

Catholic Community at Stanford



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Sunday Mass February 26, 2012

10:30am Tresidder Oak Room

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.

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May 20, 2012

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Without God, we forget that all is gift and we begin to think ourselves as owners, instead of stewards, masters of the universe instead of servants of the one lord who has called us to nurture and develop his gifts wisely and well for the good of all.

- Pope Benedict XVI

When the topic of stewardship comes up, most people think of giving of themselves: their time, their talent and their treasure. It touches every aspect of our lives. But how much does it really touch our lives? An oft-cited adage is that we spend our personal resources on what we consider a priority in our life. "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Mt.6:21) Often that means we concentrate our personal resources on establishing our future – getting an education, getting the best job we can, getting the best living situation we can, providing for our families. Those are certainly all worthy pursuits. But how do our choices reflect our stewardship of God's gifts in service to God? Often, they don't. Or at least not to the degree that we would hope. We relegate our time, talent and treasure on His behalf after we have allocated our resources to our other priorities. And that is really not the way it's supposed to be, is it?

If we are in keeping with the biblical meaning of stewardship, we give proportionately from our first fruits, not just what is left over. That comes as a complete paradigm shift to many of us. It is countercultural in today's world of consumerism and individualism. We are all expected to give of all three fruits, not just the one we have in abundance. So while at certain stages of our lives we may feel that we have more talent but can't give any of our time or treasure, or more time but can't give any treasure or talent, what God asks of us is to give to the extent we can of each. And we can always give some level of each. It is easy to say, "Others have more talent than I do. My talents are not very useful," Or to say: "I am just too busy right now; I will have time to give to others when I finish my degree, or when the IPO is launched." Or, "I will give treasure once I am set in a job / I have finished paying off my student loans / I am in a home / I have my children's educations covered/ I have enough for retirement. In other words, we can easily adopt a mentality of "me first."

The real issue of stewardship is this: Are we managing our resources as though they are ours or as though they are God's? Our lives are shaped by the decisions we make and the priorities we choose. As good stewards, we are asked to thank God for the gifts we have received from His bounty by returning a portion of the time, talent and treasure given to us. It's a way of life that asks: what talent can I share, what time can I share and what treasure can I share? As Catholics, we are challenged to choose stewardship as a lifestyle based on our baptismal call. Stewardship leads to a deeper relationship with Jesus.

Many of the students in the Catholic Community at Stanford are very generous with their unique gifts and talents, and some give of their time as well. Normally, however, most of us feel the constraints of both time and treasure: we often feel we

do not have enough. It is true that we all are unlikely to have enough time and treasure to accomplish ALL of the things we would like to do. So the question is: what is the most important to you? How will you feel that you have made a mark on this world? Will it be by pursuing your goals first, or God's? When you project to the end of your life, what do you hope you can look back upon as having contributed? A kingdom for yourself? Or helping build God's kingdom? Your answer to this question will determine how you manage the time, abilities, and money God has placed under your care.

In this first Sunday of Lent, we have a unique opportunity to offer: Stanford students can make an impact of geometric proportions. A number of our CC@S Permanent Community members and our staff, through their abundant generosity, have offered a \$5,000 stewardship challenge that will extend throughout the entire season of Lent. They will match any new pledge or increase of an existing pledge made by a student during Lent up to \$5,000. So this is what we ask you to do. First, we ask each of you to review prayerfully your financial situation and commit to a monthly financial donation. No gift is too small. Then we ask you to go to our website where you will see a link to becoming a recurring donor through PayPal. By setting up a recurring donation, you will become one of our Living Faith Society members. Not only will you be supporting your Catholic campus ministry, but you will also receive the Living Faith daily devotional each quarter. The devotional provides a different scripture verse and short meditation for each day of the year.

As part of your renewed commitment to your faith this Lent, commit to a sacrificial offering of your gifts: of your time, your talent and your treasure. All three. Your offering of your gifts will be multiplied to accomplish countless good works in our parish and community.

Rabbi Hillel wrote: "If I am only for myself, then what am I? And if not now, when?"

May God continue to bless you always,

M'Lis Berry

Director of Development, CC@S

Lenten Fasting Regulations:

Abstinence: abstinence from eating meat is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent. All persons are bound by the law of the Church to abstain from the day after their 14th. birthday.

Fasting: The Church's law of fast binds on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The law of fasting obliges from the day after one's 18th. birthday until the day after one's 59th. birthday. Fasting means that one full meatless meal per day may be eaten. Two other meatless meals may be taken sufficient to maintain strength, but together they should not equal a full meal. Liquids, including milk and fruit juice, may be taken between meals. If health or ability to work are affected, fasting does not oblige. Private, self-imposed observance of fasting on all week days of Lent is strongly recommended. Pastors and parents are to see to it that children who are not bound by the laws of fast and abstinence are educated in an authentic sense of penance, conversion and reconciliation.

