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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 20, 2013

- 10:30 am in Tresidder Oak Room
- in Memorial Church • 4:30 pm
- in Memorial Church • 10 pm

## **Daily Liturgy:**

M W F 12:20 in Memorial Church T Th 12:20 in Old Union Sanctuary

## Confessions

Tuesdays, 1:30-2:30pm and 9pm-10:30pm 3rd Floor, Old Union, 304 or 319 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 2013-2014 academic year:

November 3, 2013 at 4:30pm

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# **Religious Ramblings** Urgency and Eternity

# Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 20, 2013

fr John O'Connor invites us to commit to our prayers, and to try to see things from God's perspective.

In the readings this weekend we are given some insight into how our requests to God relate to time, our time and God's time.

In both the reading from Exodus and the Gospel passage from Luke we encounter urgent need. In the first reading the urgency is more obvious, for if there is not a speedy resolution, then there is defeat. Amalek has come to wage war against Israel, and Israel must defend itself then and there. To wait is simply to allow oneself to be slaughtered. There also seems to be a degree of urgency in the widow's plea for a just decision against her adversary. She does not seem to be able or willing to wait for the judge to take action in his time. She wants resolution now.

But if they want resolution now, then both Moses and the widow cannot be passive onlookers. They have to be willing to play their part. Our actions, what we actually choose to do, show something of what our desires really are. If we want something badly enough we usually can muster up the necessary energy. In Moses' case, keeping his hands up is beyond human endurance, but he uses not only his body, but also his intelligence by getting Aaron and Hur to support his hands when he is no longer able to keep them up. The widow, it would seem, also uses both body and mind. She figures out that her persistence will eventually get the better of the judge. And she is right.

When we ask God for things in prayer, we need to be involved, our bodies, our minds, our all. To ask God for something we desperately need and to do so in a lazy fashion is to use God, treating God as there simply to sort out our problems, and so not letting God be God. It may also indicate that our need is not really as great as we think it is. To be fair, it can also be due to lethargy or a depression that we may not have full control over. But, all other things being equal, when we ask God for help, even though we put our needs in God's hands, we show that we are engaged by our perseverance, our praying to God without giving up, our active trust in God.

Yet in the readings we have this weekend there is another perspective on the relationship between our asking God for things and time, even if it is less obvious. As well as the perspective of our needs right now, there is the perspective sometimes called sub specie aeternitatis, that is, seen from the perspective of eternity. We may think of this perspective as how time is seen from God's viewpoint. From the perspective of eternity all of our cares and concerns are seen in a much bigger context.

We are reminded of this perspective in this Sunday's Gospel where Christ speaks of final judgement, to judge the living and the dead, as the second reading puts it. It is interesting that it is after he speaks of the persistent widow that Christ then moves on to speak of the coming of the Son of Man, the great event of the end times, the establishment of an everlasting kingdom where the rule of God orders all things.

If we are to understand properly the perspective of urgency, we need to set it in the perspective of eternity. It is in this perspective that we can help make some sense of those times when we plead with God, and yet what we ask for does not happen. We pray for loved ones that they may get better, that relationships may improve, that situations change, and yet they don't. From the perspective of the urgent, of the short-term, it seems that prayer fails. It can seem as if God has not heard, perhaps that God does not care. But, as the scriptures remind us again and again, and as Christ reminds us today, even as he tells us of the judge and the widow's urgent needs, there is another perspective, another way of looking at things.

To enter into this perspective is not to ignore the issues that face us right now, but to see them in a new light. If we fail in this, we should not be too hard on ourselves. The scriptures show us that the Lord never abandons us, not even in our greatest moments of doubt. To enter into the perspective of eternity is an invitation to enter into a deeper relationship with the God who 'stepped out' from eternity into the vulnerability of time and space in Jesus Christ. It is also to situate our problems into a bigger picture, a bigger picture that can be a great source of consolation, especially when our problems seem to be getting the upper hand. The perspective of eternity reminds us that these difficulties will not have the last word, that our lives are infinitely precious and that God is Lord of all.

fr. John O'Connor is Prior of Blackfriars, Oxford, and Secretary of Studies of the Hall and Studium.



