

Catholic Community at Stanford

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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 April 7, 2013

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.

Baptisms for the 2012-2013 academic year: May 5, 2013 July 21, 2013

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Religious Ramblings

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Blind Faith?

APRIL 7, 2013

fr Benjamin Earl warns us not to feel superior to 'Doubting Thomas'.

If I told you that I had won the lottery last weekend you would probably not believe me. You know, probably, that the odds against that are 13,983,815 to 1, so it's not very likely that I'm telling the truth. 'Unless I see the winning ticket,' you might say to me, 'and touch it with my finger, and hold the jackpot cheque in my hand, I will not believe'.

And, of course, you would be quite right to be sceptical. All the time we have to make decisions about what to believe: we look for evidence and only believe when there is grounds for belief. We are, after all, rational creatures. We are supposed to consider available information, think, and believe only reasonable things. That is how God made us.

But at first sight today's gospel might be taken to suggest that things are a little different when it comes to matters of faith in God himself.

'Have you believed,' Jesus asks Thomas, 'because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.' This verse can make modern Christians feel very good about themselves: we have not seen Jesus, and yet we believe; how much more blessed are we than Thomas, one of the twelve, who didn't believe until he saw the risen Christ in the flesh. 'Doubting Thomas' we call him: the one who was 'faithless'. Thank God we're not like him!

Well hold on a moment... though we might like to think ourselves better than Thomas, we should ask ourselves if we, like Thomas, could say to our companions, 'let us also go, that we may die with him,' as Thomas did, only two weeks or so earlier. Thomas would have given his own life in the Lord's service, even before seeing him risen from the dead. And after the resurrection, ancient tradition makes him one of the most successful of the apostles, taking the gospel as far as India, where finally he was martyred by being pierced in the side with a spear. Are we really better or more blessed than Thomas?

Now what odds would you give on someone rising from the dead? I suspect that they would be considerably longer than the fourteen million-to-one on my lottery ticket. Would any reasonable person believe someone had risen from the dead without some pretty incontrovertible evidence? Actually, I suspect not; even the other disciples needed Jesus to appear to them before they could tell Thomas that the Lord had risen. Thomas-already shown to be in fact one of the most faithful of the disciples-is only asking for reasonable evidence. Thomas, quite rightly, is not satisfied with 'blind faith', but seeks true faith.

Where, though, does this place the rest of us, who have not seen the risen Christ appear to us, who have not placed our fingers in the mark of the nails, who have not placed our hands in his side? Why do we believe without the incontrovertible evidence which Thomas and the other disciples had? Aren't we being irrational, as many critics of our religious belief claim?

Jesus does ask that we believe in him, but he does not ask for blind faith. He does not leave us without what we need for true faith. In today's gospel passage, St John is at pains to emphasise the wounds of Christ: first Jesus showed his disciples his hands and his side; then Thomas says he will not believe without touching his hands and placing his own hand in the Lord's side; and finally Jesus appears, and invites Thomas to do just that. So three times John mentions Jesus's hands and his side.

If we cast our minds back to Good Friday and John's account of the passion, we remember that after he had died, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side, 'and at once there came out blood and water.' John then was at pains to point out the reliability of his source: 'He who saw it has borne witness-his testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth-that you also may believe'. Jesus's wounds, in particular his side and the blood and water that flow from it, are central to our believing in Christ. It is into the source of the blood and water that Jesus invites Thomas to put his hand.

The water is taken to represent baptism, by which we are cleansed from sin. But also it is in baptism that we receive, sacramentally, the gift of true faith. In baptism we are touched by the water that flows from Christ's side. We do not touch Christ's pierced hands, but in baptism Christ himself acts, and he touches us with his pierced hands. In baptism we receive the grace of true faith, which makes our belief in the Lord reasonable.

The blood, on the other hand, represents the Eucharist, which provides our spiritual nourishment. We do not just touch the blood that flows from Christ's side, but we are given it as a transfusion. And when we consume the sacrament, we are ourselves consumed, enveloped by Christ's body, much as Thomas' hand in Jesus' side would have been enveloped by the Lord's own flesh.

We who did not ourselves witness Christ's bodily resurrection are indeed blessed, because we have been given these witnesses of water and blood. We did not see him with our eyes, but we do see him in the sacraments. We did not touch his hands, or put our hands in his side, but instead he touches us with his hands and places us in his side by the sacraments.

