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UNIVERSITY MISSION AND MINISTRY NEWSLETTER



New Year, New Resolutions

Remember us, O God;
from age to age be our comforter.
You have given us the wonder of time,
blessings in days and nights, seasons and years.
Bless your children at the turning of the year
and fill the months ahead with the bright hope
that is ours in the coming of Christ.
You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever.

Amen.

-USCCB



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If you have intentions you would like remembered, you may submit requests [here](#).

PRAY WITH US ON MONDAYS:

Our UMM staff gathers on Mondays at noon for Mass in Our Lady's Chapel to pray for all intentions submitted. Come pray with us!

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**A Letter from Vice President of Mission and Ministry,
Sr. Walter Maher, CCVI**



READY FOR LENT? CHECK YOUR ATTITUDE

"[T]HE CHURCH, KNEW THAT THE SEASON WHICH PRECEDES EASTER IS A TIME OF METANOIA; THAT IS, OF A CHANGE OF HEART, OF REPENTANCE; IT IS THE SEASON THAT IDENTIFIES OUR HUMAN LIFE AND THE WHOLE OF HISTORY AS A PROCESS OF CONVERSION THAT STARTS NOW, TO ENCOUNTER THE LORD AT THE END OF TIME"

— POPE BENEDICT XVI

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2012--EMPHASIS ADDED.

Etymologically speaking, the word metanoia means "to change one's mind" ("meta" = go beyond; "noein" = mind), that is, to switch our mind-set to a whole new way of thinking and acting. Theologically speaking, however, metanoia denotes a change of heart, conversion, and repentance. The apparent switch from "mind" to "heart" happens because Catholic teaching does not locate the mind in the brain, but in the heart. Metanoia, then, is more than simply "changing your mind." It is, in fact, a change of attitude that demands humility, acknowledging that one neither possesses all the answers nor the whole truth, and that one's actions can always be improved.

In this perspective, a change of mind and heart is paramount because our thoughts (i.e., perceptions, prejudices, and values) and feelings precede our actions. Consequently, to truly change our attitude and to remain steadfast in our journey of conversion, we need to reexamine the way we think and feel.

This invitation to a change of attitude is even more pressing at a university, where some people might be more prone to over-intellectualize the faith and thus become neo-Gnostics, that is, people who think that the more they "know" about the faith, the "holier" they are. For the neo-Gnostics among us, that is, people with an unmovable heart and an unmovable mind, it is time to change your attitude.

(Continue reading Sr. Walter's letter [here](#).)

A Letter from Fr. Roger Keeler



NEW YEAR 2023

We're all familiar with the ritual – the game, actually – that accompanies the celebrations of the New Year, the “Out With the Old” (the weathered ancient man with the scythe in his hand), and “In With the New” (the top-hatted baby with the sash emblazoned with the new years’ numbers). The countdown to midnight; the ball drop in Times Square; the kiss with the one we love; the raising of a glass in a toast to the New Year; Auld Lang Syne; the disclosure of our New Year’s resolutions.

We all make them, don't we? Yet, according to statistics, only 8% of them actually work. So why bother? What is it all about anyway?

As has been wisely observed, change is the only constant in life: everything is subject to change, whether we like it or not. We are powerless to prevent it.

Think about it. That white fence in the yard? To keep that fence nice and white, to prevent it from the invariable peeling and fading of paint, from the onset of greying wood decay to the slouch it takes when wood softens and rots, we must scrape and paint, remove and replace posts and boards, oil hinges and latches. If we want to keep that nice white fence as a nice white fence, we must submit it to a flurry of constant change to keep it the way it is.

Much of the change we experience is not really wanted. Father Ron Rolheiser, President Emeritus of the Oblate School of Theology, is fond of saying: “The only people that want change, welcome change, and even demand change are babies with wet diapers!” Some changes are deeply personal: we age, the state of our health is oftentimes beyond our control, we need to move to a new locale because of work or some other factor, people ebb into and out of our lives, our relationships with spouses, siblings, close friends have an unpredictable dynamic, death visits those we love or admire, choices are made because of circumstances like making necessary purchases that toss financial plans into the whirlwind. Do we buy that new car or repair the old one? Do we renovate the kitchen or make due?

