

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 September 1, 2013

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

Daily 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 or contact Teresa Pleins tpleins@stanford.edu.

Baptisms for the 2013-2014 academic year:

November 3, 2013 at 4:30pm

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Religious Ramblings Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Who's the Greatest? September 1, 2013

fr Isidore Clarke suggests that we learn to laugh at ourselves.

At a formal meal, seating arrangements are important. Usually the most distinguished guests sit at the top of the table. To avoid the embarrassing situation described in today's Gospel a wise host will decide the order of precedence beforehand.

Here Jesus makes fun of those pretentious people who scrambled for the most prestigious places, only to be demoted lower on the arrival of someone of greater importance. How ridiculous would the status-seeker then appear! All would have had a good laugh -- except the butt of Christ's observation! Beware, Jesus must be getting at you and me, whenever we have an inflated idea of our own importance!

But Jesus wasn't interested in table etiquette, nor in helping us to avoid public humiliation! Still less is he urging a false humility in the hope that people, recognising our true worth, will give us a more prestigious place. Such a person would simply be a crafty status seeker -- far worse than someone who simply grabbed the best seat.

This meal, like all the others in the Gospels, anticipated the heavenly banquet. Here Jesus is telling us that we are not the ones to decide which position we deserve. Our very presence at the heavenly banquet is God's gift. None of us deserves this. He will overturn our sense of priorities and will give the highest places to those whom the worldly consider to be the least important.

The meal described in today's Gospel provides an interlude on Christ's journey to Jerusalem and the cross. That context gives special force to the folly of being status seekers.

Jesus himself came to serve, not to be served. While Adam fell through his pride leading him to strive to become equal to Almighty God, the Son of God emptied himself of the glory which was his by right. Jesus became humble and obedient, even to death on the cross. The God of glory became despised and rejected. And yet it was precisely in his lowliness that Jesus revealed his true greatness. On the cross he showed the power and generosity of his love for his heavenly Father and for us sinners. Jesus, who lowered himself to become the least, was raised to become the first in the Kingdom of Heaven.

The crucified Christ shows us where our true greatness lies. Not in the honour or status we may bestow on ourselves, but in following Jesus along the way of the cross. Like him, we are called to serve, rather than be served, to give of ourselves, rather than grab for ourselves. Sometimes that will be costly, painful and humiliating. But, with the grace of God, this will bring out the very best in us. And God will give us a place of honour at his heavenly banquet.

We Christians could easily make the mistake of thinking that this parable was directed at the Pharisees alone. If so, we should remember that the disciples were forever bickering among themselves as to which of them was the greatest. The sons of Zebedee even sought privileged positions in the Kingdom.

The full meaning of this parable is brought home forcefully in the light of the Last Supper. As Jesus and the apostles celebrated the salvation God had brought to his people in the past, Christ committed himself to saving the world through his death on the cross. While he was preparing to be brought low, his followers were striving to exalt themselves. They started arguing as to which of them was the greatest -- immediately after Jesus had celebrated the first Eucharist and had prophesied that one of them would betray him. What a dreadful, frightening irony! This should warn all who are too full of their own importance. Possibly any one of us!

Certainly we should take God very seriously. But let's be able to laugh at ourselves and our ridiculous posturing. That's far better than God and other people despising us as pretentious fools! Rather than our instinctively thinking we're the greatest, we should humbly recognise the dignity and worth of other people -- and leave the ranking to God.

fr. Isidore Clarke is a member of the community at Holy Cross Priory, Leicester, and Provincial Chaplain to the Dominican Secular Institute.

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"Each one should give what he has decided in his own heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

CC@S is a member-supported church. The life of our ministries depends on all of us. We have several ways you may make a gift besides the collection baskets on Sunday. You may download the free Paystik app and give a one-time gift using your credit card. Or you may give through your Paypal account at https://catholic.stanford.edu/giving/treasure.

If you have any questions, please contact M'Lis Berry at: meberry@stanford.edu.

### GENERAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **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.

| communities here at Stanford that will 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     | _                 | •              |
| Alex                                                                    | Michael    | Daisy<br>Emanuel  | Cally<br>Rahim |
| Madeline                                                                |            | Matthew           |                |
|                                                                         | Gabriella  |                   | 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             | 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 Nathalia | Chae Young     |
| Jordan                                                                  | Marcus     | Yurim             | Virgilio       |
|                                                                         | Paul       |                   | Ivana          |
| Margaret<br>James                                                       | Mirae      | Ryan<br>Grace     | Kevin          |
| Peter                                                                   |            |                   | IZCVIII        |
| 1 5161                                                                  | Francis    | Gabriela          |                |

#### Also, please pray for these incoming Grad Students:

Thomas Laura Antonio Raphael Wilbur Kieu

#### **Religious Education Registration:**

Registration for our religious education program for children (ages 3-12) will be held following both the 10:30 and 4:30 Masses on September 29. A junior high level class will be added this year, with the possibility of confirmation included. Programs are open to the children of current students, faculty/staff families, and registered, active parishioners. For more information, please contact Teresa, tpleins@stanford.edu.

#### **Infant Baptisms:**

Our next celebration of baptism is Nov. 3 during the 4:30 Mass in Memorial Church. There is a required preparation course for parents on Oct. 26, 10-11:30 a.m. Baptisms are celebrated for all families of current students, faculty, staff, postdocs, and registered community members. For more info, contact Teresa, tpleins@stanford.edu.

