

#### **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.

#### Services

Sunday Masses: August 31, 2014

10:30 am in 3rd Floor - Old Union 4:30 pm in Memorial Church

#### **Daily Liturgy:**

M T W and F in Memorial Church (No Daily Mass on Thursdays)

#### **Confessions:**

Sunday mornings from 9:15am to 10:15am at Old Union 3rd Floor offices, or by appointment: call 415-336-4203

#### 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 2014-2015 academic year:

• Oct. 26

(prep Oct. 18)

• Jan. 18, 2015

(prep Jan. 10)

May 3

(prep April 25)

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From the Catholic Community at Stanford



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ABOUT THE APP: The CC@S App from the Catholic Community at Stanford is packed with prayer materials, media links, mass times, events, directions, donations, and additional resources for navigating a Catholic life on campus.





APP Name: CC@S

## building community

- \* At the end of Mass place your name tag in this space.
- \* Write a prayer petition.
- \* Exchange this bulletin with someone you don't yet know.
- \* Take their bulletin home and keep them in your prayers all week.

A Big Hairy Audatious Goal to build community.

Dear Prayer Partner, please pray for:

#### Good News About You!

Gallup has a wonderful book called "Living Your Strengths", and by using a unique code in the book you can take an online inventory that identifies your top 5 signature talents. Each person is richly blessed. You are using these talents even now, but people often don't recognize what their talents are and misuse them. With knowledge and practice you can turn those talents into strengths, i.e. near perfect performance. "Strength Finders" is also a wonderful way of learning how to understand and appreciate others.

We would investigate your leadership talents. Everyone is a leader at one time or another. Let's explore how you can use your talents in leadership.

My proposal is simple. I would be willing to conduct in your homes mini-workshops. Gather a small group of permanent community members or just friends, and at a time convenient for your group, I would lead you in taking the inventory and in applying the results. We would meet three or four times, and explore!

Xavier OP, xavierop@stanford.edu or 415-336-4205

## a way of life

All of the readings for this Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time confirm the fact that it is not always easy to follow the Lord; in fact, being a Christian and living as Jesus has challenged us to do can be downright uncomfortable.

We may not suffer the humiliations and dangers that our fellow Catholics do in many parts of this world; however, we do not live in a society which always views us in a positive way. Stewardship challenges us to follow and support our beliefs in more places than at church on the weekend. We are expected to set Christian examples, and we are especially expected to follow the beliefs we profess.

Jesus could not be more obvious when He states in today's Gospel: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." At no time in Holy Scripture does the Lord ever say, "This will be easy." Professing our beliefs in a society which may belittle them is certainly not easy. Yet, that is our call. St. Paul tells us in the second reading, "Do not conform yourselves to this age." No, it is not easy, but Jesus expects us to be His disciple. The Lord wants us to embrace and live out stewardship in our lives.

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Questions about this or stewardship ministry in general? Please contact M'Lis Berry at meberry@stanford.edu

#### **GENERAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Praying for Incoming Students:**

As new students prepare to join the Stanford community we would like to surround them and their families with prayer. You are invited to pray for specific students over the next few weeks. We have over 200 names of students who have identified themselves as Catholic so we need many volunteers. Contact Lourdes at lalonso@stanford. edu and she will give you the names of a few students to pray for.

#### **Religious Education Registration for Children:**

Families interested in our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd religious ed program should be aware of the following dates:

**September 1:** for RETURNING FAMILIES.

(you need to pre-register to hold your spot for the fall).

**September 14 and 21:** for NEW FAMILIES. (held after the morning and afternoon Masses)

**September 28:** New Parent Orientation.

October 5: Sessions Begin.

Session are held for children ages 3-junior high and include sacrament preparation for reconciliation, eucharist, and confirmation. Questions? Contact Teresa Pleins, tpleins@stanford.edu.