"Each one should give what he has decided in his own heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

CC@S is a member-supported church. The life of our ministries depends on all of us. We have several ways you may make a gift besides the collection baskets on Sunday. You may download the free Paystik app and give a one-time gift using your credit card. Or you may give through your Paypal account at https://catholic.stanford.edu/giving/treasure.

If you have any questions, please contact M'Lis Berry at: meberry@stanford.edu.

#### **GENERAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### Live the Stewardship Life:

Stewardship is based on our need to give back to God out of gratitude, not on the Church's need to receive. It is based on the premise that all that we have and all that we are comes from God and, as a way of thanking Him for all our blessings, we return a portion of the time, talent and treasure He has allotted to us. Soon, we will begin a Stewardship Effort at our parish. Please be generous in giving of yourself; of your time, your talent and your treasure to your CC@S community as well as to others.



#### **Reading Group:**

The group meets two or three times a quarter to discuss books by Catholic or Christian writers: mostly fiction, but also poems, autobiography, and history. We meet at the campus home of Albert & Barbara Gelpi (870 Tolman Drive) at 7:30 in the evening, and as we begin the new academic year we are eager to welcome new members from the students and permanent members of the community. Anyone interested can contact Albert Gelpi: agelpi@stanford.edu.

The next meeting is on Monday Nov. 4th at 7:30pm, and we'll be talking about Pope Francis' two recent and extraordinary interviews and their implications for the renewal of Church. The "America" interview is available online as an ebook for \$2.99 under the title "A Big Heart Open to God." The Italian interview will be sent by e-mail to members of the group. Come and join the conversation.

#### Are You New? Welcome to CC@S!

Thank you for stopping by! Whether you're just visiting us or are looking for a new parish home, are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church or are returning to the practice of your Catholic faith, we're happy you're here!

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.

#### **Infant Baptisms:**

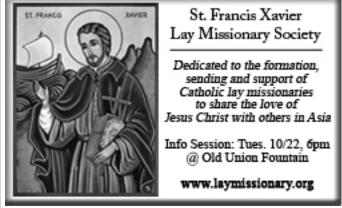
Our next celebration of baptism is Nov. 3 during the 4:30 Mass in Memorial Church. There is a required preparation course for parents on Oct. 26, 10-11:30 a.m. Baptisms are celebrated for all families of current students, faculty, staff, postdocs, and registered community members. For more info, contact Teresa, tpleins@stanford.edu.

#### **Small Faith Group for the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius:**

Thursday at 7:30pm for the group session and 10-20 minutes individual daily prayer. Join us our small faith group to practice St. Ignatius spiritual exercise. The book, The Ignatian Adventure by Kevin O'Brien, SJ, is used as a guideline. If you are interested, contact Eun-Soo at eschoi@ stanford.edu.

#### Interested in Foreign Missions?

Ever thought about whether God might be calling you to serve as a foreign missionary? Interested in hearing about missionary work and the Church in Asia? The St. Francis Xavier Lay Missionary Society is having an info session about serving as a lay missionary in Asia on Tuesday, Oct. 22nd at 6pm by the Old Union fountain. We will finish before Newman Nights. Dinner will be provided. For more info, please contact Tricia Bølle at: tricia@laymissionary.org



#### Gently used Kindles & Nooks Needed for Children's Program:

The children's religious education program is in need of several used e-readers to load materials on for our older children. If you have recently upgraded and have an older version sitting around taking up space, we could certainly put it to good use! Tax info available for your donation. Please contact Teresa, tpleins@stanford.edu.

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#### New Choir Members:

Come be involved in one of the "front and center" ministries! The music ministries at all Masses are open for new singers. A special need is women for the 4:30 Mass. Rehearsal is on Wednesday night during the academic term No auditions required, training and audio files available for most music. We would love to have you involved. For more info, contact Teresa, tpleins@stanford.edu.

