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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.

Services

Sunday Masses: October 26, 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

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

• Jan. 18, 2015

(prep Jan. 10)

• May 3

(prep April 25)

Adoration:

in the Sanctuary of Old Union, Tuesdays 9-10:30pm

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Religious Ramblings

The Greatest Commandment

This week's readings continue the theme of Jesus having controversies with the Jewish leaders. The Pharisees ask an important question and they received an important answer. And, although it was an important question, it still was a test to Jesus because a less careful answer could have left him open to the charge of trying to "abolish parts of the law."

Jesus quotes the Hebrew Scriptures (Deut. 6:5 and Lev. 19:18), "but to bring them together like this as a summary of all the law and the prophets was a brilliant creative idea. In focusing on the two halves of the Ten Commandments (duty to God and duty to our neighbor) it offers a foundation for all our living; and by summing up that duty as love, it goes beyond the specific requirements of the law to the God-like attitude which must underlie them." (New Bible Commentary. 1994)

Fulfilling our duty to God and neighbor is life giving. God established these rules not to rob us of the delight in creation or to incarcerate us from creativity and free thinking but rather to grant us life both in spirit and body. In our text today, Jesus shows us the answer that animates the law by positive means – through love.

A mother lovingly says, "Time to go to bed, honey." "NO! You can't make me!" replies the child with a stamp of his (her) foot. Patiently but firmly, mother says, "Young man (lady), you march yourself right up the stairs this instance!" "Oh, O-kay..." sighs the child without fully realizing that it's fear or a lack of energy to fight that motivates them to do their parent's will, and not obedience out of love.

At one time or another, I'm sure many of us rebelled against our parents when we were children. We may have not acted out in rebellion but perhaps in the fancy and privacy of our minds, we rejected what our parents advised us to do in our hearts despite obeying them in the world. We went to bed early with a grudge because we didn't want to "deal" with the consequences of upsetting mom further.

The same dynamic happens with us fulfilling God's commands. If we lack faith in the goodness of God, we might find ourselves following his commands begrudgingly like the older brother to the prodigal son. (Luke 15:29) Realizing that a lack of faith in God's goodness is blasphemy and illogical, we might continue to ponder why we struggle with a particular commandment and conclude that we somehow are misinterpreting the "original" meaning of the text and somehow justify our actions to be innocent although they might not follow God's law as we understand them in their literal sense. And so, you can see how we can begin to twist and turn God's laws like we're trying to solve a Rubik's Cube – all with our best interests at heart and in sincerity.

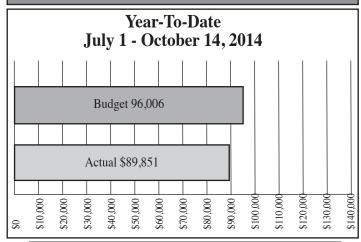
But Jesus cuts through this quagmire of perspective: Love your God, love your neighbor. Love is so rudimentary, so instinctual that it hardly needs explaining. Our actions towards God and neighbor are to be done out of compassion and earnest desire to want what is best for them. We know this comes from within us, prompted by God's Holy Spirit, and not consequential to our circumstances.

As Christians, we love our neighbor not because of the qualities they possess but because we are called to be like God and love them regardless of their qualities. We offer each other grace to be who we are – part sinner, part saint. And that grace isn't something we manifest ourselves but is poured out to us and through us by our good God's Holy Spirit.

This is evangelization - To love our neighbor, to love our God - In action, in word, with authenticity - In spite of the moral failures we see in ourselves and others. And we can only do this to the degree we have experience God's grace and acceptance of us in our own lives. We love because that is the only means to be fully human and to experience the divine within us.

Bill is a permanent deacon in the Diocese of Rochester, located in upstate New York.

Financial Update



Gifts As Of October 14, 2014
(Gifts: Pledged, non-restricted and Sunday Collections)
YTD Gifts Budget Shortfall <\$6,155>

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RCIA

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 RCIA? 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 miniworkshops. 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

GENERAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptisms:

Welcome to the Newly Baptized. Please pray for these children and their families as they celebrate the sacrament of Baptism (and First Holy Communion) today.

We welcome:

Mila Elizabeth García-Yabut Theodore Lee Hochstetler Apollo Huy Pham Anna Reid Pablo Reid

All Hallows Eve Vespers:

Friday, Oct 31. All are welcome this Friday to join us for Vespers (Evening Prayer) at 6:30pm in Memorial Church.

Dogma and Donuts:

Mondays, 9pm. Come join us on the 3rd floor of Old Union as we read and discuss a selection from our first document, Gaudium et Spes, enjoying donuts because the alliteration with dogma was too good to pass up. Both undergrads and grads are welcome. This is meant to be a casual opportunity to explore some of the church's rich writing and history that we don't often come across.

