

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 July 28, 2013

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

Daily Eucharist

M T W F 12:20 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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Religious Ramblings

The Praying Game

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 28, 2013

fr Mark Edney finds insight into the Our Father from the writing of Péguy.

'I am their father, says God. Our father who art in heaven. My son told them all about my being their father. [...] That's how they seem to me now. That's how I see them. That's how I'm forced to see them.'

Thus speaks God the Father in Charles Péguy's The Mystery of the Holy Innocents. Few poets have ever been bolder in making God speak. But for Péguy it is precisely because in Christ God spoke human words that we can be so bold in our words to God. The Father recalls of the Son: 'He spoke like them, he spoke with them, he spoke as one of them'. So now when the Father hears us, he hears the Son. Never more so than when we say the Our Father. With these words Jesus taught us how to make God hear us as his children.

Péguy is being poetic. He scripts God the Father as pretending to be perplexed by all that has come to pass through the sending of the Son. He writes as if the Father and Son were rivals, the one representing justice and the other representing mercy. Their rivalry plays out on the field of history and it's human salvation that is the prize to be won or lost. The Father knows all along, of course, that in sending the Son he has stacked the decks against himself, shot an own goal against the side of a strict justice. Never more so than when the Son taught his disciples how to pray. 'When you pray, say...'

For Péguy, the Our Father is not only our daily prayer but the victory of a father's mercy over a judge's justice. Péguy imagines judgement in the light of Jesus' words concerning the Kingdom of Heaven suffering violence and with men of violence taking it by force (Matthew 11:12). Heaven will be stormed by a vast flotilla of ships, carrying all of humanity with Christ at its head. Their weapon will be a ceaseless chorus of the words of the Our Father. And it will prove victorious. 'How', God the Father says, 'would you expect me to defend myself? My son has revealed all.'

Péguy is being poetic and not pious. Other than poetically, it seems impious to think of God being under attack, vulnerable and defenceless to our words. And yet this does seem akin to how Jesus wants us to think of prayer. What does he compare it to in today's Gospel? A man being importuned by a friend at midnight and a son expecting something from his father. In both cases it is obvious that the petitioners will get what they want. In the first, by virtue of persistence. In the second, by virtue of presumption.

Our prayer may rarely be poetic but it should never be too pious. It should be bold, persistent and even presumptuous. The friend wants three loaves and the boy wants fish. And in the Our Father we want our daily bread and a host of other things. Praying is like nagging your neighbour when you want to borrow something or like a child with greedy eyes in a tuck shop. It's pleading against all objections. It's not caring who or what you happen to be disturbing. It's asking for what you need.

All prayer is asking. Children are usually transparent in expressing what they want to their parents. Calling God 'Father' means not being afraid to tell God what we need. Only pious adults get all anxious about whether when praying they are trying instead to manipulate, placate, bargain with or flatter their God. Abraham, in today's first reading from Genesis, shows no such anxiety in boldly pleading for the people of Sodom and Gomorrah.

In Péguy's writing, like in Jesus's stories, God appears defenceless against a child's entreaty. It's almost as if God doesn't have a choice, as if he's forced to give what we ask for in prayer. Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and it shall be opened.

Of course it's not really like that... God does not need us to tell him what we need. God cannot be forced to give us what we want. But any father can play a game with his children, making it seem as if he needs to be told, to have everything explained to him; as if he needs to be convinced or persuaded to do something for their good. A child pulls the heartstrings, but only when his father lets him. He lets him because a father already knows how to give good gifts. The Father who gave us his Son. The Son who gave us the Our Father.

Many people say that they have a hard time praying. Perhaps it's because they take it too seriously or too piously. Of course the stakes are serious in the game of salvation. But we can be bold in the praying game since the Son himself taught us to how to play and win. If Péguy is right, the Father was always playing to lose anyway.

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fr Mark Edney OP is President of the International Dominican Foundation.

#### **Prayer Requests For Incoming Freshmen:**

Leaving home can be exciting and challenging for both students and their parents. We ask that you pray for the incoming students and their families as they prepare to come to Stanford. Below is a list of the first names of incoming freshmen who have provided their names to the Catholic Community. Please pray that they will find this to be a time of great joy and expectation. Also, pray that they will find their way to loving communities here at Stanford that will accompany them on their journeys.