#### **Small Faith Group for St. Ignatius Spiritual Exercises:**

We are starting a small faith group for St. Ignatius spiritual exercise! It consists of individual spiritual exercises and a group sharing. You will spend 30 minutes x 3 days on daily practice of contemplation and journaling, and during the group meeting we will share what we've heard from God. The book, The Ignatian Adventure by Kevin O'Brien, SJ will be used. If you are interested, contact Eun-Soo (eschoi@stanford.edu) immediately.

#### **Korean Catholic Community At Stanford (KC@S):**

KC@S (/ka:s/) is a Korean catholic community at Stanford consisting of a number of Korean under/grad students, postdocs and community members at Stanford. During the academic year, we have a Friday night prayer meeting with various topics and activities to deepen our faith in addition to a weekly lunch gathering. New students and summer visitors are all welcome to join us. For more information, contact Kyoungjin at kilee99@ stanford.edu.

#### Sister Ramona -- Here for You:

How may I be of service? A companion to walk with You:

-Spiritual Direction -Prayer

-Daily Life ups and downs -Discernment

-Relationships -Other

Where? Old Union, 3rd floor

When? Tuesday 1-5pm; Wednesday 1-5pm, Thursday 1-4pm or

by appointment.
How? email: ramonabascom@gmail.com

## Ramblings

#### **Forgiveness For Good**

Some years ago a few Stanford professors entered into an exciting and very important project. They, along with a good part of the world, realized the seriousness of the "troubles" in the Northern six counties of Ireland. The Catholics and the Protestants were deeply involved in acts of violence against one another and peace seemed at best a remote hope. The idea of bringing children from both communities together for an extended period of time to learn from and about one another was thought to be a part of the solution to an old problem. Professor Fred Lufkin has developed a number of practices and values that have their roots in these living experiences. Forgiveness for Good is the book that has opened these ideas to all interested in a peaceful and focused life.

One of the most helpful lessons stemming from the experience itself is detailed in the book. In a few words Prof Lufkin sets out the idea central to forgiving. The experience that can set the stage for healing between and among persons and groups begins in the forgiveness process itself. The person or the group originating the forgiveness also finds that healing begins in their own lives. If the forgiveness, the asking for pardon, is accepted then a parallel experience of healing can be felt mutually. An experience of reconciliation can very well be the outcome of the process. This is a worthwhile read. I am fairly certain that the Bookstore carries the little work.

In light of these ideas we can turn our attention to our own personal wars that provide the texture in human relations. For many reasons and for most people and groups little wars can occupy our attention and are often accompanied by great suffering. Asking for forgiveness is not easy. After all, it means admitting a weakness and perhaps a frustration in having to admit we are less than perfect. It is likely that admitting that one is less than perfect is doubly difficult in a place where perfection stands as the rule rather than the exception. We are often reminded that we are the best. A news flurry recently set out the various ways that Stanford has become the standard for "the best." It is harder to gain admission here, we are at the top of the list of successes in recruiting, athletics, fundraising and we are the dream destination school for the brightest and most gifted. A Stanford degree at any level means jobs. Could it be that even in this environment there are examples of the ordinary, the flawed? Having to recognize our weaknesses as well as our strengths may be an option to discover true peace.

The Scriptures and the Church remind us that in spite of our many gifts there are times when, as St Paul points out, we avoid what we should do and times when we do what we should not do. It seems that there is a part of us wounded by something we cannot always understand or even describe. But we also know that we must push on. The better we understand ourselves and life around us the more clearly we realize that our lives are textured rather than smooth. We win sometimes and we lose sometimes. Getting things right may be our greatest challenge.

