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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**  August 18, 2013

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

**D**aily **Eucharist:**

M T W F 12:20 in Memorial Church

**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](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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fr Leon shows us how a true appreciation of the humanity of Our Holy Mother Mary shows us the role she plays in Christ’s work for our redemption.

There exists a strong tendency in popular culture to ‘humanise’ Christ, to reduce Him to the kind of human being even more at sea than we are: a bumbling, blind character, uncertain of everything and everyone, above all, of himself. It’s a hollow comfort, but as the saying goes, misery loves company. Dragging God down to our level, to share our misery, is just that sort of false comfort. This tendency, however mistaken, still bears traces of truth. It is true that God has become one of us, and that He has shared in our miseries. But He does so in order to lift us ‘out of the dungheap’ (as the Psalms say) of our lives. Misery may love company, but True Love lifts us up and fits us for the company of the blessed.

Our misery grinds on in this shifting world of change and seeming chance, this ‘vale of tears’. The blessedness of the saints thrives in an unfickle realm, the realm of eternity. As a hymn puts it: ‘Change and decay in all around I see / O Thou Who changest not, abide with me.’ In His incarnation, Our Lord was not a bumbling oaf unsure of His own identity; rather, He is the One Who knows in His depths that He is the Father’s Beloved, and that His mission is to fulfill His Father’s will: that not one of us should be lost.

In that light, we must not empty Our Lady of her humanity, or downplay her glories as though she could possibly be a rival to God, who alone we worship and adore. We must not reduce Our Lady in a mistaken attempt to ‘humanise’ her, and unwittingly empty her of her true humanity. In her Immaculate Conception she is the first of Christ’s miracles, and He crowns her with her glorious Assumption as a sign and foretaste of the joys promised to His bride, the Church, to be ‘without spot or wrinkle or anything like that’.

More than that, Our Lady is not simply a passive instrument. It would be wrong to think of a dichotomy of activity between our world of change and decay (but active nonetheless), and the realm of unchanging Day, as though it were frozen and static – stuck, however beautiful, but stuck nevertheless. The world of the blessed is unchanging, it is true, but it is not static.

The life of the Trinity, although unchanging, is utterly dynamic, likened to the thundering of living water, like fire which burns without consuming, like wind unsettling all around it. So too Our Lady, drawn up in her glorious Assumption out of this fickle world, is not stuck in static rigidity, but is utterly active, completely a Mother, completely our Mother. In her Assumption, she is brought to the right side of her Son, the King, and she intercedes before Him constantly, the New Eve helping the New Adam, continuing what began when she stood at the foot of His Cross and a sword was thrust through her own soul as the lance pierced her Son’s Sacred Heart.

Through her Immaculate Conception and Assumption, Our Lady is made more human, a human being as she ought to be, and so she prophesies, ‘The Almighty has done great things for me; henceforth all ages will call me blessed.’ Her Assumption takes her, body and soul, out of time and space, into the dynamic, unchanging realm of Christ’s victory over sin and death – where she is now not just His Mother, but ours as well. In her heavenly activity, she shows herself as the New Eve, as pope Benedict XVI called her,

‘Advocate and Mediatrix of grace, you who are fully immersed in the one universal mediation of Christ’

(that is, Co-Redemptrix, properly understood).

Our Lady became our Mother when Christ our Head was crucified, and she is given to us more firmly as Mother when the Church, Christ’s Body and Bride, undergoes her own trial and crucifixion. In heaven, for our sake, Our Lady appears more clearly as Co-Redemptrix, Mediatrix and Advocate, and utterly active in her motherly love, she points to Christ, her Redeemer and ours, who alone makes us more human and alive.

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GENERAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Preliminary Report on the CCAS Back-to-School Backpack Drive:
Thanks to all who participated in our CCAS Back-to-School Backpack Drive for Needy Children. As a result of your generosity in giving of your time, talent and treasure, we were able to collect and deliver to the Family Giving Tree:

1. 36 backpacks filled with school supplies
2. 3 empty backpacks
3. School supplies for 2 backpacks
4. Cash donations totaling $820 (equivalent to an additional 23+ backpack filled with school supplies)

There is still time if you are interested in participating in this Back-to-School Backpack Drive. Please go to the following URL by August 23rd to do an online purchase of a backpack filled with supplies ($35), purchase only school supplies ($18) or make a cash donation: http://vgt.familygivingtree.org/ccas. For more information please contact Peter Barling at peter_barling@hotmail.com.

