Music

Gathering Song: Here I Am to Worship
Verse: Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see. Beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.
Refrain: Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that You’re my God. You’re altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.
Verse 2: King of all days, oh so exalted, glorious in heaven above. Humbly You came to the earth You created, all for love’s sake became poor.
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Preparation of the Gifts: Your Love is Extravagant
by Darrell Evans
Your love is extravagant. Your friendship, Oo, so intimate.
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Communion Song: We Come to You
We come to You. We come to You broken, hungry.
We come to You. We come to You. Make us whole again.
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Recessional Song: I Could Sing of Your Love Forever
Spirit and Song Hymnal #184

Saint Oscar Romero
On March 24th, 1980, while presiding at a small evening Mass in a simple hospital chapel in San Salvador, Archbishop Oscar Romero was shot and killed. Romero had just concluded his homily, during which he reflected on these words from John’s Gospel: “Unless the grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies, it remains only a grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit” (John 12:23-26).
Romero’s life has indeed born great fruit. While a source of terrible sorrow for countless people - especially those in his beloved El Salvador - the story of Romero’s life and death is also profoundly hopeful.

His killers, members of a paramilitary death squad, targeted Romero because of his unwavering dedication to the poor. Romero’s extraordinary defense of the human dignity and rights of the poor, his insistence on the Church’s preferential option for those poor, and his conviction that the oppressive social system in El Salvador violated the demands of the Gospel, convinced the powerful people of the country to eliminate him.

Just two weeks before he was killed Romero said, “If they kill me, I shall arise in the Salvadoran people.” Romero’s killers expected that his death would end his influence. The reality is the opposite. Romero has indeed been resurrected in the people he loved so much. His vision of a more just, humane and sustainable El Salvador has inspired countless individuals to continue the work that he began.

On Sunday, October 14th, Pope Francis will declare Archbishop Romero a saint of the universal church, officially adding him to the roster of holy women and men who lived especially holy lives, who now enjoy the fullness of life with God and who are worthy of veneration by the faithful. In particular, Romero will be remembered for his work in defense of human rights, justice and peace.

We will join our sisters and brothers in El Salvador - and those around the world - in remembering Romero at a special Spirituality is Served on Tuesday, October 9th. Please join us.
This week’s St. Didacus collection will be offered to the Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC), a non-profit organization that places college graduates with grassroots social service organizations around the United States and in seven countries across the globe. Volunteers make a commitment to serve where the need is the greatest, to work directly with people who are poor and marginalized, and to live in community with other Jesuit Volunteers.

Based on the four values of spirituality, simple living, community, and social justice, JVC offers the opportunities to engage in vital service within poor communities, while fostering their growth as leaders dedicated to faith in action.

Since 1956, the JVC has worked in collaboration with Jesuits, whose spirituality the volunteers incorporate into their work, community, and prayer life. The JVC offers the volunteers a year or more of experience that will open their minds and hearts to live always conscious of the poor, committed to the Church’s mission of promoting justice in the service of faith.

Last week’s collection raised $304.45 for San Diego Chapter of the Christ Child Society. Thank you for your generosity.

Women’s Group

Please join us for community, self-care, refreshments, and important conversation! Thursday, October 11 from 5:30 - 6:30 pm in Degheri 102

Spirituality is Served: Saints, Witnesses and Holy People for our Time

Join us on Tuesday, October 9th, 6:00 - 7:15 p.m., UC Forums A and B

On Sunday, October 14th, Pope Francis will declare Oscar Romero and Pope Paul VI saints.

Please join us for this special -- free! -- dinner during which we’ll prepare for the canonization of these two inspiring figures by reflecting on the holy people in our own lives.

All are welcome!

Post-Grad Service Profile

Name: Leanne Falzon, ’15
Service program: Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest – Portland, OR
Service placement: Rosemary Anderson High School 2015-2016, Sisters of the Road 2016-2017
Why I chose a year of service: I remember feeling a ton of pressure during senior year around finding a job and immediately starting the next thing; when what I really wanted was to slow down, connect with myself, and seek new experiences in a new place with new people. JVCNW combined many of these pieces for me. It was a way for me to do work that was grounded in social justice and learn from folks whose lives are impacted by systems of structural violence, while living in an intentional community that practiced collectivity, simple living, and reflection. JVCNW was a great way to explore openness and compassion in my relationships with my communities and myself that I now realize were critical to my learning and development before just jumping into a job or further education.

Students for Life

Respect Life Sunday is dedicated to recognizing the value and dignity of each human life from conception to natural death. As Catholics, we believe life is a gift from God and as a result something to be upheld and valued in every circumstance. If learning about these issues and protecting life is something that you are interested in, please see the Students for Life table after mass.

You can always join us for our general body meetings every Thursday at 7pm in UC238.

Come learn about graduate studies in theology and ministry!

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Tuesday, October 16
Graduate School Fair
11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., UC Forums
Dinner at La Gran Tamaza
5:00 p.m.
RSVP to ellen.romer@bc.edu by October 14.