

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: September 11, 2016

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

Daily Liturgy:

M to F - 12:20pm - in Memorial Church

Confessions:

by appointment: call 650-291-4590

Marriage:

To arrange a Catholic Wedding at Memorial Church call the coordinator at: 650-723-9531

Infant Baptisms:

Baptism is celebrated once per quarter.

For more information, please contact Teresa Pleins tpleins@stanford.edu.

Baptisms for 2016-2017:

- October 30, 2016
- January 29, 2017 May 7, 2017

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a new way of life announcement

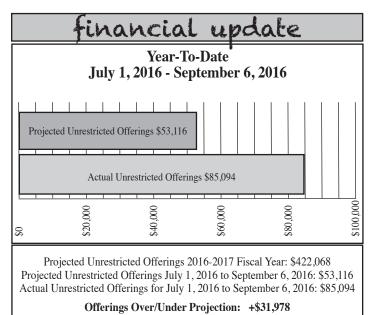
In the First Reading from the Book of Exodus, God speaks to Moses. In the midst of revealing to Moses what the Israelites have done and how they have violated His trust in them, the Lord says, "I see how stiff-necked this people is." As is often the case in Holy Scripture, the term "stiff-necked" has a basis in agriculture, and one with which we may not be familiar.

Farmers at that time used the term "stiff-necked" to describe an ox or horse which did not respond to directions. When an animal like that would not move and resisted direction, the animal tended to stiffen and freeze, thus the term "stiff-necked" for one who is stubborn and uncooperative.

God may consider us to be stiff-necked at times, might He not? In spite of the Lord's appeals to us to trust Him and to follow Him, we sometimes stiffen and resist. Usually we do that because following the Lord may prove uncomfortable for us. God's terms for us and His expectations of us may sometimes seem unreasonable and even impossible.

Yet, that is the challenge of living stewardship as a way of life. It is not always easy, and it may put us in positions where we feel uncomfortable and even vulnerable. Moses pleads the case for his people to God and the Lord responds to Moses' plea, his prayer, and Scripture tells us "So the Lord relented in the punishment." We do need to trust the Lord, and we do need to pray to Him, as He will respond with love and mercy.

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announcements

Xavier's Classes:

- Exploring Catholicism (RCIA) Who is it for?
- (1) Those who are curious about the Catholic faith
- (2) Those who want to become Catholic
- (3) Catholics who want to receive Confirmation

(4) Catholics who want to learn more from an adult perspective

What does RCIA mean? Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. While primarily for those who wish to become Catholic we have extend it to all explorers and learners.

Time & Place? Tuesday nights at 7:30 in the Third Floor Conference Room of Old Union.

Begins Sept 27th (On Oct. 10th, we will meet in another place to be determined.)

Doesn't fit my schedule. Contact Fr. Xavier. Special arrangements will always be made.

I have to miss classes. You can always set up with Fr. Xavier a special review time that meets your calendar.

How do I register? Just show up!

What is RCIA? More than just a class, it is a spiritual journey exploring the Catholic faith. It is a process of prayer, reflection, study, discussion and individual spiritual direction. Because of people's busy schedules, reading is kept to a minimum, while resources for further exploration are provided. You will have the opportunity to develop a personal spirituality. Questions? Contact Fr. Xavier at 650 291-4590 or email him at xavierop@stanford.edu.

Confirmation -

If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Gal. 5:25

Typically those Catholics wishing to be confirmed should join the RCIA (but because everyone's background, experience and knowledge is different, the RCIA will be adjusted to your individual needs. Please set up an appointment with Fr. Xavier (650 291-4590) to create the best class for you!

Confirmation isn't just receiving a sacrament; it gives birth to a new way of living. One important component of the process is the one-on-one meetings with Fr. Xavier or one of the available staff.

AMA – Ask Me Anything!

