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UNIVERSITY MISSION AND MINISTRY

NEWSLETTER









Lent time

GOD OF GOODNESS AND MERCY,
HEAR MY PRAYER AS I BEGIN THIS LENTEN JOURNEY
WITH YOU. LET ME BE HONEST WITH MYSELF AS I LOOK
INTO MY HEART AND SOUL, NOTICING THE TIMES I TURN
AWAY FROM YOU. GUIDE ME AS I HUMBLY SEEK TO
REPENT AND RETURN TO YOUR LOVE. MAY HUMILITY
GUIDE MY EFFORTS TO BE RECONCILED WITH YOU AND
LIVE FOREVER IN YOUR ABUNDANT GRACE. TRANSFORM
ME THIS LENT, HEAVENLY FATHER. GIVE ME THE
STRENGTH TO COMMIT MYSELF TO GROW CLOSER TO
YOU EACH DAY.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

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

FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Each year we gather to celebrate the feast of the Annunciation of our Lord, which reminds us of the mystery of God becoming one of us (i.e., the Incarnation) to teach us how to be truly human. This is, indeed, a special celebration, one in which we are called to pause reverently, ponder deeply, and pray gratefully for such an awesome gift.

Recognizing that the University of the Incarnate Word is a ministry of the Congregation of Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, we also rejoice in being part of a long-lived legacy of love that shows that the Incarnation perdures because we see God present in every human body and face. We believe that God still walks on earth, just as Jesus did, and takes on our humanity, now in the form of our family and friends, our neighbors, and especially the poor.

God's many faces are everywhere, and we can see them with our own eyes and perceive them with our converted hearts. In other words, the Incarnation has made God accessible and visible to us in all peoples, places, and times.

This feast always brings to mind the Greek philosopher Nikos Kazantzakis's story about the Incarnation, which goes something like this:

A man came up to Jesus and complained to him about the hiddenness of God. "Rabbi," he said, "I am an old man. During my whole life, I have always kept the commandments. Every year of my adult life, I went to Jerusalem and offered the prescribed sacrifices. Every night of my life, I have not retired to my bed without first saying my prayers. But . . .

(Continue reading Sr. Walter's letter here.)

Seeking a Director of Pastoral Institute

The University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio, Texas is seeking a Director of their Pastoral Institute.

The Pastoral Institute prepares men and women for positions of leadership and service to communities and the Catholic Church through contemporary roles in ministry. In keeping with its mission, the department provides students with a breadth of knowledge in the liberal arts and Catholic culture, offers a solid foundation in biblical and theological studies in preparation for ministry, and equips students with the leadership skills and intercultural fluency needed for effective pastoral ministry in today's multicultural dioceses, parishes and institutions.

For more information about the position, contact Dr. LuElla D'Amico at <u>ldamico@uiwtx.edu</u>. <u>Applications received by April 3rd will receive priority consideration.</u>

(Job_posting information found here)

VATICAN NEWS

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES TO FOCUS ON RIGHT TO STAY



Pope Francis has chosen "Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay" as the theme for the 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, to be celebrated on 24 September.

By Lisa Zengarini

This year's theme, explains a communiqué issued by the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, is an invitation to reflect on a right that has not yet been codified by international law: the right "to be able to remain in one's homeland".

This right precedes and is broader than the right to migrate: "It includes the possibility of sharing in the common good, the right to live in dignity and to have access to sustainable development", the communiqué explains.

(Continue reading the article here)

RCIA: Our New Elect and Candidate





"On Saturday, February 25, 2023, Kaitlyn Velasquez and Thomas Carranza participated in the Rite of Election of Catechumens and Steven Martinez in the Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates with the Archdiocese of San Antonio. Bishop Michael Boulette celebrated the rites with us at St. Peter Prince of the Apostle Church. It was here that Kaitlyn and Thomas became the Elect by publicly expressing their desire for baptism in the Catholic Church and their names were recorded in the Church's Book of the Elect. Baptized as an infant, Steven was recognized in his continuing conversion, preparing for Confirmation and Eucharist.

