

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 June 23, 2013

10:30am in Sanctuary Old Union 4:30pm in Memorial Church

Daily Eucharist

M T W F 12:30 in Memorial Church no Daily Eucharist on Thursdays

Confessions

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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July 21, 2013

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Religious Ramblings The Big Question

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 23, 2013

fr Robert argues that the most important question we ever ask is the one asked by Jesus in today's Gospel: 'Who do you say that I am?'

As we grow up and journey through our lives, there inevitably comes a point when we have to start asking some really big questions, questions like what is my vocation in life? why is there so much suffering in the world? does life have any meaning? does God exist? But of all the questions we might have to face, the biggest question of all is the one that Jesus asks in today's Gospel: who do you say that I am? who is Jesus?

One of the features of Luke's Gospel is that whenever a significant event is about to happen in Jesus' life, Luke primes us for this by telling us that Jesus prayed. When the heavens were about to open during Jesus' baptism, when Jesus was about to begin His public ministry, when He chose the twelve apostles, at the moment of His transfiguration, and on the Mount of Olives before His Passion, Luke specifically tells us that Jesus prayed. And so today's Gospel story is on a par with these great events in Jesus life. The question of who Jesus is the fundamental question. It is only once Peter has confessed that Jesus is the Christ of God, that Jesus is able to reveal His mission to His disciples: the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

Peter gives us the correct answer, but it is an answer that doesn't bring our questioning to an end, but rather, it really marks a beginning. Whatever happens, we have to accept that Jesus is the Christ of God. He comes from God, He is the fulfilment of God's promises and He comes to save His people and deliver them from evil. This means that whatever challenges we face in life, whatever successes or failure we experience, or whatever we might learn from others, we always have to cling to our faith that Jesus is the Christ of God, even if this means we have to admit that we've been wrong and have to re-evaluate our understanding of God. And so Jesus had to charge His disciples not to tell anyone that He was the Christ, because His identity as Christ is so open to misinterpretation, so likely to be distorted by limited human expectations. For the truth of Jesus' identity as Christ can only really be understood in the light of the cross.

If we ignore the cross, there is the great danger that we might think we've worked out who Jesus is, that the big question has been answered, but then something will happen, something will challenge us, and rather than looking more deeply at the question of Jesus' identity as the Christ in the light of the cross, we look for a christ elsewhere, a christ who conforms to our own limited expectations. But the truth is that Jesus is the one and only Christ and there is no true hope, no true salvation outside of Christ crucified. This truth is beyond our natural ability to reason and so we can only accept this truth in faith.

If we were to ask ourselves how do we know that Jesus is the Christ of God, the answer is that we have to deny ourselves, and like Jesus, we too have to take up our cross daily and follow Him. It is only through our daily experience of Christian self-denial that we can come to embrace the reality of who Jesus is. If we could always remember that the biggest question in our lives is who Jesus is, then rather than shrinking away from the hardships of life and closing our eyes to the suffering in the world, we could see these experiences as opportunities to come to know who Jesus is and to love Him more deeply.

Throughout human history, the noble aim of trying to eradicate suffering in the world has so often descended into attempts to eradicate the people who suffer. But as Christians, the care and compassion we show to those who suffer is in reality a participation in Christ's care and compassion. Our suffering is an opportunity to come to better know who Jesus is. This means that every human life is sacred and every moment of human life is an opportunity to recognise Christ's presence among us. Jesus' suffering on the cross is the revelation of God's self-understanding in our fallen world, and for this reason, answering the question of Jesus' identity in the light of the cross is the only place where our salvation is to be found, because ultimately, our salvation is to know and love God.

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fr Robert Verrill works in the University Chaplaincy and Parish at the Priory of St Albert the Great, Edinburgh.

#### **GENERAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### So Many Thanks!

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU Catholic Community at Stanford! I am so humbled and thank you for all of the love and support you have shown me this past Sunday at the party. From the life-sized cutout, to the chicken adobo, to the Harry Potter cake, it was such a fun time, wasn't it? I'm here all of June, and all of August, so you ain't rid of me yet! Seniors and to those to are leaving Stanford, you will be missed and we love you. And for all of you, pray for me as I pray for you during this time of transition. Thank you all and God bless. Fr Isaiah Mary, OP

#### **Summer Ministries:**

Summer is here, and many of our student ministers are not! Summer is a perfect time to engage more fully in the life of the Church through the liturgical ministries of lector, eucharistic minister, greeter, altar server, and musician/singer. You will find these ministries enrich your spiritual life and bring you new friends in return for your service to the community. For info, contact Teresa tpleins@stanford.edu.