(Continue reading Fr. Keeler's article [here](#))

VATICAN NEWS

POPE FRANCIS CALLS FOR GREATER LAY PROTAGONISM IN THE CHURCH

Pope Francis addresses the presidents and representatives of Episcopal Commissions for the Laity participating in the Conference “Pastors and lay faithful called to go forward together” and urges them to promote lay co-responsibility in their Churches in a spirit of synodality.

By Lisa Zengarini

For the Church to carry out its mission of proclaiming the merciful love of God effectively “emphasis must be placed on unity and not on separation” between clergy and laypeople, Pope Francis told participants in a conference hosted by the Vatican Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life on lay co-responsibility. “The path that God is showing to the Church is precisely that of living communion and walking together more intensely and more concretely. He invites you to overcome the ways of acting independently”, the Pope said on Saturday as he addressed 200 presidents and representatives of Episcopal Commissions for the Laity who gathered this week in the Vatican to discuss how to improve the collaboration among laity, priests and consecrated persons in the service of the Church.

(Continue reading the article [here](#))



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MLK March

"This was my first time participating in the MLK March and it was a great experience. I have seen and ready about this march but never saw how much it impacts the people. Even though I did the March with my college I want to participate in others to come. I learned great things on the March and saw how inspired the people got. Thank you for the experience!" - Nicole Martinez

"I see participating in the march is one small way we can choose to surround ourselves in the light of love passed on to us by the likes of Martin Luther King, Jr., Mahatma Ghandi, Jesus Christ, Gautama Buddha, and others. To be present for the right ideals ensures that we not only speak for truth, but that we act for the truth." - Michael Van Doren

"My heart is full. I enjoyed celebrating a wonderful American hero with my family, the University of the Incarnate Word, and my community. I am elated to see so many young people committed to continuing Dr. King's legacy of civil rights." - Alan Jones



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"I enjoyed it all. i was tired from walking up the hills but i said to myself what would complaining about it change? So I didn't say anything and just pushed through. there were so many nice people there, all marching for the same reason so that brought me a lot of joy." - Kj Mccoy

"My participation in the MLK march help me understand that we have a community in need of guidance so that we as a community better the county. I had personally asked volunteers show up at the march and I had them tell me what they got out of the event, and they passionately told me all the befits that they can do for their community. One thing that I would like the world to know is that there aren't bad people in this world there are misguided people." - Antonio Gallegos

"The service of the MLK March helped me see and infer into the history of him creating of him creating his own support system and the impactful legacy he left behind. Water Bottles were provided at the march and there were restaurant chains that were kind enough to support the marchers as well as people at the sidelines recording and cheering for us. So overall, it was a pretty cool and mind blowing experience." - Abigail Nelson



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Breathe Young Adult Group got a running start this semester. Our Crux Men's Group and Fiat Women's Group met several times to discuss being faith filled young adults in our world today.

Agapao Ministries hosted our monthly Dinner with the Sisters. There were several new faces this past month among the students and the Sisters. This monthly gathering is a great time to slow down and enjoy one another's company.

"The last men's group that I attended was really enjoyable. I got to reflect with others on the faith in God that we all share and was able to feel a sense of brotherhood out of it."

- Bernie Montemayor

"It's great seeing everyone come together as a church family and enjoy one another's company."

- Greg Yzquierdo



"I always love going to women's group because it's a nice way to take a little break from the stress of school! Last meeting, we got to focus more on Mary. We talked about how strong and inspiring she is to women, and how we could try and follow in her footsteps. We didn't just focus on Mary as "the mother of Jesus Christ", but as a woman of faith who had the odds stacked against her. This was a new and refreshing perspective to discuss, and I can't wait for the next women's group!" - Nayeli Soto

REFLECTIONS

RCIA Catechumens and Candidates: Rite of Election by Beth Villarreal

Each year University Mission and Ministry offers opportunities for our students to obtain or complete their sacraments through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA.) Catechumens are those individuals who have never been baptized. Candidates are those who have been baptized in the Catholic Church or in another Christian denomination and are seeking to receive their first Holy Communion and/or Confirmation.

