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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: November 30, 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:

• Jan. 18, 2015

(prep Jan. 10)

• May 3

(prep April 25)

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Religious Ramblings

What Are You Going To Watch?

Jesus takes watching very seriously. In today's short Gospel reading, Jesus tells us four times to watch – he's really hammering it home.

Nowadays if you talk about watching, probably one of the first things that comes to mind is watching TV. In the TV series the Simpsons, Homer Simpson represents the archetypal TV watcher; his daughter Lisa invariably represents the voice of sanity. In one episode, Lisa tells her father 'It's not our fault our generation has short attentions spans. We watch an appalling amount of TV.' Homer replies angrily 'Don't you ever, EVER talk that way about television.'

Watching lots of TV changes us. Whether you love it or hate it, television has had a massive impact on modern society. Of the many ways television affects us, one particular way is its ability to keep us awake. It's generally considered to be a bad idea to watch TV in bed. On the other hand, a person who has a job such as keeping watch over a desolate reception area during the night might be allowed to watch TV to help to stay awake.

In today's Gospel, when Jesus talks about watching, he's clearly not talking about light entertainment, but all the same, we need something to help us stay awake and be ready for his second coming. As we read on in Mark's Gospel, we discover that his disciples really aren't ready. The next time Jesus talks about watching, he's in Gethsemane. He knows that in a few hours he's going to suffer a horrible death. He expresses his deep anxiety to his closest friends and asks them to watch—and they fall asleep.

At the cockcrow, when Peter should have been watching, he's cursing and denying he ever knew Jesus. Peter, as good as he is, is simply unable to obey Jesus's request.

This fact should alert us to the nature of this watching we're supposed to do. It's not a matter of sheer determination and will power. What Jesus is asking us to do is not possible through our own fragile human nature. We need something to perfect our fallen nature. We need grace. Without this help, we cannot be faithful to God.

The prophet Isaiah expresses the desperate predicament of mankind when he speaks to God: 'There is no one that calls upon thy name, that bestirs himself to take hold of thee; for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast delivered us into the hand of our iniquities.' Isaiah pleads with God 'we are the clay, and thou art our potter; we are all the work of thy hand. Be not exceedingly angry, O Lord, and remember not our iniquity for ever.'

Isaiah's prayer is answered in Christ's Passion. The shock of Jesus's death on the cross is a 'wake-up call.' He delivers us from the power of our iniquities. Because of Christ's sacrifice on the cross we can be vigilant and watchful for the day of his coming.

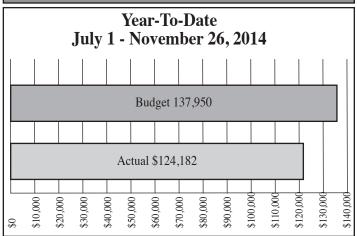
Anyone who fixes their gaze on Christ crucified becomes receptive to the gift of the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit brings about a powerful change in us. We see the power of the Holy Spirit acting in St Peter. He is transformed from being one who would deny Jesus to one who would die for Jesus. In his first letter, St Peter writes

'Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith.' We now have the power to be watchful and resist the assaults of Satan.

Watching is not just for Advent, but it is particularly appropriate that during this season we should be reminded to be watchful. Christ's first coming points to his second coming. In the gloom of winter, we are reminded that Christ came into our dark world and died for us, and this moment marks the turning point. The days begin to get longer and we are able to see beyond the darkness and recognise the hope that warms our hearts and lights up our minds.

fr Robert Verrill works in the University Chaplaincy and Parish at the Priory of St Albert the Great, Edinburgh.

Financial Update



Gifts As Of November 26, 2014
(Gifts: Pledged, non-restricted and Sunday Collections)
YTD Gifts Budget Shortfall <\$13,768>

GENERAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Big 'Thank You' from the Friars!

The Dominican Friars of the Western Province thank you for generously supporting the RosarySunday: Dominican Student Appeal. You've made it a record year! Without your help, we could not train our 26 student brothers in formation. Thank you for advancing our mission to teach and preach the Gospel! You all remain in our daily prayers of gratitude.