We are not like Thomas-wounds we cannot see. But Christ has given us, in his divine mercy, the sacraments of faith and of his risen body and blood. Enlightened by them, we too can believe Jesus Christ is our Lord and our God, and believing we may have life in his name.

fr. Benjamin Earl is Vicar of the Dominican House in Durham, established in September 2012. He is also Parish Priest of St Cuthbert's Parish and Catholic Chaplain to Durham University.

GENERAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Week Thanks:

Many thanks for all the work put into our Holy Week liturgies. Your efforts with music, readings, altar serving, greeting, eucharistic ministry, preaching, presiding, dancing, linen laundering, flower arranging, craftmanship, fire building, and behind-the-scenes support was blessed by the dearest of Spirits to shower grace upon us all. Thank you for allowing your work to become sacred and give us all new life.

Welcome to Our Newest Catholic Community Members:

A warm welcome to newly baptized

- Stephen Cohen
- Ruby Dewi
- Michael Morris-Nix
- Tate Rider
- · Krishna Shenoy
- Byran Shieh

and fully initiated Allison Donnelly and Jo Ann Sison.

Confirmation:

We will celebrate Confirmation at the 4:30 Mass on Sunday, April 14.

Spring Quarter Course for Stanford Credit:

CC@S has been given permission to offer a two-credit course in Spring Quarter 2013 on the Second Vatican Council called "Catholicism Meets Modernity". It will be offered through the Department of Religious Studies, (RELS 64) and through Continuing Studies as well. (REL 82). The course will consist of lectures by visiting professors, followed by remarks and small group discussion from Stanford respondents from the various disciplines. For further information please visit: http://www.stanfordvatican2.net/index.html Those interested in taking this course for credit are encouraged to sign up now!

Newman Nights:

Presenting the breadth and depth of Catholic Theology, is a theological lecture series that answers of the needs of RCIA, Adult Confirmation, and faith formation for the entire CCAS Community and environs. 7:30pm, Old Union, 3rd Floor, Common Room

Upcoming topics for Newman Nights:

April 9 - What is that? A Liturgical Tour.

Fr. Isaiah Mary Molano, OP

"What is that? A Liturgical Tour" We will examine a variety of liturgical concepts, beginning with the definition of the Mass, the source and summit of the Catholic faith. From here, we will examine the Liturgical Calendar (Why is Christmas on December 25?), Liturgical Space and a hob-nob of signs and symbols common to Eastern and Western Christianity.

Father Isaiah Mary, O.P. was born in the city of Philadelphia and spent most of his life living in California. He attended the University of California at Riverside with a major in Creative Writing, and is a recent graduate of Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology in Berkeley, California. He entered the Dominican Order in 2002. Since entering, he has been in Anchorage, AK to Tempe, AZ, to Baja Verapaz, Guatamala. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 25, 2010 at St Dominic's Parish in San Francisco, CA. His interests include the theology of vocation, the spirituality of friendship, Yong Adult Literature, CS Lewis and all things about Hogwarts. The Catholic Community at Stanford is his first assignment.

April 16 - Common Good in Catholic Social Teaching Fr. Michael Sweeney, OP . President, Dominican School of Philosophy & Theology

Back-to-School Backpacks for Needy Children:

The Catholic Community at Stanford is hosting a Family Giving Tree Back-to-School Backpack Drive for needy children from low-income families. On Sundays during the months of April, May, June, and July you are asked to please bring new backpacks filled with school supplies for needy children in grades kindergarten through high school. You may also purchase a backpack/supplies online at the following URL: http://vgt.familygivingtree.org/ccas/. (Please Note: Current listed prices are subject to change due to increased costs. The current \$30 donation

includes a backpack filled with school supplies. This price may increase to \$35 later this year.) The Family Giving Tree asks that you do not purchase red or blue colored backpacks as these colors are associated with gangs. For a list of needed supplies by grade level please see Peter Barling after Mass at the table in the front of Memorial Church. You can also go to the following URL: http://www.familygivingtree.org/images/ collateral/BTScard.pdf for lists of supplies by grade level. Please tag your donated backpacks with the appropriate grade level/gender tag. Tags can be found at http://www.familygivingtree.org/hosts/HostResourcePage. html in the bottom right corner of the window. For a Tax Receipt go to the following URL: http://www.familygivingtree.org/donations/tax. htm. Donated backpacks will be collected after each Mass by CCAS volunteers and brought to the Family Giving Tree on August 1st. You may also drop off your backpack in Lourdes Alonso's office on the third floor of Old Union during the week. For more information please see Peter at the table in front of Memorial Church after Mass or contact Peter at peter barling@hotmail.com.

