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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 Masses: October 5, 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 and 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

Services

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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name:

intention:

Catholic App

SEARCH APP STORE FOR CC@S OR SCAN CODES BELOW

App Name: CC@S

About the App:
The CC@S App from the Catholic Community at Stanford is packed with prayer materials, media links, mass times, events, directions, donations, and additional resources for navigating a Catholic life on campus.
In the next few days the long awaited Synod On The Family will begin in the Vatican. It might not be a bad idea to pause for a moment to ask ourselves about our own expectations. For some I expect there are no expectations at all other than “...more of the same.” The Church has not been particularly helpful in the past in its reflections about marriage and family life. One theologian, in an expression marked by frustration, said simply “...you people (celibate church leaders) should stay out of our bedrooms.” One hope has been for the active participation by the laity, particularly the people who live the life of married couples and in most cases are the leaders in actual families. Others hope for decisions that would be designed to make sense to the people about the value of marriage and family life. I suspect that the majority of church membership has not spent many long hours involved in the study of Church Synods, how they work, their organization, their power and their membership.

One of the problems facing the Catholic Church organization is its universality. We are everyone everywhere! A world-wide organization has tremendous difficulty making decisions, giving advice and governing a very large community involving everything from managing prosperity to struggling to survive. Whether we agree or not, like it or not, jurisdiction in the end is reserved to celibate men. So at virtually every level we find signs both of satisfaction and dissidence. What a monumental task marks this and every Synod. Pope Francis has asked the whole Church to join him in prayer for the Synod. Given the present guidelines for the organization of this particular Church Governance, the Holy Father has done about as much as he is able to give the Synod a chance to raise the right questions, invite the most helpful participants and provide for the basis for reform.

In an unprecedented move Pope Francis asked for the maximum in gathering preliminary information by distributing a survey to the whole Church. But that effort was flawed in that the instructions for distribution were left to local bishops. Some made them very available, some available but not to everyone and, sadly, some ignored the effort for one reason or another. Likewise, the reporting was textured. In some cases the results were made public and in other cases there was little or no reporting at all. We were fortunate in this Diocese (San José) to have some of the people involved in discussions about the survey.

The work of the Synod will gather with the realities I described with the hope that some significant issues will be treated and formulated for the second session scheduled for next year. Grand or great expectations will probably not be met on either side of the question. I believe that the makeup of the Synod participants will preclude any sensational results. But we are a community guided by the Spirit. That means that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. With this guidance we may discover again the compassion and understanding of Jesus. He has invited us to follow Him and has promised further that he will be our guide in the search for truth. This promise mandates that we continue to search for ways to spread the Good News and to do what is necessary to be recognized by the world by our love rather than by our fears. To those of you who work daily to bring the joy of the Gospel in blessed relationships and families and by those of us blessed with the task of Christian leadership the promise of the guidance of the Spirit and the mandate to share all that such a gift brings, it is time to speak and act with nothing less than the power of Baptism. That gift reminds us that there is always a tomorrow and suggests that Pope Francis and even the Synod can be the tools of greater happiness and common sense in the days to come.

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R.C.I.A.

Considering becoming Catholic? Haven’t been confirmed? Or just want an adult perspective on the Catholic Faith? Want to be a sponsor to some on the journey of faith? Why not join the R.C.I.A.? Starting October 5th at 2:30 pm in the Rm 301 in Old Union. If the schedule does not work for you, contact me! xavierop@stanford.edu or 415-336-4203

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
Spanish Mass:
the first Spanish Mass of the School Year will be held next Sunday, October 12, at 3pm in the side Chapel of Memorial Church. Fr Stasys will again preside. All are welcome to come sing and pray in Spanish.
We also need Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Musicians. If you would like to join our choir, please email Guillermo at gcolombetti@yahoo.com

Ministry Volunteers!
Thank you to all who came out to the Ministry Fairs the past two weekends to sign up to volunteer and to be the Church you want to see! If you have not been contacted yet regarding a ministry for which you signed up, please contact Teresa Pleins at tpleins@stanford.edu. We would like to get you involved as soon as possible!

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.

What’s the Point?:
Whether you’ve gone to mass your whole life or are just discovering your faith, come join us for a night of discovery of why YOU should continue to pursue your Catholic faith in college. And, There’s free CREAM.

When: Wednesday, October 15th 8:15-11:15pm
Where: Second Floor of Old Union, Room 200 (Straight across from the Bookstore)
If you’ve ever asked yourself What’s the Point? of having faith in college, then you need to be there.
Questions? Contact sshowell@stanford.edu

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YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adult Mass and Halloween Dinner Party:
Tues. Oct. 28th at 7:30pm, St. Simon Church, 1860 Grant Rd, Los Altos. The Young Adult Circle will be gathering for our annual Halloween Mass followed by a Halloween themed dinner party. This is one of our more popular annual events. 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 7:30pm, 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.
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 7-8:30pm 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.

This Monday night will be held at the Escondido Village Center at the corner of Escondido and Comstock Circle:

October 6, Living our faith at Stanford as a Catholic Grad (Student Panel)

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

Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 5, 2014
- 10:30am at Tresidder Oak Room
- 4:30pm in Memorial Church
- 10pm in Memorial Church

Monday, October 6 - Friday, October 10
- Office hours: Mon to Thurs, 10am to 4pm
- Fr Xavier Lavagetto OP extended office hours: Tuesday to Thursday, 9pm to 10:30pm - 415 336-4203

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Or you can download the easy and free EverGive mobile app.

Whether you would like to give once or set up a recurring gift, EverGive is a simple mobile app that lets smartphone users contribute and manage donations in 15 seconds.

It’s really that easy. EverGive is available for both iOS and Android devices.

Volunteer Opportunities

St. Anthony Padua’s Dining Room:
The CCS 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 8:30-1pm 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.
The spirit of the Lord God is upon me
Because the Lord has anointed me;
He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor,
To heal the broken-hearted.
To proclaim liberty to the captives
And release to the prisoners,
To announce a year of favor from the Lord
And a day of vindication by our God.

So will the Lord God make justice and praise,
So will the Lord God make justice and praise
Spring up before the nations.

I rejoice heartily in the Lord.
In my God is the joy of my soul;
For he has clothed me with a robe of salvation,
And wrapped me in a mantle of justice,
Like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem,
Like a bride bedecked with her jewels.
As the earth springs forth its plants
And a garden makes its growth spring up.

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All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.
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.

Gospel

Luke 4:16-22

Jesus read from the Isaiah scroll and all who heard were amazed. He proclaimed liberty to captives, good news to the poor, sight to the blind, and freedom from oppression.

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

Memorial Acclamation: Mass From Age To Age

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and sing with us
All people, all creatures, everybody praise God
Sing!
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

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.

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.