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Sunday Mass November 25, 2012

4:30pm Memorial Church 10pm Memorial Church

Daily Eucharist

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

Confessions

1:30-2:30pm and 9-10:30pm Old Union, 3rd Floor, 304 or 305 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 2012-2013 academic year: January 13, 2013 May 5, 2013

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.

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Religious Ramblings How to Win the War

THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

November 25, 2012

fr John O'Connor wonders why the powerful want to be powerful.

It is possible to win all the battles and yet in a certain sense lose the war. I've come to see this, but it has taken me a long time.

I remember as a teenager causing a family row because I wanted to watch a film that no one else wanted to see. I got my way, and sort of enjoyed the film. But, even safe in the bosom of a loving family, there was a price to pay, the aftermath of a small family dispute. Was all the fuss and bother worth it? The film was good, but I can barely remember it now. Memories of the dispute remain, however, much stronger. Like so many trivial battles, when one is caught up in the whirl of it, it seems so important. But once one takes a step back, the victory seems so very small.

It is easy to think of dominant people as victorious. They get what they want pretty much all the time. Lives are carefully constructed for personal convenience. But this hides the price that usually has to be paid. The price is love, whether the ability to love or the condition of being loved. People tend to avoid those who always insist on their way; family members visit out of a sense of duty. And even if dearly loved, there is not the same trust, the same desire to be in their company, that there would have been otherwise. That counts as a loss, a serious loss. It is a loss that is usually not recognised. After all, haven't they got everything they want? But it is possible to win all the battles and yet lose the war. There is a kind of loss in the midst of all the victories, victories that in the end of the day rarely amount to much.

In the meeting of Pilate and Jesus, we have the encounter of the representative of Imperial Rome with Christ the Universal King. To speak of Christ as Universal King is, among many other things, to be reminded that while there is a kind of kingship that is built on power and domination, true kingship, that of Christ, is not like that. But unless we flesh that out in some way it can all too easily come across as a cliché, and fail to communicate the profound truth at its centre.

A good way to enter into the mystery of the nature of the Kingship of Christ is to reflect as best we can on the nature of power as it actually works in reality. Think about our own lives, or, more dramatically, about the lives of some of the important figures of history. Did their finery or the deference shown them really give true peace or happiness? Or was it more an attempt to quieten neverending desires? To ask questions like these is not to adopt a strategy to make us feel better about our meagre state. It is to ask challenging questions about what is important to us, where our priorities should be, and what it is to be truly human.

So the Feast of Christ as Universal King is, among other things, a reminder of a deep truth about our lives, about where true happiness is to be found and where it is not to be found. When Christ says that his kingdom is not of this world, he is not only telling us that to put our trust in power and domination is emptiness and folly, he is also presenting us with an alternative. The alternative is love. That may sound trite, and it can be presented as trite, but nothing could be further from the truth.

Of course, this is something that is not always easy to see. It can be so much easier to acknowledge the Kingship of Christ in our daily lives more on our lips than deep in our hearts. I suspect most of us are like that at times, if we're honest about it.

But when we take a step back from our lives, when we reflect and pray, isn't there a sense deep down about where true happiness is to be found and where it is not to be found? It may be a sense that the rough and tumble of life may try to drown out, that we may even try to extinguish, but it is a sense that refuses to go away.

It refuses to go away because it speaks of a profound reality about God's plan for us. We may not always perceive it, but if we reflect on what true victory and power really are, as revealed in the loving Kingship of Christ, we can see that there is a kind of victory that makes such complete sense that we might well wonder why we so often fail to see it.

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

GENERAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reconciliation Service:

The sacrament of Reconciliation/Penance will be celebrated on Tuesday, Dec.4, 7:00pm in the Memorial Church. Individual confessions will be heard during the service, as the community prays for each other and the wider world in a preparation for the coming Christmas Season.

Save The Date for our Early Holiday Liturgy:

Saturday, Dec. 8, 11:00pm. This is our annual pre-Christmas Mass complete with Advent readings, candle procession, orchestra and brass ensemble for Christmas caroling, and hot chocolate.

Guadalupe Mass Celebration:

On Sunday, Dec. 9, 4:30pm at Memorial Church, we will hold our annual celebration in honor of our Lady of Guadalupe. Mariachis, dancers, music in Spanish, and the wonderful story of Our Lady's appearance to Blessed Juan Diego, showing her love for the indigenous peoples of the Americans. Come join in this joyful Mass of festivity and thanksgiving.

Christmas Choir:

Come sing for Christmas! With harp and organ and many familiar carols. There are only 4 rehearsals involved: Wednesday, Dec. 12, 8-10:00pm, Sunday, Dec. 16, 2:30-3:30pm, Wednesday, Dec. 19 8-10:00pm, and Sunday, Dec. 23, 2:30-3:30pm. For more information, contact Teresa, tpleins@stanford.edu.

