

## **LITURGY REMINDERS – JANUARY, 2020**

A number of important issues and themes are raised in the month of January. While keeping the focus always on the Paschal Mystery, we attempt to reflect on situations that challenge us and bring them to our prayer.

**January 18th thru January 24th – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.** See the Book of Blessings, # 553 573. Consider specific intercessions for Christian Unity for Masses on these days. For suggestions on Mass formularies for these days, see the note on page 35 of the Ordo.

**January 20th – Celebration of the Birthday of Martin Luther King.** Consider inserting intercessions for Mass today that encourage prayer for an end to racial discrimination and growth of our own understanding and tolerance. Note other suggestions for Mass today on page 33 of the Ordo.

**January 22nd – Day of Prayer for Protection of Unborn Children** (Anniversary of the Supreme Court, Roe vs. Wade decision.) For Mass formulary options today, see page 43 of the Ordo. Consider intercessions that encourage an appreciation and awareness of the sacredness of life.

**January 26th – Please remember Sunday of the Word of God.** This was announced in the Information Bulletin of November 18, 2019.  
(<https://www.eriecd.org/November-18-2019-1.html>)

### **January 26th thru February 1 – Catholic Schools Week**

Votive Masses and Masses for Various Needs and Occasions are permitted for weekday Mass throughout this week. Choose a Mass formulary and associated readings that support the themes of Catholic School Week. See Pastoral Note, p. 35 in the Ordo.