Beginning Sunday, March 19, 2023, we more actively witnessed the journey of Kaitlyn and Thomas as they participated in rites and prayers called scrutinies and exorcisms. As disconcerting as these two terms may be in our world today, the rites we witness with Kaitlyn and Thomas are "to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good" and "deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life...[to] complete [their] conversion...and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all" (RCIA, 141).

Where is Steven in these rites, you may ask. Steven, as a baptized person will stand with us, the baptized. We believe as baptized persons we have been freed from the power of sin and are no longer enslaved by Satan. We will stand together and pray for Kaitlyn and Thomas as they prepare to enter the waters of rebirth. We will stand and pray for Steven as well, as he continues to answer God's call of continuing conversion and prepares to be confirmed and to receive his first Holy Communion alongside Kaitlyn and Thomas on April 30, 2023.

You are invited to welcome or greet Kaitlyn, Thomas, and Steven when you see them and join us in prayer as they continue their journey.

Father of love and power,
it is your will to establish everything in Christ
and to draw us into his all-embracing love.
Guide the elect and candidates of your Church:
strengthen them in their vocation,
build them into the kingdom of your Son,
and seal them with the Spirit of your promise.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Adapted from the "Prayer over the Elect", Rite of Election

Mardi Gras Pancake Night

"Mardi Gras Pancake night with the fellowship was a fun experience, sure some of the pancakes and bacon were a little overcooked, but the real fun was hanging out with and getting to know everyone through the games we played. I didn't know the rules when we started playing the game because I was just told "write what you want--Person, place, or thing" and wrote "cool homeless guy with a beard and sunglasses" only to learn we had to act out what we wrote haha. For my first time in the choir at all, this was an extremely inviting experience and it helped get me to know everybody"

-Mikael Nice-Chair Student in Music Ministry







"Mardi Gras pancake Night is one of those special nights that I look forward to every year. Not only are the pancakes absolutely amazing, but the people involved are some of the best people to be around"

-Sean Chapman UIW Almuni

Ash Wednesday Mass









"Brothers and sisters, let us not neglect the grace of this holy season, but fix our gaze on the cross and set out, responding generously to the powerful promptings of Lent. At the end of the journey, we will encounter with greater joy the Lord of life, we will meet him, who alone can raise us up from our ashes".

-Homily of His Holiness Basilica of Santa Sabina, Rome Ash Wednesday, 22 February 2023

(Read the rest of the homily here)

Catholic Sister's Week

In honor of Catholic Sisters Week 2023, we share our love for the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word. Here are just a few responses to the statement "The Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word are..."



(Watch the complete video here)

UIW Students Uniting Their Hearts with Guatemalan Families

From May 12 – 26, 2023, six students from the UIW nutrition and education programs will travel to Guatemala to serve the children and families with Pequeños Angeles de Maria (PAM). Through the generosity of the UIW School of Education and Nutrition program, most of the cost is covered. However, the students are seeking donations to support their travel and for the general needs of Pequños Angeles de Maria. In collaboration with PAM, the students made this video and created a GoFundMe site. Thank you in advance for your support (prayer or financial).



People of San Antonio, Texas, Compassionately Touching the World

(Watch the complete video here)

Pequeños Ángeles de María/Little Angels of Mary (PAM) was started as a health clinic in 1988 by Edwin Mendoza Escoto in his native country of Guatemala, to serve the malnourished children and their families in San Pedro Ayampuc. In 2020, after Mr. Mendoza passed away, his son and daughter-in-law, Edwin Mendoza Hip and Darlene Jasso committed to continuing the mission of PAM with a focus on nutrition and education in indigenous communities.

