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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: November 10, 2013
- 10:30 am in Tresidder Oak Room
- 3 pm misa en español en MemChu
- 4:30 pm in Memorial Church
- 10 pm in Memorial Church

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
Old Union, 3rd Floor, 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:
- January 12, 2014 (prep January 4)
- May 18, 2014 (prep May 10)

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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 10, 2013

fr David urges us to see how through Jesus Christ our failures can be made into God’s great work.

Today’s Gospel forms part of a series of encounters between Jesus and his opponents. In Luke’s version of these controversies the gap between Jesus and his opponents, who represent the elite of society, is emphasised. This gap is demonstrated by Jesus at the end of the series of encounters, in his contrast between the actions of the poor widow in throwing two copper coins into the temple treasury and the hypocrisy of the Scribes. Those at the top jealously hold on to their wealth and position, whereas the widow who has nothing gives away the little that she has. The elite have reached the top and cling to their privileges: the only way is down. The widow is at the bottom and is free to give what she has.

In the episode narrated in today’s Gospel it is the Sadducees who take on Jesus. The issue concerns the resurrection of the dead, and we are told that the Sadducees did not believe in this doctrine. Jesus refutes them by arguing that there will be a new order in the world to come, in which those who are resurrected from the dead no longer marry or die. From their position as the rich and powerful of society the Sadducees can see nothing beyond the current world order. Yet in clinging to their privileges they set a deadly limit to their ambitions. They have nowhere to go but down (literally in this case where the grave will be their resting place), and thus furiously hold onto their position, opposing those who challenge them even to the point of killing.

It is not only the rich and powerful in society who are prone to this clinging to position. Each of us faces the temptation of replacing the Kingdom Jesus promises to the children of the resurrection with our own limited ambitions; and if we do succeed in our ambitions what then? Once you reach the top the only way is down. So should we give up all ambition, content ourselves with coasting along in life? There is no doubt that giving up certain ambitions can be immensely freeing. Frustrated ambition can crush our spirits, but to completely give up on our ambitions is to succumb to a melancholy which leads towards despair. In his classic comic novel A House for Mr Biswas V S Naipaul tells the story of a man with a simple ambition; to build his own house. Mr Biswas is a tragically comic figure, yet for all his foolishness he retains something of his dignity. The house is a botched job, his life is in many respects tragic, yet his ambition sets him apart from those who are willing to sit and wait passively for what life will throw at them.

Those of us with seemingly more successful lives (I write from the dizzy heights of being editor of Torch!), may be inclined to sympathise with Mr Biswas, yet would find little in common with him. But each of us at some time has to face the fact that our lives are a botched job. Wittgenstein in the preface to his Philosophical Investigations writes that he would have liked to have produced a good book, but it did not come about. Fear of producing a work somewhat less than perfect can cripple many writers, yet it is in accepting our limitation, rather than in pretending to a perfection beyond us that great works can emerge.

So ambition in itself is not wrong, but it has to be exercised in humility and always with an eye to that which is the only ambition that really counts: ‘to be considered worthy of reaching that world.’ Now we are incapable of being able to do this on our own. Our lives are botched jobs, and we cannot obtain by our own merits the perfection of the children of God. But we are not to despair. In sending us His Son Jesus Christ, the Father has offered us the possibility of becoming His adopted children. The cross is not so much a botched job as an utter failure. But the failure is on our side, not on His. Out of this failure God the Father through the resurrection of His Son Jesus Christ has given us the chance to become His children, through the power of His Holy Spirit. If we place into His hands the limitation of our botched lives, and even the times of utter failure, He will transform our poor ambition so that we become His great work: the New Creation in which there will be no limit to ambition as there will no limit to how great we can become by sharing in His greatness.


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If you have any questions, please contact M’Lis Berry at: meberry@stanford.edu.
Announcements for November 10, 2013

Small Faith Group for the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius:
We are organizing a small faith group to practice St. Ignatius spiritual exercise. You will spend 10-20 minutes everyday for meditation and journaling individually, and once a week the small faith group will get together for sharing and praying. The book, The Ignatian Adventure by Kevin O’Brien, SJ, will be used as a guideline. If you are interested, contact Eun-Soo (eschoi@stanford.edu) promptly, so that we can set up our schedule and start in a few weeks.

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.

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.

Catholic Community Podcast:
You are invited to subscribe to Catholic Cardinal Reflections, the podcast of the Catholic Community at Stanford. We feature Sunday homilies, theological reflections, Newman Nights and the lectures from our class on the Second Vatican Council. Subscribe on iTunes or through catholic.stanford.edu/media/podcast

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.