| accompany them on their journeys. |                      |             |                |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Sarah                             | Coby                 | David       | Taylor         |
| Temesgen                          | Theodore             | John        | Sean-Patrick   |
| David                             | William              | Ashley      | Joseph         |
| Alexander Nicholas                | Joseph               | David       | Samuel         |
| James                             | Ryan                 | Ashleigh    | Gregorio       |
| Veronica                          | Daniel               | Zebediah    | Valdes         |
| Julian                            | Helen                | Megan       | Crystal        |
| Emelyn                            | Miguel               | Colin       | Connor         |
| Alberto                           | Omar                 | Patrick     | Giselle        |
| William                           | Luis                 | Sean        | Sally          |
| Tatiana                           | Patrick              | Gina        | Holly          |
| Maria                             | Lauren               | Daisy       | Cally          |
| Alex                              | Michael              | Emanuel     | Rahim          |
| Madeline                          | Gabriella            | Matthew     |                |
| Caroline                          | _                    |             | Reynis<br>Mark |
|                                   | Kelley               | Sophia      |                |
| Annabelle                         | Daniella<br>Mistrael | Neill       | Max            |
| Justine                           | Michael              | Lia         | Ramon          |
| Luis                              | Elisa                | Thu         | Andy           |
| Alexander                         | James                | Emily       | Miro           |
| Thomas                            | Eden                 | Jacob       | Ryan           |
| Bailey                            | Ryan                 | Nicolette   | Malika         |
| Bridget                           | Seunghwa             | Regan       | Jean-Luc       |
| Louisa                            | Madison              | Carolyn     | John           |
| David                             | Reilly               | Carly       | Maeve          |
| John Carlo                        | Edward               | Anthony     | Ethan          |
| Nathaniel                         | Timothy              | Ana         | Maxwell        |
| Ngoc                              | Lizette              | Karen       | Niles          |
| Teodoro                           | Andres               | Mark        | Monica         |
| John                              | Lucas                | Laura       | Ana            |
| Emily                             | Sarah                | Alec        | Gabriel        |
| Roland                            | Hannah               | Thomas      | Claudia        |
| Eduardo                           | Michael              | Julian      | Scott          |
| Ana Karen                         | Austin               | Alexandra   | Charles        |
| John                              | Carley               | Jennifer    | Leo            |
| Calvin                            | Steven               | John-       | Mark           |
| Sophia                            | Jacqueline           | Alexander   | Maya           |
| Leah                              | Matthew              | Patsy       | Lucio          |
| Nicolas                           | Lauren               | Daniel      | Julieta        |
| Nicholas                          | Jack                 | Javier      | Teresa         |
| Christian                         | Sarah                | Sergio      | Maria          |
| Mario                             | Connor               | Gabrielle   | Olukemi        |
| Davis                             | Katrina              | Aaron       | Michaela       |
| Kate                              | William              | Alexander   | Jian Yang      |
| Thomas                            | Jackson              | Christopher | Musila         |
| Elizabeth                         | Alexander            | Steven      | Lawrence Lin   |
| Francesca                         | Virginia             | Karlie      | Job            |
| Matthew                           | Peter Hieu           | Jessica     | Esteban        |
| Grant                             | Paul Truc            | Kelsey      | Gerardo        |
| Charles                           | Miki                 | Nathalia    | Chae Young     |
| Jordan                            | Marcus               | Yurim       | Virgilio       |
| Margaret                          | Paul                 | Ryan        | Ivana          |
| James                             | Mirae                | Grace       | Kevin          |
| Peter                             | Francis              | Gabriela    | 110 (111       |
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#### **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.

#### **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 July

. 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 of more of your friends and purchase a backpack filled with school supplies for a needy child. See Peter Barling at the 10:30am and 4:30pm Mass up through Sunday, July 28th. You may also 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

#### **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 kilee99@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://catholicsingles-sfbayarea.com/

-Announcements for July 28, 2013-

# **Weekly Readings**

Monday, July 29 Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 Jn 11:19-27

Tuesday, July 30 Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday, July 31 Ex 34:29-35 Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 Mt 13:1-9

Thursday, August 1 Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a, 8a, 11 Mt 13:47-53 Friday, August 2 Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 PS 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab Mt 13:54-58

Saturday, August 3 Lv 25:1, 8-17 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 Mt 14:1-12

Sunday, August 4 Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23 Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Lk 12:13-21

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.

#### **Summer Rosary:**

This summer we continue to pray the Rosary daily. Join us at 8:15pm at the benches located next to Memorial Church. They are located to your right as you face the entrance to the church from the quad.

#### **Adoration:**

We are planning a few dates for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Memorial Church. Future dates will be added and announced soon. Contact Lourdes at lalonso@stanford. edu for more information.

#### **GRADS**

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

Saturdays 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.

#### **YOUNG ADULTS**

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

Tues. July 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.

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

# Week at a Glance

#### Sunday, July 28, 2013

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

#### Monday, July 29 - Friday, August 2

• Office hours (Tues - Fri) 10am - 4pm

#### **Daily Liturgy:**

MTW F at 12:20 in Memorial Church no Daily Liturgy on Thursdays

#### **Confessions**

by appointment: call 725-0080

Please note: during the Summer the 10:30am Sunday Mass will be in the Sanctuary, Old Union Bldg, 3rd Floor

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

#### Volunteer in a Garden at a Monastery:

The Dominican Nuns in Menlo Park are looking for a dependable volunteer to help 1-2 hours per week with the upkeep of their rose garden. This would be of great help to them as it requires some bending and pulling weeds that gets more difficult to do when you have arthritic hands. The garden is located in a beautiful monastic enclosure near the Vallombrosa retreat center and Nativity Church in Menlo Park. Please contact Lourdes at lalonso@stanford.edu if you are interested or have any questions.

