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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.

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Services

Sunday Masses: September 28, 2014
10:30 am in Tresidder Oak Room
4:30 pm in Memorial Church
10:00 pm in Memorial Church

Daily Liturgy:
M T W F in Memorial Church
Thursdays in the Old Union Sanctuary

Confessions:
Sunday, from 9:15am to 10:15am
at Old Union 3rd Floor offices,
and 4:00pm at MemChu Vestibule,
and Tuesdays, 1:30-2:30pm and 9-10:30pm
Old Union, 3rd Floor, Rm 304 or 319
or by appointment: call 415-336-4203

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 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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Interested in investigating becoming Catholic?
Haven’t been confirmed? Or just want an adult presentation of the Catholic Faith? Consider the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Begins Sunday, October 5th, at 2:30 in the Conference Room on the 3rd floor of Old Union. We will adapt the schedule to meet your needs. Questions? Contact Fr. Xavier at xavierop@stanford.edu

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

When I graduate this coming June, it will be with many fond memories from the Catholic Community at Stanford. I’ll think of the spiritual fulfillment I searched for and found in the liturgies – but I’ll also remember the late night conversations, movie nights, and games of Mafia. And, whether I want to or not, I’ll remember the times that I was stressed out, frustrated, or heartbroken, crying my eyes out, only able to listen to a friend whisper “everything will be alright”. A well-rounded experience, you might say.

These past three years have been a journey for me – at times a walk through the park, at times an inevitable train wreck. However, I have been so blessed to walk the entire way with the people of the Catholic Community at Stanford. Thanks to them, I’ve found the courage to choose a path to which I can honestly and passionately devote my whole life. I’m fairly sure that without the strength and support I’ve found from Catholic Community, I’d still be picking up the pieces of my life, shoring those fragments against my ruins.

It was God, working through the people of this community, who has created my life into what it is today. I didn’t know what to expect when I first met the Catholic Community at Stanford, but I’ve found just what I needed: a home. A family. Not just a place to be myself, but a place where – despite all my imperfections and all the challenges that come my way – I can put together my life in the context of God’s plan, one puzzle piece at a time.

Whether you’re a new student, a returning student, or a member of the permanent community, it’s my pleasure to welcome you (back) to the Catholic Community at Stanford. For the undergraduates who are reading this, we do hope that you’ll choose to get involved in the events that your fellow Stanford students on the Catholic Leadership Team have planned.

Look forward to Thursday spaghetti dinners for fellowship and friends, and to small group meetings with meaningful discussions on the Bible and how our faith is relevant to our lives today. Take a break with the weekend retreats that we hold twice a year, or serve those less fortunate than us through soup kitchens or visits to juvenile centers. There are so many opportunities that await you – and know that at every step of the way, there are students who are praying for you, and with whom you can pray.

With the Catholic Community at Stanford, we hope that you find an opportunity to live out the words of the Gospel. There’s no time like college to grow deeper in your faith, no time like the present to find a relationship with God that will sustain you in the years to come. It’s our hope that however long you are at Stanford, you’ll find for yourself a spiritual home.

You are all in my prayers!

*Hannah Abalos, president of the Catholic Leadership Team, is a senior majoring in Creative Writing.*
**MINISTRY FAIR:** Is God calling you to share your faith, time and talents? Please stop by if you are thinking about ways to share your gifts of time and talent or would just like more information on what is going on at Catholic Community at Stanford. The Fair will showcase all our community’s ministries and you will be able to see how your particular talents can be used to serve others. Something for everyone - Stanford students, Permanent Community, friends and family! Tabling will be right outside all of the Masses today, September 28th. If you have any questions, please contact M’Lis at meberry@stanford.edu.

**READING GROUP:** The next meeting of the reading group is MONDAY OCTOBER 20th at 7:30pm at Casa Gelpi (870 Tolman Drive). We’ll be discussing Irish fiction writer Colm Toibin’s highly praised novel “Brooklyn” (2009), which is available from libraries, in bookstores, and from Amazon. All are welcome to join the discussion.

**ESTEEM:** Engage your Faith as a Leader in the Catholic Church. ESTEEM (Engaging Students to Enliven the Ecclesial Mission) is looking for new members who desire to learn what it takes to be a leader inside and outside of the Catholic Church. By focusing on our Catholic theological traditions and the example of Christ leading his disciples, ESTEEM teaches its members how to be disciples focused on leadership at both Stanford and in the real world. ESTEEM meets Tuesday nights in the Sanctuary on the third-floor of Old Union. Please contact Lourdes Alonso, lalonso@stanford.edu or any of the ESTEEM fellows tabling outside after Mass this weekend.

**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 José and Santa Clara County
Questions: purefire@dsj.org
Standard registration has been extended to September 22nd.

**Spiritual Care Service Volunteer:**
Want rewarding volunteer opportunity? Becoming a Spiritual Care Service Volunteer at Stanford Hospital may be the right opportunity for you if you’re ...
* a compassionate listener
* sensitive to the needs of others
* a selfless giver (hopefully two hours of your time each week)
* empathetic and encouraging
* open-minded
* well grounded within your own faith practice
* teachable

The next training will be Saturday, October 18, 2014, 9am to 5pm. For more information and to get a volunteer application, call (650) 723-5101 or email: spiritualcare@stanfordmed.org

Check out “spiritual care” at www.stanfordhospital.org
Interviews are being conducted between now and October 3, 2014.

