

Catholic Community at Stanford

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Sunday Mass February 12, 2012

10:30am Tresidder Oak Room4:30pm Memorial Church10pm Memorial Church

Spanish Mass is next Sunday, 2/19/12 at 3pm

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.

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May 20, 2012

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Religious Ramblings

Jesus Stretched Out His Hand

SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR FEBRUARY 12, 2012

fr David Goodill finds inspiration in the life of St Damien de Moloka'i.

Most of us live somewhere in-between. The in-between can be a place of hope, where we are held in the promises of Jesus Christ, or a place of despair, where we neither belong nor are strangers. There is the despair of night where we are plunged into darkness, but there is also the despair that hovers somewhere just out of sight, forming the frame which encloses our lives.

'A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: "If you want to" he said "you can cure me." The leper has been living in that place in-between. He cannot return to his home, but neither is he a stranger to his people. Yet he lives in hope, his hope in Jesus Christ, and it is this hope which will lead to his cure. Jesus, moved with compassion, reaches out and touches him.

How we long to be like Jesus here, to reach out to those who suffer; yet we hover. Few of us are so hardened that we turn our backs completely, yet beyond momentary awakenings our feelings lie numbed.

At the moment I'm living in Leuven, Belgium, and one of the great joys of being here is the presence of the tomb of Saint Damien. It was St Damien who in the nineteenth century volunteered to serve the leper colony on the island of Moloka'i, and who after fifteen years of service to this community was himself to die from leprosy.

Early in his ministry, before he had contracted the disease, he wrote to his brother in Europe: 'I make myself a leper with the lepers to gain all to Jesus Christ.' His fame spread in his own time, and, crossing national and denominational boundaries, money was raised for his mission by American Protestants and the Church of England.

This compassionate and humble man, who served an excluded and forgotten people on a small and isolated island, achieved worldwide fame. More importantly than fame he touched the lives, and continues to live in the hearts, of millions of people throughout the world. St Damien discovered that he had leprosy when, plunging his foot accidently into scaling water, he felt nothing. This man, who physically was losing his sense of touch, was able to awaken compassion in the hearts of millions.

We live in the in-between, neither hot nor cold: uncommitted and unapproachable. He committed himself to Jesus Christ, and within his heart a love burned which was not his alone, but a gift shared with others. His commitment to following Christ took him beyond his home, beyond society and eventually beyond the limits of his own body. There is nothing wrong in building up our own homes, in working to share in the goods of society, or in taking due care of our own health and physical well-being. As Christians we are called to pay due attention to all these things. In themselves all these things are good, but there is something greater, something which calls us beyond the comforts that border our lives.

When the leper approaches Jesus a choice is made. Jesus chooses to touch the man, and in reaching out he knows that he will no longer be able to return to his home, to his place in the community, for although he tells the man to say nothing about the healing to anyone, from that time we are told that: 'Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived.' His exile will be completed on the cross, his bodily wounds the reminders of our lack of humanity, our failure to respond to the cries of those who suffer.

Not many of us have the freedom to be a Saint Damien. Our commitments and responsibilities to family, Church and society shape the forms in which we live our lives as followers of Jesus Christ. Yet there is a deeper inner freedom which Jesus Christ offers to each one of us, a freedom which is seen in the lives of his saints. The in-between we have created, the place where we are neither at home nor a stranger, the place where our feelings are numbed, is our own personal prison cell. It is sometimes that place of dark despair, but often it is carpeted with the latest in flat screen technology on the wall.

As we follow Saint Damien on his journey we are challenged to reach out from our cell, but find ourselves unable or unwilling to take those steps which he took. Those steps are the steps of Jesus Christ, and our only hope is to turn to him, to kneel before him and with the leper to say: 'If you want to, you can cure me.' It is through his compassion that we learn to love; we may not know how to feel anymore, but his love wakens our love, healing us and moving in a joy which we are called the share with others.

fr. David Goodill OP is completing a licence in Moral Theology at the Katholieke Universiteit in Leuven, Belgium.

GENERAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spanish Mass:

Our monthly Mass in Spanish will be next Sunday, Feb. 19, at 3:00 in Memorial Church. Everyone is welcome!

Palms Needed for Ashes:

If you have dried palms from previous Palm Sundays, please bring them to Mass today or next Sunday. We will burn them for the ashes on Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is Feb. 22.

Ash Wednesday Schedule:

Wednesday, Feb. 22

Masses at 8:00am., 4:30 and 8:00pm. Ecumenical service at noon. Ashes distributed at all liturgies.

Sacrament of the Sick at Masses:

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

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. Registration for RECongress 2012 is only \$70 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.

Spring Break Trip to El Salvador:

As you know, we are sending 12 of our community to El Salvador for Spring Break. They will travel all over the country in order to see how the Church positively influenced the people effected by the Civil War. Thus far, we have raised \$2975 of the needed \$16,000 for this trip. If you would like to be part of the mission, please contact Fr. Isaiah.

BAKE SALE!

Lent is fast approaching! The El Salvador Spring Break team will have a BAKE SALE this coming Sunday--the Sunday before Lent begins--at all the Masses. Come and eat enough sugar to last you through April AND do a good deed by contributing to the trip!

Called & Gifted: Thank You.

Thank you to everyone who had attended the Called and Gifted Workshop this past weekend. We hope that this was an inspirational time, a time where you can gladly discern your gifts from God and use them to bring about the Kingdom in our midst. You are all blessed! Let us share that blessing with others!

If you care about how the past has influenced the present, look here:

When a small group of students founded a Catholic club at Stanford in 1903, no one could have predicted how a small off-site gathering would grow successively into a Newman Club and ultimately into a large Catholic Community located at the center of campus.

Put this coming April 17 on your calendar to hear about the history of our welcoming liturgy, lively music, and flourishing engagement in programs that foster both spiritual growth and community service. More information on panelists and content will follow, but remember this date and time:

Finding its Place: the Catholic Community at Stanford (presented by the Stanford Historical Society, planned jointly with CCAS) Tuesday April 17, 4:30 The Sanctuary, Old Union

For more information: Mary Jane Parrine parrine@stanford.edu

Vallombrosa Retreat Center

Vallombrosa Center is sponsoring the following retreats, workshops and events:

February 26, 2012: The Catholic Church in the World 2012: Healing in the Church 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Tom Plante, professor of psychology at Santa Clara University, will speak on Sexual Abuse in the Catholic Church: A Decade of Crisis, 2002 - 2012. A leading expert on the clergy sex abuse, Mr. Plante will have just returned from a worldwide conference in the Vatican on the crisis, and will give us his ideas on how far we have come in dealing with this devastating passage in our church's history.

March 2 – 4, 2012: Silent Private Retreat Weekend begins 4:00pm (March 2) and concludes after lunch (March 4)

-Announcements for February 12,

Vallombrosa Center opens its doors several weekends throughout the year to people to make a silent retreat beginning Friday afternoon and concluding midday Sunday. There will be opportunities for spiritual direction, morning and evening prayer each day. The cost for the weekend is \$226.00-private, \$202.00-shared, all meals included.

March 18, 2012: The Catholic Church in the World 2012: Healing in the Church 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Our Sunday afternoon series continues with a talk on FORGIVENESS; "To Forgive or Not to Forgive: A Road to Happiness" led by Fr. Patrick LaBelle, OP. Growth in the Spirit is something that comes when we are at peace within ourselves and with the people and world around us. Getting to that peace is never easy. The Gospel mandate to "Love One Another" is not a suggestion. Rather it is the only certain way to finding peace. We will look at the most available means to that love: FORGIVENESS. Won't you join us at 2:00 pm for this thoughtful discussion?

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.