This year, three students have been preparing to receive their sacraments through weekly classes and attending Mass, since the beginning of September 2022. On Saturday, February 25, 2023 our students will participate in the Rite of Election, the final phase of their preparation. Lent is a period of preparation marked by prayer, study, and spiritual direction for the elect, and prayers for them by the worshipping community. The days of Lent are the final period of purification and enlightenment, leading up to the celebration of initiation on April 30, 2023 at the 11 am Mass.

Please join us in praying for Kaitlyn, Thomas, and Steven as they continue their journey.

*All-powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit
you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life.*

Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide.

*Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage,
the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence.*

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Kaitlyn Velasquez



Thomas Carranza



Steven Martinez

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For details and a complete listing of all our events, please see our [UMM Events Calendar](#)



Wed., February 22, 2023,

Ash Wednesday Services (First Day of Lent) | Our Lady's Chapel

The Lenten season is a 40-day period of preparation beginning on Ash Wednesday (February 22) and ending at sundown on Holy Thursday. During this time we prepare our hearts to celebrate the Lord's resurrection at Easter through [prayer](#), [fasting and abstinence](#), and [almsgiving](#).

As a university community, let us begin this season together in prayer by attending one of our Ash Wednesday services. Services on the Broadway campus will be held in Our Lady's Chapel (Administration Building) at the following times:

- 8 a.m. - Mass
- 12 p.m. - Mass
- 4 p.m. - Ecumenical Service
- 6 p.m. - Mass (in Spanish)

Additionally, services will be held at each of our professional schools. Please see our [Lent page](#) for more details about these services and other resources for the season. Ashes will be distributed at all services.

For more information, please contact the Office of Mission and Ministry:
210-829-3128 | ministry@uiwtx.edu

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Sun., February 26, 2023

Monthly Memorial Mass (First Sunday of Lent)

Our Lady's Chapel | 11 a.m

Once a month we remember our recently departed alumni, faculty, staff, friends, family, Sisters of Charity, and benefactors of the University of the Incarnate Word during our 11 a.m. Sunday Eucharist in Our Lady's Chapel. The link to submit the names of deceased loved ones and friends for the February 26, 2023 Memorial Mass will close on Monday, February 20, 2023 at the end of the day. We invite you to submit the names of your loved ones [here](#). Please see our [Events Registration & Livestream page](#) to access our Sunday, 11 a.m. Mass livestream for this day via our UIW Mission and Ministry YouTube channel. No registration is necessary. On the day of the Mass the portal will open a few minutes before the Mass is scheduled to begin.

For more information, please contact Lena Gokelman or Carmen Aguilera at ministry@uiwtx.edu | (210) 832-3207.

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Mondays of Lent: February 27, March 6 & 20, April 3 **Stations of the Cross (Traditional)**

Our Lady's Chapel | following noon Mass, ca. 12:30 p.m

Following daily Mass during the Mondays of Lent, a traditional Scriptural recitation of the Stations of the Cross will take the place of the Rosary (normally prayed after Mass). All are welcome to join in this devotional prayer following noon daily Mass (ca. 12:30 p.m.) in Our Lady's Chapel (Broadway campus/Admin bldg.). For those who cannot be present physically, we invite you to pray this [Scriptural Way of the Cross](#) for Lent prepared by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

NOTE: there will be no Stations of the Cross prayed in-person on 3/13 (Spring break) and 3/27 (Incarnate Word Day Mass).

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SOMETIMES SINGERS HOLY WEEK REHEARSALS



Sometime Singers & Players (a part of University Mission and Ministry's Ecclesiastes Ministries) is an ensemble comprised of students, faculty, administrators, staff, CCVIs, and community members who cannot commit to weekly rehearsals, but who would like to be of service in the worship life of the campus on an occasional basis as events and schedules permit. To be put on the roster for Holy Week 2023 or future liturgies, please register [here](#).

