**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.

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**Sunday Mass**  August 11, 2013  
10:30am in Sanctuary, Old Union  
4:30pm in Memorial Church

**Daily Eucharist:** note changes this week  
no Daily Eucharist on Monday, August 12th  
T  W  F  12:20 in Memorial Church  
Th  12:20 in Old Union Sanctuary

**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.

Baptisms for the 2013-2014 academic year: TBA

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Waiting for God

fr Benedict Jonak encourages us to follow the example of Abraham as we look forward to the end of history.

I don’t know anybody who thinks that the end of world is a good thing; actually I know very few people who want the end of the world to happen. Yet this certainly is a desirable event, when at the end of time Christ will come in glory.

The end of the world is Good News. In today’s Gospel Jesus gives us the promise of the end of the world specifically as a consolation and not as a cause for anxiety: ‘Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.’

We were given the promise that when the master comes he will reward his faithful servants. Of course there have been many people who claim that they do their master’s will. Pointing to God as the one who is the source of our actions can become a way of avoiding taking responsibility for our behaviour.

This is, however, not what being a faithful servant means. The Epistle to the Hebrews gives us examples of the ‘men of old’ who were such faithful servants. Unsurprisingly the story of Abraham whom we call ‘our father in faith’ has a prominent place. Abraham left his homeland, and came into a foreign land. This was because of the trust he had in God. He had a son in old age, even Sarah his wife was barren, because he believed that God who made the promise to his was trustworthy.

Being a good and faithful servant, then, requires us to have a relationship with God based on trust that his words are life-giving, that they are true. It means to be open to his life-giving word. This is not an empty phrase. Being open to God is essentially about being a good host, waiting for him to arrive and listen to what he says. This openness and trust is one of the most fundamental elements of the Christian life. We need to realize daily that we are waiting for God. We need to express daily our willingness to do his will, whenever it takes us.

Abraham, faithfully listening to the word of God, was ready even to sacrifice his son Isaac. It is shocking, even disgusting, to think that somebody was willing to sacrifice his own son to God. Is this not an expression of a fanatical belief? This is a question that needs to be answered here, however briefly.

First, fanaticism is a caricature, a perversion of faith. It may be perhaps described as a magical approach to faith whereby we want to gain certain benefits by performing some (ritual) actions. Fanaticism has little place for a living relationship with God, who never asks the impossible of us. This cannot be said about Abraham.

Second, Abraham ‘hoped against hope’ that his son will be restored to him, even as he was willing to sacrifice him. Essentially Abraham’s readiness to sacrifice his son is an act of trust, of faith, in which he was proved right.

The faithful servant is expected then to take some radical steps: Abraham was asked to sacrifice Isaac, and Jesus asks his disciples to sell their property and to give alms. Both calls show the faithful servant in action as a person who is aware that God is Lord over life and death and that this life extends beyond the grave.

Today’s Gospel is of course challenging for us. It questions our priorities and it questions the motivation for our religious actions. Let it be an inspiration for us. Let it renew our dedication to do God’s will and be constant in prayer as we await Christ’s second coming at the end of time.

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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.
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.

Sarah          Coby          David          Taylor
Temegse        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      Reynis
Caroline       Kelley        Sophia        Mark
Annabelle      Daniella      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         Mave
John Carlo      Edward        Anthony      Ethan
Nathaniel      Timothy       Ana           Maxwell
Ngoc           Lizette       Karen         Niles
Teodor         Andres        Mark          Monica
John           Lucas         Laura         Ana
Emily          Sarah         Alec          Gabriel
Roland         Hannah        Thomas        Claudia
Eduardo        Michael       Julian        Scott
Ana Karen      Austin        Alexandra    Charlie
John           Carley        Jennifer      Leo
Calvin         Steven        John-         Mark
Sophia         Jacqueline    Alexander    Maya
Leah           Matthew       Patsy         Lucio
Nicolas        Lauren        Daniel        Julia
Nicholas       Jack          Javier        Teresa
Christian      Sarah         Sergio        Maria
Mario          Connor        Gabrielle    Olukemi
Davis          Katrina       Aaron         Michaela
Kate           William       Alexander    Jia Yang
Thomas         Jackson       Christopher  Musila
Elizabeth      Alexander     Steven        Lawrence Lin
Francesca      Virginia      Karlie         Esteban
Matthew        Peter Hieu    Jessica        Gerardo
Grant          Paul Truc     Kelsey        Chae Young
Charles        Miki          Nathalia     Virgilio
Jordan         Marcus        Yuri          Ivana
Margaret       Paul          Ryan          Kevin
James          Mirae         Grace          
Peter          Francis        Gabriela      

