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The mission of the Catholic Community at Stanford (CC@S) is to develop and form well educated, passionate, and faithful Catholic leaders in order to bring positive change to their disciplines, communities, Church, and world.

Sunday Mass: January 19, 2014
10:30 in Tresidder Oak Room
4:30 in Memorial Church
10pm in Memorial Church

Daily Liturgy:
W  F  12:20 in Memorial Church
T  Th  12:20 in Old Union Sanctuary
note: no Daily Mass on Monday, January 20

Confessions
Tuesdays, 1:30-2:30pm and 9pm-10:30pm
Old Union, 3rd Floor, 304 or 319
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 2013-2014 academic year:
• May 18, 2014 (prep May 10)

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fr Robert Gay asks us to consider whether our lives are effective signs.

A few months ago a friend of mine alerted me to an amusing mistake. In Wales, all the road signs have to be written in both Welsh and English, and the local council in Swansea wished to place a new sign at the roadside. So they sent off the following text to a translator: ‘No entry for heavy goods vehicles. Residential site only’. The sign company received a very prompt reply from the translator, and duly completed the sign. The result was a sign where the English had been translated as: ‘I am not in the office at the moment. Send any work to be translated.’

I don’t think it’s stretching it too far to suggest that our lives can look a little bit like that defective sign at times. We can live in a way which is chaotic and fragmented, and the way we live can send a mixed set of unrelated messages to those around us, especially to those who do not have faith.

The way we live our lives, whether we like it or not, acts as a sign that conveys a particular message to those we encounter. If our lives are carefully and consistently worded, they will communicate to others something of the love of God, and of the huge difference that our faith makes to the way we see the world and live in it. And if our lives are well worded, and point in the right way, they will lead others to the Church, where they can become part of Christ’s mystical body, built up by receiving him in word and sacrament.

On the other hand, the sign that we make of our lives might say something to others about Christ, but make hard for them to see why they should bother having faith. If we don’t live out what we profess, we might even drive others away from Christ and his Church, and make a life of faith something that seems ridiculous or even damaging. Just like that Welsh translation, they might even lead others to conclude that there’s no-one in the office: that belief in God is incredible, a kind of fairy story.

When we look at today’s Gospel, perhaps we might find some assistance in shaping our lives as a sign that points to the saving power of Christ, and the fundamental importance it has in living life well and living it fully. John the Baptist was a man whose life sent a powerful, unambiguous message to those who came across him. Now, he was a man who had a very strange way of life in the wilderness, and a strange way of dressing. If one of us were to stand in the wilderness dressed in animal skins, we might wonder what kind of message we might send. Yet we can see that the way that John lived his life was perfectly suited for being a herald of Jesus Christ. Any attention that John drew was immediately deflected away from himself to the one that he had come to point out. He was an effective signpost to Jesus because he pointed towards him with his whole life, which illuminated the truth that he spoke when he said ‘Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the World’.

The faith that we have, handed down to us from the Apostles, is the most important thing that we have to offer to our world; I’m sure we’d all agree on that. But if we’re not careful, the beliefs that we hold can seem to others as simply a set of words with little or no relevance. What brings our faith alive, and makes it attractive to others, is when those words are lived out in every aspect of our lives. It’s then that people can see the great richness that life with Christ holds for all those who seek him.

fr Robert Gay is Hall Bursar of Blackfriars Hall Oxford, and a student at St Mary’s University College, Twickenham.

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“Each one should give what he has decided in his own heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7

CC@$ is a member-supported church. The life of our ministries depends on all of us. We have several ways you may make a gift besides the collection baskets on Sunday. You may download the free Paystik app and give a one-time gift using your credit card. Or you may give through your Paypal account at https://catholic.stanford.edu/giving/treasure.