RSVP BY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023



HOLY WEEK SERVICES (with choir ministry):

- * Palm Sunday | April 2 @ 11 AM (Chapel of the Incarnate Word)
@ 7 PM (Our Lady's Chapel - *Cantor*)
- * Holy Thursday | April 6 @ 6 PM (Chapel of the Incarnate Word)
- * Good Friday | April 7 @ 6 PM (Chapel of the Incarnate Word)
- * Easter Vigil | April 8 @ 6 PM (Chapel of the Incarnate Word)
- * Easter Sunday | April 9 @ 11 AM (Chapel of the Incarnate Word)

REHEARSALS from 6:30-8:30 PM

in Our Lady's Chapel or (*) **Chapel of the Incarnate Word**

* Tuesday rehearsals on March 7, 21, *28

* Thursday rehearsals on March 9, 23, *30 & *April 4

* Wednesday rehearsal on *April 5

For more information contact Lena Gokelman Lena Gokelman or Carmen Aguilera at

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Wed., February 15, 2023 | Breathe Community Night

| 6 p.m. |



A Young Adult Catholic ministry at UIW, Breathe Young Adult Ministries build a better community in which an individual can grow in relationship with Christ. We meet weekly on Wednesdays, alternating Community Night with our Men's and Fiat Women's Groups. All are welcome. Community nights are a time for all of us to step outside of our busy schedules and come together in fellowship, music, and reflection.

Join us this semester on the following dates:

March 8, 2023 SEC | 3140

March 29, 2023 - Soup Dinner and Taizé Prayer | Grotto

April 12, 2023 - SEC | 3140

April 26, 2023 - SEC | 3140

***Tues., February 21, 2023 | Conversation Pieces – Workshop with Jess Mahogany | 5:30 p.m. | SEC Ballroom**



Healing speaker, actress and poet, Jess Mahogany, brings magnificent and eye-opening real life struggles to life with her words. She will perform several of her powerful pieces and inspire participants to express their own story through the spoken word. A light dinner will be served at 5:30 pm, followed by the performance and workshop. This is a ticketed event to be held at the UIW Student Engagement Center (SEC) Ballroom.

Space is limited so register ASAP! Register [here](#).

Contact Dr. Arturo Chavez at aechavez@uiwtx.edu with any questions!

Thursdays., February 23, March 2, March 9, March 23, March 30 | Lectio Divina 5:15 p.m. | AD 155



Lectio Divina or "divine reading" is a process of engaging with Christ, the Word of God. Through this exercise we enter into a deeper relationship with the Incarnate Word, who communicates the love of God the Father to us through the Holy Spirit. All are welcome to join in this time of prayer and reflection Each Thursday from 5:15-6 p.m. (AD 155). There will be no gathering on 3/16 (Spring break) and 4/6 (Holy Thursday.) For more information, contact Sr. Walter Maher at maher@uiwtx.edu.

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*Thurs., February 23 & March 2, 2023 | LGBTQ+ Ally Training - "When Someone Comes Out" & "Want to be an Ally?"

| 12 p.m. | Zoom



In these two sessions, participants will learn about what it means to come out, invite others in, and to disclose your sexual orientation and/or gender identity today. PFLAG trainers share recommendations for individuals who are planning to come out, as well as for allies who want to do all that they can to celebrate and support family, friends, students, and/or coworkers that have recently come out. Participants will also review the LGBTQ+ basics and core terminology. It will characterize who allies are, understand their journey to becoming visible and vocal, and set basic expectations for ally behavior on campus and in the workplace setting.

To register click [here](#).

*Fri., February 24, 2023 | Pray & Act for Racial Justice: Mrs. Fannie Lou Hamer

5:15 p.m. | Our Lady's Chapel



After the horrific murder of George Floyd, UIW leadership called for the community to "Pray to End Racism." Prayer has led students, staff, and faculty to action for racial justice through education and activism. We continue to gather every Friday at noon to nourish our commitment to peace and justice through communal, interfaith prayer. Our "Pray & Act for Racial Justice" gatherings are inspired by the example and teachings of prophetic leaders who put their faith into action. We gather in person in Our Lady's Chapel on first floor of Administration Bldg. During Lent, we will use this time to pray the "Stations of the Cross of our Times" as we examine various issues that threaten life, peace, and justice especially for those considered "the least" among us. Let us together discern how we, as a community of faith, can respond to these threats to human life and dignity. All Faith Traditions Welcomed!