#### **ESTEEM:**

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(Engaging Students to Enliven the Ecclesial Mission) is accepting applications for the 2013-14 program. ESTEEM provides undergraduate and graduate student leaders with theological and spiritual formation and leadership-effectiveness skills to better serve the Catholic community now and after graduation. We meet twice a month (Wednesday evenings). Contact Stephanie Phipps (sphipps@stanford.edu) or Matthew Colford (mcolford.edu) for further information.

#### **Newman Nights**

Each Tuesday evening, 7:30pm, the CCAS' Center for Theological and Spiritual Formation (CTSF) offers presentations on the breadth and depth of Catholic Theology. Newman Nights are open to the entire community with special break-out sessions for RCIA, Confirmation, permanent community members, and students.

10/22: Empires, Kingdoms, & Zealots:

How Political was Jesus of Nazareth

Prof. Catherine Murphy

The recent best-seller by Reza Aslan portrays Jesus as a Zealot, crucified by the Romans for political and economic sedition. It's an old thesis, but how persuasive is it? Did the non-violent faith of his followers erase the rebel in favor of a spiritual Christ, or preserve and adapt a different type of revolution? Professor Catherine Murphy from Santa Clara University will explore these and other questions against the backdrop of the Roman Empire and Jesus' preaching of the kingdom of God. Please join us at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary of the Old Union, followed by

an optional small group discussion at 8:30pm.

# Weekly Readings

Monday, October 21 Rom 4:20-25 (Ps) Lk 1:69-70, 71-75 Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday, October 22 Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21 Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday, October 23 Rom 6:12-18 Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 Lk 12:39-48

Thursday, October 24 Rom 6:19-23 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 Lk 12:49-53 Friday, October 25 Rom 7:18-25a Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 Lk 12:54-59

Saturday, October 26 Rom 8:1-11 Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 13:1-9

Sunday, October 27 Sir 35:12-14, 16-18 Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18 Lk 18:9-14

#### VOCATIONS

#### Called To The Cloister: From The Bar To The Grille:

When Tara Clemens started law school in 2003, she had no idea it would be instrumental in her conversion to the Catholic faith and eventual discernment of a religious vocation. Upon graduation, a chance encounter with a "vocation" prayer had unexpected results: it led her to discern a vocation with the Dominican nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery in Menlo Park, California. She has been accepted to enter, but ONLY after she has resolved her student loans. Tara is joined by thousands of other aspiring vocations to the priesthood and religious life across America.

To learn more about Tara's vocation and a way to end this problem, contact Tara at tara@laboureaspirant.org or visit http://labouresociety. org and see her vocation story under "Current Aspirants".

#### **UNDER GRADS**

#### **Undergrad Women Small Group:**

"Calling all Catholic women! If you are interested in growing closer to God, learning more about Catholic women throughout the ages, and building relationships with other Catholic women in your community, please consider joining our women's small group. Contact Megan O'Brien (meobrien@stanford.edu) for more details."

#### GRADS

#### Catholicism 101, Mondays 7pm:

All grad students are invited to join us for Catholicism 101 on Monday nights. Catholicism 101 is 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 on the 2nd floor of the Graduate Community Center. Upcoming talks include, Desert Spirituality, The Magisterium, The Roots of the Mass and more. Contact Lourdes at lalonso@stanford.edu for more information.

#### **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.

#### **YOUNG ADULTS**

#### Young Adult Mass and Halloween Dinner Party:

Tues. Oct. 29th 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.

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

# Week at a Glance

#### Sunday, October 20, 2013

- 10:30am in Tresidder Oak Room
- 4:30pm in Memorial Church
- 10pm in Memorial Church

#### Monday, October 21 - Friday, October 25

• Office hours (Tues - Fri) 10am - 4pm

#### **Daily Liturgy:**

M W F at 12:20 in Memorial Church T Th at 12:20 in Old Union Sanctuary

#### Confessions

Tuesdays, 1:30-2:30pm and 9pm-10:30pm Old Union, 3rd Floor, 304 or 319 or by appointment: call 725-0080

#### **Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary:**

Tuesdays, 9pm to 10:30pm Old Union, Third Floor Sanctuary

**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.

#### Praying the Rosary, Daily:

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Join the community to pray the Rosary in the Sanctuary at Old Union. The group prays at 10pm Monday-Friday and 9pm on Saturday and Sunday. On Tuesdays the Rosary is prayed during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities**

