

Catholic Community at Stanford

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Sunday Mass September 16, 2012

8am Memorial Church 4:30pm Memorial Church

Next Sunday, Sep 23 4:30pm and 10pm in Memorial Church (no morning Mass)

Daily Eucharist

M - T - W - F 12:20pm Memorial Church

Confessions

by appointment only: 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 2012-2013 academic year:

November 4, 2012 January 13, 2013 May 5, 2013

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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Religious Ramblings Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Living Faith

SEPTEMBER 16, 2012

fr Gregory helps us to see how our faith and our actions relate to each other.

Most people, I imagine, can think of an occasion when they've said one thing but done another – from the trivial "I think I've had enough, thank you" as they then go on to take another piece of cake, to the rather more serious "I'm sorry – I promise I won't do that again" followed by a repeat of whatever harmful words or actions prompted the apology in the first place.

This seems to be the kind of thing St James is talking about in today's second reading. He gives the example of someone who sees people in need and expresses the wish that they be fed and clothed, but without actually doing anything about it (James 2:15-16). This kind of behaviour prompts the question, "Did he really mean it?" Was this well-wisher really a well-wisher if, when it came down to it, he didn't actually do anything to turn his apparent wish into reality? This example from the Letter of St James, of course, is not only meant to make us think about the particular moral case: it is also an illustration of his main point about what it means to have faith.

Is he saying, then, that if we say we believe but it makes no difference to how we actually behave, then really, we don't have any faith worth speaking of? If so, that's a rather scary thought. After all, how many of us could look at our lives and say, "Yes, my way of life corresponds fully with the faith I profess"? Does that mean we're just pretending, or even lying?

Well, I think today's Gospel can help us think about this rather tricky question. It starts off, after all, with Peter's profession of faith in Jesus as the Christ (Mk 8:29). He is the first to state his faith in Jesus, the first to profess this central tenet of what, as a result, we call Christianity.

How does this faith of Peter's show itself, though? Immediately afterwards, we find Jesus rebuking him, saying, 'Get behind me, Satan!' (Mk 8:33) when, clearly completely misunderstanding things, he tries to stop Jesus from talking about his coming death. And later on in the Gospel, of course, Peter, the first to profess his faith in Jesus as the Christ, ends up denying three times that he even knows him!

Does this mean that Peter didn't really mean it when he professed his faith in Jesus? Did it turn out, in the end, to be simply a lie? "No," is the short answer, you'll be glad to hear. Why not, though? It seems to me that what Jesus has to say towards the end of today's Gospel passage can help us to understand.

'If any man would come after me,' he says, 'let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me' (Mk 8:34) – not, 'he will deny himself ...' but 'let him deny himself ...' It's not a simple case of mechanistic cause and effect – faith, which we believe is a gift from God, doesn't make us act in a certain way, but demands of us a choice.

And the way we human beings work, this doesn't amount to a simple one-off 'yes' or 'no' which determines all our subsequent actions. Rather, our actions throughout our lives can be more or less in accord with our faith: clearly, our faith can end up being strengthened or weakened as a consequence of our choices, but it's always a continuous process, with good days and bad days, advances and setbacks – after all, denying ourselves and 'carrying our cross' doesn't exactly sound easy.

So if our lives don't look like a perfect expression of the faith we profess that's not a cause for despair, or fear that we're lying to ourselves. We'd be right to recognise that there's a problem, but it's not an insoluble one. Rather, it's an occasion to hear again in our lives Jesus' call in today's Gospel and to turn to him – most obviously, perhaps, in the circumstances, in the Sacrament of Penance – for the strength to answer 'yes' to that call with our lives.

fr Gregory was recently ordained to the diaconate and is currently a student in the Dominican studium at Oxford.

GENERAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Program Open To The Entire Community:

NEWMAN NIGHTS is a year long theological forum that portrays the best of Catholic thought. This is a theological lecture series that answers the needs of RCIA, Adult Confirmation, permanent and student faith formation. Tuesday nights, 7:30-9:00pm beginning October 2. Common Room, Third Floor Old Union. For information contact Fr Isaiah Mary. frisaiah@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.

Podcast of CCAS:

Catholic cardinal Reflections is a weekly podcast of homilies and theological reflections given by the staff and guests of the Catholic Community. These are oftentimes recorded at the 4:30 Mass. If you would like to take the message of the Gospel where ever you go, subscribe to Catholic Cardinal Reflections through catholic.stanford.edu or iTunes. For more information, please contact Fr Isaiah.