Spring Break Trip to El Salvador:

As you know, we are sending 12 from 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 affected by the Civil War. As of last Tuesday, we have raised over \$6,895 of the needed \$16,000 needed for our trip. If you would like to be part of this mission, please contact Fr. Isaiah.

**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.

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

Today, 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)

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?

March 25, 2012: Lenten Prayer Service with the Vallombrosa Choir 2:00pm – 4:00 pm

Join us for music, prayer and reflection during the Lenten Prayer Service on Sunday, March 25. The collection taken during the service will benefit the St. Anthony Padua Dining Room in Redwood City. We will, also, collect canned and non-perishable food items; there will be collection baskets out before and after the service for donations.

May 6, 2012: The Catholic Church in the World 2012: Healing in the Church 2:00pm – 4:00pm

The Church can be a place of spiritual sustenance, solace, challenge, forgiveness, and the innumerable graces that Jesus promised to those who turn to him. At the same time, the Church is a painful place for many. How might healing in the Church proceed for people who feel hurt by the Church? Without denying or minimizing the deep pain many of us feel as Catholics, this talk, led by Lisa Fullam, will explore the question of healing. How do we proceed from here?

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.wmwe12.org or contact Thomas & Sandy Pavick at 408-262-4061 or gr8marriages@sbcglobal.net.

Weekly Readings

Monday, February 27
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15
Mt 25:31-46

Friday, March 2
Ez 18:21-28
Ps 130:1-2, 3-4,
5-7a, 7bc-8
Mt 5:20-26

Tuesday, February 28
Is 55:10-11
Ps 34:4-5,6-7,16-17,18-19
Mt 6:7-15

Saturday, March 3
Dt 26:16-19
Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8
Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday, February 29
Jon 3:1-10
Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19
Lk 11:29-32

Sunday, March 4
Gn 22:1-2, 9a,
10-13, 15-18
Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17,
18-19

Thursday, March 1
Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25
Ps 138:1-2ab,2cde-3,7c-8
Mt 1:1

Rom 8:31b-34
Mk 9:2-10

GRADS

Catholicism 101:
TBA

Viewing Party: Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part II
Sunday, February 26, 6pm, Nitery 212

Join other Catholic grad students, their friends and families after the 4:30 Mass to watch the last Harry Potter movie, Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part Two. All levels of Potter fandom are welcome (from zero knowledge to Fr. Isaiah). Snacks will be provided. Contact april.tessarzik@gmail.com with questions.

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, March 3rd 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 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." - AIG

Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 26, 2012

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

Monday, February 27 - Friday, March 2

- 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, March 4, 2012

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

Community Prayer Corner

2/21/12 - Please pray for Lourdes and her dad. Also pray for Fr Nathan's mom. - GC

YOUNG ADULTS

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!

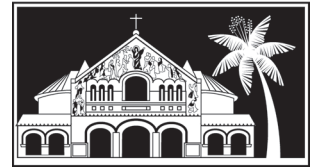
Dinner at Gordon Biersch:

Tues. Mar. 20th at 7:30PM, 640 Emerson St., Palo Alto
The Young Adult group meets for its monthly social gathering. Please confirm your attendance on our Facebook Page "Young Adult Circle" or contact us at yacircle@gmail.com.

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 26, 2012



Gathering instrumental

Penitential Rite Kyrie B. Hurd

1.,3. Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e,
2. Chris - te, Chris - te,

Ten pie - dad, de no -
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

1.,3. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
2. Chris - te e - le - i - son.

so - tros, ten pie - dad.
mer - cy on us.

First Reading Genesis 9:8-15

After the great flood, God told Noah of the covenant between heaven and earth. Never again would a flood destroy the earth. To mark this covenant, the Lord set up a rainbow in the sky.

Psalm 103 Our Help Is the Name of the Lord B. Huijbers

REFRAIN: All Fine

Our help is the name of the Lord, faith-ful and true till the end of time.

Second Reading 1 Peter 3:18-22

As the ark saved a chosen few in Noah's day, so does baptism by faith save God's chosen today. Baptism is "an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

Gospel Acclamation Missa Oecumenica

Glo - ry and praise, Glo - ry and Praise, Praise to you Lord Je - sus Christ.

Gospel Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit sent Jesus to the desert to fast and pray for forty days. Afterwards, Jesus appeared in Galilee proclaiming "the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

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.

Preparation of Gifts 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.

Sanctus Missa Oecumenica R Proulx

Ho - ly ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of ho - sts
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Memorial Acclamation: Missa Oecumenica

We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a gain.

Amen Missa Oecumenica R Proulx

A - men, a - men.

Lamb of God Missa Oecumenica R Proulx

Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world: have mercy on us.
world: grant us peace.

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.

Communion Bread For the World B.Farrell

Refrain: All
Bread for the world: a world of hun- ger. Wine for all
peo - ples: peo- ple who thirst. May we who eat
be bread for oth- ers. May we who drink pour out our love.