If you have any questions, please contact M’Lis Berry at: meberry@stanford.edu.
GENERAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Walk for Life West Coast:
Join fellow community members for the 10th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on January 25, 2014. The pre-walk rally begins at 12:30pm in San Francisco’s Civic Center Plaza, and the Walk for Life, down Market Street, begins at 1:30. Last year’s Walk drew 40,000+ people. If you are willing to drive or would like to ride with the group from Stanford, please contact Megan O’Brien at meobrien@stanford.edu

Pizza and Prayer with the Sisters of Life:
Do you struggle to pray? Are you looking for ways to enhance your prayer life? Then join us on Monday evening, January 20 at 5 pm in the 3rd floor Common Room of Old Union. The Sisters of Life will speak about ways to improve the quality of your prayer and deepen your relationship with God. The talk will begin with Evening Prayer, and will include dinner.

Women’s Lunch with the Sisters of Life:
Join us for a special brunch with the Sisters of Life, who will give a short talk on the dignity and vocation of women. This an excellent opportunity to speak to the sisters and learn about their individual stories. We will meet at Old Union at 11:30 am, and then proceed to the Arrillaga Family Dining Commons.

The Sisters of Life is a women’s religious order founded in 1991. They are based in New York, and are dedicated to the protection and enhancement of the sacredness of every human life. For more information about both events, contact Hannah Abalos (hrabalos@stanford.edu).

Choir:
We welcome all singers and instrumentalists to take part in the music ministries of the community. Each liturgy has its own music group, with various rehearsal times. Come and meet some new friends and get to take part in the Mass through the gift of music. For information, contact Teresa, tpleins@stanford.edu.

ESTEEM:
(Engaging Students to Enliven the Ecclesial Mission) is accepting applications for the 2013-14 program. ESTEEM provides undergraduate and graduate student leaders with theological and spiritual formation and leadership-effectiveness skills to better serve the Catholic community now and after graduation. We meet twice a month (Wednesday evenings). Contact Stephanie Phipps (sphipps@stanford.edu) or Matthew Colford (mcolford.edu) for further information.

Friday Prayer Group:
“One-Friday-morning-a-month” prayer group meets at Old Union on campus. All are welcome! If interested call Jo Owen (650) 529-1105 for more details.

Attention Catholic Singles:
Interested in joining an excellent Catholic singles organization? The Catholic Alumni Club International currently has a group in the San Francisco area! We provide a group dedicated to social, cultural, civic and spiritual relationships in a Catholic setting. For more information, please check out the following site or contact Elinor at tancke@sbcglobal.net; http://catholicsingles-sfbayarea.com/

Stewardship:
In today’s Gospel, we hear John the Baptist introduce two of his followers to Jesus. They, Andrew and Peter, respond to the call and follow Jesus as the first of Jesus’ disciples. As Christians, we are all called to follow Jesus. What is our call and how do we answer that call?

We look to Jesus’ teachings as a guide to how to live a life of discipleship. It is challenging and risky. In last week’s homily, Fr. Nathan described how hard it was for Jesus’ own mother, Mary, to answer the call. Mary accepted the service that the Spirit asked of her despite the risk she incurred. In today’s Gospel, Andrew and Peter drop everything in order to follow him.

How can we also get to that point of willing to drop everything and follow Jesus? The 1992 U.S. Bishop’s Pastoral Letter, A Disciple’s Response concludes that the hallmark of discipleship is practicing authentic stewardship. Stewardship is described in the Letter as receiving God’s gifts gratefully, cultivating them responsibly and sharing them lovingly. Bishop Robert Morneau (often quoted on the subject of stewardship) describes the conversion experience of stewardship:

**Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. – Psalm 40**

When the Holy Spirit breaks into our lives, our hearts become prayerful, our ministry joyful, and our generosity extravagant… Gratitude is the cornerstone of stewardship. All is gift for those who see life with the eyes of faith. God gives us our existence and talents, our time and our treasure, our family and friends. Stewards express their gratitude by a life of generosity.

God uniquely gifts us each with our vocations, our abilities and interests, our weaknesses, our relationships, our very lives. Being truly grateful means acknowledging what our gifts are and then giving thanks to God for them.