Both Edwin and Darlene are alumni of the University of the Incarnate Word. Darlene was a Peer Ministry Intern for University Mission and Ministry when she met Edwin, an international student from Guatemala. After they married in 2016 Darlene and Edwin took residency in Guatemala City, Guatemala.

To learn more about Pequeños Ángeles de María go to their website: https://littleangelsofmary.org/site/. To support the student immersion trip go to: https://bit.ly/guatemala-solidarity-little-angels-donate.



*Fri., March 24, 2023 | Prayer for Racial Justice: St. Oscar Romero

NOTE: This presentation has been cancelled.

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



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 of the Incarnate Word.

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



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

All are invited to participate in this year's César Chávez March for Justice. For more information contact, the Ettling Center for Civic Leadership and Sustainability at cclauiwtx.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



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

The CCVI Spirit Award was inaugurated in 1993 to recognize a an employee (faculty, administration, or staff) and a student 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, CSSp, 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 Táize Prayer Service You are cordially invited to participate in a service of contemplative worship in the tradition of the Taizé community on Wednesday, March 29th beginning at

the tradition of the 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. Rain location: Madeleine Rm/CCVI Heritage Center



The Taizé Community is an ecumenical Christian monastic fraternity founded by Br. Roger Schütz-Marsauche in the small village of Taizé, Burgundy, France. Established 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

Carmen Aguilera at <u>ministry@uiwtx.edu</u> 210-832-3207. Rain location: Chapel of the Incarnate Word.



Fri., April 7, 2023

Musical Presentation: Dupré Stations of the Cross Good Friday, 3 p.m. | Chapel of the Incarnate Word

A musical presentation of the Stations of the Cross composed by Marcel Dupré. Fourteen organists from around the city will reprise this work rarely done in its entirety. This service is part of the Chapel of the Incarnate Word's Caritas Concert Series. For more information, please contact Sr. Mary Henry at mary.henry@amormeus.org.

For details and a complete listing of all our events, please see our <u>UMM Events Calendar</u>



Sun., April 2, 2023 | Palm Sunday Mass (Holy Week begins)

11 a.m. (Chapel of the Incarnate Word)

& 7 p.m. (Our Lady's Chapel)

Palm Sunday is a moveable feast that always falls the Sunday before Easter. It begins Holy Week and commemorates Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem when he was greeted by people waving palm branches and shouts of "Hosanna!" (associated with Ps. 118 and meaning "save now.") The palm branch or frond is a symbol of victory, triumph, peace, and eternal life.

An outdoor Blessing of Palms and procession to the Chapel of the Incarnate Word (weather permitting) will occur at the 11 a.m. Mass.

A simple form of the Blessing of Palms will occur at 7 p.m. Mass (Our Lady's Chapel).

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

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For additional information on Holy Thursday, please visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' webpage.

Thurs., April 6, 2023 | 6:00 p.m. Chapel of the Incarnate Word Evening Mass of Holy Thursday

Lent officially ends at sundown. The evening Mass of Holy Thursday begins the Sacred Triduum – the Church's three most holy days. On this night, the Church commemorates Jesus' institution of the Eucharist during the Last Supper with his disciples, during which time he washed their feet. The Washing of the Feet is a important ritual which retains a prominent place within the Mass. Jesus' institution of the priesthood is also tied to the Last Supper when he commands his disciples, "Do this in remembrance of me." (Luke 22:19) This holy day always falls on the Thursday before Easter and is part of Holy Week. Jesus celebrated this meal as a Passover feast. Through his final sacrifice, he fulfills his role as Christian victim of the Passover for all to be saved.



Fri., April 7, 2023 | 6:00 p.m. Chapel of the Incarnate Word Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Good Friday is the most solemn day of the Christian year. It is the day our Savior died for us. It is the day we were redeemed from our sins by the voluntary death of God Himself at the hands of man. There is some debate as to why it is called "Good" Friday. One explanation is from the Medieval use of the term "good" to mean "holy".