When we accept the less than perfect people we are, the more we want to put things in order. Alas, we cannot text or tweet or delete all that is out of place. We require something tangible to help us pull the loose ends into place and to redirect our lives to get back on that road to perfection. Just when the times are toughest, none less than Jesus enters stage left and announces "... have I got a surprise for you!" Jesus tells us that Forgiveness is for Good. As we reach out to ask for forgiveness, for healing, the very process of healing begins. To make it as simple and as accessible as possible we recall the Sacrament of Recollection. (Good, old fashioned Confession) We are given the opportunity to have a private and confidential conversation that has as its own an active holiness. Reconciliation offers the chance to think with compassionate and prayerful guidance about our strengths and weaknesses. What is more natural than sharing our deepest and most significant issues with another?

As a priest I can testify that the most humbling experience in ministry is to be with another knowing that there is some mysterious presence as a partner to the discussion. To realize that the community has given me the chance to speak words of healing that joins with the active work of Jesus, a chance to help an individual realize that she or he has access to the steps leading to peace and the good life, is overwhelming to learn. It is such a joy that the staff of the CC@S will offer new options for this wonderful experience. Consider taking advantage of this wonderful and holy gift on Sunday mornings as the Sacrament becomes available more often than the afternoons and evenings already available. This experience can be a step on the road to happiness.

Fr. Patrick LaBelle, O.P.

#### **Weekly Readings**

Monday, September 1 1 Cor 2:1-5 Ps 119:97- 102 Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday, September 2 1 Cor 2:10b-16 Ps 145:8-13ab, 13cd-14 Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday, September 3 1 Cor 3:1-9 Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 Lk 4:38-44

Thursday, September 4 1 Cor 3:18-23 Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 5:1-11 Friday, September 5 1 Cor 4:1-5 Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40 Lk 5:33-39

Saturday, September 6 1 Cor 4:6b-15 Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21 Lk 6:1-5

Sunday, September 7 Ez 33:7-9 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Rom 13:8-10 Mt 18:15-20





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#### **GIVE IN LESS THAN A MINUTE!**

#### **GRADS and UNDERGRADS**

#### **Catholicism 101:**

Catholicism 101 will return in the Fall quarter.

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

Sundays: Dinner at 6:30pm, Study 7-8pm, Rosary afterwards. All are welcome to a grad student Bible study. For more information contact cgiam@stanford.edu.

#### **YOUNG ADULTS**

#### **Dinner at Buffalo Restaurant:**

Tues. Sept. 16th at 7:30pm, 292 Castro St., Mountain View. The Young Adult group meets for its monthly social gathering at Buffalo restaurant in downtown Mountain View. Please confirm your attendance on our Facebook Page "Young Adult Circle" or contact us at yacircle@gmail.com.

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

Tues. Sept. 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, August 31 2014

- 10:30am in 3rd Floor of Old Union
- 4:30pm in Memorial Church

#### Monday, September 1 - Friday, September 5

• Office hours: Mon to Thurs, 10am to 4pm

Fr Xavier Lavagetto OP extended office hours: Tuesday to Thursday, 9pm to 10:30pm - 415 336-4203

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#### **Community Prayer Corner**

8/22/14-> Please pray for Calvin's mother, Barbara Clark. She passed away on her 86th birthday, Saturday, August 9 after a long illness. Thank you, Iris.

8/24/14 -> Please pray for Sheila's friend who is suffering from cancer.

please send any prayer intentions to Guillermo at gcolombetti@yahoo.com

The Catholic Community at Stanford is a parish and campus ministry operating as a guest of Stanford University.

We appreciate the support of our community members and visitors to grow and sustain our mission.

If you would like to support our ministry, please visit us at http://catholic.stanford.edu/giving.

Or you can download the easy and free Paystik mobile app.

Whether you would like to give once or set up a recurring gift, Paystik is a simple mobile app that lets smartphone users contribute and manage donations in 15 seconds.