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.

Liturgy of the Hours:

8:20-8:45am, Mo-Fr, East side stairwell of Memorial Church. "It is now the hour for us to rise from sleep." (Rom 13:11) Come consecrate your day to our Lord by praying the Liturgy of the Hours before class! We first hear a short reading from the Roman Martyrology and then pray in accordance with the wisdom of St. Benedict (d. 543). Contact George vidal@stanford.edu for more information.

Korean Catholic At Stanford (KC@S):

KC@S is a Korean catholic community at Stanford consisting of a number of Korean under/grad students, post-doc at Stanford and workers in Bay area. During this winter quarter, we gather every Friday night to have a prayer meeting with various activities to deepen our faith together. Also, lunch gathering is planned on Tuesday noon at Thai cafe. For more information, contact Eun-Soo at eschoi@stanford.edu

Attention Catholic Singles:

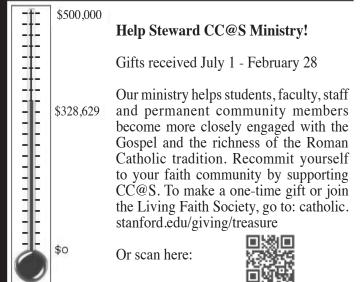
-Announcements for April 7, 2013-

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/

Please bring in your Rice Bowls to one of the Sunday Masses



last year we raised over \$2000 to feed the less fortunate.



Weekly Readings

Monday, April 8
Annunciation of the Lord
Is 7:10-14; 8:10
Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11
Heb 10:4-10
Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday, April 9 Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday, April 10 Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Jn 3:16-21

Thursday, April 11 Acts 5:27-33 PS 34:2, 9, 17-18, 19-20 Jn 3:31-36 Friday, April 12 Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Jn 6:1-15

Saturday, April 13 Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Jn 6:16-21

Sunday, April 14 Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 Rev 5:11-14 Jn 21:1-19

Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 7, 2013

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

Monday, April 8 - Friday, April 12

• Office hours (Tues - Fri) 10am - 3pm

Daily Liturgy:

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

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

Next Spanish Mass - Sunday April 14 - 3pm

If you suspect financial mismanagement or misconduct in your parish or in the Diocese of San José, please contact: EthicsPoint: dsj. ethicspoint.com or hotline telephone number 1-888-325-7863. Teresa Conville, 408-983-0241 or email:tconville@dsj.org.

Volunteer Opportunities

St. Anthony's Soup Kitchen:

The CCAS is committed to serving the needy, elderly and homeless at St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room in Menlo Park. If you are interested in volunteering on Saturday April 27th or Saturday May 4th from 8:30 - 1pm or a subset thereof, please contact Gary Glover at gary.glover@stanford. edu to discuss and/or have a volunteer position reserved for you. In general, St. Anthony's reserves the first and fourth Saturdays of the month for us. So plan your schedules in advance, and let Gary know at least by the Wednesday before. Let us follow the resurrected Christ's example of loving the least ones of us.

Save the Date: Sat 4/27/2013:

CCAS Service Opportunity, National Rebuilding Day

The Catholic Community at Stanford is once again participating in National Rebuilding Day through the organization Rebuilding Together Peninsula, www.rebuildingtogetherpeninsula.org . We will be assisting a home makeover in San Bruno(near SFO) for a homeowner in need. Duties will include erecting a fence, fixing doors and replacing carpet.

This service event is open to all in the CCAS. All day shifts will run from 8:30am to 4:00pm, with some half day shifts available. Meals will be provided. We especially need volunteers for a prep-day on the morning/afternoon of Sat, 4/20. Spaces are limited, contact the Larry Hu,hudat@stanfordalumni.org for more info or to sign up

Vallombrosa Retreat Center

Vallombrosa Center is sponsoring the following events:

Tools for the Urban Mystic:

A workshop with Cynthia McDonald, PhD Saturday, April 6, 2013 8:30am until 4:30pm

"Psalm 46" Retreats: Be still & know that I am God April 26 – 28, May 31 – June 2, August 16 – 18, November 8 – 10, December 6 – 8 (Advent theme)

YOUNG ADULTS

Dinner at Jeffrey's:

Tues. April 16th at 7:30pm, 888 El Camino Real, Menlo Park 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.

