

Catholic Community at Stanford

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Sunday Mass September 23, 2012

4:30pm Memorial Church 10pm Memorial Church

Next Sunday, Sep 30 regular Mass Schedule 10:30am in Tresidder, 4:30 & 10pm MemChu

Daily Eucharist

M - W - F 12:20pm Memorial Church T - Th 12:20pm Old Union Sanctuary **Confessions**

Tuesday 1:30-2:30pm and 9-10:30pm Old Union, 3rd Floor, 304 or 305 or 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 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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Challenged to Serve

SEPTEMBER 23, 2012

fr Tony reflects on why we, like the disciples, are resistant to Christ's call to serve the most vulnerable.

We tend to side with the people who agree with us or with arguments we find congenial to our own views. We read the newspapers which complement the image we have of ourselves and reinforce our political allegiance and the way we see the world. For example, whose side do we take in an industrial dispute? Workers go on strike because they consider they are undervalued and not being paid enough and see the management as self-serving fat cats, while on the other hand the bosses think more in terms of the success of the business and their annual bonuses, considering the workers to be greedy. Where do we find the criteria to resolve such disputes justly when, in the words of James, jealousy and selfish ambition exist?

In today's gospel reading even the disciples, the people who were in the constant company of Jesus, were factious and antagonistic towards one another, quarrelling as to which of them was the most important and deserving in the group. At least they knew status should not be their concern because when Jesus asks them what they were discussing they are shamefaced about it. And no wonder. Jesus had just told them how he would abandon himself to the will of others, becoming the least in that he would put himself at the service of all, even going as far as dying for them. In that way he would become the greatest, a paradox at the heart of Christianity. So Jesus teaches his disciples how they should behave.

If anyone would be first he must be last of all and servant of all.

Jesus then took a child as a visual aid. The Aramaic word for 'child' is also the word for 'servant' and to understand the implications of this we must realise that the disciples were looking at a child of their time and not of ours. Then children were totally at the mercy of adults, unlike today when adults are at the mercy of children. The children of first century Palestine were not demanding expensive toys from their parents or clamouring for the latest trainers because everyone else at school had them. Childhood is a recent concept, before which the vulnerability of children was obvious. Many died from childhood diseases which today are no threat to our children. To see what a child from the time of Jesus was like, look at children in the developing world today: babies dying from drinking contaminated water; young children helplessly weak with incurable illnesses; most children lucky if they have enough to eat to keep them alive and well; children scratching a living working in the fields; children helping to run the house and taking care of their orphaned younger brothers and sisters. It is this kind of child that Jesus tells his disciples to receive. He took one of the most vulnerable and powerless members of his society and asked the disciples not to become like one of these children, as he does in the other gospels, but to look after it and make sure it was flourishing. Jesus insisted that the Christian had to extend concern to the weakest members of society, to those who had not the power, authority or means to look after themselves.

Of course Jesus did not intend our love to be limited to children. He said that if anyone would be first in the Kingdom he must be last of all and servant of all. The child, like the servant, was an example of the most vulnerable members of society, people with no power. So we are to receive anyone who needs our help. They may not be destitute or at death's door but their needs are pressing nevertheless. What we can offer is vital to their well-being and their needs can only be met if we put ourselves at their service. It isn't always practical - we can't be at the service of everyone in need because no one can spread themselves that thinly. As often with Christian morality there is no easy answer. When presented with someone who needs help, we have to decide what we can do, weighing up the pros and cons. How much of my attention can I take from my family to help someone else? How much can I afford to give away before I put myself in a position where I can be of no help? What am I physically able to do or what can I physically not do? Recognising the need and being aware of our own strengths and weaknesses is a great step towards doing the right thing.

Only we ourselves know what we are able to do and can bring ourselves to do it. But to help us make that decision, Jesus has put the image of the most vulnerable person in society before us.

fr. Anthony Axe is Parish Priest of Melbourne in Derbyshire.

GENERAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ESTEEM 2012-13:

begins this Wednesday evening (September 26 at 7:15pm, Bechtel International Center). Now in its third year, ESTEEM provides theological/spiritual formation and leadership development for graduate and undergraduate students interested in serving the Catholic community now and after graduation. We meet twice monthly. Upcoming topics: Images of God; Scientific Evidence of the Benefits of Living a Spiritual Life; Introduction to Catholic Theology. If interested in applying, contact Deacon John Kerrigan at johnk3@stanford.edu no later than Tuesday.

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

Interested In Getting Confirmed?

Didn't get confirmed in High School? Didn't feel that you wanted to be fully Catholic till this year? How about this year? NEWMAN NIGHTS answers the needs for Adult Confirmation. Classes begin immediately--October 2nd, 7:30-9:00pm, in the Common Room of Old Union. The program consists of 3 classes in the Fall Quarter, 10 sessions in the Winter, and 3 in the Spring. For more information, contact Fr. Isaiah.