#### **Summer Baptisms:**

Will take place on Sunday, July 21, during the 4:30 Mass. Current student, faculty, staff, post-doc, and registered community members' families are eligible for baptisms. Contact Teresa for information, tpleins@stanford.edu.

#### **New Choir Members:**

Come be involved in one of the "front and center" ministries! The music ministries at all Masses are open for new singers. A special need is women for the 4:30 Mass (rehearsal is on Wednesday nights, 8-10:00pm) No auditions required, training and audio files available for most music. We would love to have you involved. For more info, contact Teresa, tpleins@stanford.edu.

Gently Used Backpack Needed for Homeless Men and Women! Please drop off your gently used backpacks to Lourdes'/Fr. Isaiah's office on the third floor of Old Union during the month of June. Your gently used backpacks will fill the needs of homeless men and women who depend on St. Anthony's Clothing Distribution Center for their clothing/backpack needs!

#### **Attention Students:**

Budgets are tight so get together with one or more of your friends and purchase a backpack filled with school supplies for a needy child. See Peter Barling at the 10:30am, 4:30pm and 10:00pm Mass or go online to purchase a backpack or make a cash donation at http://vgt.familygivingtree.org/ccas! For more information please contact Peter Barling 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.

#### **Health Care Providers:**

Consider volunteering at Samaritan House Free Clinic in Redwood City. Samaritan House provides free medical and dental services to low-income and uninsured adults in San Mateo County. You can volunteer as little as four hours a month directly at the clinic or see patients in your own office. Patients would receive free blood work and x-rays as well as most medications free of charge. For more information contact: Jason Wong, M.D. (650) 839-1447 jason@samaritanhouse.com or Melissa Moss (650) 523-0819 mmoss@samaritanhouse.com

#### **Catholic Community Podcast:**

You are invited to subscribe to Catholic Cardinal Reflections, the podcast of the Catholic Community at Stanford. We feature Sunday homilies, theological reflections, Newman Nights and the lectures from our class on the Second Vatican Council. Subscribe on iTunes or through catholic.stanford. edu/media/podcast

#### **Liturgy of the Hours:**

Join us for the Liturgy of the Hours, a form of prayer that has been with the Church since time immemorial! We pray Morning Prayer every weekday on campus, and Night Prayer (Compline) every week. Please contact George (vidal@stanford.edu) for the current schedule, as it is subject to change.

#### **Korean Catholic Community 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 spring, we gather every Friday night to have a prayer meeting with various topics and activities to deepen our faith. Also, lunch gathering is planned on Thursday noon at Thai cafe. For more information, contact Kyoungjin at kjlee99@stanford.edu.

#### **Attention Catholic Singles:**

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://catholicsinglessfbayarea.com/

#### Rosary:

-Announcements for June 23, 2013-

All undergrads, grads, and permanent community members are invited to pray the Rosary with the Catholic Community at Stanford. We pray every night in the Sanctuary on the 3rd floor of Old Union at 10 pm, except for Sundays, when we pray at 9 pm. On Tuesday nights, we pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament at the same location. Eucharistic Adoration is available from 9-10:30 pm, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation is also available throughout this time. Whether you come just once a quarter or every night, we'd be happy to share this prayerful time with you. If you have any questions, email Margaret Koehler at mkoehler@stanford.edu.

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.

# **Weekly Readings**

Monday, June 24 Is 49:1-6 Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 Acts 13:22-26 Lk 1:57-66, 80

Tuesday, June 25 Gn 13:2, 5-18 Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday, June 26 Gn 15:1-12, 17-18 Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 7:15-20

Thursday, June 27 Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 Mt 7:21-29 Friday, June 28 Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 Mt 8:1-4

Saturday, June 29 Acts 12:1-11 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 Mt 16:13-19

Sunday, June 30 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21 Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 Gal 5:1, 13-18 Lk 9:51-62

# Week at a Glance

#### **Sunday, June 23, 2013**

- 10:30am in Sanctuary, Old Union, 3rd Floor
- 4:30pm in Memorial Church (the 10pm Mass will return in the Fall)

#### Monday, June 24 - Friday, June 28

Offices closed

#### **Daily Liturgy:**

M T W F at 12:30 in Memorial Church no Daily Liturgy on Thursdays

#### **Confessions**

by appointment: call 725-0080

#### Please note:

the 10:30am Sunday Mass has moved to the Sanctuary, Old Union Bldg, 3rd Floor

#### GRADS

#### **Grad Bible Study:**

Announcements

More .

