

Catholic Community at Stanford

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Sunday Mass January 22, 2012

10:30am Tresidder Oak Room

3pm misa en español - Memorial Church

4:30pm Memorial Church 10pm Memorial Church

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

Putting Everything in Context

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR JANUARY 22, 2012

fr Fergus Kerr considers the relevance of St Paul's teaching on marriage for people today.

'Let those who have wives live as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it'.

Are these words addressed to us, who turn to Scripture for good news? Or do such startling assertions make sense only in the original historical context? Long ago, about AD 55, Saint Paul was addressing people who had been Christians for little more than five years — is there anything in what he says for us now?

Let's take a step back, to the beginning of chapter 7: 'It is well for a man not to touch a woman' (verse 1). Paul must be quoting something said in the congregation at Corinth, by some supposedly authoritative person. He neither endorses nor dismisses the idea. Sexual drives and needs are so strong that 'each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband' (verse 2). Moreover, a husband should give his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife her husband's (verse 3). There is nothing wrong in being married — just the contrary.

Given what we know about the status of women in the ancient world (and in many societies today), it is instructive that Paul regards husband and wife as absolutely equal in this respect: 'For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does; likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does' (verse 4).

However, here at Corinth, some spouses have high-mindedly chosen to practise celibacy, in order to concentrate on prayer. Far from praising this form of asceticism unqualifiedly, Paul's advice is not to go in for such abstinence at all — unless the partners do so by consent, and for a set length of time. Then couples should 'come together again ... so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control' (verse 5).

Denying themselves physical intimacy in order 'to have leisure for prayer' (verse 5), a husband or wife — the former more likely, no doubt — would be all but irresistibly tempted to resort to the brothels for which Corinth (as a seaport) was notorious. On the other hand, it is good for the unmarried and widows to remain single, Paul declares — wishing that 'all were as I myself am'. 'But if they are not practising self-control, they should marry. For it is better to marry than to be aflame with passion' (verse 9), as the RSV says.

'It is better to marry than to burn', as the King James version puts it. This could mean that the flames of passion are best integrated in marriage. However, the Greek might equally well mean that it is better to marry than to burn in hell: in New Testament times the great ever-smouldering rubbish dump outside Jerusalem represented Gehenna. Famously, one rabbi is quoted as saying to another, as they are walking along a road and see a

woman ahead of them, 'Hurry up and get in front of Gehenna', meaning that they should get ahead of the woman so that, no longer able to see her, they would be beyond falling into infernal sin.

Whichever way we translate, Paul has a strong sense of the power of our sexual needs and drives and correspondingly of the difficulty of self-control — in the case of women, interestingly, as well as in that of his fellow males. Thus, far from being hostile to marriage and negative about sexual activity, as is sometimes said, Paul might with more justice be regarded as a champion of good sex in marriage.

Of course the personalist ideal of marriage familiar to us in the post-Christian West did not exist in his day. No doubt he took 'arranged marriages' for granted. Mutual respect within marriage as Paul conceives it, on the other hand, is radically different from marriages in which wives are regarded as inferior beings, little more than slaves. Perhaps the most challenging thing is Paul's assumption that marriage is the antidote to otherwise insatiable lust. Even though we inhabit a culture in which pornography spreads almost everywhere — indeed perhaps because we do — doesn't Paul's assumption seem shockingly raw and crude, much too 'carnal'?

Is Paul speaking to a very specific situation that has little to do with us? Does the picture of marriage that Paul evokes belong irretrievably to the past, or are his assumptions about our savagely irrepressible sexuality, as well as about gender equality in marriage, a call to self-examination and judgment, in regard to the ideals as well as the realities with which we are familiar? What does it mean to mourn and rejoice — as though not doing so? Buying and selling as though not doing so?