Let's talk! Have a question? Scripture, theology, morality, spirituality, and more? Come to a drop in forum. Put Fr. Xavier on the hot seat! "If I don't have a good answer, I will find it." Want to expedite an answer? Send the question into a few days before the meeting to Fr. Xavier at xavierop@standford.edu. This is not a class! Feel free to come to any session! Time & Place: Thursdays at 9pm to 10pm in Room 304 of Old Union, begin September 28th (Please note that when we have a Newman Night Lecture, Oct. 6 and Nov. 11, the start time is 9:30 and will usually continue the topic of the lecture.)

Exploring Scriptures Together

Come let us explore scripture together with Fr. Xavier. While it will include very short presentations about the text's background, culture, structure, vocabulary and more, the format is seminar style. We are striving to discover together the text's insight and what it might say to our day. This seminar is open to everyone, and people are welcome to join at any time. Proposed texts: Romans, Book of Revelation, Matthew and Genesis. The actual sequence and text will be determined by the participants at the first meeting of each quarter. Time & Place: Wednesdays 7:30pm to 8:30pm in Room 304 of Old Union. Begins: Wednesday, September 28th

Announcements

Encounter Christ Groups For Permanent Community (Pc Ec)

Join us as we expand the Encounter Christ Small Faith Communities to the Permanent Community. The purpose of the PC EC Small Groups is to:

• bring us into a closer relationship with Jesus

- make deeper spiritual friendships
- enliven our community of faith and

• make our experience of church at CC@S truly meaningful

There will be five small groups of 8-10 people per group this fall, each facilitated by a member of the community who has volunteered to host the meeting:

- Women's group
- Men's group

• Mixed group of men and women (all ages)

• Young Adult (20s+30s) group, both men and women

• CGS parents group

Commitment:

- 90 minutes 1x/week for 6 weeks
- October 3-November 13
- All materials will be provided

• Participants must commit to the entire six weeks

If you miss this term, we will have a second PC EC session during Lent.

TO SIGN UP or for more information, email Nancy Greenfield (ngreenfield875@ gmail.com) BY SEPTEMBER 25. Join us for this great adventure!

CC@S:

We are both parish and campus ministry serving Stanford students, faculty, and staff as well as the many non-students who have chosen to make CC@S their home. We are served by the Dominican Order, and are called to share the love of Christ through study, prayer, community, and service. We want to develop and form well-educated, passionate, and faithful Catholic leaders who live out the love of Christ.

Newman Nights

Newman Night Lecture with Fr. Xavier: October 6th, in the Common Room on the 3rd Floor of Old Union. Was Jesus Political: Reflections During An Election Year. Many Americans tend to critique their religion by their politics. Which seems backwards! Just how political or a-political was Jesus? What enduring challenges does he make? The lecture will explore the question in the light of 1st century Jewish culture. Come let us explore the scriptures together. We will provide time for group discussions. Bring your Bible! And we will provide refreshments!

Catholic Community at Stanford University

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 11, 2016



Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, Heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us; You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer; You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One; you alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, the Father. Amen

The Reading Group:

The next meeting will be on Monday September 19th at 7:30pm at the Gelpis' house on campus (870 Tolman Drive). We'll be discussing "Not in God's Name: Confronting Religious Violence" by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks. An internationally recognized scholar, Sacks argues that religiously inspired violence often originates in a misreading of the biblical texts, with particular attention to "Genesis." We'll be concentrating on Part I & II of Sacks's book (pp.3-173) and reading the text of "Genesis." All are welcome to join the conversation.

Volunteer Opportunities

St. Anthony Padua's Dining Room: The CC@S prepares and serves hot meals to those in need at St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room in Menlo Park (http:// paduadiningroom.com) every first and fourth Saturday of the month. If you would like to volunteer on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 8:30 - 1pm or a subset thereof, please contact gary.glover@stanford.edu (650 302 6902) by the Wednesday before for information or to have a volunteer position reserved for you. At St. Anthony's you will invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind to dine at the banquet.

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.

First Reading

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

The people of Israel forgot God's goodness and turned to idols. Moses pleaded with God for mercy, and the Lord God showed kindness to them.



Piedad de mí, Señor, por tu bondad, Por tu inmensa compasión borra mi culpa; Lava del todo mi delito, Purifícame Tú de mi pecado.

