclaims: "When you stop hoping, you're dying...in the midst of this hopelessness men and women reach out for the bread of hope. Then, that is the quest for the bread of love. Everybody needs this bread." The event will orient the Tufts community to the commitment that both Rev. Dr. King and Coretta Scott King shared to deep care of one

another, self, and community in the midst of the quest for justice and transformation. We will welcome local activists Dr. Makeeba McCreary of the New Commonwealth Racial Equity and Social Justice Fund and Imari Paris Jeffries of King Boston, as well as Tufts student leaders Amma Agyei, E22 and René LaPointe Jameson, E22 to a panel to collectively reflect on the commitment shared by the Rev. Dr. King and Coretta Scott King to each other and their community. You can find more information about the event and our panelists on our website. This is the second public event of three to bring us together as a community to deepen our understanding of the radical work of the Kings, and to continue to shape Tufts into a place of true belonging, equity, and care. Please email University Chaplaincy program manager Nora Bond with any questions or accessibility needs.

Register for the MLK Celebration

Pre-Celebration Lunch to Discuss "A Knock at Midnight"
Friday, January 21, 2022, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. ET, held virtually

Join Reverend Carrington Moore, Director of Community Organizing at King Boston, for an interactive discussion about Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s sermon, "A Knock at Midnight," in which this year's excerpt on the bread of hope, faith and love is found. Rev. Moore will offer theological and pastoral perspectives both on this sermon and on King as preacher and activist. No preparation is required. We look forward to a reflective and engaging conversation as we prepare for our Rev. Dr. MLK, Jr. Day of Celebration on January 26. Please email University Chaplaincy program manager Nora Bond with any questions or accessibility needs. Please note, lunch will not be provided.

Register for the Pre-Celebration Lunch

Join the University Chaplaincy for the 7th annual

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of COMMUNITY ACTION

Saturday, January 29, 2022 • 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Breed Memorial Hall

Register at the QR code above by Thu., January 27

Reflection, Action, and Community in the Legacy of MLK

- Engage with The Rev. Dr. King's legacy and its importance for our community today
- Support projects for On The Rise women's shelter; Black & Pink, a national prison abolitionist organization; and other local community organizations
- Explore Deepa Iyer's Social Justice Eco-System with fellow Tufts students

All program workshops and community service will happen on Tufts' campus. This program is organized by the Interfaith Ambassadors and University Chaplaincy staff. Contact Shelby.Carpenter@tufts.edu with any questions.

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MLK Day of Community Action
Saturday, January 29, 2022, 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.

"Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable…Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals."

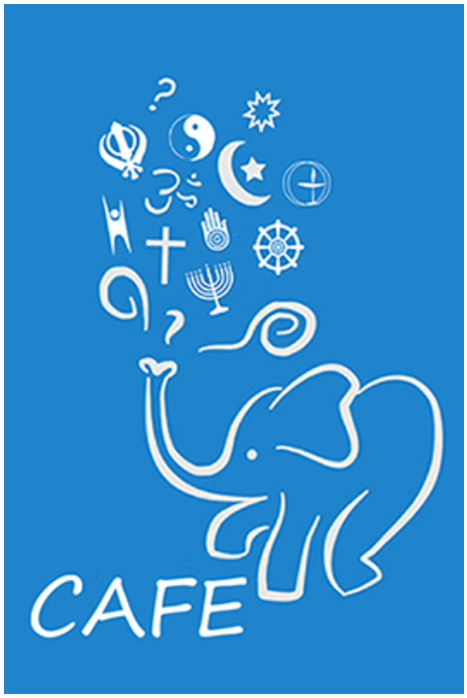
Martin Luther King, Jr. in *Stride Toward Freedom: The Montgomery Story*
Chapter XI: Where Do We Go From Here?

How do you put your values into action? Join fellow Tufts students in reflecting and acting on this question during our annual MLK Day of Community Action on Saturday, January 29 at Breed Memorial Hall.. This year, we will be partnering with local community organizations to participate in meaningful action. The day will include community building, working on action items with local community organizations, and reflection with a grab-n-go dinner provided. The resources we will create include:

- Greeting cards for folks who are incarcerated in Massachusetts, and
- Essential kits for women and transgender people who are unhoused at this time

These supplies support the work of organizations throughout the Greater Boston area, including Black and Pink MA, On the Rise, and more.

