

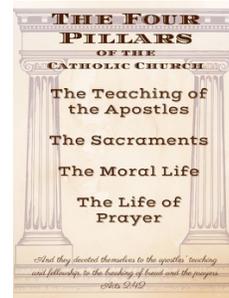


### Four Pillars of the Catholic Church

#### Part 1: Creed – January 25

This new Four Pillars Forum features four discussions throughout the semester, with the first one featuring 'Creed'. We'll learn about our core beliefs written in the Nicene Creed, and specifically how God is the creator, salvation is in Jesus Christ, and how we are strengthened by the Holy Spirit. The other three forums will feature Morality, Sacraments, and Prayer.

Join us for this discussion and pizza on Thursday, Jan. 25 from 8-9pm in UC 140 (Collaboration Room B). All are welcome!



### SLS Retreat in Chicago

Danielle Farley and Olivia Gonzalez strengthened their relationship with Christ at the SLS Retreat earlier this month. The retreat featured speakers Fr. Mike Schmitz, Sarah Swafford, and Bishop Robert Barron. We're proud of their desire to grow in faith, and we're excited for them to spread that faith on campus this semester.



### A Lenten Spiritual Journey

Lent is a time of spiritual renewal, and you can make that journey by joining a 7-week Lenten Small Group. The discussion will enrich your experience of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus through reflection on the Easter Scriptures, and you'll receive a free book of questions and insights that will open your hearts to God and give you the tools to live faith on campus. Small Group sign-ups start Feb. 4.



Tom attended the Petrus Development Conference in San Antonio, TX from Jan. 7-10 to learn about Catholic fundraising. The conference members attended daily Mass at St. Mary's (left) and visited The Alamo (right).



### Upcoming Schedule

- 1/25: Creed Seminar - UC - 8pm
  - 1/28: Mass - Pilling - Noon
  - 2/4: Mass - Pilling - Noon
- Stay tuned for Lenten Small Group dates and other events

### Campus Reflection

Tom Prior - Campus Minister

Now that Advent and Christmas are finished, the Church enters Ordinary Time as we hear Scripture of Jesus' public ministry. However, Jesus spends much of this time doing extraordinary acts, such as healing lepers and revealing the love of God. As Catholics, we often focus so much on the Advent and Lenten seasons that we fall away from faith during Ordinary Time, and it's easy to do so with school classes and activities beginning again. Instead, let's use the next two weeks to make our faith a priority and trust that God will guide us through our busy lives; he will truly change our hearts if we place full trust in Him.

My challenge to you this semester is to pray extemporaneously, which means having an honest, personal conversation with God through prayer. Recited prayers such as the 'Our Father' and 'Hail Mary' are wonderful, but God wants us to open our hearts to Him through personal dialogue. Talk to Jesus as a friend, share your struggles with Him, and listen for His guidance.

### Sunday Mass Noon – Pilling Chapel

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## January 21

### First Reading: JON 3:1-5, 10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying: "Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and announce to it the message that I will tell you." So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh, according to the LORD'S bidding. Now Nineveh was an enormously large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began his journey through the city, and had gone but a single day's walk announcing, "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed, " when the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out.

### Second Reading: 1 COR 7:29-31

I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out. From now on, let those having wives act as not having them, those weeping as not weeping, those rejoicing as not rejoicing, those buying as not owning, those using the world as not using it fully. For the world in its present form is passing away.

### Gospel: MK 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

## January 28

### First Reading: DT 18:15-20

Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen. This is exactly what you requested of the LORD, your God, at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let us not again hear the voice of the LORD, our God, nor see this great fire any more, lest we die.' And the LORD said to me, 'This was well said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him. Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it. But if a prophet presumes to speak in my name an oracle that I have not commanded him to speak, or speaks in the name of other gods, he shall die.'"

### Second Reading: 1 COR 7:32-35

Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties. An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord. But a married man is anxious about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided. An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. A married woman, on the other hand, is anxious about the things of the world, how she may please her husband. I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction.

### Gospel: MK 1:21-28

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the Sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.