Young Adult Mass:

Tues. April 30th 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. May 7th at 7:30pm, Our Lady of the Rosary, 3233 Cowper St, Palo Alto. We are meeting to discuss Vatican II documents that Catholics are being encouraged to study as part of the Year of Faith. We meet regularly on the first Tuesday of each month and we welcome you to join us!

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

GRADS and UNDER GRADS

Catholicism 101, returning in Spring Quarter

Pray with Us, Daily Rosary:

All are invited to pray the Rosary in the Sanctuary of Old Union. The updated schedule is:

Monday-Friday 10pm. Saturday at 9pm

Saturday and Sunday at 9pm. Every Saturday night we will follow the Rosary with a game night at 9:30pm.

Contact Margaret Koehler mkoehler@stanford.edu with any questions or to be added to the Rosary List.

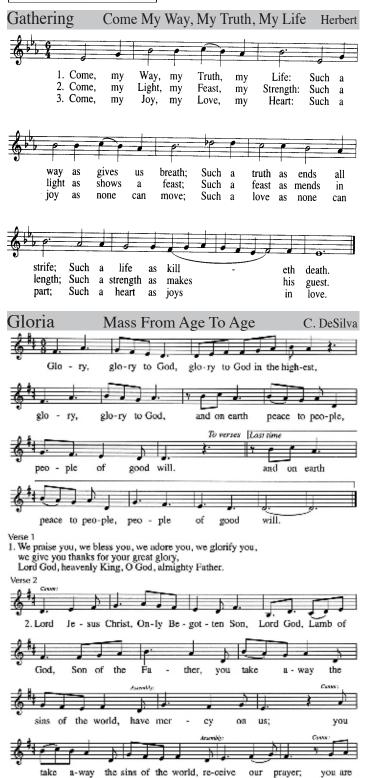
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Grad Bible Study:

Sundays at 6:30pm. All are welcome to a grad student Bible study. Meet at Chiara's in Escondido Village building 128, Apt 104 at 6:30pm. Join the list at catholic_grad_bible_study@lists.stanford.edu.

The Catholic Community at Stanford University

SECOND SUNDAY IN EASTER APRIL 7, 2013



Verse 3

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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.

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First Reading Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16

Through the work of the apostles, many signs and wonders took place among the people. People in great numbers became believers, and many sick people were cured.



Second Reading Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

The author of Revelation had a vision of seven gold lampstands. Among the lampstands was one like a son of man.

Gospel Acc. Alleluia: Our God Is Speaking D Haas

Gospel John 20:19-31

One of the Twelve, Thomas, was absent when the risen Lord first appeared to the others. Later, when Thomas was with them, Jesus came and said, "Bring your hand and put it into my side and believe." Thomas cried, "My Lord and my God!"

Apostle's Creed

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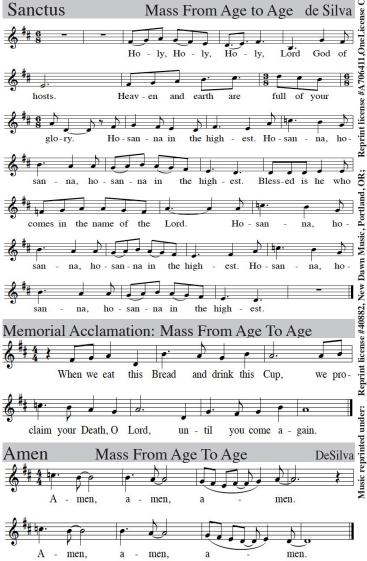
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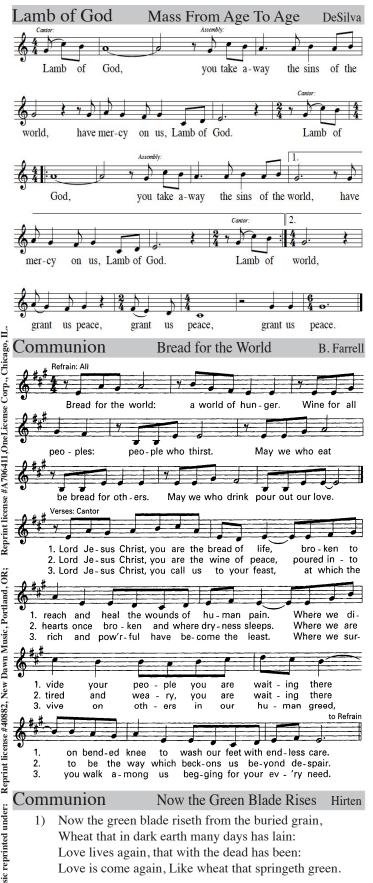
I believe in God. the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ. his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from 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 For Peace Oosterhuis / Oomen