Religious Education for Children, Registration Info:

Our religious education program for children ages 3-12 is called the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. It is a Montessori-based "hands on" approach centered in prayer, scripture, and liturgy. Teacher presentations and children's "work" with beautiful hand-made materials are done each week. Sessions are held on Sunday mornings in the Old Union Building on campus. Sacrament preparation for First Communion and First Reconciliation are folded into this program. Registration will take place Sunday, September 30 after the 10:30 and 4:30 Masses. For more information, contact Teresa, tpleins@stanford.edu.

Religious Education Brunch:

All families with children enrolled or beginning the children's religious ed program are invited to a family brunch on Sunday, September 30, immediately following the program registration. Brunch will be hosted at Chiara Sabatti's house, 607 Gerona Road, Stanford, 94305 (on campus). The kindness of an RSVP to Chiara, sabatti@stanford.edu is appreciated. We hope to see all returning and new families here. Food is provided, please indicate allergy concerns.

Liturgical Ministries:

If you are interested in serving as a greeter, eucharistic minister, singer, instrumentalist, altar server, or lector, please contact Teresa, tpleins@stanford.edu. Training is provided for all ministries. Due to spring graduations, we need some new faces involved in this rewarding service to our community. Thank you!

Korean Catholic At Stanford (KC@S):

KC@S is a catholic community for Korean at Stanford University representing a number of undergraduate and graduate students, post-doc, and research fellows. KC@S promotes various religious events during the academic year to grow in faith and serve the Lord. This autumn quarter we are going to hold New Student Welcome Party, Weekly Lunch Meeting, and Weekly Prayer Meeting every Friday. For more information, contact Eun-Soo at eschoi@stanford.edu

YOUNG ADULTS

Dinner at Gordon Biersch:

Tues. Sept. 18th at 7:30pm, 640 Emerson St., 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. Sept. 25th 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.

Young Adult Bible Study:

Tues. Oct. 2nd at 7:30pm, Our Lady of the Rosary, 3233 Cowper St, Palo Alto. Over the next several months, we are going to focus on some common questions we face as Christians. The topic this month is "Catholic Capstones to Christian Apologetics". We meet regularly on the first Tuesday of each month and we welcome you to join us!

For more info, see our website, www.YoungAdultCircle. org, check the Facebook Fan Page "Young Adult Circle", or contact us at yacircle@gmail.com.

GRADS

Cath-101:

-Announcements for September 16, 2012–

Join us on Mondays for Catholicism 101, a forum for graduate students and young adults that fosters community and open discussion of relevant issues impacting Catholics. We meet in the Nairobi room at the GCC at 7:00pm. For more information, contact Lourdes, lalonso@stanford.edu Next Cath-101 TBA

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Attention Married Couples:

"Having had over 20 years of marriage behind us, we thought we could learn little and improve little. On our Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend we learned MUCH and are still improving! We're never married too long to grow deeper in love"! The next local Catholic Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is: Oct 12-14, 2012 (Mountain View). For more information or to register, please visit our website at: www.rekindleyourmarriage.org or contact Thomas & Sandy Pavick, 408 262-4061 or Email: gr8marriages@sbcglobal.net.

Weekly Readings

Monday, September 17 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33 Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday, September 18 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday, September 19 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12, 22 Lk 7:31-35

Thursday, September 20 1 Cor 15:1-11 Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 Lk 7:36-50

Friday, September 21 Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Mt 9:9-13

Saturday, September 22 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49 Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14 Lk 8:4-15

Sunday, September 23 Wis 2:12, 17-20 Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6, 8 Jas 3:16-4:3 Mk 9:30-37

Volunteer Opportunities

St. Anthony's Soup Kitchen:

The Catholic Community at Stanford is committed to serving the needy, elderly and homeless at St. Anthony's Soup Kitchen in Menlo Park. If you are interested in volunteering on Saturday September 22nd from 8:30 until 1:00pm, please contact Michael Bova at mpbova2001@yahoo.com to have a volunteer position reserved for you. In general, the CCAS has the first and fourth Saturdays of the month reserved for us at St. Anthony's. So plan your schedules in advance, follow the example of Jesus, and please join us in helping those in need.

