Before the Cor Retreat, I never understood the dichotomy in peoples’ perceptions of me. My sisters called me immature while my teachers and friends thought otherwise. While reflecting at Cor, I realized that some people might consider my independence reflective of maturity, while those who’ve seen me upset about an unfulfilled promise may believe that tears and anger reflect emotionally immaturity. I don’t think that emotional maturity means an absence of emotions. Rather, it relates to how we manage the emotions that we do have.

As a young girl, my parents never forgot my birthday. They always found a way to make the day special, even when we were financially unstable. They treated me like a princess, and I believed that nothing would change.

As they aged, their enthusiasm to plan things for me waned. They began sending me birthday wishes on the wrong day and then forgot altogether. My sisters called me immature because I was upset. I realized during Cor that I was immature, but not because I cried when I sensed a love withdrawal. I was emotionally immature because I didn’t take the time to assess the changes in my environment. My father retired early, leaving my mum as the sole provider of the family. I didn’t appreciate the fact that despite their struggles, they called me as often as they could and prayed for me. I took their alternative expressions of love for granted because I didn’t look beyond myself. My selfishness didn’t allow me to think.

To feel pain is only human. It doesn’t make us immature. Rather, what we do with our feelings, i.e. our ability to recognize where they’re coming from and to reflect on them; our courage to talk to God or the people who love us to help us unravel them; and our ability to make informed conclusions about them, help us become emotionally balanced individuals.

- Princess Chukwuneke, FCRH ’15

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY**

- **Monday, December 8**
  - 8:30 AM - Keating Blue Chapel
  - 12:05 PM - University Church
  - 5:15 PM - University Church

**Holy Day of Obligation**

**PRAY, EAT, LOVE**

- **Wednesday, December 10**
  - 5:30 PM - Christmas Dinner!
  - 5:00 PM - Advent Prayer Service

Campus Ministry warmly invites you to an Advent prayer service followed by a traditional Christmas dinner and celebration. The service begins at 5:00 PM in Our Lady’s Chapel and the dinner at 5:30 PM in the Ignatius room. All are welcome!

**HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

On Sunday, 12/21, Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM (no 8:00 PM Mass). On 12/28/14 and 1/4/15, Mass will only be celebrated at 11:00 AM. There is no Daily Mass or Reconciliation when the University is closed for the Christmas holidays (12/24 - 1/4). The regular Mass schedule resumes on Monday, 1/5/15.

**GAUDETE SUNDAY**

- **Sunday, December 14 - 7:00 PM**
  - University Church

Celebrate the joyful 3rd Sunday of Advent at a special Gaudete Sunday Mass. The Mass will be followed by a Menorah lighting and tree blessing, and then a reception in Bepler Commons. There will be no 5:00 PM or 8:00 PM Mass that day.

**MIDNIGHT MASS**

- **Wednesday, December 24**
  - University Church

Candlelight Vigil of Word and Song begins at 11:30 PM. Mass at Midnight. Please join us!

**HOLIDAY COAT AND TOY DRIVES**

Through December 17

Drop off at McGinley 101 or 102

Many of our neighbors and friends are in dire need of your help this holiday season. We are collecting warm, gently used outerwear such as coats, boots, hats, scarves, and gloves. Additionally, new, unwrapped, nonviolent toys for children (infants to teenagers) would put the spirit back in a child’s holiday. Monetary donations also accepted. Checks can be made payable to Campus Ministry and can be dropped off or mailed to the Campus Ministry office. All donations are gratefully accepted and appreciated. Happy holidays!

**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CHOIR FOR MIDNIGHT MASS**

Members of the Fordham community are invited to join the Christmas Choir for Midnight Mass in the University Church. Rehearsal will be held Tuesday, December 16 from 7:00-8:30 PM in Our Lady’s Chapel and at 10:30 PM on December 24. Contact Robert Minotti at minotti@fordham.edu.

**RETREAT REGISTRATION**

January 16-19, 2015

Registration for the Contemplatio retreat is now open! For more info and to register:

www.fordham.edu/cm “Retreat Ministry”

Questions: Contact Erin Hoffman (ehoffman12@fordham.edu)

**FACULTY AND STAFF IGNATIAN RETREAT**

Thursday, January 8 - Saturday, January 10

Mariandale Retreat Center, Ossining, NY

Contact Joan Cavanaugh: jcavanaugh@fordham.edu

**ANNIVERSARY MASS FOR THE JESUIT MARTYRS - NOV. 16**

December 7 - 24, 2014
### December 7 - 24, 2014

**CALENDER KEY**
- (UC) University Church
- (KB) Blue Chapel, Keating
- (DH) Sacred Heart Chapel, Dealy
- (OLC) Our Lady's Chapel
- (IR) Ignatius Room
- (CCR) Currie Conference Room
- (MCG) McGinley Center

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(Rose Hill Campus) 
Advent Reflections 
Retreat  
11 AM- (UC) Mass  
3 PM- (UC)  
Festival of Lessons and Carols  
5 PM- (OLC) Mass  
6:30 PM- (OLC)  
Chapel Yoga  
7 PM- (UC)  
Reconciliation  
8 PM- (UC) Mass | 8:30 AM- (KB)  
Festival of Lessons and Carols  
5 PM- (UC) Mass  
7 PM- (UC) Reconciliation  
8:30 PM- (UC) Holy Hour  
Holy Day of Obligation | 8:30 AM- (KB)  
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| 14 Gaudete Sunday  
11 AM- (UC) Mass  
7 PM* (UC) Mass  
8 PM- (UC) Tree Lighting and Blessing followed by reception in Bepler Commons  
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12:05 PM- (DH) Daily Mass | 23  
8:30 AM- (KB)  
Daily Mass  
12 PM- (UC) Reconciliation  
12:05 PM- (DH) Daily Mass | 24 Christmas Eve  
11:30 PM- (UC)  
Candlelight Vigil of Word and Song  
12 AM - (UC) Midnight Mass | 25 Christmas Day |

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“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.” - Romans 15:13