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.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities**

#### St. Anthony Padua's Dining Room:

The CCAS 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, July 6 from 8:30 - 1pm or a subset thereof, please contact gary.glover@ stanford.edu to discuss and have a volunteer position reserved for you. The CCAS serves at the Kitchen every first and fourth Saturday of the month, so plan your schedules in advance, and let Gary know at least by the Monday before. On this 10th Sunday in ordinary time, decide to let your extraordinary love for others show.

#### Vallombrosa Retreat Center

Vallombrosa Center is sponsoring the following events:

# "Psalm 46" Retreats: Be still & know that I am God August 16 – 18 \*\*, November 8 – 10 \*\*, December 6 – 8 (Advent theme) \*\* If desired, retreatants may begin a day earlier (on Thursday at 4pm)

#### 'ABIDE' - Keeping Vigil with the Word of God

A Silent Retreat facilitated by Macrina Wiederkehr, OSB August 1 - August 7, 2013. Abide is a very rich and sacred word. It is an invitation to dwell in Christ, to be immersed in the Divine, to be absorbed in God. Allow the peace and serenity found at Vallombrosa be your backdrop for exploring the sacredness of both BEING and DOING. Give yourself the gift of sacred space to keep vigil with the Word of God.

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#### YOUNG ADULTS

#### **Young Adult Mass:**

Tues. June 25th 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.

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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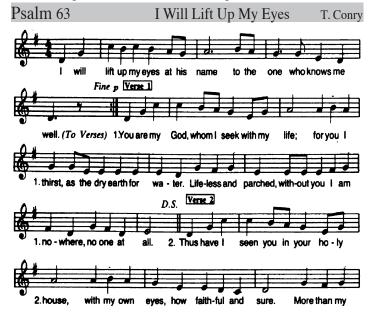
#### The Catholic Community at Stanford University

# TWELFIH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 23, 2013



#### First Reading Zechariah 12:10-11; 13:1

Zechariah prophesied that God would pour out on the citizens of Jerusalem a spirit of favor and supplication. God would bring about in them a new inner peace and reconciliation.





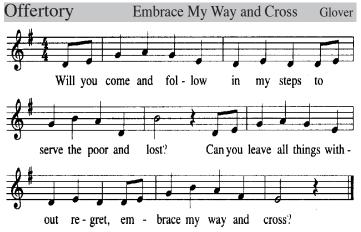
#### Second Reading Galatians 3:26-29

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female. All are one in Christ Jesus."

Gospel Acc. Alleluia: Our God Is Speaking D Haas

#### Gospel Luke 9:18-24

Some thought Jesus was John the Baptizer, some considered him Elijah, while others said he was a dead prophet returned to life. Peter called him the Messiah.



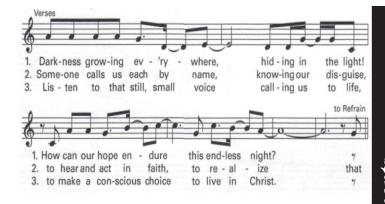
#### Apostle's Creed

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.







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 June and July you are asked to please bring new backpacks filled with school supplies for needy children in grades K-12. You may also purchase backpacks/supplies online at the following URL: http://vgt.familygivingtree.org/ccas/. 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 at each Mass. 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. Labels 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 through July 31st and brought to the Family Giving Tree warehouse 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 Barling at each Mass or email him at peter barling@hotmail.com.

**Volunteers Needed at The Family Giving Tree Warehouse:** Assembling Back-To-School Backpacks For Needy Children Saturday, August 3rd from 9 - 11am.

The Catholic Community at Stanford needs 25 volunteers to work at the Family Giving Tree Warehouse Back-to-School Backpacks for Needy Children Drive on Saturday, August 3rd from 9:00am to 11:00am. This volunteering opportunity will take place in a warehouse location to be determined. Transportation/carpooling from campus to the warehouse can be arranged. Our tasks will include performing quality assurance which involves emptying pre-filled backpacks, sorting items on sorting tables to insure that everything needed is there, gathering missing items in the warehouse school supply area and placing completed backpacks in rows according to grade level/age groups. Families with young children who are able to sort with the assistance of a parent(s) are welcome. If you are interested in participating in this social justice and quality-time family activity, please see Peter Barling at the table in front of Memorial Church after Mass or contact Peter at peter\_barling@hotmail.com to have a volunteer position reserved for you.

The Living Faith Society
is the financial pillar of our community.
Won't you please consider joining?
Contact M'Lis Berry at
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