This week, I invite you to take the first step in living a stewardship life. Commit some time and explicitly name your gifts. This may feel uncomfortable but when you acknowledge that they are God’s gifts, not your own and not something you earned, you take your ego right out of the equation. It becomes an act of humility, rather than ego. Name your personal gifts and begin to think about how you can develop and use them as Jesus’ disciple.

If you would like help with identifying your personal gifts, CC@S will be offering a Called and Gifted Workshop on February 7th and 8th. We will learn how to discern our unique gifts and vocation and discover ways they may be used to serve our world. If this opportunity speaks to you, please refer to the CC@S website (http://catholic.stanford.edu) for details and registration.
Newman Nights

GRADS

Volunteer Opportunities

YOUNG ADULTS

Weekly Readings

Monday, January 20
1 Sm 15:16-23
Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23
Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 21
1 Sm 16:1-13
Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 22
1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51
Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10
Mk 3:1-6

Thursday, January 23
1 Sm 18:6-9;19:1-7
Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-13
Mk 3:7-12

Friday, January 24
1 Sm 24:3-21
Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6, 11
Mk 3:13-19

Saturday, January 25
Acts 22:3-16
Ps 117:1bc, 2
Mk 16:15-18

Sunday, January 26
Is 8:23-9:3
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17
Mt 4:12-23

Date: Tuesday, January 21, 2014 - 7:30pm - 9:00pm
Location: Sanctuary, 3rd Floor Old Union

CC@S’s own Fr. Xavier Lavagetto will present a talk entitled “Sacraments and Becoming Sacrament.”
1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

3. 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 Father. Amen.

First Reading   Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
The Lord said, “You are my servant, Israel, through whom I show my glory...I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation goes out to the very ends of the earth.”

Psalm 40   To Do What Pleases You   J. Hansen
I called to the Lord, my call was heard, The Lord leaned to listen. Lifting me up from the frightening pit, Out of the mud and the mire. He anchored my feet upon the rock, Making my footing secure. Breathing new music into my mouth, Singing the praise of our God. Many will see and filled with truth, Place their trust in the Lord. Lucky are they who trust in the Lord, Not in arrogant pride.

Second Reading   1 Corinthians 1:1-3
Paul, called by God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, greeted the holy people of the Corinthian church with God’s grace and peace.

Gospel Acc.   Celtic Alleluia: O’Carroll / Walker
John exclaimed, “Behold! This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”
Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Offertory

The Lord Is My Light

Sanctus

Mass From Age to Age

DeSilva

Communion

Amazing Grace

traditional

Acclamation/Amen:

Mass From Age To Age

DeSilva

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Community Prayer Corner

1/15/14 -> Please pray for D as she continues recovering from major surgery in her right hip area.
BZ needs our prayers. She has cancer.
Also, pray for EV, KL, HM, DL & RZ, all unemployed.
In addition, please pray for OL who is very ill due to complications from his diabetes.
Please, continue praying for R, her husband & children. They are going thru a very painful & difficult family situation.
G also needs our prayers. He has myelodysplastic syndrome.
MJ also needs our prayers for all her efforts & work that she does on behalf of her people & country, Afghanistan.
Finally, ML’s loving husband of many years, passed away & she is having a very difficult time with this. Please pray for her.
Lord show your kindness & mercy & let your will be done. Thank you & God bless. MJ

Wedding Anniversary Mass:
Greetings! The Diocese of San José is still accepting registration for this year’s Wedding Anniversary Mass. We have 30 parishes representing couples who have already registered. Please invite your parishioners to this wonderful event. Registration form can also be found in the Valley Catholic.

Deadline of submission is on January 31, 2014.

We will once again acknowledge the couples who have honored the sacrament of matrimony, with their faith and love for God and their spouses, at our annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration.

This year, we are starting a new tradition. We are inviting newlyweds to join us!

Couples celebrating 5 years of marriage (or less), together with those celebrating their 25th, 40th or 50th (or more) wedding anniversaries are welcome to a Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph on February 15, 2014, 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.

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 at sblanch@dsj.org.