Weekly Readings

Monday, February 13 Jas 1:1-11 Ps 119:67,68,71,72,75,76 Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday, February 14 Jas 1:12-18 Ps 94:12-13a,14-15,18-19

Wednesday, February 15 Jas 1:19-27 Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 Mk 8:22-26

Mk 8:14-21

Thursday, February 16 Jas 2:1-9 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mk 8:27-33 Friday, February 17 Jas 2:14-24, 26 Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mk 8:34?9:1

Saturday, February 18 Jas 3:1-10 Ps 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-8 Mk 9:2-13

Sunday, February 19 Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25 Ps 41:2-3, 4-5, 13-14 2 Cor 1:18-22 Mk 2:1-12

GRADS

Catholicism 101: Biomedical Ethics,

Monday at 7pm. Join us on Monday for Catholicism 101, a forum for graduate students and young adults that fosters community and open discussion of pressing issues impacting Catholics worldwide. Come for dinner and an engaging conversation. We meet in the Nairobi room at the GCC at 7pm. For more information, contact Chris at ckark@stanford.edu.

This week, our guest speaker is Dr. William Hurlbut, a Stanford professor from the Neuroscience Institute. He will share his experience in dealing with ethical questions surrounding the biomedical field.

Upcoming Topics include:

Feb 13, Biomedical Ethics

Feb 20, Personal Economic Responsibility and Justice (at Old Union)

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 February 25th or Saturday March 3rd from 8:30 until 1:00 PM, 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 Saturday's 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"

Student Reflection after serving at Hotel de Zinc Shelter:

"Thank you for inviting me to partake in this opportunity to provide food and conversation to these women. They were all very nice and grateful for our cooking and baking. I was more than happy to share God's love with these women and just sit down with them to show them that they are not alone. They were all so thankful for the dinner we had made them, and they were pretty enthusiastic about sharing stories with us all. I'm also glad that I got to spend more time with my friends, while getting to know Lourdes and John as well."

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 12, 2012

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

Monday, February 13 - Friday, February 17

- 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

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

YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adult day of service event:

Many Hands, One Spirit | Muchas Manos, Un Espíritu

Happening on Saturday, February 18 from 9:30am-6:00pm. The event will be held at St. Julie Billiart parish and includes praise and worship, morning keynote by Fr. Jon Pedigo, lunch, local immersion experience, and closing liturgy. Would love for you to come and participate if you can. If you're interested in attending, RSVP at www.dsj.org/yaservice. The deadline is this Friday.

Dinner at Pluto's:

Tues. Feb. 21st at 7:30pm, 482 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. Feb. 28th at 7:30pm, St. Simon Church, 1860 Grant Rd, Los Altos. The Young Adult Circle will be gathering for Mass in the Small Chapel at St. Simon Church in Los Altos. Celebrate the Eucharist with young adults (20's and 30's, single or married) from this and neighboring parishes with fellowship to follow. If you have questions or would like more information on the Mass, please contact us at yacircle@gmail.com.

Young Adult Bible Study:

Tues. March 6th at 7:30pm., Our Lady of the Rosary, 3233 Cowper St, Palo Alto. We will be finishing the topic "Genesis to Jesus" (http://tinyurl.com/GenesisToJesus) with the lesson "Fulfillment of the Promises". We meet regularly on the first Tuesday of each month. Please join us even if you have never attended a Bible study before!

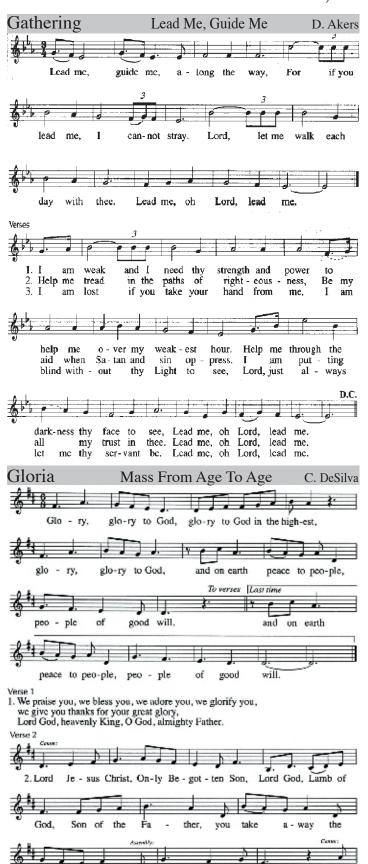
For more info, see our website, www.YoungAdultCircle.org, check the Facebook Fan Page "Young Adult Circle", or contact us at yacircle@gmail.com.