#### 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, August 3rd from 8:30am - 1pm or a subset thereof, please contact gary.glover@stanford.edu to discuss and/or 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. In the Gospel, Jesus tells Martha to attend to the important things in the world- you should too.

#### Vallombrosa Retreat Center

Vallombrosa Center is sponsoring the following events:

#### '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.

#### "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)

To register visit www.vallombrosa.org or contact Rachel Alvelais at 650.325.5614. Scholarships are available for those who need financial assistance; contact Rachel Alvelais for more information.

More Announcements



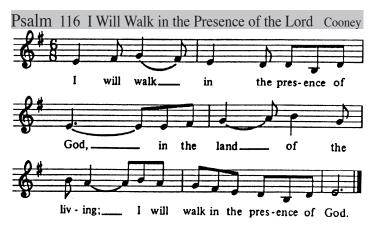
### The Catholic Community at Stanford University

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# First Reading Genesis 18:20-32

The Lord was outrages at the sinfulness of Sodom and Gomorrah and was determined to destroy them. Abraham interceded on behalf of the innocent who lived in those towns; therefore, the Lord relented.



## Second Reading Colossians 2:6-14

The author of Colossians wrote, "In baptism you died and rose with Christ. God pardoned your sin and gave you new life in Christ."

Gospel Acc. Alleluia: Our God Is Speaking D Haas

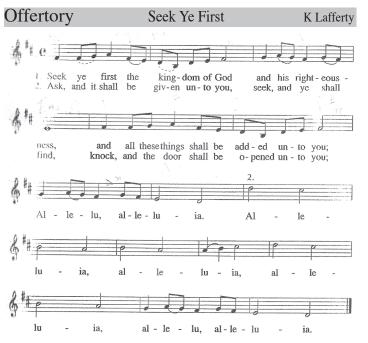
## Gospel Luke 11:1-13

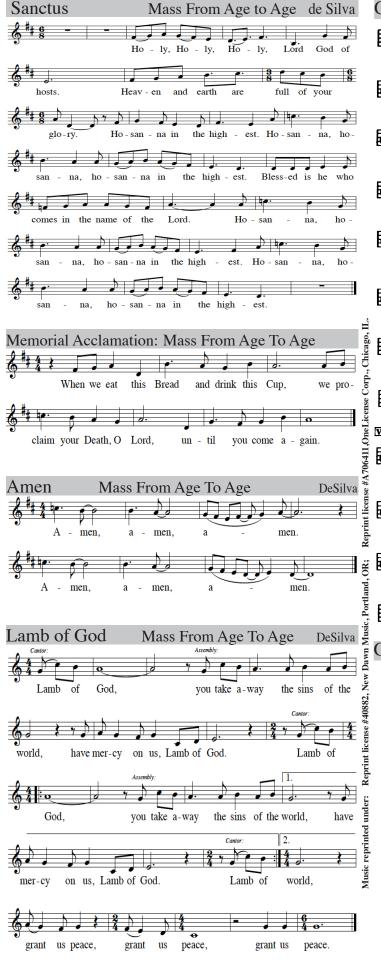
Jesus taught his disciples the "Lord's" prayer. He encouraged them to pray with persistence and to keep knocking on the door. "For whoever asks, receives, and whoever seeks, finds."

## 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.





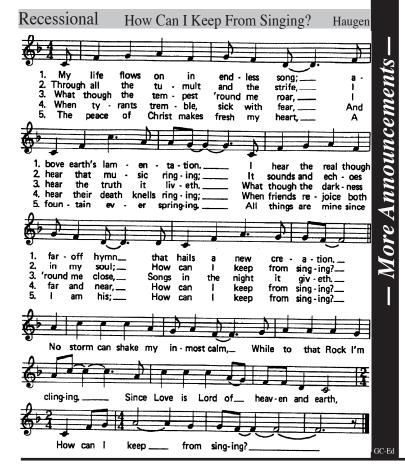


Like the high mountains is your goodness, Your justice like the great deep.

O Lord, you preserve all your creation. Your loving kindness, how excellent, O God! The children of Eve put their trust Under the shadow of your wings.

> They shall feast on the abundance of your house; And you shall bid them drink At the river of your pleasures.

With you is the fountain of life:
By your light do we see light,
By your light do we see light.
In the heavens, O God, is your mercy.



# **Community Prayer Corner**

7/24/13 - Please pray for D. She is not feeling well. Her left knee area is bothering her, making it difficult to walk. Also, please pray for R., her husband & children. They are going thru a very painful & difficult family situation. Lord let your will be done. Thank you & God bless. MJ

7/15/13 - Please pray for Father George Matanic. Fr. George went to the Lord on July 16th. Always in Christ, Mark OP +

7/9/13 - Please to pray for a long time community member. He is facing a serious operation and lengthy recovery in the coming months. GC

#### 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 month of 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 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.