People go on doing all these things, Paul takes that for granted, he does not prohibit them. The 'as though' places all these activities in a context which relativises them, so to speak. These activities can never be ultimate. Everything that Paul's new Christians do, in the intimacy of sexual life, in sorrow and in joy, even when shopping: all these things, while they may look much the same as ever, are actually radically different since they are done now by people who have been 'sanctified in Christ Jesus' (1 Cor 1: 2).

Of course Paul is addressing people with ideals and temptations that may not quite be ours — but there again, as one reflects on all this, isn't Paul challenging us who count ourselves Christian to see everything — grief and joy, commerce and the market, and above all marriage and sexuality — in the light of what ultimately matters?

fr. Fergus Kerr is a member of the Dominican community in Edinburgh, where he teaches theology. He is the editor of New Blackfriars, the theological and philosophical review of the English Dominicans.

GENERAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Religious Education for Children:

Our program continues on Sunday mornings. The new-parent orientation is today, 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:

Mass in Spanish will be celebrated today, Sunday, January 22, at 3:00pm in the side chapel of Memorial Church. All are welcome to attend!

Sacrament of the Sick at Masses: (NEW DATE!!!)

We will celebrate this sacrament at all the Masses on Sunday, Feb. 12. 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!

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.

Catholic Conference, March 23-25, 2012:

You are invited to prayerfully consider joining us at the largest annual gathering of Catholics in the nation! This year, Lourdes and a group from the Catholic Community at Stanford will travel to Anaheim, CA for the the 2012 Religious Education Congress. Learn about a variety of topics offered by nearly 200 speakers ranging from personal growth to theological topics. Experience liturgies representing a variety of cultures and traditions. Enjoy entertainment from a variety of Christian artists, composers, and filmmakers. The 3-day conference is open to all who wish to learn more about the Catholic faith or seek personal growth. (cont...)

Registration for RECongress 2012 is only \$60 (\$70 after Feb 4th) and there will be additional expenses for lodging and transportation. For more information and to register, please visit http://recongress.org/.

Lourdes Alonso will coordinate carpools and provide information on lodging. We welcome any assistance with contacts in the Los Angeles area that could help provide housing. Please email Lourdes if you have any questions at lalonso@stanford.edu.

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. We will start registering after all the Sunday Masses beginning January 22. The workshop will be \$60, with a \$20 reservation fee due at the sign up.

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

-Announcements for January 22, 2012-

Weekly Readings

Monday, January 23 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10 Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26 Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday, January 24 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 Mk 3:31-35

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

Thursday, January 26 2 Tm 1:1-8 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 Mk 4:21-25 Friday, January 27 2 Sm 1:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11 Mk 4:26-34

Saturday, January 28 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 Mk 4:35-41

Sunday, January 29 Dt 18:15-20 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28

Alternative Spring Break Trip: El Salvador:

We are happy to announce that a number of students will be journeying with Fr Isaiah to El Salvador to witness the Church's involvement during their civil war (1980-1992). They will embark on the physical and spiritual journey between March 23-30. We welcome any prayer partners on this journey, as well as any potential benefactors. We have over \$1500 of the \$16,000 needed for our journey. If you would like to be part of this dream by making a donation, you may now donate on the website. If you would like to give a check, please place on the memo "ASB El Salvador". For more information, please contact Fr Isaiah at frisaiah@stanford.edu.

GRADS

Students:

Learn more about your Catholic Faith, March 23-25, 2012 Spend your spring break in Anaheim, CA growing in your faith by joining us for the largest gathering of Catholics in the nation! Learn about this trip under "Catholic Conference" in the General Community Announcements section.

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.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 22, 2012

- 10:30 am Tresidder Oak Room
 - 3 pm misa en español Memorial Church
- 4:30 pm Memorial Church
- 10 pm Memorial Church

Monday, January 23 - Friday, January 27

- 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
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- 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.

YOUNG ADULTS

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.

Young Adult Bible Study:

Tues. Feb. 7th 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 "The Covenant with David" will focus on the importance of God's everlasting covenant with David. Please join us even if you have never attended a Bible study before!