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Sixth Sunday of the Year February 12, 2012





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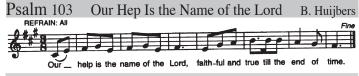


Verse 3

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 Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

According to the law of Moses, people with leprosy had to live alone, outside the camp. Aaron or another priest declared them unclean, as long as they had a disease.



Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Paul wrote, "Do everything for the glory of God. . .Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ."





Gospel Mark 1:40-45

A leper said to Jesus, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, Jesus healed the man.

Apostle's Creed

you

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.

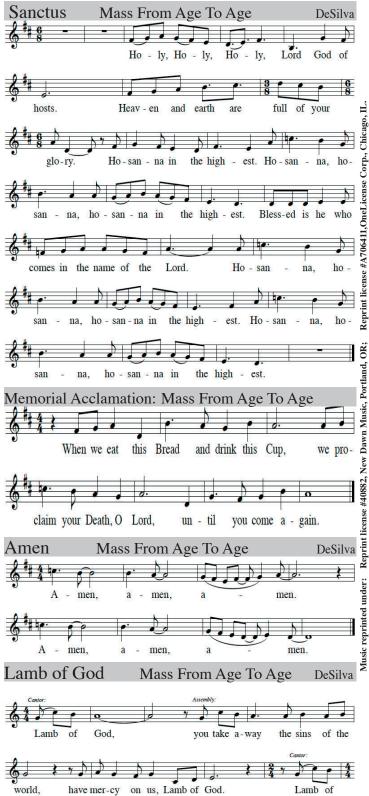
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen. Offertory instrumental

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.



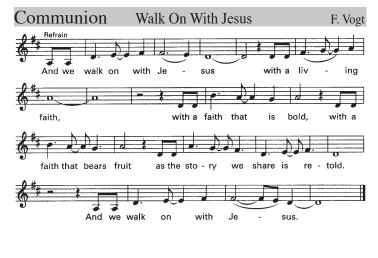


Invitation to Communion

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.





Dominican "Come & See" Vocations Weekend:

Have you thought about entering religious life or studying for the priesthood? Come to the Dominican Vocations Weekend at St. Albert's Priory in Oakland, California. 4pm Friday, March 9 – 1pm Sunday, March 11. St. Albert's is the house of studies for the Dominicans in the Western US. Meet the brothers studying for the priesthood, visit the school and novitiate, listen to presentations on the religious and priestly life, and spend time in prayer. For more information or to register contact Fr. Steven Maekawa, OP. (510) 596-1821, vocations@opwest.org

Korean Catholic At Stanford (KC@S) prayer meeting:

We welcome anyone who is Korean or able to speak Korean interested in growing in faith. This Friday, we have a prayer meeting to share the first & second readings and the gospel of the following Sunday. It would be great to read them before you come. Don't forget to bring your own rosary, bible, and open minds. We also have a lunch meeting on Thursday as always. For more information, contact Eun-Soo at eschoi@stanford.edu.



Life and Family Initiatives

The Catholic bishops of California are supporting two proposed initiatives for the November 2012 ballot: the Parental Notification Initiative (PNI), which would require that parents be notified when a teenage girl aged 12-17 seeks an abortion, and the SAFE California Initiative, would replace the death penalty with a sentence of life imprisonment without possibility of parole. The convergence of these two initiatives presents a "unique teaching moment" on vital issues of life, dignity, and family, according to the bishops. Bishop McGrath has directed every parish to participate in the effort to gather signatures for both of these initiatives, before and after all Masses, on the weekends of February 18/19 and 25/26. For more information, including contact information for the campaigns, please visit the diocesan webpage at www.dsj.org/LifeandFamilyInitiatives.