EUCHARIST FOR THE HOMEBOUND

We are starting a new ministry here at CCAS. If you are unable to make it to us for Mass, any one of several volunteers would be honored to bring you the Eucharist at your home. If you are interested in the service, or if you would like to volunteer to be one of our special Eucharistic Ministers, please email Nancy Greenfield (ngreenfield875@gmail.com)

Early Holiday Liturgy

Each year we hold an annual Early Holiday Liturgy. This year's date is Saturday, Dec. 6, 11:00 P.M. Come celebrate this festival Advent Mass with Christmas caroling afterward. A solemn candle procession begins the liturgy, a full orchestra and choir, and hot chocolate to finish the evening. It's a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the holidays before everyone leaves for break.

Guadalupe Mass

On Sunday, Dec. 7, we celebrate our annual Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe during the 4:30 Mass in Memorial Church. Dancers, mariachis, and readings in English and Spanish commemorate the patroness of the Americas and her solidarity with the poorest of God's children.

Islam & Belief: At Home with Religious Freedom

Friday, December 12, 7pm All are welcome to a special conversation on religious freedom with Abdullah Saeed and James Sonne. Professor Abdullah Saeed is the Sultan of Oman Professor of Arab and Islamic Studies at the University of Melbourne, Australia. James Sonne is the Director of the Religious Liberty Law Clinic at Stanford Law School. Join us in the Havana Room located on the first floor of the Graduate Community Center, 750 Escondido Rd., Stanford, CA. This event is being co-sponsored with Stanford's Muslim Student Awareness Network (MSAN) and the Zephyr Institute.

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-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.

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.

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.

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.

-Announcements for November 30, 2014

How? email: ramonabascom@gmail.com

YOUNG ADULTS

Annual Christmas Party

Sat. Dec. 6th from 7PM-10PM, Our Lady of the Rosary Church Meeting Hall, 3233 Cowper St., 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 11 p.m. Please confirm your attendance on our Facebook Page "Young Adult Circle" or contact us at yacircle@gmail.com.



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Sunday, November 30, 2014

On this First Sunday of Advent, we are invited to examine our relationship to God as we prepare for the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This is a time for us to deepen our connection to the Lord through various opportunities and paths. As sinners we are expected to reconcile with God.

In the Gospel from Mark, Jesus advises us to "Be watchful! Be alert!" The Lord is not speaking about next week, nor even the Christmas for which we prepare. This is something He expects us to do today, this instant. Christ makes reference to a Master who, like God, leaves others in charge of His household. God expects each of us to be stewards of His household.

He has left us His household, His Church, and we are supposed to build and maintain that. He has given us free will; in other words God has given us authority over the gifts He has given us. Finally, He expects each of us to fulfill our role in His Kingdom. Stewardship invites every one of us to participate and to contribute to the good of the whole, our faith community — not next week, not just at Christmas, but now. "God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." (1 Cor 1: 9)

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

UNDERGRADS

Special Dinner

Saturday December 6 at 6 PM Undergrads, join us for an Extra Special Christmas Themed Dinner! Celebrate the season with us during this semi-formal evening with great food and friends. The dinner begins at 6pm. in the Common Room located on the 3rd floor at Old Union. Check out the weekly email for more information.

GRADS

Early Holiday Dinner and White Elephant Gift Exchange

Saturday, Dec 6 at 8:30pm Grad students are invited to and enjoy great food, good company and lots of fun as we celebrate the Advent Season. The dinner begins at 8:30pm in the Common Room located on the 3rd floor at Old Union. Bring a *"white elephant" gift if you would like to participate in a fun gift exchange. Continue the celebration as we walk over for the Early Holiday Liturgy. Contact Lourdes at lalonso@stanford. edu if you would be willing to bring a dessert to share.

*SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT WHITE ELEPHANT GIFTS

A white elephant gift exchange is the opportunity to take part in the holiday gift-giving tradition. The key is to have fun with it, and think a bit outside the box. Participation takes just three easy steps. (1) Either purchase something, costing about \$5, or recycle that gift that just wasn't right for you. It can be something useful, or not so much. You never know what will be considered useful by someone else. (2) Wrap it in a deceivingly clever way, such that there are no clues as to what is inside. (3) Bring it to dinner, the rest will be explained there.

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.



Volunteer Opportunities

St. Anthony Padua's Dining Room

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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 bretheren, you fed Me."

