Rite of Acceptance

At tonight's 7:00 p.m. liturgy, we celebrate the Rite of Acceptance, a communal celebration of the 4 women who have begun preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation this Easter season. It is our opportunity to welcome them, to pray for them, to be inspired by their commitment to grow in their faith and to acknowledge their desire to join our community as official members.

The Rite of Acceptance is an important step in the RCIA journey. RCIA is an acronym for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, the process through which adults are introduced to and welcomed into the Catholic Christian way of life.

The rite begins with a knock on the Chapel doors. Doors are an important symbol of transition and new ways of life. They are also in-between places where we cross over from a secure place to another, less familiar but often more authentic reality. In tonight's rite, those choosing to respond to God's call are met at the threshold of the Chapel and warmly welcomed to enter. It's an act similar to the way a family rushes to the door to greet a beloved friend or relative; our excitement propels us to go to them, embrace them and usher them into our home.

The preparation and formation of these 4 individuals began in September and will unfold throughout the academic year. They will continue to grow closer to God, deepen their faith and prepare to live as mature and faithful disciples. In April, they will receive the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

Tonight is a special moment along the way, both for them and for us. Tonight we pray that they may be filled with joy, feel warmly welcomed and experience an intimate sense of God's unconditional love. Likewise, we pray that we might be inspired by their witness to recommit to our faith journey while being reminded of God's love in our lives. All of us pray for the grace to be our true selves and the courage to follow where and when we are called.

We give thanks for the witness of those preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation: Allison Bennett, Kaia Hubbard, Monique Lopez and Julia Somera.

Today's Word

Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. ** -MK 12: 41-42

First Reading

1 KGS 17:10-16

Second Reading

HEB 9:24-28

Gospel

MK 12:38-44

Readings can be found on page 1186 in the Gather book

Founders Chapel Schedule

Daily Mass: 12:15pm*
Sunday Mass: 7:00 and 9:00am**
Mass for Peace: Wednesdays 9:00pm** Daily at 11:50am in confession***
Reconciliation: 8:00am, 12:15pm

*Except on University holidays **While classes are in session ***While classes are in session

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LifetUp App |无缘ministry |无缘@usministry<br>www.sandiego.edu/ministry  University Ministry Center Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (UC238)
Tonight’s St. Didacus collection will be offered to Children’s Peace Initiative (CPI).

Located in Kenya, the organization is dedicated to working with children for a peaceful tomorrow. The funds raised tonight will be dedicated to their Heifers for Peace program. More specifically, the money collected will help purchase heifers which will be used to link communities separated by conflict. The goal is to help build economic resilience and foster friendship between the two tribes on their road to reconciliation and lasting peace.

Last week’s collection raised $425.12 for Catholic Charities. Thank you for your generosity.

Tijuana Spring Breakthrough

Spend Spring Break, March 1-7, 2019, with other USD students sharing meals, conversations, and fun with different communities in Tijuana! Join us as we grow in our understanding of social justice, compassion, solidarity, and faith. Visit sandiego.edu/tjsb to apply. Applications now available and due December 2nd. Contact Aly at amonteleone@sandiego.edu with any questions.

San Diego Immersion Trip

*For First-Year Students

January 14-18, 2019

Applications due: Monday, November 25 by 5pm

Focused on the issues of hunger, homelessness, affordable housing and access to healthcare, the San Diego immersion explores the values of social justice, spirituality, solidarity and simplicity through relationship building, service, education and reflection.

Sign up today for this powerful experience! www.sandiego.edu/ministry

Questions? Please contact mariag@sandiego.edu

Thank you FUSO!

Help at Mass!

“What we would like to do is change the world...by crying out unceasingly for the rights of the poor. We can throw our pebble in the pond and be confident that its ever widening circle will reach around the world.”
- Dorothy Day

Post-Grad Service Profile

Name: Jacqueline Cortes
Service Program: JVC Northwest- Hillsboro, Oregon.
Service Placement: Bienestar - an affordable housing agency for farmworker families.
Why I served: Ultimately, because I couldn’t ignore the tug on my heart—the deep call of responsibility to serve my Latinx community, and the desire to move somewhere new—to grow intentionally with others in the values of Simple Living, Social/Ecological Justice, Spirituality, and Community. Nearing graduation felt like a pending ‘drop-off’, and I wanted to be caught by a program with structured support, and friends to immediately belong to. I craved the idea of candle-lit discussions around finding God in the day-to-day, gaining experience in the non-profit sector, learning from the resilience of the families and kids at my placement site, and of course, dance parties in living rooms. JVCNW gave me this and more. It tore me open, and built me back up. I am forever grateful.

Encuentro Espiritual 2019

“Fe sin Fronteras” February 9th-10th

Applications are open! Held in Tijuana and entirely in Spanish, the retreat is for Latinx students from USD and Pastoral Juvenil of Parroquia San Eugenio. Visit sandiego.edu/ministry to apply. Contact Julia at campagna@sandiego.edu with any questions.

Half Time

If you’re a sophomore who enjoys self-reflection and growth, practical skill development, and building relationships with USD alumni, faculty, and staff, then we hope you’ll join us for Half Time! This hybrid experience from January 23-25 is designed to help you make the most of your remaining time at USD. Registration opens Monday, November 19 at sandiego.edu/halftime. Sponsored by University Ministry, the Career Development Center, Residential Life, and the Mulvaney Center. Contact amonteleone@sandiego.edu with any questions!

Many thanks to the members of FUSO who helped make tonight’s Mass beautiful. Many blessings on you and your organization!