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Quote of the Week

"Trumpets! Lightnings! The earth trembles! But into the Virgin's womb thou didst descent with noiseless tread."

- Agathias Scholasticus

Spotlight on... Advent

Time is very important to the life of the Church. Unlike secular society, the Church sees time not as a relentless succession of events, but rather like the unfolding of a story whose narrator is God. While the details of the story's ending are still unclear, it has already been revealed in essentials—it is a good ending, and the heart of the story's meaning is love.

The Church begins its annual cycle of time this Sunday with the season of Advent. Advent is a preparatory season for the Christmas feast, which celebrates the birth of Christ, God's incarnation (en-flesh-ment) in our world. Advent is four weeks long, and the traditional color for vestments and Church decorations in Advent is violet, which usually denotes a time for making a repentance for sin. Although Advent used to be a penitential season like Lent, now the main focus of Advent is spiritual readiness for Christmas.

Such readiness involves more than simply looking forward to the birth of baby Jesus. Starting the year with Advent is like beginning at the ending. In the weeks before Advent, we learn what to expect from the End Time, when our journey through time is over and Christ the King comes again "in glory to judge the living and the dead." Advent continues this anticipation of the End Time while turning our minds to those beginning times of the Christian Church: to John the Baptist, who foretold the Christ, to Mary's obedience when asked to bear her God, to Elizabeth, who greeted the coming of the Lord with joy. And all the while we celebrate the Christ who is already in our midst in Word, in Bread and Wine, and in us as members his Body. We light candles on a wreath to symbolize our longing for the light and life of Jesus, who already shines like a light in our world, increasing with time, dispelling sin, ignorance and hatred, until the darkness is no more.

May this Advent season fan the flame of our desire for Christ's presence in our lives, our work, our campus and our world. O come Emmanuel, God-with-us!

Sunday Worship Times
Immaculate Conception Chapel
10 a.m. Mass
12 p.m. Mass
6 p.m. Mass
8 p.m. Mass
McGinnis Center
9 p.m. Mass
Marianist Hall Chapel
6 p.m. Interdenominational Worship Service

Weekday Mass Schedule
Tuesdays 9 p.m.
Wednesdays 9 p.m.
Thursdays 9 p.m.
Monday-Friday 12:05 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Tuesdays, Fridays 11:30-Noon
Immaculate Conception Chapel

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Mondays-Thursdays 5:30-9 p.m.
Alumni Hall Chapel
Fridays 7:30-12 p.m.
Alumni Hall Chapel

Sunday Reading and Reflections
Reading I: Jeremiah 33:14-16
Responsorial Psalm: 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14
Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. Jeremiah 33:14

A local charity which serves the poor in the Dayton area will receive 10% of every Sunday collection. The rest of the collection supports more than 100 Campus Ministry programs of all kinds, including our

Service Program of the Week:

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Of the 40 million people considered to be living below the poverty line, 45% work full time but still do not make enough money to feed their families, keep roofs over their heads and pay for health care. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) supports community-based projects—founded and managed by the poor themselves—that work toward building a better and more just community where poverty does not exist. Funds also support the Black and Indian Mission, educational efforts of the Catholic Social Action Office and administration of these funds. You can make a difference. Please donate prayerfully and generously in today's CCHD collection.

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Campus Ministry Calendar

November
30-December 4  Busy Persons Retreat

December
5  Year of Volunteer Services Discernment
8  Feast of the Immaculate Conception
8  Christmas on Campus

GET INVOLVED IN SERVICE AND JUSTICE

Equal Exchange Fair Trade Sale
How can you support small farmers, organic and sustainable farming, UD International Spring BreakOuts, and do your Christmas shopping all at once? Consider purchasing fair trade coffee, chocolate, teas, cocoa and nuts from our fundraising sale. All items ensure farmers fair working conditions and wages for the delicious products they grow. Participating farmers use sustainable and organic farming methods.

You can order items from any student going on an international breakout, or in Liberty Hall, room 107. Order by November 30 to receive your goods in time for Christmas. We take cash or check. Questions? Contact Mary Niebler at mary.niebler@notes.udayton.edu

Domestic Spring BreakOuts
Offered by the Center for Social Concern.
Looking for a great way to spend your time over spring break? These trips offer an opportunity to work with organizations and people working for change in the United States. Trips travel to Chicago, East St Louis, New Orleans, Trenton, Salyersville, Bloomington, and a Civil Rights Tour of the South. Each BreakOut, though different, focuses on issues of poverty, racism, and social injustice. Groups will learn about the issues and have an opportunity to work toward solidarity and change through service and learning. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis from January 11-15. For more information, go to campus.udayton.edu/~scs.

Empower Christmas Brunch
Tuesday, December 8, 10am-1pm
Please join us at McGinnis Center and enjoy food and holiday fun, including pictures with Santa, while supporting education in Uganda, Africa. All you Can Eat- $5. All are welcome! This is sponsored by the UD Empower Service Club. Questions? Contact Shannon Phillips at shannon.phillips14@gmail.com

Sophomore Campus Ministry Night
December 7, 9:00 pm
Take an hour out of your week to rejuvenate with friends through games, food and prayer. The location is Lounge 256 off of 2nd floor lobby in VWK. For more information contact Meghann Wygnonik at wygnonimm@notes.udayton.edu.

OpenPORCH
Wednesdays, 7pm
Join us for OpenPORCH on Wednesdays at 7pm in McGinnis Lounge to continue the More to Life, Lighthouse and Metanoia retreat experiences. It's a chance to talk about retreat topics and spend time with your families from retreat! Contact Jenna at Connorjl@notes.udayton.edu.

Living in Holy Anticipation
November 30 - December 4, 2009
Go on retreat without leaving campus! Registration is going on now for the Advent Busy Person Retreat. Designed to fit your busy schedule, this retreat offers you a chance to spend thirty minutes in quiet reflection and prayer each day and to meet individually with a spiritual guide for thirty minutes each day. Take time out of your busy life to reflect on God and deepen your experience of prayer in the midst of everyday responsibilities. For more information and to request a registration form contact Sr. Linda Lee Jackson, OP at linda.jackson@notes.udayton.edu.

ADVENT 2009

VESPERS
November 30  December 7  December 14
Marianist Martyrs Chapel  9 p.m.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE
SUNDAYS OF ADVENT
November 29  December 6  December 13
Immaculate Conception Chapel  10 a.m., 12 p.m., 6 p.m., 8 p.m.
McGinnis Center  9 p.m.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE
Marianist Martyrs Chapel  6 p.m.

DECEMBER 20
Immaculate Conception Chapel  10 a.m. ONLY

SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS
December 1
Advent Reconciliation Service  8 p.m.
Immaculate Conception Chapel
December 8
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  9 a.m., 12:05 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 9 p.m.

December 18
Baccalaureate Mass  4:30 p.m.
Immaculate Conception Chapel