Contact Dr. Arturo Chavez at aechavez@uiwtx.edu with any questions!

*Wed., March 1, 2023 | "The Gift of Diversity" Session 1 | 3 p.m. | Zoom



This session will engage participants in conversation about the gifts of being part of a diverse teaching and learning community at UIW. The goal is to build a common language and understanding about diversity in its many dimensions – physical, cultural, racial, gender, sexual orientation, religious, etc. Participants are invited to identify the gifts of their personal identity and to grow in respect for other members of the community.

Register [here](#):

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***Fri., March 3, 24, and 31 | Stations of the Cross of Our Times (contemporary)
12 p.m. | Our Lady's Chapel**

A traditional Lenten practice is to pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays. This prayer leads us on a journey with Jesus as he bravely faces the consequences of his unwavering witness to the truth. We meditate on fourteen moments of this sorrowful journey recorded in scripture and tradition. This prayer, however, is not meant to be focused only on Jesus' journey to the cross two thousand years ago; rather, it calls us to see how Jesus is suffering and dying in our world today. Join us this Lent as we prayerfully consider various issues that threaten life, peace, and justice especially for those considered "the least" among us. Let us together discern how we, as a community of faith, can respond to these threats to human life and dignity. All Faith Traditions Welcomed!
Contact Dr. Arturo Chavez at aechave@uiwtx.edu with any questions!



**Sun., March 12, 2023 | 2nd Sunday Mass in the CIW
11 a.m. | Chapel of the Incarnate Word**

Note: Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. as well in Our Lady's Chapel.

In addition to the 11 a.m. Mass offered in Our Lady's Chapel, Mass is also celebrated each second Sunday at the Chapel of the Incarnate Word at 11 a.m. Please note the new time. Learn more by visiting the [Chapel of the Incarnate Word website](#).



**Fri., March 17, 2023 | Breaking Bread: Catholic Social Teaching
(Dignity of work and rights of the worker)
12 p.m. | SEC 2031**

Catholic social teaching emerges from the truth of what God has revealed to us about himself. We believe in the triune God whose very nature is communal and social. God the Father sends his only Son Jesus Christ and shares the Holy Spirit as his gift of love. God reveals himself to us as one who is not alone, but rather as one who is relational, one who is Trinity. Therefore, who are made in God's image share this communal, social nature. We are called to reach out and to build relationships.

For more information, contact Sr. Walter Maher at maher@uiwtx.edu.

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***Wed., March 22, 2023 | Spirituality of Cesar Chávez
Presentation & Lunch
12 p.m. | TBA**

Students will present on Latino/a theology and how Cesar Chavez put his faith in action for justice. This event is open to all who will participate in the City of SA's Cesar Chavez March.

Additional details TBA.

Register [here](#).

Contact Dr. Arturo Chavez at aechavez@uiwtx.edu with any questions!

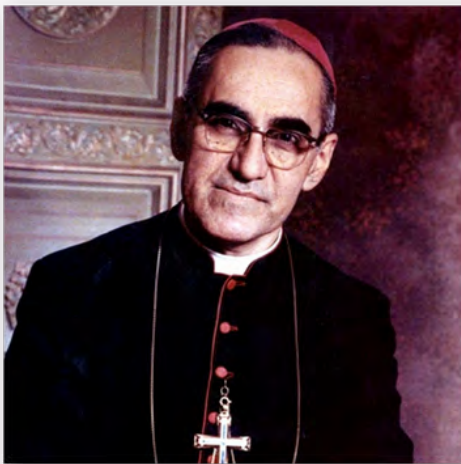


**Wed., March 22, 2023 | Catholic Reconciliation Service
5:30 p.m. | Our Lady's Chapel**

We invite you to a prayerful celebration of the Catholic sacrament of reconciliation where you will have an opportunity to spend time in prayer and reflection as we open our hearts to God for reconciliation and healing. For more information, please contact Lena Gokelman or Carmen Aguilera @

ministry@uiwtx.edu | (210) 832-3207.