NEW CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

Sunday Homilies:
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.

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:
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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 the summer, we occasionally have a prayer meeting, lunch gathering and outdoor activities. If you are a new comer at Stanford or need more information, contact Kyoungjin at kjlee99@stanford.edu.
GRADS

Vallombrosa Retreat Center
Volunteer Opportunities

YOUNG ADULTS

Shakespeare in the Park:
Sat., Aug. 17th, 7pm, Meet at Sequoia High School, 1201 Brewster Avenue, Redwood City, CA. We will meet to watch “Macbeth” on the grounds of Sequoia High School. We will meet together as a group at 7pm for the show that begins at 7:30pm. Please bring a blanket and a snack to share. Please confirm your attendance on our Facebook Page “Young Adult Circle” or contact us at yacircle@gmail.com.

Young Adult Women’s Small Group:
(Tentative start date: August 19th in Mountain View)
A young adult women’s small group will be starting soon, and we’d love for you to join. This is a chance for women in the young adult community (20s and 30s, single or married) to share fellowship and food, while learning about the women of the gospels and discussing how they can inspire us as women of Christ today. This summer small group will meet 5 times (one hour per week for 5 weeks), starting tentatively the week of August 19th. If you’d like to join, or if you’d just like some more information, please email yacircle@gmail.com.

Dinner at Pluto’s:
Tues. Aug. 20th at 7:30pm, 482 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.

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

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 11, 2013

First Reading Wisdom 18:6-9

The people of God awaited the salvation of the just with strong faith. They constantly offered sacrifice according to divine laws and carried out God’s word with one accord.

Second Reading Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

God approves people because of their faith. Abraham obeyed God out of faith. As a result, God assured that Abraham’s descendants would be “numerous as the stars in the sky.” become complete in Christ.


Jesus encouraged the disciples to place their trust in God’s reign and live less anxiously about things that don’t really matter. He warned them to be prepared for the return of the master who would come when least expected.

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.

Offertory Come With Me for the Journey is Long J Bell

Come with me for the journey is long.
Sanctus

Mass From Age to Age de Silva

Memorial Acclamation: Mass From Age To Age

Amen

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Summer Rosary:
This summer we continue to pray the Rosary daily. Join us at 8:15 pm 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.

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: November 8-10, 2013 (Mountain View). For more information or to register, please visit our website at: www.sanjosewwme.org or contact Thomas & Sandy Pavick, 408 262-4061 or Email: gr8marriages@sbcglobal.net.

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Community Prayer Corner

7/31/13 - Please pray for Ben’s father who must undergo major surgery. - GC

7/31/13 - Please pray for V, her young daughter, whose been diagnosed with cancer & her family. Please continue praying for D. She is still not feeling well. Her left knee area continues to bother her, making it difficult to walk. Also, please continue to pray for R., her husband & children. They are going thru a very painful & difficult family situation. Lord show your mercy & let your will be done. Thank you & God bless. - MJ

7/18/13 - 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 underwent a successful surgery and is now recovering. - GC

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please note Daily Mass schedule changes for next week:

Monday  no Daily Mass on 8/12/13
Tuesday  at 12:20 in Memorial Church
Wednesday at 12:20 in Memorial Church
Thursday at 12:20 in Old Union Sanctuary
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday  at 12:20 in Memorial Church

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