# Assistants Needed for Children's Sunday Morning Religious Ed Program:

Many of the community's children take part in a Montessoribased religious education program on Sunday mornings. The children range in age from 3-13. Several volunteer assistants are needed to help the full-time catechists as the children work with various materials (books of the Bible, parables, prayer corner, learning the parts of the Mass, etc). Sessions run 8:45-10:20am, being in early October, and break during academic breaks. This is an excellent ministry if you like children and enjoy watching them learn about God and their faith. For info, please contact Teresa, tpleins@stanford.edu.

# Small Faith Group for the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius:

We are organizing a small faith group to practice St. Ignatius 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 soon.

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

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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 night during the academic term 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.

#### **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

# **Weekly Readings**

Monday, September 2 1 Thes 4:13-18 Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday, September 3 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday, September 4 Col 1:1-8 Ps 52:10, 11 Lk 4:38-44

Thursday, September 5 Col 1:9-14 Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 Lk 5:1-11 Friday, September 6 Col 1:15-20 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Lk 5:33-39

Saturday, September 7 Col 1:21-23 Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 Lk 6:1-5

Sunday, September 8 Wis 9:13-18b Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 Phmn 9-10, 12-17 Lk 14:25-33

#### **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

#### **Dinner at Crepevine:**

Tues. Sept. 17th at 7:30pm, 300 Castro St., Mountain View. The Young Adult group meets for its monthly social gathering at the Mountain View Crepevine location. Please confirm your attendance on our Facebook Page "Young Adult Circle" or 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.

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

Tues. Sept. 24th 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.

#### Vallombrosa Retreat Center

Vallombrosa Center is sponsoring the following events:

#### **Exploring Mind-Body Skills for Stress Reduction:**

Vallombrosa Center is offering a Stress Reduction Workshop led by Cynthia McDonald, Ph.D. on Saturday, September 14, 9:00am – noon.

Do you feel anxious? Looking for simple tools to help you manage stress? Spend the morning with us to learn simple and proven techniques that activate relaxation. Cynthia McDonald, Ph.D. has over 18 years of combined experience in teaching, mind-body skills coaching, counseling, guided imagery, hypnosis, group facilitation, and spiritual coaching. Treat yourself to the beauty and peace that Vallombrosa provides to help you refresh and renew. The cost for the morning workshop is \$25 per person and includes scones and coffee/tea. To register contact Rachel Alvelais, rachel@vallombrosa.org or 650-325-5614.

# Week at a Glance

#### Sunday, September 1, 2013

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

## Monday, September 2 - Friday, September 6

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

#### Daily Liturgy:

M T W F at 12:20 in Memorial Church

#### **Confessions**

by appointment: call 725-0080

# The Catholic Community at Stanford welcomes Fr. Xavier Lavagetto O.P.

#### **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:**

Announcements

More

Next event TBA

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.

#### **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. The CCAS serves at the Kitchen every first and fourth Saturday of the month. Jesus reminds us today "The last shall be first...". Let us help feed those least.

\*\* All volunteer slots for this month are currently filled up.

Thank you for your great support.

Future dates: (all Saturdays)

\*\* September 7, 2013 - 8:30am - 1:00pm \*\* September 28, 2013 - 8:30am - 1:00pm October 5, 2013 - 8:30am - 1:00pm October 26, 2013 - 8:30am - 1:00pm November 2, 2013 - 8:30am - 1:00pm November 23, 2013 - 8:30am - 1:00pm



## The Catholic Community at Stanford University

# TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 1, 2013



# First Reading Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Conduct your affairs more humbly, the greater you, and God will favor you. A wise person always takes joy in listening to others.



# Second Reading Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

Our God draws near to our mountain and city. The judge of all comes close into our assembly. Jesus our mediator reaches to touch us and invites us to touch him.

Gospel Acc. Alleluia: Our God Is Speaking D Haas

## Gospel Luke 14:1, 7-14

The exalted shall be humbled and the humble exalted. When you have a dinner, invite persons who cannot repay you. God rewards you in the resurrection of the just.

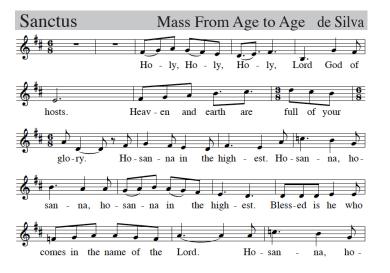
## Apostle's Creed

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.

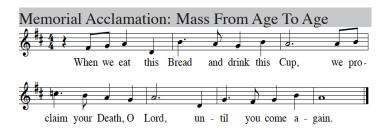
> I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

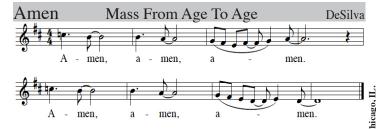
# Offertory instrumental

Please remain standing during Consecration















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#### **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.

#### **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/

#### **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.

## **Community Prayer Corner**

8/21/13 - Please pray for V & her family. Her young daughter has been diagnosed with cancer & currently is receiving medical treatment.

Please continue praying for D. She is still not well. Her left knee area continues to bother her, making it difficult to walk.

Also, please, continued prayers for R., her husband & children. They are going thru a very painful & difficult family situation,

In addition, please pray for OL who is very sick due to complications from his diabetes.

G also needs our prayers. He was recently hospitalized & is now slowly recovering.

Finally, ML's loving husband of many years, recently passed away & she is having a very difficult time with this. Please pray for her.

Lord show your kindness & mercy & let your will be done. Thank you & God bless. MJ



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