

## Catholic Community at Stanford

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Sunday Mass January 8, 2012
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { 4:30pm } & \text { Memorial Church } \\ \text { 10pm } & \text { Memorial Church }\end{array}$

## Daily Eucharist

M-W- F 12:20pm Memorial Church
T - Th 12:20pm Old Union Sanctuary

## Confessions

Tuesday 1:30-2:30pm and 9-10:30pm
Old Union, 3rd Floor, 304 or 305
or by appointment: call 725-0080

## Marriage

To arrange a Catholic Wedding, call the wedding coordinator at Memorial Church at 650-723-9531.

## Infant Baptisms

Baptism is celebrated once per quarter. For more information, please visit http://catholic. stanford.edu/baptisms/eligibility.html or contact Teresa Pleins tpleins@stanford.edu.

Baptisms for the 2011-2012 academic year:
January 29, 2012
May 20, 2012

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# Religious Ramblings 

fr Neil Ferguson ponders on the journey of the Magi to Bethlehem.

One of the good things about travelling is that it both dislocates and disconcerts us. The unique combination of stress, boredom and expectation can reduce us to nervous wrecks but also open us to experiencing the world afresh. Not only do we travel to see 'new things', but by travelling we sometimes end up seeing things anew. Even things that we thought were familiar, we can see them as if for the first time when we return home, or when we think about them from far away.

This disconcerting nature of travel is captured well in TS Eliot's The Journey of the Magi. Of course, the Magi are not on any old journey, but are seeking the person who will fulfil ancient prophecy. But having travelled to find a king, they encounter a child in a stable. Common shepherds have arrived before these Persian gentlemen. They have to go home by another route and unwittingly leave a trail of grief and destruction behind them. On going home, they realise they do not feel at ease in their own culture; their journey has changed them.

Of course, these disconcerting elements are mixed with the beautiful and purely positive side to this wonderful feast. The universal nature of the call to salvation, which was always part of the preaching of the prophets, is expressed in the reading from Isaiah. 'The nations come to your light, and the kings to your dawning brightness.' The gifts they bring express the divine, regal and priestly sacrificial role of the child they encounter.

The inherent plausibility of the story is given an interesting fillip by the Roman poet Horace, writing just before the birth of Christ. In one of the most famous poems of antiquity he advises his friend not to worry about the length of his life, nor to ask the Babylonian astrologers for any predictions or readings from the stars.

Stargazing, then, was the sort of thing wise men from the East were famous for doing. Not only did their stellar cartography help them navigate the ocean of the desert, they tried also to see where time and eternity would touch and go. Was there not an ancient prophecy, spoken by a Gentile, about the star who would arise out of Jacob? Another ancient prophecy spoken in persona Christi is preserved in the Apocalypse (22:16): 'I am the root and stock of David, the bright and morning star.'

Ironically, although pilgrimage is an integral part of Christianity, we don't have to travel to find Christ, he has already travelled to find us. By the gift of the Spirit, the blessed Trinity dwells within us. The ocean of our soul has been sounded and charted by the God who loves and creates us. The 17th century cavalier poet John Cleveland satirised the mania for travelling to the 'New' world to find gold and silver, while the 'black gold' which was coal, could be found in plenty at home. It's partially an attack on preferring the exotic over the domestic:

## England's a perfect world, has Indies too;

 Correct your maps, Newcastle is Peru.In two simple lines, Cleveland has not only disconcerted and dislocated and superimposed opposite sides of the world, but has upturned whole world views. The birth and epiphany of the child of Bethlehem does the same to an infinitely greater degree. Correct your maps. Our life as Christians is a constant correcting of our maps.

Of course, we have Jesus Christ, revealed today as true God and Man, he who is the Way, the Truth and the Life; but often other vistas tempt us, tales of earthly paradises, but only Christ will satisfy us, if we redraw our maps and redirect our steps.

So whether we are great travellers or prefer to stay at home, we have both a clear destination, eternity; and we have the means of getting there, the indwelling of the Blessed Trinity. Even in this life, our hearts and minds can become a Bethlehem where Christ is continually born by the gift of faith. ' Moreover, we possess the prophetic message that is altogether reliable. You will do well to be attentive to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until day dawns and the Morning Star rises in your hearts' (2 Peter 2:19).

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## GENERAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Religious Education for Children:

Our program continues on Sunday mornings, with a newparent orientation offered on Sunday, Jan. 22. This program is for registered members of the community whose children are ages 3-13. It includes sacramental preparation. For more information, contact Teresa, tpleins@stanford.edu.