Oh Dios, crea en mí en corazón puro, Pon en mí un espíritu firme; No me arrojes lejos de tu rostro, No me quites tu Santo Espíritu.

Dame la alegría de tu salvación, Mantén en mí un alma generosa. Enseñaré a los malvados tus caminos, Se volverán a ti los pecadores. Have mercy on me, oh God in your kindness blot out my offenses, wash me, wash away my guilt, cleanse me completely of my sin.

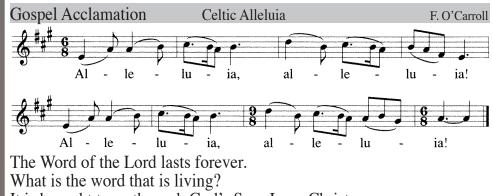
Create in me, God, a pure heart, And give me a steadfast spirit; do not cast me out from your presence, nor remove your holy spirit.

Give me back the joy of your salvation. Sustain in me a willing spirit. Open my lips, oh lord, and I shall proclaim your praise.

Second Reading

The apostle Paul described to Timothy why he gave thanks to the Lord. Despite Paul's sin, Christ Jesus treated him mercifully and strengthened him.

1 Timothy 1:12-17



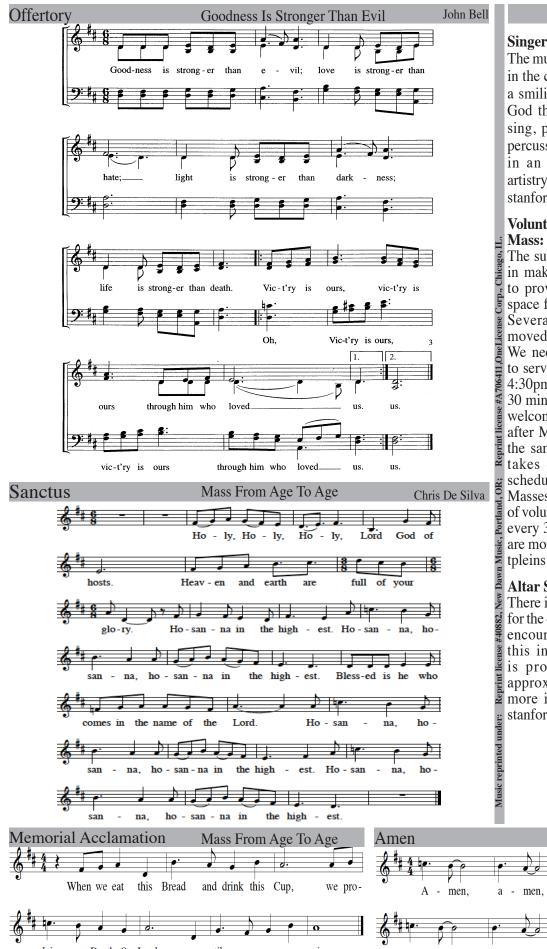
It is brought to us through God's Son: Jesus Christ.

Gospel

Luke 15:1-32

Jesus teaches that God cares about every single life and will seek out all who are lost and bring them back to safety.

Apostle's Creed



Ministries

Singers and Instrumentalists:

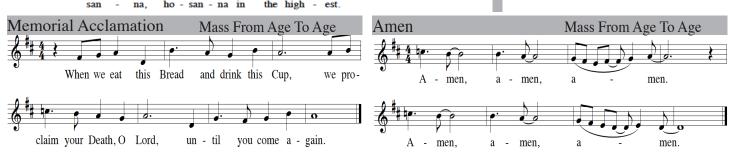
The music ministry is open to everyone in the community. No auditions! Just a smiling face and the desire to serve God through musical prayer. If you sing, play guitar, flute, violin, cello, percussion, or piano and are interested in an experience of God through artistry, please contact Teresa, tpleins@ stanford.edu.