Check our website, our CC@S Newman App, our linked-in or our Facebook page for video and audio recordings of recent Newman Night talks.

11/12 Popes, Princes and Pastors: Community and Authority in the Medieval Church
Prof. William Dohar, Jesuit School of Theology

It’s a cliche of medieval historiography to view the church as a vast pyramid with a monarch-like pope at its apex. In truth, a better image for the medieval church is a game of chess where a pawn might just check a bishop... or a king. This presentation considers some of the major aspects of authority and governance in the medieval church, both spiritual and secular, harmonious and contentious--some of which are still visible today.

11/19 Women Religious
Sister Gloria Marie Jones, O.P., Congressional Propress, Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose
Sister Ramona Bascom, O.P., Catholic Community at Stanford

11/26 Thanksgiving Break

12/3 Joy
Fr. James Martin, S.J.
Author, Lecturer

The Winter Quarter 2013-2014 starts with:
1/14/14 Sacraments of Initiation: Then & Now
**Weekly Readings**

**Monday, November 11**
Wis 1:1-7  
Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10  
Lk 17:1-6

**Tuesday, November 12**
Wis 2:23-3:9  
Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19  
Lk 17:7-10

**Wednesday, November 13**
Wis 6:1-11  
Ps 82:3-4, 6-7  
Lk 17:11-19

**Thursday, November 14**
Wis 7:22b-8:1  
Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175  
Lk 17:20-25

**Friday, November 15**
Wis 13:1-9  
Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab  
Lk 17:26-37

**Saturday, November 16**
Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9  
Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43  
Lk 18:1-8

**Sunday, November 17**
Mal 3:19-20a  
Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9  
2 Thes 3:7-12  
Lk 21:5-19

**Weekly Readings**

**Monday, November 11 - Friday, November 15**

**Community Prayer Requests**

**V & Family, Her Young Daughter**: Her young daughter has been diagnosed with cancer.

**D**: She is recovering from major surgery in her right hip area.

Please, continue praying for R, her husband & children. They are going thru a very painful & difficult situation.

**G**: He has myelodysplastic syndrome.

**M**: Her loving husband of many years, recently passed away & she is having a very difficult time with this. Please pray for her.

**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. 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.

**Dinner at Crepevine**: Tues. Nov. 19th at 7:30pm, 300 Castro St., Mountain View. The Young Adult group meets for its monthly social gathering at the Mountain View Crepevine location. Please confirm your attendance on our Facebook Page “Young Adult Circle” or contact us at yacircle@gmail.com.

**Young Adult Mass**: Tues. Nov. 26th 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.
First Reading 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

Even their torturers marveled at the heroism of the seven Maccabee brothers and their mother who trusted in God and faced death with courage. They believed in the resurrection to life.

Psalm 130 With the Lord There is Fullness of Redemption B Hurd

Second Reading 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

Paul prayed that God, who consoled him also comfort and strengthen the saints of the Thessalonian church.

Gospel Acc. Alleluia: Our God Is Speaking D Haas


When some Sadducees tried to trap Jesus with some legal questions, he showed them God's power over life and the Lord's love for the living: "God is not the God of the dead, but of the living."

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 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.

Offertory  I Love the Lord  J. Bell

Sanctus  Mass From Age to Age  de Silva

Communion  The Lord Is My Light  L Bouknight

Memorial Acclamation: Mass From Age To Age

Amen  Mass From Age To Age  DeSilva

Lamb of God  Mass From Age To Age  DeSilva
Sponsors Needed:
Immaculate Conception Academy, an all-girls, College Prep Catholic High School located in the Mission District in San Francisco has implemented a work-study program and is looking for organizations to sponsor their students. Currently, just to cite a few, the girls are working at companies such as GAP, Bank of the West, UCSF, Jones Day Law Firm, Heffernan Insurance Brokers, etc. Nationwide this program is already succeeding in 25 other cities coast to coast. A team of 4 students works at an organization to cover one full-time position, rotating work days.

The organization receives an entry-level, clerical staff position filled without the hassle of hiring, benefits and other HR concerns. The students are employees of the ICA Corporate Work Study Program. The organization’s sponsorship helps lower the tuition cost of their college preparatory education, making it affordable for more working class families.

Operating as essentially a small, outsourcing staff agency, ICA enables the organization to fill needed clerical or entry-level positions. The students are on site 36 weeks a year, 40 hours a week adding diversity, enthusiasm and a willingness to learn and succeed.

For more information please contact Sister Lilly at (415) 824 2052 ext 28 and/or visit ICA’s website at www.icacademy.org

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.

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The King Shall Come

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