It's really that easy. Paystik is available for both iOS and Andriod devices.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities**

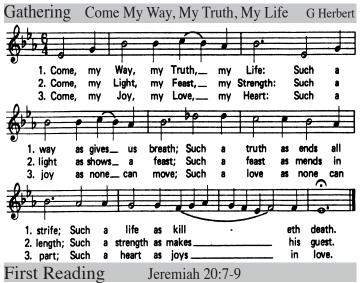
#### St. Anthony Padua's Dining Room:

The CCAS is committed to serving the needy and homeless at St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room in Menlo Park. If you are interested in volunteering on Saturday, Sept. 6 from 8:30 - 1pm or a subset thereof, please contact gary.glover@stanford.edu to discuss and/or have a volunteer position reserved for you. We serve every first and fourth Saturday of the month, so plan ahead and let Gary know at least by the Wednesday before. If you would follow Jesus, you'll find his cross to bear at St. A's.

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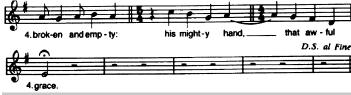
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## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 31, 2014



Jeremiah only reluctantly spoke God's prophetic word. He tried to hold back, but the word burned like fire in his heart.





#### Second Reading Romans 12:1-2

Paul urged the Romans to offer their bodies to God as a sacrifice and not to conform to this age, but to be transformed by God.



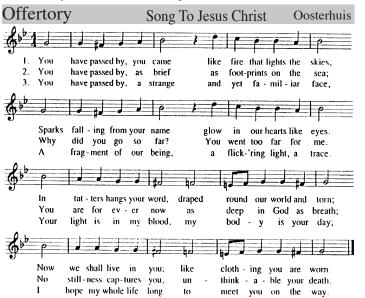
#### Gospel Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus said, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow me. Whoever saves their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for my sake will find it."

#### 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.







\*\*Alternate text: dancing, singing, praying.

#### **Catholic Association of Latino Leaders:**

informational meeting, Friday September 12, 2014, 7-9pm Hilton Garden Inn, 10741 N Wolfe Rd, Cupertino. RSVP by September 8. For more information: Doris and Marco Cerna, cernadoris@gmail.com, 408-368-9686

#### **Accounting Volunteer Needed:**

The St. Francis Xavier Lay Missionary Society is looking for someone willing to volunteer 5-10 hours/month to assist with our accounting. Though our accounting needs are very basic, we need someone reliable to enable us to have more time to be effective in our ministry work here and in Asia. Please contact Tricia for more info: tricia@laymissionary.org. Thanks and God bless!

Las Casas - English as a Second Language:

seeks volunteer teachers and assistants for our adult ESL program, classes start September 2, 2014. Located in the Fruitvale district of Oakland, Fall classes run from September - December. We meet Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7 - 8:30pm at St. Elizabeth's High School. We are looking for a commitment of at least one evening a week. We serve a population of primarily of low-income Latinos - but Spanish is not required. For more information, please contact Phyliss Martinez at 510.842.3070or lascasasoakland@gmail.com.

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.

Please note: on September 14th, the 10:30am Mass will be at 11:15am, at 1231 Arbor Road, Menlo Park

Reserve the Date!!!

#### September 14th 12:30 to 3:00 pm

#### **Catholic Community at Stanford Picnic**

- Hamburgers, Hot Dogs & Much More
- Come and see where the Dominicans live! at St. Raymond's, Menlo Park.

The Picnic will be in front of the Rectory

1231 Arbor Road

Church parking available.

Games for children, and... Father Daniel's Magic Show

- If anyone wants to help out, contact Fr. Xavier or any one of our staff. Contact information on the bulletin cover.
- More information next week.

#### 4th Annual Catholic Young Adult Pure Fire Retreat:

Reconnect: Come As You Are

When: Oct 3-5, Fri evening-Sunday afternoon Where: Vallombrosa Center in Menlo Park

Why: All young adults in their 20's and 30's are invited to this retreat

focused on reconnecting with God. Information at: bit.ly/purefire2014

Facebook: Young Adult Catholics of San Jose and Santa Clara County

Questions: purefire@dsj.org

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