Heralding the Birth of Christ

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” (Lk 2:13-14)

The proclamation of the Gloria is absent during the Advent season as the Church waits for the coming of the Lord at Christmas. And this is not simply because Advent is another ‘purple’ season in the Church, but rather because of the Scriptural heritage of this acclamation. As the quote from the Gospel of Luke above references, after the shepherds hear the announcement of the birth of Christ the heavens burst forth with what had to be an overwhelming musical encounter focused on praising and glorifying God.

May we recognize the absence of the Gloria acclamation as we move through the remainder of our Advent season and meet it once more on Christmas. May we sing it on that day with the same fervor and jubilation with which it was originally proclaimed as we recall the most profound expression of love the world has ever known through the birth of Jesus Christ.

—Scott Paeplow
Campus Minister for Liturgical and Pastoral Music

Quote Of the Week

“It’s your place in the world; it’s your life. Go on and do all you can with it, and make it the life you want to live.”

—Mae Jemison
Campus Ministry Calendar

December
12  Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
16  Baccalaureate Mass for December Graduates

January
8-14  Domestic Winter BreakOuts
16  MLK March
21  Martin Luther King Social Justice Plunge

Martin Luther King Social Justice Plunge
Saturday, January 21, 10:30am-4:30pm
The MLK Plunge is an opportunity to serve in our community, dialogue about race relations in Dayton and explore how to advance justice in the spirit of Dr. King. Participants will participate in service projects in the city, meaningful conversations and a free lunch will be provided. Contact: skennedy2@udayton.edu with questions. Sign up here: https://udayton.edu/ministry/csc/plunges.php

2017 UD Miryam Award
Nominations are now being accepted through February 6. This award recognizes the efforts of people on our campus to change the atmosphere and the potential for women's achievements at the University of Dayton. You can nominate an individual or a group of UD faculty, staff, or students. The nomination form is found on our Center for Social Concern website https://udayton.edu/ministry/csc/advocacy/miryam_award.php

Table of Plenty—Thursday, January 19
12:30-1:45pm, Liberty Hall, Room 08
Join us for our Table of Plenty celebrating Martin Luther King Week. The topic is: King's Many Dreams. The Table of Plenty is a monthly opportunity for open lunchtime discussion on a complex social justice topic. We hope to have people join us with a broad spectrum of opinions to join us for respectful conversation where all sides are heard. Free vegetarian lunch provided. PATH eligible. Register here: https://www.udayton.edu/ministry/csc/advocacy/table_of_plenty.php

Turn on the Light: Candlelight Solidarity Walk
Friday, Jan. 20, 5:00pm, Marianist Hall Chapel
Human trafficking is the focus of this Solidarity Prayer Walk sponsored by Catholic Relief Services. Join us to become more aware of our personal contributions to human trafficking, to pray for an end to it and to take action to stop it.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Monday, December 12, 12:30pm
Chapel of the Immaculate Conception
All are invited to celebrate bilingual Mass with prayers and music in both Spanish and English and to enjoy cultural refreshments after the liturgy. This feast remembers the appearance of Mary to Juan Diego in 1531. The Virgin of Guadalupe is the patroness of Mexico and Latin America.

Register Now for Spring BreakOuts
Are you interested in helping others? Have you always wanted to learn about a different way of life or part of the country? Sign up now for a Spring BreakOut. The Center for Social Concern is sponsoring some great ways to get out of your norm from March 2-5, 2017. Consider learning and serving in Salyersville, Kentucky or Detroit, Michigan over your Spring Break. Registration is now open and closes February 1. For more information please visit our website. Questions? Contact Mary Niebler at mniejbler1@udayton.edu.

2017 MLK March - Monday, January 16, 8:00am-3:00pm
Join local community supporters and organizations in a commemorative annual march and rally, paying respects to the life and work of Dr. King. The expectation is for students to become more aware and exposed to the impact of Dr. King’s work and our responsibility to fulfilling his mission. Agenda for the day will include meeting in the morning for breakfast and to create posters that will be utilized during the march. Transportation will be provided from UD to downtown Dayton. Following the march, participants will engage in a closing ceremony and dialogue. PATH eligible. Register on Orgsync.

Advent 2016 and Christmas
December 12  Our Lady of Guadalupe, 12:30pm
Chapel of the Immaculate Conception, Bilingual Mass
All are welcome to this bilingual Mass with prayers and music in both Spanish and English and to enjoy cultural refreshments after the liturgy. This feast remembers the appearance of Mary to Juan Diego in 1531. The Virgin of Guadalupe is the patroness of Mexico and Latin America.

December 16, 5pm
Chapel of the Immaculate Conception
All are invited to celebrate bilingual Mass with prayers and music in both Spanish and English and to enjoy cultural refreshments after the liturgy. This feast remembers the appearance of Mary to Juan Diego in 1531. The Virgin of Guadalupe is the patroness of Mexico and Latin America.

December 18  Fourth Sunday of Advent, 10am, 6pm
Chapel of the Immaculate Conception
All December graduates and their families are invited to celebrate this achievement with Mass in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. A special blessing will be offered to all graduates in attendance.

December 25  Mass of the Nativity of our Lord, 9pm
Chapel of the Immaculate Conception
Christmas Eve Mass celebrates the birth of Christ. Entrance Doors open at 8:00pm. Choir and organists will美妙ly present a traditional service. All are welcome.

For more details and applications on all of the above, go to www.udayton.edu/ministry or call Campus Ministry at 937-229-3339 or the Center for Social Concern at 937-229-2524.