Registration is required and closes at 11:59 P.M. on Thursday, January 27. Sign up and learn more here. Spots are limited. For questions, please contact University Chaplaincy program coordinator Shelby Carpenter.



Apply for CAFE Pre-Orientation 2022 Coordinators Position Today
Applications due by Wednesday, January 26, 11:59 p.m. ET

We invite you to consider applying for one of two Coordinator positions for CAFE 2022. This Pre-Orientation program is a highlight of our interfaith programming each year and welcomes a new class into our community each September.

The position description and application are available here. Please note that this year we are launching a new student coordinator model and will be hiring two students who will work together with the University Chaplaincy team throughout the summer to lead and launch CAFE. All returning students and graduating seniors, with past experience in CAFE or none at all, are encouraged to apply! Please reach out to University Chaplaincy program coordinator Shelby Carpenter with any questions.

Religious and Philosophical Programs

Shabbat Dinner To-Go
Friday, January 21, 6:00 p.m.

Pick up your Shabbat dinner to-go from the Granoff Family Hillel Center. Please note that due to health and safety protocols, the building will be closed except for meal pick up between 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Please register here by noon on Wednesday to reserve your meal. You can contact Hillel staff with any questions.

Roman Catholic Mass
Sunday, January 23, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.,m. ET, held virtually

Join the Catholic community for the first mass of the new year and new semester! The readings for this week call us to lift up God's beautiful diverse creation and the many parts that make up the living Body of Christ. Fr. Pat Nolan, SJ will join as celebrant over Zoom. All are welcome and as always come as you are, and you can join mass via Zoom here.

Protestant Evening Worship
Sunday, January 23, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., held virtually

Join the Protestant community for a virtual gathering this coming Sunday to mark the start of the new semester. We will have a simple prayer service led by Chaplain Dan, followed by fellowship time. You can join worship via Zoom here. On January 30, we plan to regather for weekly worship in Goddard Chapel. Our University Chaplain, the Rev. Elyse Nelson Winger, will be our preacher.

Resources, Scholarships, and Opportunities

Harvard Square Homeless Shelter Volunteering with the Catholic Chaplaincy
Wednesday Breakfast Shift (leave campus 6 AM and return 9:30 AM); sign up today through email.

All are welcome as we rekindle our relationship with the Harvard Square Homeless Shelter. Since November 3, we have been sending 3-4 Tufts community members to help serve breakfast at the Harvard Square Homeless Shelter, located in University Lutheran Church, 66 Winthrop St. Cambridge, MA (in the middle of Harvard Square). The University Chaplaincy will provide a T Pass for transportation on the 96 bus into Harvard Square, which stops at 6:10 a.m. in front of the LGBT Center. Volunteers travel together. As a volunteer, you decide which weeks you are able to serve. We will have this shift through the spring semester. Please email Catholic Chaplain Lynn Cooper if you are interested in signing up or learning more. You do not need to be Catholic to participate.

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Tisch Summer Fellows

Apply to be a Tisch Summer Fellow
Application deadline: Friday, January 28, 2022, 11:59 p.m. ET

Each summer, students from across Tufts spend ten weeks as Tisch Summer Fellows (TSF). Through this highly competitive program, students engage with critical social issues, add capacity to host sites, and advance the public good while developing their own professional skills. In addition to a fulltime fellowship position, TSF includes reflection sessions, networking events, and alumni mentoring. The 2022 stipend is $5,250 for the general cohort. A note for international students: TSF is open to eligible international students. If you are studying on a student visa, prior work authorization is required to intern in the United States. To learn more about your eligibility as an international student, contact your international advisor. You can learn more by visiting the Tisch website, or by contacting program administrator Jenna Logue.

Upcoming Religious Celebrations and Observances

These events are drawn from the multifaith calendar maintained by the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life at Harvard Divinity School. To see more upcoming religious holidays and festivals, please follow the link to the Harvard Divinity School calendar.

Sadeh
Mon., Jan. 24, 2022
Tradition: Zoroastrianism

Imbolc
Tue., Feb. 1, 2022
Tradition: Wicca/Paganism
The first fertility festival, celebrating the approach of spring and the growth of light in the darkness.

Vasant Panchami (Sri Pancami)
Sat., Feb. 5, 2022
Tradition: Hinduism
One of many festivals to honor the advent of spring, this day is celebrated particularly in North India, where it is associated with Saraswati, the goddess of learning; however, it also retains connection with the goddess Lakshmi.

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