***Fri., March 24, 2023 | Prayer for Racial Justice:
St. Oscar Romero
12 p.m. | Our Lady's Chapel**



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Fri., March 24, 2023 | Evening Prayer I - Vigil of Feast of the Annunciation

6 p.m. | Chapel of the Incarnate Word

We invite you to a prayerful celebration of the Feast of the Annunciation, the feast day of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word Congregation and the University.

For more information contact Sr. Mary Henry at mary.henry@amormeus.org.



***Sat., March 25, 2023 | Cesar Chávez March for Justice**

All are invited to participate in this year's Cesar Chávez March for Justice. For more information contact, the Ettlting Center for Civic Leadership and Sustainability at ccl@uiwtx.edu or Dr. Arturo Chávez, at

aechavez@uiwtx.edu



Sun., March 26, 2023 | Intercollegiate Confirmation Mass

| 3 p.m. | Our Lady of the Lake University

The rite for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated with students from universities across the city. Please keep all of our students in your prayers.

Contact Lena Gokelman or Beth Villareal at ministry@uiwtx.edu

with any questions



Mon., March 27, 2023 | Incarnate Word Day Mass

12 p.m. | Our Lady's Chapel

Incarnate Word Day celebrates the Feast of the Annunciation, Mary's "YES" to God's call, and is the major feast of the Congregation of Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, as well as our university, a sponsored ministry of the Congregation. We will

celebrate this day as a campus community on March 27 @ 12 noon in Our Lady's Chapel (Broadway campus, Admin. Bldg.) For more information, please contact: Lena

Gokelman or Carmen Aguilera at (210) 832-3207 | ministry@uiwtx.edu

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Mon., March 27, 2023 | CCVI Spirit Award Presentations 3 p.m. | SEC Ballroom



The CCVI Spirit Award was inaugurated in 1993 to recognize a member of the faculty, administration, or staff who has demonstrated service to the University and/or to the broader civic community, the spirit of the founders, the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word. The mission of the University flows directly from this spirit. "CCVI" is an acronym for Congregatio Sororum Caritatis a Verbo Incarnato, the Latin name for the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, who sponsor the university. In conjunction with the award ceremony, Fr. Don Nesti, Holy Spirit will offer a special reflection on the Charism of the CCVIs. For more information, please contact Sr. Walter Maher, CCVI, maher@uiwtx.edu; (210) 829-3939.

Mon., March 29, 2023 | Lenten Soup Dinner and Taizé Service

You are cordially invited to participate in a service of contemplative worship in the tradition of Taizé community on Wednesday, March 29th beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Grotto (behind Dubuis Hall). This service will be open to other university campus ministries and local youth groups. A light soup supper will precede the service at 6:30 p.m. near the Grotto.

Founded by Br. Roger Schütz-Marsauche in the small village of Taizé France to offer shelter and hospitality to WWII refugees of the war-torn area, the primary vocation of the Taizé

Community continues to be building bridges for communion and reconciliation globally among all people. Additional information on the history, community, and current events of

Taizé, may be found at: www.taize.fr

For information regarding the service, please contact: Lena Gokelman or Carmen Aguilera at ministry@uiwtx.edu |

210-832-3207. Rain location: Chapel of the Incarnate Word.



LENTEN RESOURCES

POPE FRANCIS: LENT (AND THE SYNOD) MUST LEAD US TO TRANSFORMATION

Dear brothers and sisters!

The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke all recount the episode of the Transfiguration of Jesus. There we see the Lord's response to the failure of his disciples to understand him. Shortly before, there had been a real clash between the Master and Simon Peter, who, after professing his faith in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God, rejected his prediction of the passion and the cross. Jesus had firmly rebuked him: "Get behind me, Satan! You are a scandal to me, because you do not think according to God, but according to men!" (Mt 16:23). Following this, "six days later, Jesus took with him Peter, James and John his brother and led them away to a high mountain" (Mt 17:1).