Volunteering in the Hospital Chaplaincy:

Would you be interested in bringing Holy Communion to Catholic patients in the Stanford Hospital several times a month, on the days of your choice? Take advantage of the forthcoming training for Hospital Chaplaincy volunteers. Our Community actively supports this program. Many volunteers from CC@S already participate in this ministry, and Fr. Nathan and Fr. Isaiah are frequently on call for emergency spiritual care needs of the patients. The training for new volunteers, organized by the Stanford Hospital, will be held on Saturday, October 20, from 9 am to 5 pm. One-year commitment is expected (or one-school-year if you are a student). To learn more about this ministry, and to get info on how to sign up, please write to CC@S member, Harv.Galic@gmail.com

Week at a Glance

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- 8:00 am Memorial Church
- 4:30 pm -Memorial Church

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Monday, September 17 - Friday, September 21

• Office hours (Tues - Fri) 10am - 3pm

Daily Liturgy:

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Join Our Living Faith Society:

Become a CC@S Living Faith Society member by donating a set amount each month on a predetermined day. You no longer need to remember to bring money to Mass! By joining LFS, not only are you supporting your Stanford Catholic campus ministry, but you will also receive the Living Faith

devotional each quarter, a devotional that provides a different scripture verse and short meditation for each day of the year. Join today:





Vallombrosa Retreat Center

Vallombrosa Center is sponsoring the following events:

Vallombrosa opens its doors several weekends throughout the year to people to make a silent retreat beginning Friday afternoon and concluding mid-day Sunday. We offer opportunities for spiritual direction and morning and evening prayer each day. The cost for the Silent Private Retreat Weekend is \$226.00 for a private room and \$202.00 for a shared room, with all meals included. As always there are scholarships available to those who need financial assistance. Contact Rachel atrachel@vallombrosa.org or 650.325.5614.

The Catholic Community at Stanford University

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **SEPTEMBER 16, 2012**









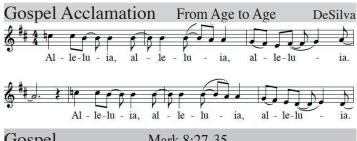
First Reading Isaiah 50:4-9

I have not shielded my face from buffets and spitting. I gave my back to those who beat me.



Second Reading James 2:14-18

What good is it if someone says they have faith but does not have works? If faith does not have works, it is dead.



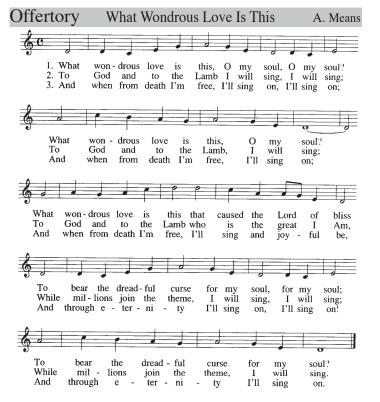
Gospel Mark 8:27-35

Peter identified Jesus as the Christ. Jesus told the disciples what that really meant: "The Son of Man must suffer greatly, be rejected, be killed, and rise after three days."

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.







Faces, forces of demons and death... We walk his way, we walk his way...

We walk his way, we walk his way... Bonds of hell, dying on the cross... We walk his way, we walk his way...

We walk his way, we walk his way... Freedom blooms by his empty grave... We walk his way, we walk his way...



Student Sponsorship Opportunity:

Immaculate Conception Academy, an all-girls, College Prep Catholic High School located in the Mission District in San Francisco has implemented a work-study program and is looking for organizations to sponsor their students. Nationwide this program is already succeeding in 25 other cities coast to coast. A team of 4 students works at an organization to cover one full-time position, rotating work days.

Sister Lilly will speak today, Sept 16th at the 4:30pm Mass. For more information please contact Sister Lilly at (415) 824 2052 ext 28 and/or visit ICA's website at www.icacademy.org

Vocations:

Announcements

Are you a single, Catholic woman between the ages of 18 - 40? Could God be inviting you to become a consecrated religious sister? Are you interested in learning more about religious life? Would you like to learn more about our prayer life and charism? If yes, you are invited to join a discernment group with other women. Meet monthly with MSJ Dominican Sisters for Eucharist, discussion and reflection on your call in life. Our first Group Discussion & Reflection, Eucharist (10:30) & Lunch with the Sisters. Spirit Center of MSJ Dominicans Sunday, September 30, 2012 9:30am-1:30pm RSVP Sr. Marcia @ 510 933-6333 or email: vocations@msjdominicans.org

Beginning Experience Weekend:

Going through grief because of the loss of a loved one? Having trouble with closure? Beginning Experience is a program to help Widowed, Separated and Divorced take the next step on the path of their new life that has already begun. This program has helped tens of thousands all over the world find the strength to close, move forward and let go to begin anew. The next Beginning Experience Weekend is October 12 - 14 at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Los Altos. To register call 650-697-6304 or email SJBeginExp@aol.com. International website http://www.beginningexperience.org.

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