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**Sister Ramona -- Here for You:**
How may I be of service? A companion to walk with You:
- Spiritual Direction
- Prayers
- Discernment
- Daily Life ups and downs
- Relationships

Where? Old Union, 3rd floor
When? Tuesday 1-5pm; Wednesday 1-5pm, Thursday 1-4pm or by appointment.
How? email: ramonabascom@gmail.com

**Singers and Instrumentalists**
WE NEED YOU!! There are music groups at the 10:30, 4:30, 10:00 p.m. and monthly Spanish Masses. No auditions! We work on a variety of music, from chant to contemporary. Make new friends and serve your community with God’s gifts. Most needed: instruments (flutes, violins, cello, guitar, piano, percussion) and sopranos. For info, contact Teresa, 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, post-docs 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 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://catholicsingles-sfbayarea.com/
Standing at Sunday Liturgy:
Memorial Church is an interdenominational church without kneelers and with a hard surfaced, slanted nave floor; these aspects make kneeling difficult in the main body of the church, especially for those who are older. (Mass in Tresidder has slightly different issues.) Our practice, therefore, is to stand throughout the Eucharistic prayer as a sign of our common unity at all Sunday Masses. (We also invite you to bow after the consecration of the bread and wine as an expression of adoration.) Standing is the more ancient Sunday custom of the Church at Eucharist because we form one priestly people celebrating the Lord’s Resurrection. Here is an extract from our Bishop’s letter on the issue.

“I would like to focus on the posture of the assembly at Mass. Recently, your priests, liturgists, and I gathered for continuing formation on the issue and to discuss concerns and needs. After hearing their concerns at the meeting and reading their comments since, I believe the following is the direction our diocese needs to go in order to communicate a message of unity and solidarity to our world:

The heart of the Mass is the Eucharistic Prayer. Together in this prayer, we give thanks to God. We join our voices with the choirs of angels in praise. We pray in unity with the whole Church and with all the saints. The Eucharistic Prayer is the text that proclaims that the Church, heavenly and earthly, now and from ages past, is united to Christ in praise of God. Accordingly, our symbolic actions should echo our words. Therefore, I am asking each assembly to take a unified posture during the Eucharistic Prayer, whether it is kneeling or standing throughout. The posture would be determined by each parish and would be the normative posture for that parish. But this should not be rigidly mandated for those unable to participate in the parish’s normative posture because of bodily limitations caused by age, health, disability, or weakness. In our diocese, we have had the custom of standing after the Agnus Dei (“Lamb of God”). So that our diocese may continue to be unified in this posture, we will continue to stand after the Agnus Dei.”

Patrick J. McGrath, Bishop of San José

Catholicism 101:
Grad students are invited to Catholicism 101, a forum for graduate students and young adults that fosters community and open discussion. Join us on Monday nights this quarter from 7-8:30 pm for dinner and discussions. More information will be available in the weekly email. Let us know if you would like to be added to the grad email list by contacting Lourdes at lalonso@stanford.edu.

First Two Monday nights will be held at the Escondido Village Center at the corner of Escondido and Comstock Circle:
• September 29, Grad Welcome Dinner
• October 6, Living our faith at Stanford as a Catholic Grad (Student Panel)

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

Young Adult Mass:
Tues. Sept. 30th at 7:30 pm, 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. 21st at 7:30 pm, 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.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 28, 2014
• 10:30 am at Tresidder Oak Room
• 4:30 pm in Memorial Church
• 10 pm in Memorial Church

Monday, September 29 - Friday, October 5
• Office hours: Mon to Thurs, 10 am to 4 pm

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

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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, Oct. 4 or Oct. 25 from 8:30 - 1 pm 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. God is calling you today to help those in need, for which your reward will be great.
1. 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.

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.

The Lord spoke through Ezekiel, “Hear now, house of Israel: If a person turns away from evil and does what is right and just, that person shall surely live and shall not die.”

Paul quoted an ancient hymn, “Though Christ was in the form of God, he did not consider equality with God something to be held tightly. He emptied himself, became a slave and obediently accepted death on a cross. So God exalted him and gave him a name above every other name.”

Lord, my God, I am certain of you. My desire goes out to you.
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.

Gospel Matthew 21:28-32
Jesus said that outcasts enter God’s reign because of faith, but not the righteous who lack repentance: “Tax collectors and prostitutes who believed in John enter God’s reign before you.”

Apostle’s Creed
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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.

Women at the Well: A Non-silent Retreat for Women:
Led by Nancy Greenfield and Catherine Wolff.
Pope Francis expressed a “vivid hope” that women will play a “more incisive” role in the Catholic Church, as well as in all venues in which “the most important decisions are adopted.” In our time together, we will seek new ways for women’s voices and gifts to be acknowledged and developed in the church. What practices and wisdom of our spiritual direction will guide us? How do we live our Catholic lives in the age of Pope Francis?

October 31 – November 2 2014 at The Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos. Register today at www.jrclosaltos.org