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 handmade 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:

We welcome all community members to our liturgical ministries of lector, eucharistic minister, greeter, altar server, choir singer, instrumentalist. Upcoming training sessions are as follows:

Eucharistic Ministry:

Thur, Oct. 4, 7:30-8:45pm, OR Sun, Oct. 7, 5:45-6:45pm. **Lectors:**

Mon, Oct. 15, 7:30-9:00pm, OR Sun, Oct. 21, 5:45-7:15pm. Choir Singers & Instruments:

Wed, Oct. 26, 8-10:00pm and continuing on Wednesdays for singers, OR Sunday evenings, 8:30pm for our late night choir **Altar Servers and Greeters:** arranged on individual basis **Late-Night Mass Set-up Team:** contact me for info. Teresa, tpleins@stanford.edu.

Companions for Special Kids:

We are looking for 4 companions to accompany two boys with special needs during our children's religious ed program on Sunday mornings. Your ministry would involve helping them understand work, praying with them, and forming a relationship with their families. Contact Teresa if you have questions and feel called to this loving ministry, tpleins@stanford.edu.

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

Catholic Men – get ready to be inspired:

Join Catholic men from around the Bay Area for the 6th Annual East Bay Catholic Men's Conference, Saturday Nov. 3 at St Francis of Assisi Church in Concord. Be encouraged, challenged, and inspired to live your faith more deeply by nationally prominent speakers including radio star and author Patrick Coffin, diocesan priest Father Kenneth Nobrega, and President of the Dominican School of Philosophy & Theology, Father Michael Sweeney, OP. Cost is \$45 for the day, and includes lunch – early registration discount is available. Mass and confessions will be offered – fathers are encouraged to bring their sons. Go to www.eastbaymen.org or ehopfner@oakdiocese. org for more information or to register.

YOUNG ADULTS

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.

Dinner at Pluto's:

Tues. Oct. 16th 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 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.

-Announcements for September 23, 2012–

Weekly Readings

Monday, September 24 Prv 3:27-34 Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday, September 25 Prv 21:1-6, 10-13 Ps 119:1,27,30,34,35,44 Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 26 Prv 30:5-9 Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 Lk 9:1-6

Thursday, September 27 Eccl 1:2-11 Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17bc Lk 9:7-9

Friday, September 28 Eccl 3:1-11 Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4 Lk 9:18-22

Saturday, September 29 Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 Jn 1:47-51

Sunday, September 30 Nm 11:25-29 Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 Jas 5:1-6 Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

• 10 pm -Memorial Church Next Sunday, Sep 30 regular Mass Schedule

• 4:30 pm - Memorial Church

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Week at a Glance

Monday, September 23 - Friday, September 28

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

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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:



GRADS

Lourdes at lalonso@stanford.edu for more information.

UNDER GRADS

Thursday, Sept 27, 7pm. All Undergrads are invited to our

Welcome Ice Cream Social. Join us on Thursday night as we gather

to celebrate the start of the school year. This an opportunity to meet

new friends and eat lots of ice cream with toppings. Come over to

the 3rd Floor of Old Union at 7pm and bring your friends. Contact

Welcome Dinner:

Ice Cream Social:

Monday, September 24, 6:30pm.

All Graduate Students and their families are invited to join us for our annual welcome dinner on Monday, September 24. We'll gather in the Havana Room at the Graduate Community Center at 6:30pm for a feast. We need your help welcoming new students and building up our community. Would you consider volunteering to make a dessert or help with set-up or greeting? If so, email Lourdes at lalonso@stanford.edu

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 October 6 and October 27 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

The Evidence of Creation and Supernatural Design in Contemporary **Big Bang Cosmology and Space-Time Geometry Proofs:**

Fr. Spitzer is the President of the Magis Center of Reason and Faith, the Spitzer Center for Catholic Organizations, and the Ethics and Performance Institute. He has three master's degrees (Divinity, Theology, Scripture) and a PhD in Philosophy of Science. His most recent book is New Proofs for the Existence of God: Contributions of Contemporary Physics and Philosophy. Saturday, October 13, 2012, 10:00 am DSPT, 2301 Vine Street, Berkeley

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Two Opportunities to Enrich Your Marriage and Family Life: Take a fresh look at your Marriage:

Consider making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. It is a unique approach aimed at revitalizing Christian Marriage. Re-examine your married lifestyle and your priorities and rediscover the newly-weds you once were. 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.

10 Building Blocks for a Solid Family:

Saturday, Oct 20, 7-8:30 pm Church of the Resurrection, Sunnyvale. Come enjoy this video presentation by Jim Burns Ph.D., where he teaches the 10 building blocks for successfully living, loving and playing together as a family. Whether your children are infants or teens, you'll learn valuable information from Dr. Burns' lessons. To benefit the most, recommended for parents to attend together - children's activities provided. Contact Chris and Ann Aguilar, 356-7642 or aguilarbus@yahoo.com. Sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter.

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Verse 3

 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.

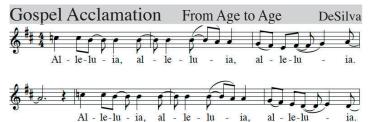
First Reading Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

The wicked plotted to condemn the just one to death, saying, "Let us condemn him to a shameful death."



Second Reading James 3:16-4:3

Wars and conflicts arise because of envy. The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.



Gospel Mark 9:30-37

Jesus said, "The Son of Man is to be handed over. . . Whoever wishes to be first will be the servant of all."

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.