## Spanish Mass:

Our next monthly Mass in Spanish will be celebrated on Sunday, January 22, at $3: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ in the side chapel of Memorial Church. All are welcome to attend!

## Sacrament of the Sick at Masses:

We will celebrate this sacrament at all the Masses on Sunday, Feb. 5. Please invite anyone who wishes to receive the sacrament to attend this weekend. The sacrament is also available on an individual basis by contacting one of the parish priests.

## New Training for Liturgical Ministers:

We welcome anyone who is interested in joining the choir, serving as lectors, greeters, altar servers, or eucharistic ministers. If you've managed to survive the first quarter at Stanford and can now think about the REST of your life, please contact Teresa, tpleins@stanford.edu. Service can take place around your schedule. The rewards for ministry are great--serving the Lord, deepening your bond to the community, making new friends!

## High School Confirmation:

We are assessing the need for a high school confirmation group. If your high school-age child would be interested in receiving the sacrament this coming April 29th, please contact Teresa, tpleins@stanford.edu, as soon as possible.

## Altar Servers:

We are looking for 4 students to help with the ministry of altar serving for the $4: 30$ Sunday Mass. You would be scheduled about every 4 weeks and trained for special liturgies such as Holy Week, in addition to the Sunday Masses. Altar servers arrive at $3: 45$ to help with set up. This is a vital ministry to our liturgies, so if you could help out once a month, we would be grateful. For info, contact Teresa, tpleins@stanford.edu.

## Greeting Ministers Needed for 4:30 Mass:

We need 6 more friendly faces to complete our greeting ministry roster at the $4: 30$ Mass. This is such an important ministry, as we welcome all who pass through our doors on Sunday. It is very rewarding, as you have the opportunity to meet the face of Christ present in his people. You would be scheduled approximately every 3-4 weeks. For info, contact Iris Clark, iris.ccas@live.com.

## Adult Confirmation beginning in January!

Preparation for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation for Stanford students, faculty, staff and registered Permanent Community members will begin on Wednesday, January 11, 2012. The process entails 1690 -minutes classes over the course of 20 weeks, from 7:30-9:00pm in the Common Room in the CIRCLE. Confirmation will be celebrated in Sunday April 29, 2012 ........

Called \& Gifted: Topic 1: Deepen Your Faith
Coming soon to our parish is an opportunity for each of us to deepen our relationship with Jesus and to discover God's plan for our lives. In the Called \& Gifted discernment process you will learn that every lay Christian - each baptized person without exception-has been given a unique and deeply personal call to work with our Lord. Discerning your call will give you a new perspective on your life and will help you to be more fulfilled in your work and in your relationships. Our parish is sponsoring a teaching team from the Catherine of Siena Institute in Colorado Springs to offer the introductory Called \& Gifted workshop, which will be on Friday, and Saturday, (Feb 10 (7-9pm) \& 11 (9am-4pm). Everyone is invited to participate. To register or find out more, email Father Isaiah Mary frisaiah@ stanford.edu

## Easiest ministry in the history of CCAS:

Father Isaiah Mary, the Voice of Catholic Cardinal Reflections (the Podcast of the Catholic Community), is looking for a few able-bodied souls to go the 4:30 Mass, sit in one of the lofts during the Liturgy of the Word, and press two buttons, one before \& one after, the preaching of that Sunday. In other words, he's looking for some sound techs. If you are interested in BECOMING FAMOUS, contact Fr. Isaiah Mary. frisaiah@stanford.edu

Next Spanish Mass - Sunday January 22-3pm

## Wedding Anniversary Mass:

Greetings! The Diocese of San José will once again acknowledge the couples who have honored the sacrament of matrimony with their faith and love for God and their spouses at a Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration.

Bishop Patrick J. McGrath invites couples celebrating their 25th, 40th or 50th wedding anniversaries (or more) to a Mass celebrating their commitment at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph on February 4, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. The Mass will be bilingual in English and Spanish, and the couples will have the opportunity to renew their wedding vows. A reception in the Cathedral's parish hall will follow.

Please make copies of the registration form to distribute to your parishioners and their families who may be interested in participating. They can print or type their information on the form and mail it to the Diocese of San José or fax it to 408-983-0121 (attention: Sylvia Blanch). They may also register online.

The deadline for registration is January 25, 2012. Due to limited seats, please reserve seats only for anniversary couples and handicapped.

If you need more information or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sylvia Blanch at 408-983-0128 or email her atsblanch@dsj. org.

Please know that the Bishop also invites the pastors to concelebrate at the Mass with him if they are able. Please let Diana Macalintal know if your pastor plans to join him at this celebration.