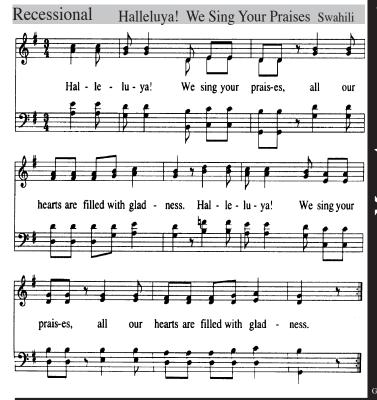
- Far too late have I begun to love you; you were there within me, I was outside, and I sought you, seeing blindly just beyond myself; and poured away like water, I took flight from you and I was lost, surrounded by such beauty which is not you.
- 2) Then you called and cried aloud to me, breaking through the silence of my deafness, Dazzling brightness, you appeared to me, and at once you put to flight my blindness. Drawing deep, I smell your fragrant presence, still I gasp for breath and long for you. Since I tasted you I only thirst and hunger after you. How, with a simple touch, your fire consumes me. Now my heart, aflame and blazing, leaps to you for peace.





2) In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain, Thinking that never he would wake again, Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen, Love is come again, Like wheat that springeth green.

- 3) Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, He that for three days in the grave had lain; Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen; Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.
- 4) When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain, Your touch can call us back to life again, Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been, Love is come again, Like wheat that springeth green.



Podcast of the Catholic Community:

Catholic Cardinal Reflections is a regular podcast of CCAS. The Sunday preaching is recorded and podcasted for your spiritual nourishment. We invite you to subscribe to CCR for Lent--what a great way to take the message of the Gospel into your life! Look up Catholic Cardinal Reflections on the CCAS website or subscribe via iTunes!

Grief Recovery Group:

Arlene Dean will hold a Grief Recovery Class for 10 weeks beginning on Wednesday, April 3 from 3:30 to 5:00pm in the St. Simon Parish Rectory Conference Room at 1860 Grant Rd., Los Altos. Open to all. Call Arlene 650-968-7556 for more information.

Summer pilgrimages 2013:

(by former Campus Minister at Stanford)

Fr. Russ Roide, S.J., now director of adult spirituality at Bellarmine Prep in San Jose for moms, dads, alums, AMEN, and Dads of Grads, will be the chaplain on two pilgrimages this coming summer - Classical Italy in June and The Way of St. James (a partial walking pilgrimage based on the movie "The Way" with Martin Sheehan) in July. Both are ready to go and Fr. Russ Roide, S.J. would suggest taking 'land only' and coming a few days early or staying a few days later. You may want to use some of your air mileage program or buy a consolidated airline ticket. For more information, please see:www.pilgrimages.com/frroide or e-mail Fr. Roide at rroide@bcp.org or call at (408)537-9360.

"Not For Sale" Human Trafficking Donations:

During Spring Break, the "Not For Sale"/Human Trafficking ASB group will be meeting with The SAGE Project, a non profit that helps trafficked victims in San Francisco through recovery services and aftercare. They are accepting donations for feminine pads and tampons to help survivors of trafficking. If you are interested in donating, contact Katherine from our community at knasol@stanford.edu.

Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos: Coming Retreats

Apr. 12-14 - Ecology Retreat. God's creation is His gift to us; come and see how we can all embark on a path of conversion to protect this valuable gift. Dir: Fr. Joseph Carver, S.J. Non-Silent retreat for Men & Women.

Apr. 19-21 - Praying with Music

The role of music in our prayer and our liturgies should be vital; we will use music to illustrate how it can be a source of inspiration in our prayer. Dir: Fr. Bob Fabing, S.J. Non-Silent retreat for Men & Women

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