Catholic Community at Stanford
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http://catholic.stanford.edu/
main office: 650-725-0080
For emergencies, call 650-723-8222, pager #17736

Sunday Mass May 13, 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.

Baptisms for the 2011-2012 academic year:
May 20, 2012

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Some say that public speaking is an art of keeping a distance from one’s listeners. A good orator, like a trained fencer, is able to close the distance or widen it, according to the need.

Sometimes we enjoy keeping others at distance. It gives us some sense of security. It provides us with personal space: a cotton wool shell that may help protecting our identity but which may also serve as a weapon.

Some say that distance is also at the heart of religions. The unknown gods, unreachable and far removed from the triviality of our life, communicate their demands through the mouth of the chosen shaman or priest, the few who are able to bridge the gap and receive their word.

But our faith is different.

From the moment we are created, God constantly offers himself to be with us. In the mythological accounts of the Book of Genesis he makes us dwell together with him in the garden of Paradise, not to keep us at bay but to be close to us. But it was we who tried to hide our faces from him, not responding when he was calling. Then – as we read at the end of the story of the fall – ‘God placed the cherubim, and a flaming sword which turned every way, o guard the way to the tree of life’.

It was necessary for us that God should become one of us so that we may regain access to that tree of life. It is only when the Son of Man came on earth that we realised that it was not God who forbade our access to the tree of life, but our own stubbornness and disobedience.

It was necessary for us that the Word of God should start anew his conversation with us, to breach the distance, to restore God’s presence to us. The desire of God to share his life with us is expressed again in Christ who says: ‘I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you’.

Christ reveals that our God is not interested in being far removed from his creation. In Christ, God himself gives us a sign of his love and friendship, a sign that he is Emmanuel: God-with-us. There is no end to his great love and even if we are faithless, ‘He remains faithful – for he cannot deny himself.’

But what is the basis of this friendship with God? Is friendship possible among those who are not equal? Doesn’t friendship require giving not just receiving? Doesn’t it require mutuality and sharing? But what have we that God doesn’t already have? He is in no need of anything and to him ‘belongs the earth and all that fills it’.

In his generosity God provides us with his Holy Spirit; we share the Gift from above. And we are made heirs of the Kingdom by being made one with Christ, who emptied himself to become one of us, to become our equal. Now he prays that our joy may be made full; that is, that it may achieve its perfection in the vision of God himself. It is in that blessed vision that our love find its delectation, its fulfilment and rest.

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fr Benedict Jonak speaks of God’s desire to have companionship with us.

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fr Benedict Jonak lives at the Priory of St Michael, Archangel, in Cambridge, and works as Assistant Priest at the Parish of Our Lady and the English Martyrs in the same city.
High School Confirmation For 2103:
We are currently assessing the need for a high school confirmation class next year. If you are interested in having your high school child confirmed, please contact Nancy Greenfield at ngreenfield875@gmail.com by May 15.

Rice Bowls:
You may still drop them off at Room 305 in Old Union (Fr Isaiah and Lourdes’ office).

Baptisms:
We will celebrate baptisms at the 4:30 Mass on Sunday, May 20. Come welcome our new members to the Body of the Lord.

Grad Masses & University Baccalaureate:
Please mark your calendars for our Graduation Masses to be held on Saturday, June 16. The Mass in Spanish is at 1:00pm. The Mass in English is at 5:30pm. Both are in Memorial Church. The University Baccalaureate is held that morning at 9:30am in the Main Quad. This year’s speaker is Sr. Joan Chittister. All are welcome to attend. There will be no Sunday Masses the following day, June 17, as it is University commencement.

Eucharistic Ministers Needed for 4:30 Mass:
Our roster of eucharistic ministers has fallen short. Do you feel drawn to serving the community in this part of the liturgy? Training is provided for you. You would be scheduled approximately every 3 weeks. Contact Teresa for more information, tpleins@stanford.edu.

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!

Check out the CC@S Podcast!
“Catholic Cardinal Reflections” is a weekly podcast of Sunday homilies and theological reflections from the staff of CCAS. Two of our students, pianist Albert Tomasso and Percussionist Shane Clarkson, have graciously added their talents to the podcast by adding a soundtrack! Check it out on iTunes or through the website, catholic.stanford.edu.

Korean Catholic At Stanford (KC@S) prayer meeting:
Join us at our community for Korean Catholic at Stanford University. This Friday we are going to share the following Sunday’s readings and gospel in addition to rosary prayer and worship songs. Please bring your own bible, rosary, and open mind. Also, lunch gathering every Wednesday is on going during this spring quarter. For more information, contact Eun-Soo at eschoi@stanford.edu.