Thank you for your continued care for the all members of our diocese. WeddingAnniversaryMass

25 and 50+ Silver and Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration Aniversario de Bodas de Plata y Oro
February 4, 2012 / 4 de Febrero, 2012 2:00 pm
Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph / Catedral Basílica de San José

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Monday, January }
    Is 42:1-4, 6-7
    Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10
    Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday, January 10
    1 Sm 1:9-20
    (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7,
        8abcd
    Mk 1:14-20
Wednesday, January 11
    1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20
    Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a,
        8b-9, 10
    Mk 1:29-39
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Thursday, January 12
1 Sm 4:1-11
Ps 44:10-11, 14-15,
24-25
Mk 1:40-45

## UNDER GRADS

## The Catholic Church's Best Kept Secret:

Catholicism 101, Monday, January 16 at 7pm.
Undergrads are invited to join the grad community for the first Catholicism 101 of the winter quarter. This special event will be held in the Common Room, located on the 3rd floor of Old Union. See GRADS section below for more details.

## GRADS

## The Catholic Church's Best Kept Secret:

Catholicism 101, Monday, January 16 at 7pm
Join us on Mondays for Catholicism 101, a forum for graduate students and young adults that fosters community and open discussion of pressing issues impacting Catholics worldwide. Our first meeting will be in the Common Room, located on the 3rd floor of Old Union. All other meetings will be held at the GCC. We are kicking off the new quarter with a conversation on what has been called the "The Catholic Church's best kept secret." Fr. Michael Sweeney, OP, President of the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology will join us to reflect on the development of Catholic Social Teaching. Join us for dinner and an engaging conversation on this rich treasure of wisdom. For more information, contact Lourdes at lalonso@stanford.edu or Chris at ckark@stanford.edu.

## Volunteer Opportunities

## St. Anthony's Soup Kitchen:

The Catholic Community at Stanford is committed to serving the needy, elderly and homeless at St. Anthony's Soup Kitchen in Menlo Park. If you are interested in volunteering on Saturday, January 28th or Saturday, February 4th from 8:30 until 1:00pm, please contact Michael Bova at mpbova2001@yahoo.com to have a volunteer position reserved for you. In general, the CCAS has the first and fourth Saturdays of the month reserved for us at St. Anthony's. So plan your schedules in advance and please join us in helping those in need.

Sunday, January 8, 2012

- $4: 30$ pm - Memorial Church
- 10 pm - Memorial Church

Monday, January 9 - Friday, January 13

- Office hours (Tues - Fri) 10am - 4pm
- Confessions

Tuesday 1:30-2:30pm and 9-10:30pm Old Union, 3rd Floor, 304 or 305
or by appointment: call 725-0080
Daily Liturgy:

- M - W - F 12:20-Memorial Church
- T - Th 12:20-Old Union Sanctuary

Sunday, January 15, 2012

- 10:30 am - Tresidder Oak Room
- 4:30 pm - Memorial Church
- 10 pm - Memorial Church


## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Marriage Enrichment Opportunities for the New Year!
Make Your Marriage Your Top Priority this Year! Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend to rekindle your romance and renew your marriage. The next weekend in the San Jose Diocese is Mar. 2-4, 2012 in Mountain View. For registration information go to www.wwme12. org or contact Thomas \& Sandy Pavick at 408-262-4061 or gr8marriages@sbcglobal.net.
Free Date Night! Join us to watch the movie Fireproof on Saturday, January 21 from 6:45-9:30pm at St. Lucy's Parish, 2350 Winchester Blvd., Campbell. For information and RSVP, contact Alan \& Connie Gazaway, alangazaway@comcast.net or 229-8145. Sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter.

## YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adult Bible Study:
Tues. Jan. 10th at 7:30pm., Our Lady of the Rosary, 3233 Cowper St, Palo Alto. We will be starting a new topic, "Genesis to Jesus" (http://tinyurl.com/GenesisToJesus) and plan on meeting on the first Tuesday of each month. Our next lesson "On the way to the Promised Land" will focus on God's covenant with Israel at Sinai. Please join us even if you have never attended a Bible study before!

## Dinner at Slider Bar Cafe:

Tues. Jan. 17th at 7:30pm, 324 University Ave., Palo Alto. The Young Adult group meets for its monthly social gathering. Please confirm your attendence on our Facebook Page "Young Adult Circle" or contact us at yacircle@gmail.com.

## Young Adult Mass:

Tues. Jan. 31st at 7:30pm, St. Simon Church, 1860 Grant Rd, Los Altos. We will not be having a Young Adult Mass in December. Details for the January Mass to be announced.
For more info, see our website, www. YoungAdultCircle.org, check the Facebook Fan Page "Young Adult Circle", or contact us at yacircle@gmail.com.