Greeting Ministers Needed for 4:30 Mass:

We need 6-8 new greeting ministers to help us welcome those who come through our doors for the 4:30 Sunday Mass in Memorial Church. Could you be the welcoming face to our community and visitors? Training is provided. You would be scheduled about every 3 weeks. Please contact Teresa, tpleins@stanford.edu, if you can help with this important ministry.

Book of Remembrance:

During the month of November, the Church takes time to remember in a profound way our sisters and brothers who have died. After each of the Sunday Masses of the month, our Book of Remembrance will be available for you to inscribe names. All of those departed will be included in the special prayers of the Mass.

Piano Accompanists Needed:

We are looking for 2-3 piano accompanists to work with the 4:30 and 10:00pm choirs. The commitment would be bi-monthly, arranged around your schedule. Sight-reading and accompanying skills are necessary. Choir members, directors, and congregation will all be grateful to you for sharing your gifts with the community. For info, contact Teresa, tpleins@stanford.edu.

Friday Prayer Group:

"One-Friday-morning-a-month" prayer group meets at Old Union on campus. All are welcome! If interested call Jo Owen (650) 529-1105 for more details.

Catholic-Jewish Interfaith Service Exchange:

Nov. 30 and Dec. 2. Interested in experiencing and learning about another faith? Join the Catholic Community in its first interfaith-oriented event of the year: a "service exchange" with Stanford's Jewish community. JSA invites interested Catholic students to attend Jewish Shabbat (a worship service) on Friday, November 30, with dinner provided afterwards. On the flip side, a group of Jewish students will be our guests at Catholic Mass the following Sunday. If you want to learn more about non-Catholic faiths, or just want to experience something new, come and help foster a relationship between these two great faith communities! Contact Andrea for more information, aacosta1@stanford.edu

DSPT.

Please join the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology for "Reflections on the Final Volume of Pope Benedict XVI's Jesus of Nazareth. Our panel will engage and reflect on the Infancy Narratives as we all prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Wednesday, December 12, 7:30 pm, 2301 Vine Street, Berkeley. For more information visit dspt.edu or call (888) 450-3778.

Liturgy of the Hours:

8:20-8:45am, Mo-Fr, East side stairwell of Memorial Church. "It is now the hour for us to rise from sleep." (Rom 13:11) Come consecrate your day to our Lord by praying the Liturgy of the Hours before class! We first hear a short reading from the Roman Martyrology and then pray in accordance with the wisdom of St. Benedict (d. 543). Contact George vidal@stanford.edu for more information.

Volunteer with CC@S and SPOON:

Help us make breakfast for the clients of the Opportunity Center. We'll be cooking breakfast at Old Union on Wednesday, November 28 then serving it at the Opportunity Center in Palo Alto. Sign up for one of two shifts. Cooking from 6:30-8am or Serving from 8am-9am. Email Cesar at ambrize@stanford.edu .

Korean Catholic At Stanford (KC@S):

KC@S is a Korean catholic community at Stanford. During the autumn quarter in 2012, we are gathering every Friday night to have a prayer meeting to explore Sunday scripture reading & sharing, diverse prayer methods, worship catholic songs, etc. Also, mark your calendar every Wednesday noon for lunch gathering usually at Thai cafe. For more information, contact Eun-Soo at eschoi@stanford.edu

Daily Rosary and Weekly Eucharistic Adoration:

All undergrads, grads, and permanent community members are invited to pray the Rosary with the Catholic Community at Stanford. We pray every night in the Sanctuary on the 3rd floor of Old Union at 10 pm, except for Sundays, when we pray at 9 pm. On Tuesday nights, we pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament at the same location. Eucharistic Adoration is available from 9 - 10:30 pm, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation is also available throughout this time. Whether you come just once a quarter or every night, we'd be happy to share this prayerful time with you. If you have any questions, email Margaret Koehler at mkoehler@stanford.edu.

GRADS

Grad Bible Study:

-Announcements for November 18, 2012–

Sundays at 6:30pm. All are welcome to a grad student Bible study. Meet at Chiara's in Escondido Village building 128, Apt 104 at 6:30pm. Join the list at catholic_grad_bible_study@lists. stanford.edu.

Catholicism 101:

Join us on Mondays for Catholicism 101, a forum for graduate students and young adults that fosters community and open discussion of relevant issues impacting Catholics. We meet at 7:00pm in the Escondido Village Center, 140 Comstock Circle. It is attached to the Rainbow Nursery School. A light dinner will be provided. For more information, contact Lourdes, lalonso@stanford.edu.

