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Catholic App

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App Name: CC@S

From the Catholic Community at Stanford

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.
Religious Ramblings

Not Of This World

History tells of some very interesting, if not very moral, monarchs. Ivan the Terrible merited his nickname by torturing enemies and friends alike for sheer pleasure. Henry VIII altered the moral code to suit himself and married six times, murdering two of his wives to clear the way for others. Montezuma, great king of the Aztecs, waged war solely to obtain thousands of captives for human sacrifice. Almost every monarch you can think of has grown rich at the expense of their subjects. One of the characters in ‘Huckleberry Finn’ sardonically remarks that, All kings is mostly rapscallions.

The Gospels assert that Jesus was of royal blood, descended from the House of David, but do we really want to include him among all the rapscallions? What king was ever like Jesus, born in royal David’s city, Bethlehem, but in a stable not a palace, with no place to lay his head, and buried in another man’s tomb. His accession to the throne was his entry into Jerusalem, the royal capital, riding on a donkey rather than in a state coach. His royal robe was a spittle-covered purple rag, his crown was of thorns and his sceptre a reed. He made his royal progress weak and bleeding through the streets, to the jeers not the cheers of the populace. At Calvary he was enthroned on an executioner’s gibbet.

Christ the King has nothing in common with earthly rulers, so his kingdom can be nothing like an earthly kingdom. In his realm there are no masters because everyone is a servant. Even the King came to serve and not to be served. Those who would be greatest in the Kingdom are those who make themselves the least. The reward for service is not promotion and financial gain but to be given further opportunities for service. When his subjects become rich or gain promotion, they are impoverished and demoted, the mighty being cast from their thrones and the lowly exalted. The lowest are the highest and tax collectors and prostitutes will get into the Kingdom before the hypocritical Pharisees, members of the religious and political establishment, who take the best seats in the synagogues, encourage salutations in the market places and create heavy burdens for other people to bear without lifting a finger to help them.

It is difficult for us Christians to live simultaneously in two kingdoms, that of this world and that of Christ. We are prone to amalgamate them, to make one look so much like the other that we can’t tell the difference. Often it seems that the Church, and our lives within it, have been made to fit the image of an earthly kingdom rather than making earthly kingdoms fit the image of Christ’s eternal heavenly Kingdom. It is difficult for Christians to live in society because the structures of that society are not the same as those in the Kingdom of God.

The distinguishing feature of Christ’s rule is that of justice, but not the kind of justice we’re used to. We tend to think that justice is giving people what they deserve. But justice in Christ’s kingdom is the opposite. There the ultimate in justice is forgiveness. If we all got what we deserved what a sorry place God’s Kingdom would be. Most of us would be cast into that outer darkness Jesus talks about in today’s Gospel. Throughout his life Jesus emphasised forgiveness and it is this that tempers justice.

Financial Update

You can recognise the people who feel at home in the Kingdom, they are the ones who are ready to forgive. They are the people who feed and give drink to the hungry and thirsty, who welcome outcasts back into society, who clothe the naked and visit the sick and imprisoned. This difference between earthly kingdoms and that of Christ the King, between earthly subjects and gospel followers, is beautifully expressed in a verse written originally in Latin by John Chandler in the 19th Century:

Conquering kings their titles take from the foes they captive make: Jesus, by a nobler deed, from the thousands he hath freed.

fr. Anthony Axe is Parish Priest of Melbourne in Derbyshire.

SECOND COLLECTION

This Sunday is designated by the Diocese of San Jose as a “second collection” Sunday. Since we cannot take up a second collection in MemChu, a percentage of the regular collection this week goes to the Campaign for Human Development. Please be generous.
**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.

**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 (/kas/) 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.
Sunday, November 23, 2014

“"Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.” Jesus does not make it easy for any of us when He says that. Even those who practice stewardship faithfully, even the best among us, have times when they may turn their back on those in need. The Solemnity that we celebrate today is popularly known as Christ the King.

It is in Church terms relatively new. Instituted in 1921 by Pope Pius XI, it was originally on the last Sunday of October. It was renamed in 1969 by Pope Paul VI and moved to its present date, which is the last Sunday in the liturgical year, the last Sunday before Advent. The edict issued by Pope Pius XI in 1925 was called Quas Primas. It stated “It has long been a custom to give to Christ the metaphorical title of ‘King.’ He is King of Hearts by reason of His ‘charity which exceedeth all knowledge’.”

Today’s readings trace our Lord Jesus Christ from “the shepherd who tends his flock” to the “first fruits” to the “king.” As stewards of His Word, His Kingdom, and His Hope, He invites us to see Him in everyone we see and everyone we encounter so that we can finally hear His glorious declaration, “Come, you who are blessed by my Father.”

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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, Dec. 6 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 preceding Wednesday. In today’s gospel Jesus replied, “When you fed the least of these brethren, you fed Me.”

Volunteers Needed – St. Anthony’s Soup Kitchen on Christmas Day 2014
The CC@S is looking for volunteers to help setup, decorate and serve hot meals to 500-600 diners on Christmas Day 2014. There are two shifts to fill for a total of 10 volunteers (5 volunteers for each shift and volunteers can work both shifts). The Setup/Decorating Shift runs from 8:30am – 11:30am and the Serving Line Shift runs from 11:30am to 2:30pm. Volunteer positions fill quickly so please contact Peter Barling at peter_barling@hotmail.com if you are interested in volunteering. Purgatory Reduction Time (PRT) is earned by all volunteers!!!

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 at peter_barling@hotmail.com to reserve a volunteer slot(s) or for more information.

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.

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.

Questions about this or stewardship ministry in general?
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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  
Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

The Lord said, “I will look after my sheep. I will pasture them, give them rest, bring back the strays and heal the sick.”

Psalm 23  
T. Conry

1. I am led beside God’s peaceful water and I sleep in the
2. Though I wander in the valley of dying, I shall know that I
3. You have spread your banner before me in the unbroken
4. On my mercies and goodness pursue me while that breath and that

Second Reading  
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Paul wrote to the Corinthians, “Just as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will come to life again. Christ must reign until the last enemy, death, is destroyed, so that God may be all in all.”

Gospel Acclamation  
Celtic Alleluia
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.

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The Lord is my shepherd; 
therefore can I lack nothing. 
He shall feed me in a green pasture, 
And lead me forth beside 
the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul 
And bring me forth 
in the paths of righteousness, 
For his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk thro' 
the valley of the shadow of death, 
I will fear no evil; 
For thou art with me: 
thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a 
table for me against them 
that trouble me: 
Thou hast anointed my head with oil 
And my cup shall be full.

But thy loving kindness and mercy 
Shall follow me all the days of my life: 
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.