Final Report on the CCAS Volunteers at the Family Giving Tree Warehouse: A special thanks to a group of 31 CCAS volunteers and their families who filled 735 backpacks with school supplies for needy children in less than two hours at the Family Giving Tree warehouse in Menlo Park on Saturday, August 3rd!!!

Small Faith Group for the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius:
We are organizing a small faith group to practice St. Ignatius's spiritual exercise. You will spend 10-20 minutes everyday for meditation and journaling individually, and once a week the small faith group will get together for sharing and praying. The book, The Ignatian Adventure by Kevin O'Brien, SJ, will be used as a guideline. If you are interested, contact Eun-Soo (eschoi@stanford.edu) promptly, so that we can set up our schedule and start in a few weeks.

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.

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 medication 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 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.
**Weekly Readings**

**Monday, August 19**
Jgs 2:11-19
Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44
Mt 19:16-22

**Tuesday, August 20**
Jgs 6:11-24a
Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14
Mt 19:23-30

**Wednesday, August 21**
Jgs 9:6-15
Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Mt 20:1-16

**Thursday, August 22**
Jgs 11:29-39a
Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10
Mt 22:1-14

**Friday, August 23**
Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22
Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10
Mt 22:34-40

**Saturday, August 24**
Rv 21:9b-14
Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18
Jn 1:45-51

**Sunday, August 25**
Is 66:18-21
Ps 117:1, 2
Heb 12:5-7, 11-13
Lk 13:22-30

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**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.

**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.

**MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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.

**Young Adult Mass:**
Tues. Aug. 27th at 7:30pm, St. Simon Church, 1860 Grant Rd, Los Altos. The young adult group 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.

**Pure Fire Young Adult Retreat:**
Hosted by the Diocese of San José Young Adult Ministry, Menlo Park Oct.18-20. Find direction on your spiritual journey at the Pure Fire Retreat, and discover a community of faithful and faith-curious young adults from all over the Bay Area. For more info visit the website www.dsj.org/purefire or directly contact purefire@dsj.org.

For more info, see our website, www.YoungAdultCircle.org, check the Facebook Fan Page “Young Adult Circle”, or contact us at yacircle@gmail.com.
**First Reading**  Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

The princes were eager to kill Jeremiah because he constantly challenged them to follow God’s law. The king allowed them to throw Jeremiah into a cistern. A friend interceded with the king and rescued Jeremiah.

**Second Reading**  Hebrews 12:1-4

Let us repent of our sin and fix our eyes on the Lord, following Jesus’ example of endurance and courage in the midst of struggle.

**Gospel**  Luke 12:49-53

Jesus announced to his disciples that he came to bring a hard message indeed, and some have not listened to it. That is why friends and families divide.

**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.

**Psalm 40**  To Do What Pleases You  J. Hansen

I called the Lord, my call was heard, the Lord leaned to listen.
Lifting me up from the frightening pit, out of the mud and the mire.
He anchored my feet upon the rock, making my footing secure.
Breathing new music into my mouth, singing the praise of our God.

"Then I said, Here I am, behold I come to do your will, O Lord, within this heart I bear your law, O Lord."

Knowing you as I do, I know you will not hide your face, O Lord, I know my life is safe in you, O Lord, in you, O Lord.
Please remain standing during Consecration

Sanctus Mass From Age to Age de Silva

I am the bread of life which has come down from heaven.
Whoever eats this bread will live forever.

Memorial Acclamation: Mass From Age To Age

Amen Mass From Age To Age DeSilva

Lamb of God Mass From Age To Age DeSilva

Communion El Pan de la Vida Eleazar Cortés

I am the bread of life which has come down from heaven.
Whoever eats this bread will live forever.

¿No es éste Jesús, hijo de José? Is this not Jesus, son of Joseph?
Nosotros conocemos bien a sus padres. We know his parents well.
¿Como dice que del cielo bajó? How is he saying he came down from heaven?

¿Está escrito: "Dios les enseñará, tan solo el que es de Dios ha visto al Padre y así puede acercarse a mí."

Vuestros padres para vivir, comieron en el desierto y murieron (but) died.
Si alguien come de este pan, vivirá. Anyone who eats this bread shall live forever.
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