Upcoming Topics include:

Nov 26 Consumerism and Individualism Chris Kark
Dec 3 Exploring the Parables of Jesus Ali Steiner

Weekly Readings

Monday, November 26 Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5 Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday, November 27 Rv 14:14-19 Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday, November 28 Rv 15:1-4 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9 Lk 21:12-19

Thursday, November 29 Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Lk 21:20-28 Friday, November 30 Rom 10:9-18 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 Mt 4:18-22

Saturday, December 1 Rv 22:1-7 Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab Lk 21:34-36

Sunday, December 2 Jer 33:14-16 Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 1 Thes 3:12-4:2 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Volunteer Opportunities

St. Anthony's Soup Kitchen:

The Catholic Community at Stanford is committed to serving the needy, elderly and homeless at St. Anthony's Soup Kitchen in Menlo Park. If you are interested in volunteering on Saturday December 1st from 8:30am until 1:00pm, please contact Michael Bova at mpbova2001@yahoo.com to have a volunteer position reserved for you. In general, the CCAS has the first and fourth Saturdays of the month reserved for us at St. Anthony's. So plan your schedules in advance, follow the example of Jesus, and please join us in helping those in need.

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

The Čatholic Community at Stanford needs 35 volunteers to work at the Family Giving Tree Christmas Toys for Needy Children Drive on Saturday, December 15th from 12:00pm to 2:00pm. This project will take place in a warehouse located at 19111 Pruneridge Ave., Bldg 44, Cupertino, CA 94087. Our task will be to perform gift rowing, shopping in the warehouse for missing items (all items are free), quality assurance and placing completed gifts in rows and/or delivery bags. Families with young children who are able to sort/shop with the assistance of a parent(s) are welcome. If you are interested in participating in this quality-time family activity, please contact Peter Barling at peter_barling@hotmail. com to have a volunteer positions(s) reserved for you. Students needing a 2-3 hour break from studies are welcome to join us on this activity and transportation from campus can be arranged.

Family Giving Tree-Three ways to Fulfill a Child's Holiday Wish:

- 1- Select a Wish Card Wish Cards will be available each Tuesday evening at Newman Nights on the 3rd floor Old Union, on the display rack outside the door to Lourdes' office, and after each Mass beginning Sunday Nov. 11th. Wish Card tagged and unwrapped gifts can be given to Peter Barling at Newman Nights and after each Mass. Students may also drop off Wish Card tagged and unwrapped gifts in Lourdes' office during weekdays. Deadline for receiving gifts is December 11th and I will deliver all the gifts to the Family Giving Tree Warehouse in Cupertino that day.
- 2- Donating online with credit going to CCAS is now available at http://vgt.familygivingtree.org/ccas.
- 3- Donating by Check: Make you check payable to The Family Giving Tree Holiday Wish Drive. Mail checks to: Family Giving Tree 606 Valley Way, Milpitas, CA 95035

For more information please contact peter_barling@hotmail.com.

Week at a Glance

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- 4:30 pm Memorial Church
- 10 pm Memorial Church

Monday, November 19 - Friday, November 23

• Office hours (Tues - Fri) 10am - 3pm

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1:30-2:30pm and 9-10:30pm Old Union, 3rd Floor, 304 or 305 or by appointment: call 725-0080

Holiday Mass Schedule:

all are in Memorial Church unless otherwise noted

Sunday, Dec. 2 ALL MASSES

Tuesday, Dec. 4 7:00pm Reconciliation Service Saturday, Dec. 8 11:00pm. Early Holiday Liturgy Sunday, Dec. 9 10:30am. Tresidder Union,

4:30pm.Guadalupe Mass in Memorial Church

Sunday, Dec. 16 4:30pm Mass ONLY Sunday, Dec. 23 4:30pm Mass ONLY

Monday, Dec. 24 Midnight Christmas Eve Mass Tuesday, Dec. 25 NOON Christmas Day Mass Sunday, Dec. 30 NO MASSES due to campus closure

Sunday, Jan. 6 4:30pm and 10:00pm. Masses

Sunday, Jan. 13 ALL MASSES, return to regular schedule

UNDER GRADS

Ugly Christmas Sweater Special Dinner:

Saturday December 1 at 7pm. Undergrads join us for our Fall quarter Special Dinner. There will be great food and opportunities to meet students in the community. Dress in your best looking ugly Christmas sweater and come over to the Common Room in Old Union at 7pm.

YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adult Mass:

Tues. Nov. 27th 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.

Annual Christmas Party:

Sat. Dec. 8th from 7pm-10pm, St. Albert's Church Meeting Hall, 1095 Channing Ave, Palo Alto. Please join us for our annual Christmas Party. Please bring your favorite dessert or side dish and a \$5 donation to help cover expenses. We will also be collecting Christmas gifts for children in need. After the party, we will head to the Midnight Mass being held at Stanford Memorial Church at 11pm. Please confirm your attendance on our Facebook Page "Young Adult Circle" or contact us at yacircle@gmail.com.