#### 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, students as well as permanent members, already participate in this ministry, and Fr. Nathan and Fr. Xavier are on call for emergency spiritual care needs of the patients several times a month. The training for new volunteers, organized by the Stanford Hospital, will be held on Saturday, October 19, 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

#### St. Anthony Padua's Dining Room:

The CCAS is committed to serving the needy and homeless at St. Anthony's Soup Kitchen in Menlo Park. If you are interested in volunteering on Saturday, Oct. 26 or Nov. 2 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. The CCAS serves every first and fourth Saturday of the month, so plan your schedules in advance, and let Gary know at least by the Tuesday before. "God will secure the rights of his chosen ones" through YOUR loving hands.

#### Future dates: (all Saturdays)

October 26, 2013 - 8:30am - 1:00pm November 2, 2013 - 8:30am - 1:00pm November 23, 2013 - 8:30am - 1:00pm



# The Catholic Community at Stanford University

# TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME October 20, 2013

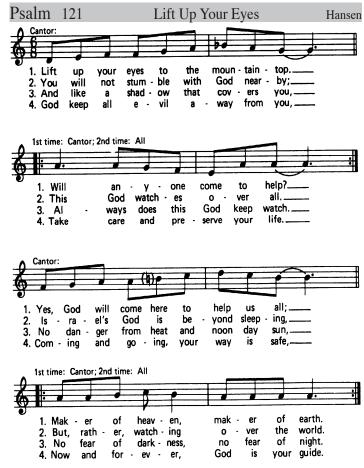


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3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

# First Reading Exodus 17:8-13

When Moses raised his arms to God in prayer, the battle went well. So Aaron and Hur supported his arms, lest the attackers defeat Israel. When they got tired, they used a rock to keep his arms up. By sunset Israel won the fight.



Second Reading 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Paul urged Timothy to remain faithful to sacred scripture because God inspired it. God's inspired word, the source of wisdom in Christ, helps people learn goodness and holiness.

Gospel Acc. Alleluia: Our God Is Speaking D Haas

Gospel Luke 18:1-8 Jesus taught a lesson about the power of persistent prayer by telling the story of a widow who wore down a corrupt judge by continually demanding her rights. The judge issued a settlement in her favor, lest she do him in.

## 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.





There is a peace, a greater peace, It is the peace that passes understanding, A peace not of this world, Where giving is equal to the taking, Where dif'rence is balanced in acceptance.

There is a peace, a greater peace, There is a far great peace Than the laying down of arms. When we reach to a need That is greater, greater, greater than our own. We find a love for our neighbor As we find it for ourselves. There is no sorrow, There is no misery That is stronger than love.

There is a peace, a greater peace, There is a far greater peace.

## <u>— More Announcements -</u>

**Back-to-School Backpacks for Needy Children Reports for 2013:** According to the Family Giving Tree (FGT) more than 26,500 children started school this year with the tools they need to succeed in school, and help break the cycle of poverty. CCAS contributed to that total as follows: **CCAS Final Report 1** - Back-to-School Backpacks for Needy Children Drive. Thanks to all who participated in our CCAS Back-to-School Backpack for Needy Children Drive. As a result of your generosity in giving of your time, talent and treasure, we were able to collect and deliver to the Family Giving Tree: 1.) 36 backpacks filled with school supplies 2.) 3 empty backpacks 3.) School supplies for 2 backpacks 4.) Cash donations totaling \$820 (equivalent to an additional 23+ backpack filled with school supplies).

**CCAS Final Report 2** - CCAS Volunteers at the Family Giving Tree Warehouse. A special thanks to a group of 31 CCAS volunteers and their families who filled 735 backpacks with school supplies for needy children in less than two hours at the Family Giving Tree warehouse in Menlo Park on Saturday, August 3rd!!! For more information please contact Peter Barling at peter\_barling@hotmail.com.



#### 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-doc 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 lunch gathering on Thursday. For more information, contact Kyoungjin at kjlee99@stanford.edu.