Thanksgiving Service Trip:

Interested in engaging with our brothers and sisters through public service? Want to put back the "thanks" "giving" in "Thanksgiving"? Apply to the CC@S Thanksgiving Back trip! We will travel to Las Vegas to assist an underserved HIV/AIDS community in preparation for Thanksgiving. The trip will be from Sunday morning, Nov. 23 to Wednesday morning, Nov. 26th (You'll still have Thanksgiving Day and Black Friday free!) Find out more information and download the application at http://catholic.stanford.edu/. Applications due October 19th (next Sunday). Spots do fill up quick, so after some thoughtful contemplation, if you feel called to join the cause, sign up soon! Questions? Contact the CC@S TGB Coordinators, Lourdes Alonso (lalonso@stanford.edu) or Matthew Gonzalez, mgonz324@stanford.edu.

Sister Ramona -- Here for You:

How may I be of service? A companion to walk with You:

-Spiritual Direction -Prayer

-Discernment -Daily Life ups and downs

-Relationships -Other 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.

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.irclosaltos.org

Saturday, November 1 is the Feast of All Saints.

We will celebrate with Mass at 10:30am in the Sanctuary on the 3rd floor of Old Union.

A New Book:

Father Paul Crowley S.J., who led the CC@S sponsored symposium and taught the class on the Second Vatican Council held at Stanford in 2012 has edited a book containing essays and commentary from many of the lecturers and presenters who participated in these events. It is more than a reflection on what was offered in the course and the symposium; it is an attempt to get some indication, in light of the new papacy of Francis I, of how the promise of the Council might be realized in the future. The title of this most interesting and readable book is:

From VATICAN II to POPE FRANCIS: Charting a Catholic Future, and is available from Amazon in paperback or Kindle format.

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.

UNDERGRADS

Spaghetti Dinners:

Thursdays 5:15pm.

Join us Thursday for our weekly Spaghetti Dinners. Come feast on pasta and meet new friends every Thursday at 5:15pm. We meet in the Common Room of Old Union located on the 3rd floor.

GRADS

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.

Oct. 27th - Lay Saints - Amy

Nov. 3rd - Dying with Dignity:

Last Rites, Funerals and Incorruptables- Maria

Nov. 10th - Orthodox/Eastern Rites - Dmitry

Nov. 17th - Secular History of the Church - Brittany

Dec. 1st - Tying the Knot:

What you should know about marriage - Fr. Daniel Dec. 8th - Grads will attend Mass together for the Feast Day

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. 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.

a way of life

Sunday, Octoberber 26, 2014

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." That is a relatively comprehensive statement on what each of us must do before we do anything else. It is called by many the prime commandment. This is a commandment which the Lord wants us to make genuine and true in relationship to how we live. Through stewardship our concentration needs to always be on God and what that means.

The readings on this Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time refer to conversion, commitment, and service, all key elements of what we know as stewardship. The first reading from Exodus speaks of how we should treat others, just as the Gospel of Matthew does. We are called to regard with great compassion those who might be perceived as poor or weak. Scripture often makes reference to how we treat widows and orphans. However, even before the admonition as to how we treat those vulnerable people, we are asked to consider how we treat "strangers." Scripture uses the word "aliens," but it is really calling us to consider how we approach and behave toward those new or different among us, strangers and visitors. Hospitality is one of the pillars of good stewardship, and our attitude toward these "strangers" is indicative of our outlook and of what Jesus calls our love of our neighbors.

There is a popular hymn in which the refrain is "The Lord Hears the Cry of the Poor." That is what this first reading is all about. God has a particular love and care for the poor. We must not forget that in many ways Jesus and His family were poor, according to the standards of that time. When they visit the Temple for Jesus' dedication, their offering is two birds, which was considered the offering of a poor family (Luke 2:24).

St. Paul's letter to the Thessalonians makes reference to the power of conversion. Paul refers to the strength of the Word, making it clear that it should not be just words to us, but something much deeper, something which brings us to conversion, just as it did with the Thessalonians. Paul explains to the Thessalonians that they are "examples." Each of us is called to be an example as well. Paul was an example to those in Thessalonica; they in turn were an example to the people of Macedonia and Achaia. Jesus calls each of us to be examples to others, examples of love and stewardship. This is the ultimate form of evangelization.

The two great commandments expounded by Jesus in the Gospel might be considered as the foundational pieces of advice to us as to how we can best be Christians and live Christian lives. Loving God is very straightforward, but it is not easy. Loving our neighbor means much more than having regard for those who live next door or in our area. Jesus felt that everyone, absolutely everyone throughout the world, was truly our neighbor. The Lord correctly understood that being somewhat selfish and self-centered and seeing the world only on a local level was a natural state for many of us. Jesus, as well as the concept of stewardship, calls us to a higher plane, a more advanced perception of life and living. To be a disciple of Jesus Christ, to be His follower, we must humbly place others in preference to our own interests. On paper, it may seem simple, but we know it is much more complex and difficult: all we have to do is love God and love all others. That is what we must do.