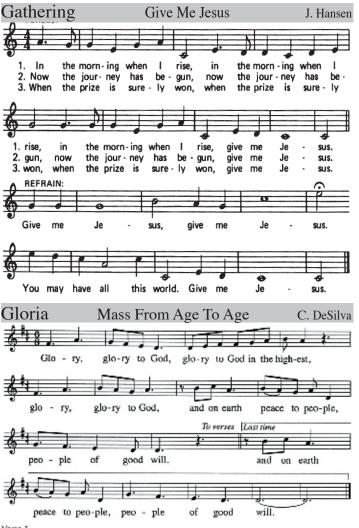
For more info, see our website, www.YoungAdultCircle.org, check the Facebook Fan Page "Young Adult Circle", or contact us at yacircle@gmail.com.

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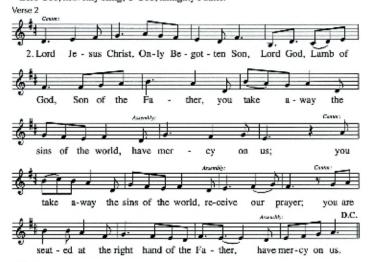
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 We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.



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.

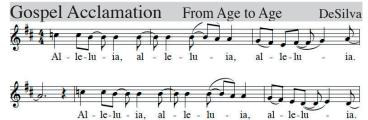
First Reading Daniel 7:13-14

Daniel had a vision and saw one like a Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven. His dominion is an everlasting dominion.



Second Reading Revelation 1:5-8

The firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth has made us a kingdom.



Gospel John 18:33-37

When Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus replied, "You say I am a king."

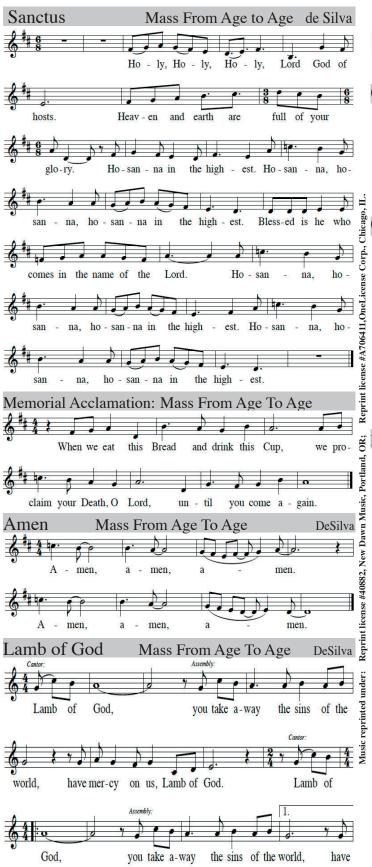
Apostle's Creed

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.

O bone Jesu miserere nobis quia tu creasti nos tu redemisti nos sanguine tuo pretiosissimo.





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Living Faith devotional each quarter, a devotional that provides a different scripture verse and short meditation for each day of the year. Join today:



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Vallombrosa Retreat Center

Vallombrosa Center is pleased to offer the following events:

December 2, 2012: "Sacred Music for the Holidays" A Christmas Concert featuring Mary Mc Laughlin's Cór Ainglí Singers and Zambra 4:00pm – 6:00pm

Mark your calendars now for Sunday, December 2, at 4:00 p.m., when renowned Irish singer and songwriter Mary Mc Laughlin, her Cór Ainglí Singers, and the highly regarded women's vocal ensemble Zambra, a Celebration of Women's Voices will present their exciting Christmas concert. Accompanied by traditional musicians, including Celtic harper Steven Coulter, Mary and her Cór Ainglí ("Angelic Choir") Singers will perform songs from her forthcoming album Sacred Days, Mythic Ways, a celebration of Gregorian chant and ancient Gaelic sacred and mythic song.

Each group will perform a set; then they will come together to sing Christmas songs in Irish Gaelic, including favorites from Mary's A Gaelic Christmas concert series, which delighted a capacity audience in Vallombrosa's chapel last year. You won't want to miss this stunning and dynamic Christmas performance! The concert begins at 4:00pm and is open to the public. The cost is \$25.00/adult, \$20.00/youth (under 16).

December 7 – 9, 2012 Advent Silent Private Retreat Weekend Vallombrosa opens its doors several weekends throughout the year to people to make a silent retreat beginning Friday afternoon and concluding midday Sunday. We offer opportunities for spiritual direction, morning and evening prayers each day. The cost for the weekend retreat is \$202.00 for a shared room and \$226.00 for a private room.

For more information or to register for an event, please visit www.vallombrosa.org or phone 650-325-5614.

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