For more info, see our website, www.YoungAdultCircle. org, check the Facebook Fan Page "Young Adult Circle", or contact us at yacircle@gmail.com.

More Announcements

The Catholic Community at Stanford University

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR January 22, 2012



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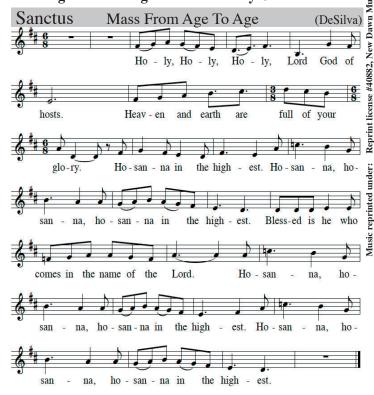
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

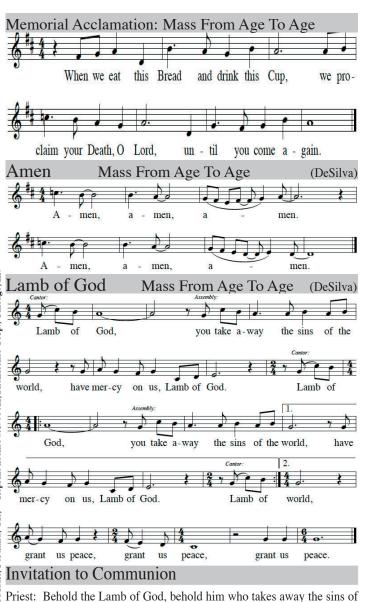


Invitation to Prayer

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.





Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.



Communion Ain' Got Time To Die

(spiritual)

1. Lord, I keep so busy praisin' my Jesus,

Ain' got time to die.

'Cause when I'm healin' de sick, I'm praisin' my Jesus,

Ain' got time to die.

'Cause it takes all o' ma time to praise my Jesus,

All o' ma time to praise my Lord.

If I don' praise Him De rocks gonter cry out,

"Glory an' honor, glory an' honor!" Ain' got time to die.

2. Lord, I keep so busy working fer de Kindgom,

Ain' got time to die.

'Cause when I'm feedin' de po', I'm workin' fer de Kingdom, Ain' got time to die.

'Cause it takes all o' ma time to praise my Jesus,

All o' ma time to praise my Lord.

If I don' praise Him De rocks gonter cry out,

"Glory an' honor, glory an' honor!" Ain' got time to die.

3. Lord, I keep so busy servin' my Master,

Ain' got time to die.

'Cause when I'm givin' my all, I'm servin' my Master,

Ain' got time to die.

'Cause it takes all o' ma time to praise my Jesus,

All o' my time to praise my Lord.

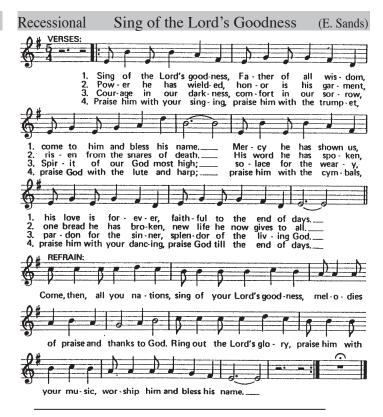
If I don' praise Him De rocks gonter cry out,

"Glory an' honor, glory an' honor!" Ain' got time to die.

Now won't you git out o' ma way, Lemme praise my Jesus? Out o' ma way! Lemme praise my Lord.

If I don' praise Him De rocks gonter cry out,

"Glory an' honor, glory an' honor!" Ain' got time to die!



Tuesday Night Topics:

Jan 24, The Role of Scripture in moral decision making

Jan 31 (Nitery 210), The Role of human reason in moral decision making

Feb 7 The Role of the Magisterium in moral decision making

Tuesday Nights at 7:30-8:30, in the Common Room of OU unless otherwise posted.