# The Catholic Community at Stanford University 

The Epiphany of the Lord<br>JANUARY 8, 2012




C: We praise you, we bless you,
All: (Refrain 2) glory in the highest,
C: we adore you,
All: (Refrain 2) glory in the highest,
C: we glorify you,
 Lord God,
All: (Refrain 2) glory in the highest,
C: heavenly King,
All: (Refrain 2) glory in the highest,
C: O God, almighty Father. (to Refrain 1)
C: Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
All: (Refrain 3) have mercy on us;
C: you take away the sins of the world,
All: receive our prayer;
receive our prayer;
C: you are seated at the right hand of the Father,


All: (Refrain 3) have mercy on us.
C: Glory to God, glory in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
All: (Refrain 1) Glory to God . . .
C: For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High.
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God, the glory of God the Father. (to Refrain 1)

All: Amen.


## First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6
Darkness covers the earth, and heavy clouds hang over the people. But the light has come, and the glory of the Lord shines bright.

## Psalm 72 <br> Give Your Wisdom <br> (Tom Conry)

1) Give your wisdom, O God, to the King. Grant your justice to the King's own Son that he may judge your people in honor and the poor in the light of your truth.
2) Then shall the mountains deliver your justice; then shall the hills be covered with peace; then shall the harvest yield peace in abundance, while the lights of the heavens endure.
3) All the kings of the earth shall offer him homage, all the mighty on earth shall kneel at his name; ev'ry nation and coastland shall bow at his bidding, from the river to the ends of the earth.
4) For he shall save the least among people, he shall be friend to those who have none. For the nameless forgotten, his word within reach, and his hand on the side of the poor.
5) And they shall live amid harvests of plenty. Their grain and their fruit as grass on the earth; and people shall sing in the midst of their feasting, "Take heart at the name of the Lord."
6) Blessed be God, the Lord of all ages, whose name alone works wonders on earth: a city of peace, both now and forever, Amen.

Second Reading Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6
In Christ Jesus, Gentiles and Jews are co-heirs of the family fortune and co-shearers in the saving promise.

## Gospel Acclamation Celtic Alleluia (F O'Carroll)



## Gospel <br> Matthew 2:1-12

The magi from the east followed the star until it stopped still over the house. They entered, found the child with Mary, prostrated themselves, did him homage, and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Preparation of Gifts What Child Is This? (carol)

1. What Child is this who, laid to rest

On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom Angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and Angels sing;
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mary.
2. Why lies He in such mean estate, Where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christians, fear, for sinners here The silent Word is pleading.

Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you. Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The Babe, the Son of Mary.
3. So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh, Come peasant, king to own Him; The King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

Raise, raise a song on high, The virgin sings her lullaby. Joy, joy for Christ is born, The Babe, the Son of Mary.



## Communion O Little Town of Bethlehem (carol)

1. O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting Light; The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to-night.
2. O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth. For Christ is born of Mary And gathered all above, While mortals sleep the Angels keep Their watch of wondering love.
3. How silently, how silently, The wondrous gift is given;
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His Heaven.
No ear may hear His coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still, The dear Christ enters in.
4. Where children pure and happy Pray to the blessed Child,
Where misery cries out to Thee, Son of the Mother mild;1
Where Charity stands watching
And Faith holds wide the door,
The dark night wakes, the glory breaks,
And Christmas comes once more.
5. O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray!
Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us to-day.
We hear the Christmas angels, The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!

Over the desert and over the sea, Kings came riding, kings came riding, One, two, and three.

One in a ship with a silver mast;
The fishermen wondered as he went past.
One on a horse with a saddle of gold; The children came running to behold.

One came walking over the sand With a casket of treasure held in his hand.

Over the desert and over the sea, Kings came riding, kings came riding, One, two, and three.

All the people said, "Where go they?"
But the kings went forward
All through the day.
Night came on as those kings went by.
They shone like the gleaming stars in the sky.
Over the desert and over the sea,
Kings came riding, kings came riding,
One, two, and three.

Joy to the World , the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room, And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the World, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.
He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

## Dominicans

## DSPT College:

Four public presentations on Catholic Imagination and Contemporary Culture by members of the DSPT College of fellows on Saturday, January 29th at 1:30 pm at the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology in Berkeley. Speakers include Congressman Dan Lungren, Fmr. Ambassador Ray Flynn, Barbara Elliott, and Judge John T. Noonan, Jr. RSVP to mzueger@dspt. edu or (510) 883-2086.


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