Concert:
Andre and Carol, both in our choir, are singing in the Mass in B Minor on Saturday evening, May 19 at 8 pm in Mem Chu. There will be a baroque orchestra and it should be a fabulous concert.

Rice Bowl to date: $1432

Catholicism 101:
Grad Community Center, Mondays at 7pm. Join us 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.

Upcoming Topics include:
5/21 Nancy Greenfield: Reflection on the Ascension and Pentecost
5/28 Irene Onyeneho: The Virgin Mary
6/4 David Pleins: Old Testament

Dinner at Crepevine:
Tues. May 15th at 7:30pm, 367 University Ave., 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.

Young Adult Mass:
Tues. May 29th 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. June 5th at 7:30pm, Our Lady of the Rosary, 3233 Cowper St, Palo Alto. We will be starting a new topic this month so it would be an excellent time to join us even if you have never attended a Bible study before! We meet regularly on the first Tuesday of each month.

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

TNT Returns on a new night:
Thursday at 6:30pm. Join us for Thursday Night Topics as we explore the award winning video series, “Catholicism.” The videos have been featured on PBS and EWTN. In them, Father Robert Barron paints a beautiful and mysterious image of what it takes to be a follower of Jesus. We will watch short clips of selected videos and discuss them over dinner at Arillaga Dining Hall. Contact Ben at bvb@stanford.edu for more information.

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YOUNG ADULTS
Vallombrosa Retreat Center

Volunteer Opportunities

Bi-lingual volunteer needed:
The St Francis St. Vincent de Paul Society in East Palo Alto needs a bi-lingual volunteer (Spanish & English) with easy access to the internet to help respond to the emergency assistance requests left on the SVdP answering machine. The responder will enter the contents of the phone message on a Google Document on their computer and make the appropriate call backs to set up the appointments for home visits, also on a Google Document.
The St. Francis SVdP has been providing a safety net for families in East Palo Alto and East Menlo Park, east of highway 101 for the last 60 years. The population of the area is over 60% Spanish speaking. Please contact Ed Ehmke, 650-326-7988 or ehmke@stanford.edu.

Community Prayer Corner
5/8/12 - Please pray for our dear Campus Minister Lourdes and her family. Her father went to the Lord this day. May Our Heavenly Father receive him with open arms. May the angels guide his way - GJC

Weekly Readings

Monday, May 14
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26
Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
Jn 15:9-17

Friday, May 18
Acts 18:9-18
Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Jn 16:20-23

Tuesday, May 15
Acts 16:22-34
Ps 138:1-2ab,2cde-3,7c-8
Jn 16:5-11

Saturday, May 19
Acts 18:23-28
Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10
Jn 16:23b-28

Wednesday, May 16
Acts 17:15, 22-18:1
Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14
Jn 16:12-15

Sunday, May 20
Acts 1:1-11
Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
Eph 1:17-23
Eph 4:1-13

Weekly Liturgy:

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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

“Not only did we experience a deeper sense of unity and joy, but the intimacy and excitement in our marriage continues to grow since our Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!” Married Couples - Experience a weekend for yourself. The next local Catholic Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is: Jun 8-10, 2012 (Mountain View). For more information or to register, please visit our website at: http://sanjose.wwme12.org or contact Thomas & Sandy Pavick, 408 262-4061 or Email: gr8marriages@sbcglobal.net.

Vocation Events:

Dominican Sisters, Mission San José
For single Catholic Women 18-40

Religious Life Discernment Retreat
Friday, May 18 – Sunday, May 20, 2012

Live-in Experience
Monday, June 4 — Friday, June 8, 2012
Dominican Sisters MSJ Motherhouse
43326 Mission Blvd. Fremont, CA 94539 (entrance on Mission Tierra Pl.)
The Catholic Community at Stanford University

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 13, 2012

First Reading      Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Peter entered the house of Cornelius and proclaimed the good news to his household. They listened and believed, so Peter had them baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterward they asked Peter to stay with them awhile.

Second Reading    1 John 4:7-10

John wrote, “Let us love each other because love is from God…The person without love knows nothing of God, because God is love.”

Gospel Acclamation    Easter Alleluia    Marty Haugen

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Gospel     John 15:9-17

Jesus told his disciples, “This is my command: Love each other as I have loved you. There is no greater love than this: lay down your lives for your friends.”
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.

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The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary, and she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Ave Maria, full of grace, The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Mary said: Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done unto me according to thy word.

And the word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.