Verses: Cantor
1. Lord Je- sus Christ, you are the bread of life, bro- ken to
2. Lord Je- sus Christ, you are the wine of peace, poured in - to
3. Lord Je- sus Christ, you call us to your feast, at which the
1. reach and heal the wounds of hu- man pain. Where we di-
2. hearts once bro- ken and where dry- ness sleeps. Where we are
3. rich and pow'r- ful have be- come the least. Where we sur-
1. vide your peo- ple you are wait - ing there
2. tired and wea - ry, you are wait - ing there
3. vive on oth - ers in our hu - man greed,
to Refrain
1. on bend- ed knee to wash our feet with end- less care.
2. to be the way which beck- ons us be- yond de- pair.
3. you walk a- mong us beg- ging for your ev - 'ry need.

Communion Sinner Man Kirby Shaw

Oh, sinner man where you gonna run to
All on that day?

Run to the rock, run to the rock,
run to the rock, all on that day,

Run to the sea, run to the sea,
run to the sea, all on that day
You ought a been a prayin'

Oh sinner man, where you gonna run to
All on that day.

Run to the devil, run to the devil,
Run to the devil , all on that day

Oh sinner man, where you gonna run to,
All on that day.

Recessional Kyrie instrumental

Fasting and Feasting (by Nancy Greenfield)
The word Lent comes from the Old English lencten, the name for the season we now call spring. It referred to the lengthening of the days after the long winter. As new life is being re-created in nature the same is happening in our spiritual lives; we seek to renew our lives in Christ through self-examination, and prayer, through penitential practices such as fasting, and through almsgiving.

During the early days of the Church, Lent was a 40-day retreat for those Catechumens receiving Baptism at Easter. Holy Saturday was the spiritual culmination of the Catechumens' faith journey, with a day of strict fasting and prayer, with a holy vigil, and eventual entrance into the sacred mysteries in the early hours of Easter morning. Gradually, the community members began to engage in self-scrutiny and fasting in solidarity with these early Catechumens, and Lent was born. Originally, Lent began on Quadragesima (Fortieth) Sunday, but Pope Gregory the Great moved it to a Wednesday, now called Ash Wednesday. Gregory is also credited with the ceremony that gives the day its name. As Christians came to the church for forgiveness, Gregory marked their foreheads with ashes reminding them of the biblical symbol of repentance (sackcloth and ashes) and mortality: "You are dust, and to dust you will return" (Gen 3:19).

Lent is the liturgical period leading up to the feast of Easter, recalling Jesus' 40-day fast in the wilderness. Catholic Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends right before the evening Masses of Holy Thursday, although Lenten penance continues through Holy Saturday. Liturgical Color(s) for this season are violet (Purple)

The key word for Lent is repentance, which, in Greek (metanoia), actually means conversion—a turning toward God and away from the destructive habits and actions we call "sin". Time spent in prayer and meditation, time spent in specifically religious practices such as daily Mass or daily rosary, help us to focus away from the values of the world and look deep within to see where God is inviting us to be part of the Kingdom. We are invited during this Lent to take part in the One-Minute Meditation described in our bulletin. This short but powerful exercise binds us together as we hold in our hearts a prayer for the good of the community and for all of our needs.

One of the most common practices of Lent is fasting. (The fasting regulations are located elsewhere in this bulletin.) Fasting, however, should not be seen as a denial of the flesh or punishment for our bodily sins but as a practice leading to the enhancement of our joy at the Easter feast. Fasting is a way for us to exercise some self-discipline, and to help us realize that it is not always good for us to have or do what we want. Instant gratification is not usually conducive to personal growth. Fasting helps prepare us for the long spiritual haul that is sometimes called life. Fasting, to be truly effective as a spiritual discipline, ought to include some self-examination of the lives we lead and the choices we make, and fasting ought to help us walk in solidarity with those for whom fasting is not a choice, but a necessity.

Whatever you decide to fast from, remember that Lent is more than a diet. Lent is about spiritual results, not material ones. So, while losing a few pounds may be a nice side benefit, all fasting should be done for God's glory and spiritual growth.

Women & Spirit Presentation:

March 8, 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm
Sisters of the Holy Family Motherhouse
159 Washington Boulevard, Fremont

Join us for an informative presentation on the Women & Spirit Exhibit, with Sister Michaela O'Connor, SHF. Whether you are taking a bus tour with your parish group or with the Sisters, you can learn about the exhibit by joining us. We will gather for an inspiring and lively discussion about the Women & Spirit Exhibit, with special focus on the local California story of Catholic Sisters. Even if you are unable to make a trip to Sacramento to see the Exhibit, you will enjoy this great presentation.

Rice Bowls

last year we raised over \$540 to feed the less fortunate.
Your spare change counts.

— More Announcements —

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. 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, this Sunday, February