This is the only day in the entire year where we do not celebrate the Eucharist. Holy Communion is distributed to us from the Eucharistic celebration the night before. Good Friday is considered the second day of the Triduum, which began with the Evening Mass of Holy Thursday. On this day we are invited to meditate on the passion of the Lord by fasting, abstinence and veneration of the cross.

The veneration of the cross occurs with the presentation of the cross to the community for each of us to adore. During the veneration of the cross, antiphons, or "reproaches", and hymns are sung to commemorate the history of salvation. At the end of the service, the altar is left bare until the celebration of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday.

Adapted from 9 things you need to know about Good Friday

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Sat., April 8 | 6:00 p.m. | Chapel of the Incarnate Word Easter Vigil Mass

The Easter Vigil, also known as the Paschal Vigil or the Great Vigil of Easter, is the most solemn celebration of the Church and the first celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. It is sometimes called the "Mother of All Vigils" (and begins the third and final day of the Sacred Triduum which concludes Easter Sunday night.

The elements of the Easter Vigil include a Service of Light in which the Easter fire is prepared and from which the new Paschal Candle to be used during the liturgical year takes its light. The Exsultet, the poetic text proclaiming the entirety of the Easter mystery placed within the context of salvation, is sung. It is followed by the recounting of the history of salvation related in seven readings (and accompanying psalms) from the Old Testament chosen from the law and the prophets and two readings from the New Testament, from the apostles and the gospel.

In many parish churches, the Elect will be baptized during this liturgy, as well as receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, becoming fully initiated into the Church. The entire Easter season, however, is an appropriate time for these celebrations; most especially, when the faith community of the Elect and candidates are present. Our Elect and candidate will complete their sacraments of initiation on April 30.

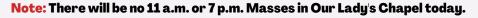
To learn more about Easter, please visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops webpage.

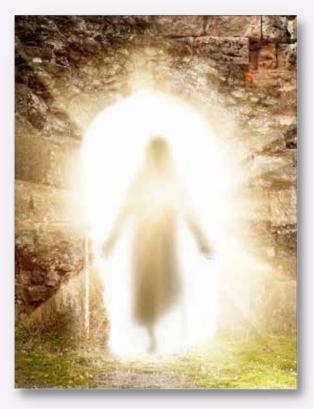


On Easter Sunday we celebrate the culmination of the Passion of Jesus Christ in his resurrection from the dead. This is described in the New Testament as occurring on the third day of his burial following his crucifixion by the Roman guards at Calvary.

The word "Easter" is taken from the Old English meaning "East". As the sun that rises in the east produces warmth and light and hope for the world, so the sun and its rising symbolically point to Christ as the true light of the world. The Paschal Candle (blessed at last night's Easter Vigil) is the prominent symbol of this divine light. It resides near the ambo and will remain lit throughout the fifty days of the Easter season (until Pentecost) at all liturgical celebrations.

The Sacred Triduum concludes with the celebration of evening prayer on Easter Sunday. Though we will not publicly celebrate evening prayer, an order of worship appears here so that you may pray individually or with family or friends.







*Tues., April 11, 2023 | "The Gift of Diversity" - Session 1 3 - 4:15 p.m. | Zoom Meeting

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.

To register:

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



Sun., April 16, 2023 | Divine Mercy Chaplet | following the 11 a.m. Mass | Our Lady's Chapel

During Jesus' revelations to St. Faustina, he asked that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that it be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. St. John Paul II officially designated this Sunday as Divine Mercy Sunday. We will celebrate this feast with a sung Chaplet of the Divine Mercy following the 11 a.m. Mass (ca. 12:15 p.m.). All are welcome.

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

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)

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. 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.

Learn more about our ministries here.

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 <u>rbermea@student.uiwtx.edu</u>.



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 Events 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:
-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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Making visible and tangible the Incarnate Word of God in the University.



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