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Questions about this or stewardship ministry in general? Please contact M'Lis Berry at meberry@stanford.edu

Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 26, 2014

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

Monday, October 27 - Friday, October 31

• 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

Daily Liturgy:

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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, Nov. 1 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 this Wednesday. "You shall love they neighbor as thyself" when you volunteer at St. A's.

Volunteers Needed – Family Giving Tree – Christmas Toys for Needy Children Drive:

It is that time of the year again to begin recruiting volunteers for the Family Giving Tree (FGT) warehouse activity of rowing, sorting, shopping and bagging of Christmas Toys for needy children. This year we have two scheduled volunteer timeslots on Saturday, December 13th from 6:00PM - 8:00pm and Sunday, December 14th from 9:00am -11:00am. The location of the FGT warehouse is to be determined. I will notify all volunteers as soon as I hear from FGT with the warehouse location. Families with young children who can be supervised and who can participate in this event are welcome. Students looking for a break from their study routine can enjoy three hours +/- (transportation time included) of sharing time with friends and helping needy children in the process. Transportation from campus can be arranged!!! Children's wish cards will be available after all the Masses beginning Sunday, November 2nd through Sunday, December 7th and on the display rack outside of Lourdes' office. Gifts must be delivered to Peter or to Lourdes' office no later than noon on December 12th! Volunteer slots fill quickly so please contact Peter Barling (peter_barling@hotmail.com) to reserve a volunteer slot(s) or for more information.

The Catholic Community at Stanford University

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 26, 2014



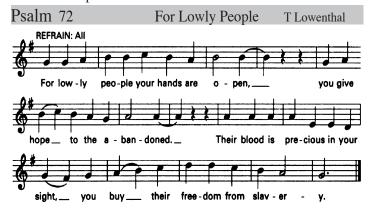
1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.



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.

First Reading Exodus 22:20-26

The faithful and gracious Lord siad, "You shall not harm any widow or orphan. If you take your neighbor's cloak, return it before sunset. If that neighbor cries out to me, I will listen, for I am compassionate."



Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Paul commended the Christians of Thessalonica: "You became a model for all believers, and God's word has echoed from you powerfully."



Gospel Matthew 22:34-40

In response to a question from some Pharisees who wanted to trip him up, Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with your whole heart, soul, and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself."

Apostle's Creed

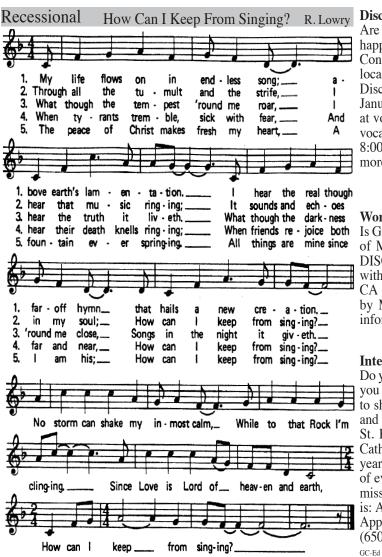
I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from 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.





This I tell you, if two of you agree here on earth to ask in prayer, my father who is in heaven shall grant it, because where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am, in their midst.



Discernment Day:

Are you seeking for Truth? Are you yearning for the infinite and for happiness? Christ is the Answer! Come and See! During the Year of Consecrated Life, the Dominican Nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery located at 215 Oak Grove Avenue in Menlo Park, CA will host a Discernment Day for young women on January 17, 2015. RSVP by January 12th or for more information contact Sr. Joseph Marie O.P. at vocations@nunsmenlo.org or visit our website at nunsmenlo.org/vocation-discernment-day-january-2015. The day begins with Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by Divine Office, Rosary, Conferences, and much more given by our Dominican nuns and friars.

Women's Discernment Retreat:

Is God calling you to consider consecrated life as a Dominican Sister of Mission San José? You are invited to our RELIGIOUS LIFE DISCERNMENT RETREAT: Nov. 7-9, 2014 (Fri. 6pm - Sun. 2pm) with the Dominican Sisters of MSJ at 43326 Mission Blvd., Fremont, CA 94539-5829 (For single, Catholic women college-40) Register by Monday Nov.3, 2014 at www.msjdominicans.org. For more information call Sister Marcia Krause @510-502-5797.

Interested in Missions to Hong Kong?

Do you feel God calling you to serve as a lay missionary in Asia? Are you interested in the challenge of living in a diverse foreign culture to share the beauty of your faith and relationship with Jesus Christ, and to touch others' lives in a profound and meaningful way? The St. Francis Xavier Lay Missionary Society is currently recruiting Catholic laity who are interested in serving as lay missionaries for a year in Hong Kong and other parts of Asia through a diverse ministry of evangelization, faith formation and social justice. Our upcoming mission in Hong Kong begins in Fall 2015. Application deadline is: April 10th, 2015. Summer formation program begins June 19th. Apply online at: www.laymissionary.org/apply or contact Tricia at: (650) 260-3799 or tricia@laymissionary.org