Volunteers Needed – St. Anthony's Soup Kitchen on Christmas Day 2014

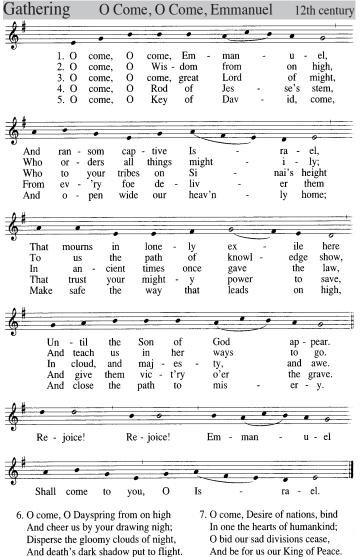
The CC@S is looking for volunteers to help setup, decorate and serve hot meals to 500-600 diners on Christmas Day 2014. There are two shifts to fill for a total of 10 volunteers (5 volunteers for each shift and volunteers can work both shifts). The Setup/Decorating Shift runs from 8:30am – 11:30am and 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 guickly so please contact Peter Barling (peter_barling@hotmail.com) to reserve a volunteer slot(s) or for more information.

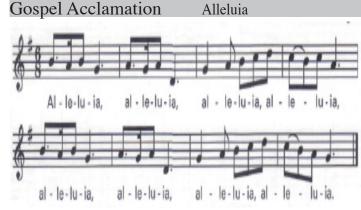
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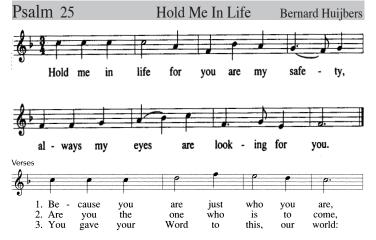


Paul wrote, "God who called you to oneness with Jesus Christ, is faithful. You lack no spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation, and you will be blameless on the day of the Lord."



First Reading Isaiah 63:16-17, 19; 64:2-7

Isaiah prophesied, "All our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have withered like grass. . .We are the clay and you are the potter. We are the work of your hands."



Gospel Mark 13:33-37

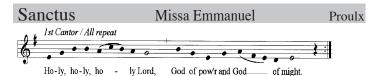
Jesus said, "Stay awake and keep watch, for you do not know when the time will come."

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.

Offertory instrumental

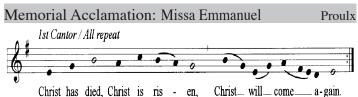


Cantor: Heaven and earth are full of of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.



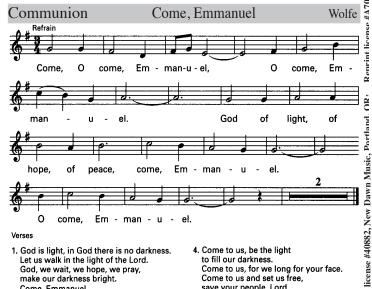
Cantor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.





Amen Missa Emmanuel Proulx





Verses

1. God is light, in God there is no darkness. Let us walk in the light of the Lord. God, we wait, we hope, we pray, make our darkness bright. Come, Emmanuel.

1st Cantor / All repeat

- 2. On that day, we will beat our swords to plowshares. On that day, we will all live as friends, valleys filled and mountains made low, peace for all the world. Come, Emmanuel.
- 3. "Do not fear, for I bring you news of great joy: you will bear a son for the world. His name shall be Emmanuel." Come, O Prince of Peace. Come, Emmanuel.
- 4. Come to us, be the light to fill our darkness. Come to us, for we long for your face. Come to us and set us free, save your people, Lord. Come, Emmanuel.
- 5. Lord, we come to your table of salvation; feed our hearts with the bread of new life. In this meal we all are one, make your home in us. Come, Emmanuel.

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6. Take and eat of the bread come down from heaven. Drink this cup shed for you and for all. Bread of Life and Wine of Peace, heal our broken hearts. Come, Emmanuel.

Communion Come Thou Long Expected Jesus Kennedy

- 1. Come, thou long expected Jesus, Born to set thy people free! From our fears and sins release us, Let us find our rest in thee.
- 2. Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth thou art; Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.
- 3. Born thy people to deliver, Born a child, and yet a king. Born to reign in us forever, Now thy gracious kingdom bring.
- 4. By thine own eternal Spirit, Rule in all our hearts alone; By thine all-sufficient merit Raise us to thy glorious throne.





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.

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



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