(Continue reading Pope Francis' message [here](#))

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MINISTRIES



Liturgical Ministries

We have many ways you can become involved in the worship life of our university community: Altar Servers, Environment Team, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Lector (Reader), Music Minister, and St. Isidore Virtual Ministry. Learn more about any of our ministries here. Students, faculty, staff, administrators, Incarnate Word Sisters, alumni, and community members -- both seasoned and new -- are always welcome to participate! Students, volunteering in any of our ministries is also an opportunity to earn service-hours.

For more information, see our [Worship Page](#) on our website. Questions? Please contact Lena or Carmen at ministry@uiwtx.edu.

BREATHE Young Adult Ministries

A Young Adult Catholic ministry at UIW, Breathe Young Adult Ministries build a better community in which an individual can grow in relationship with Christ. We meet weekly on Wednesdays, alternating Community Night with Crux Men's Group and Fiat Women's Group. All are welcome.

[Learn More](#)



Ecumenical and Interfaith

The University of the Incarnate Word is a Catholic institution that welcomes to its community persons of diverse backgrounds, in the belief that their respectful interaction advances the discovery of truth, mutual understanding, self-realization, and the common good.

(University Mission Statement) [Learn More](#)

Join Smiley Buddies!

Smiley Buddies is a "pen pal" program connecting UIW students with a Sister of Charity of the Incarnate Word. Participants will be asked to keep in contact with their assigned Sister on a weekly basis through letter, email, phone call, text message, Zoom meeting, or any other form of contact. Participants will also be required to meet monthly with their Sister in-person or virtually. Students may be eligible for service hours.

If you are interested or want more information, please contact UMM Graduate Assistant, Rozlyn Bermea at rbermea@student.uiwtx.edu.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Daily Mass in Our Lady's Chapel

Please join us for daily Mass Monday through Thursday at noon.

During the Spring semester, members of our UMM staff gather on Mondays for Mass at 12 p.m. followed by the Rosary at 12:30 p.m. to pray for all the intentions submitted to us, including through our web- and Flocknote prayer portals. If you have intentions you would like remembered, you may submit requests via our webpage:

[Prayer Requests.](#)



Sunday Mass during the Academic Year

11 a.m. (Central Time)

Our Lady's Chapel (OLC).

Live-streaming will be available on the UMM Youtube page. You can find details on the [UMM Event's Registration page](#) or subscribe to our channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@uiw-umm>

7 p.m. (Central Time)

Our Lady's Chapel (OLC).

Sunday evening Mass is celebrated during the Fall and Spring semesters except as noted. In-person only.

NOTE: There will be no evening Mass:

-March 12, 2023 (Spring Break),

-April 9, 2023 (Easter Sunday).

The last 7 p.m. Mass for the academic year will be April 30, 2023.

Second Sundays @ 11:00 a.m. (Central Time)

Chapel of the Incarnate Word (CIW).

In addition to the 11 a.m. Mass offered in Our Lady's Chapel, Mass is also celebrated each second Sunday at the Chapel of the Incarnate Word at 11:00 a.m.

This Mass is live-streamed. Learn more by visiting the

[Chapel of the Incarnate Word](#) website.



Reconciliation

By appointment with Fr. Hector Kalaluka, OMI
(210) 829-3131 or Email: kalaluka@uiwtx.edu Office: AD 150.

Additionally, a Catholic reconciliation service (with individual confession) is celebrated in the Fall semester, just prior to the season of Advent, as well as in the Spring semester during the season of Lent.

See our [UMM Events Calendar](#) for more details.

STUDENT POSITIONS AVAILABLE!

University Mission and Ministry currently has an open GA position (Media Ministry), several intern positions (Music Ministry, Ecumenical and Interfaith, and Faith Formation), as well as several work-study positions. All position descriptions and application information are available through the UIW Cardinal Talent app. Feel free to contact us through ministry@uiwtx.edu if you have questions.

We'd love to talk to you!



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