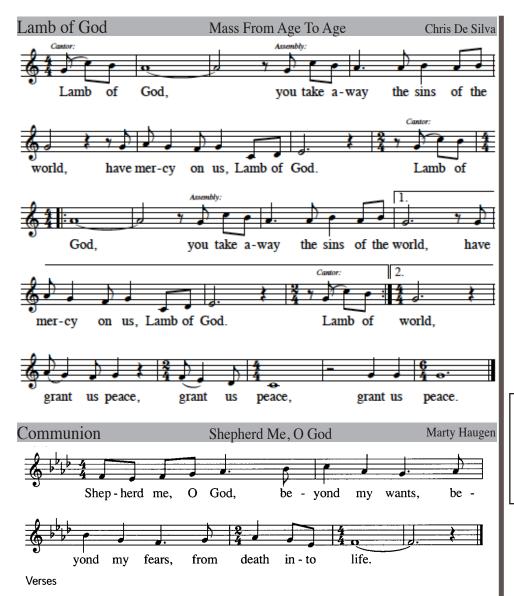
Volunteer Greeters Needed at 4:30pm

The summer months offer a challenge in making sure our liturgies continue to provide a welcoming and vibrant space for our community and visitors. Several volunteers have graduated, moved or are away for the summer. We need your help. You are invited to serve the Catholic Community as a 4:30pm Mass Greeter. Greeters arrive 30 minutes prior to Mass to set up and welcome people. They stay 20 minutes after Mass to take a collection, check the sanctuary, and lock up. Training takes 45 minutes and is typically scheduled before one of the Sunday Masses. Based on the current number of volunteers, Greeters serve about once every 3 weeks (less frequently if there are more of us). Please email Teresa at tpleins@stanford.edu.

Altar Servers:

There is a need for several altar servers for the 4:30 Mass. We would especially encourage students to participate in this interactive ministry. Training is provided. You are scheduled approximately every 3 weeks. For more info, contact Teresa, tpleins@ stanford.edu.





God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want, I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love, I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul, you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth, my spirit shall sing the music of your name.

Though I should wander the valley of death, I fear no evil, for you are at my side, your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.

You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred, crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold.

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of my God for evermore.

Young Adults

Dinner at Lemonade:

Tues. Sept 20th at 7:30pm, 151 University Ave., Palo Alto. The Young Adult group meets for its monthly social gathering.

Young Adult Mass:

The next monthly Mass is on Tues. Sept. 27th 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.

For all events, please confirm your attendance on our Facebook Page "Young Adult Circle" or contact us at yacircle@gmail.com. These and other upcoming events can be viewed at www.youngadultcircle.org.

Low Gluten Hosts Available: To receive a low gluten host (not gluten free) please approach the celebrant during communion and request low gluten.

Religious Life

Welcome the New Dominicans:

This past weekend the Western Dominican Province received six men to take the habit and another five made profession to the Order of Preachers. This is the 800th class of Friars in the history of the Order!

Br. John (He's 6'6") Br. Ian Mary Br. Paschal (PhD in Astronomy) Br. Patrick Br. Athanasius Br. Scott Br. Paul Marie (from Switzerland) Br. Andrew Thomas (CS Major) Br. Damien (Went to Cal) Br. Joseph Marie Br. Columban

Please pray for them as they begin the eight years of Dominican formation.

Communion

If the War Goes On

 If the war goes on and the children die of hunger, and the old men weep, for the young men are no more, and the women learn how to dance without a partner; who will keep the score?

- 2. If the war goes on and the truth is taken hostage; and new horrors lead to the need to euphemise, when the calls for peace are declared unpatriotic, who'll expose the lies?
- 3. If the war goes on and the daily bread is terror, and the voiceless poor take the road as refugees;

when a nation's pride destines millions to be homeless, who will heed their pleas?

- 4. If the war goes on and the rich increase their fortunes and the arms sales soar as new weapons are displayed, when a fertile field turns to no-man's-land tomorrow, who'll approve such trade?
- 5. If the war goes on, will we close the doors to heaven; if the war goes on, will we breach the gates of hell; if the war goes on, will we ever be forgiven, if the war goes on...?



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Next Spanish Mass Sunday - October 9 - 3pm

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.