

#### Catholic Community at Stanford

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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: December 1, 2013

- 10:30 am in Tresidder Oak Room
- 4:30 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 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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# Religious Ramblings Seize the Day

# First Sunday of Advent DECEMBER 1, 2013

As the new liturgical year begins, fr John Patrick Kenrick reminds us that this may be our last.

In Advent, as we prepare for the annual celebration of a past event - Christ's birth - we are also preparing for a future event - Christ's return in glory. As the days grow shorter we reflect that earthly time is slipping away, but the day of the Lord advances. As the days darken we light the first Advent candle as a beacon of hope in the one who rose again, triumphant over sin and death, who will return to reveal the kingdom of his eternal love.

It is his unconditional love for each one of us that gives us the confidence to make every day of our lives a day to turn away from sin and back to the Lord, to allow the Holy Spirit to liberate us from that deadly indifference to God's will for us. And so in this season we reflect on those passages of scripture that renew our hope, our trust in the power of God to change us.

Our faith in God is often challenged by the sheer magnitude of human evil in the world which leaves us feeling quite helpless in the face of human greed and violence. The prophets of the Old Testament were made of sterner stuff and never lost sight of the advance of God's reign. Isaiah's words today ring out with a defiant message of hope. The Assyrian war machine was about to descend on Israel and Isaiah knew it. He also knew that the sins of those in power were inviting retribution. But he gives us a vision of a new world, the end of war and a time when all nations will acknowledge the True God and live 'in the light of the Lord'.

If the advent of God's reign is certain, there are no grounds for complacency. St Paul reminds us that the night of human history is almost over, 'the time' has come for us to make a final decisive break with all that is dark within us. If we truly long for God's reign our conversion to Christ cannot be halfhearted. We are too easily discouraged from tackling our sins.

The season of Advent provides us with a concrete timetable for change and renewal. Like those stark health warnings on packets of cigarettes, the gospel today gives us a much needed jolt. The Lord will come like a thief in the night, when we least expect it.

From one perspective, that has been the story of humanity all along. The fall of man in the garden of Eden reads like a bad dream. And people have been sleepwalking into sin ever since. But God has all along been shaking us awake. He came in the words of his prophets and he came most dramatically of all, in person, not occupying centre stage, but taking the role of a minor character. That first advent certainly changed everything; it brought God as close to us as our neighbour. From that moment on it has always seemed that we only have to reach out to touch God. From God's perspective, no doubt, it has always been an eternal advent - the divine Word has never stopped proceeding from the Father and accomplishing his task. So we talk about the second coming in Advent but really it is our own receptivity to God's coming which is the heart of the matter.

In every generation the Father finds his children 'asleep'. Some have given up on God, some have never even known him. And even those who do claim to believe in God are very easily distracted by the cares of this world. Advent is another opportunity for change; but we will fail to grasp it if we start thinking that Advent comes round every year. This may be our last Advent. It certainly will be for millions. God is giving us another chance to respond to his amazing love for us before death steals up on us and we slip away, scarcely noticed, into divine judgment.

A contrite heart and a renewed hope is the visitation from on high that we need now. So that, in the words of today's psalm, we can truly rejoice when we hear it said 'Let us go to God's house'.

fr.John Patrick Kenrick is resident in the Dominican community in Durham.

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"Each one should give what he has decided in his own heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

CC@S is a member-supported church. The life of our ministries depends on all of us. We have several ways you may make a gift besides the collection baskets on Sunday. You may download the free Paystik app and give a one-time gift using your credit card. Or you may give through your Paypal account at https://catholic.stanford.edu/giving/treasure.

If you have any questions, please contact M'Lis Berry at: meberry@stanford.edu.

#### **GENERAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Stanford Academic Break Mass Schedule:**

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- \* December 25th (Christmas Day): Noon Mass, Memorial Church

#### Early Holiday Liturgy:

Mark your calendars for our annual Early Holiday Liturgy on Saturday evening, Dec. 7. Mass begins with a dramatic candle procession through the darkened church and continues with an Advent Mass. Christmas caroling with brass ensemble and orchestra follows and leads to hot chocolate on the Quad. I am looking for STRING AND WIND players for the orchestra. One rehearsal only, music to you before Thanksgiving break. For info, contact Teresa, tpleins@stanford.edu.

#### **Christmas Choir:**

Don't have time for regular choir rehearsals? Christmas Choir might be perfect for you! There are only 4 rehearsals, with singing on Christmas Eve and Day. The Masses are accompanied by organ and harp and include many carols. Rehearsals: Wed, Dec 11, 7:30-9:30 p.m.; Sun, Dec. 15, 2:30-3:30 p.m.; Wed, Dec. 18, 7:30-9:30 p.m.; Sun, Dec. 22,

Christmas Eve Mass: Midnight, choir arrives at 11:00 p.m. Christmas Day Mass: Noon, choir arrive at 11:30 a.m. For info, contact Teresa, tpleins@stanford.edu

(Engaging Students to Enliven the Ecclesial Mission) is accepting applications for the 2013-14 program. ESTEEM provides undergraduate and graduate student leaders with theological and spiritual formation and leadership-effectiveness skills to better serve the Catholic community now and after graduation. We meet twice a month (Wednesday evenings).

#### **UNDER GRADS**

#### **Dr. Seuss themed Special Dinner:**

Saturday, December 7, 2013 - 5:30pm

Undergrads are invited to our Dr. Seuss themed Special Dinner. Come see old friends and meet new ones while enjoying a holiday feast. The evening will also feature a "White Elephant" gift exchange so bring a wrapped gift if you would like to participate in that part of the evening. The dinner begins at 5:30pm in the Common Room of Old Union. Contact Miguel Acosta at jmacosta@stanford.edu for more information.

#### **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 at most \$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.

#### Save Your Blood!

The Catholic Community at Stanford is hosting a blood drive next month through the Stanford Blood Center.

Date: Sunday, December 8, 2013, Time: 11:00am-4 pm

Location: Bloodmobile parked on Santa Theresa St. behind Tresidder Union.

The entire process of blood donation takes approximately one hour. Your donation can provide hope and help save the life of a patient in a local hospital. Participate in giving the gift of life!

To schedule an appointment or for more information please visit the CC@S website or contact Natalie Hernandez at nawitime@stanford.edu. Please visit bloodcenter.stanford.edu for detailed donation information. If you have traveled outside of the country, please call 888-723-7831 to check your eligibility before scheduling an appointment.

#### **High School Confirmation:**

Nancy Greenfield will lead a prep class for any high school students in the parish interested in being prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation, which will take place May 4. Classes will meet on Sunday mornings beginning January 12. please contact her by December 15, 2013 for more information (ngreenfield875@gmail.com) or to sign up.

#### **Philippines Disaster Relief:**

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In the past week we've all seen the images of the devastation wrought by Typhoon Haiyan. The worst storm ever to hit the Philippines, it has left untold thousands homeless, in need of the most basic necessities of life: clean water, medicine, food, some way to bury those who have been killed by the storm. Catholic Relief Services, active in the Philippines since 1945, works with a well-coordinated network of partners that can deliver aid directly to the victims, and has pledged to provide assistance to 500,000 people.

Our second collection this Sunday will be for the victims of Haiyan. You can also donate online at crs.org, where regular updates on the relief effort are posted. As we look forward to Thanksgiving, what better way to express our gratitude for the bounty that we have than to share it with those who have lost so much?

#### CC@S's collection for the Philippines: \$3798.25

Thank you for your most generous contributions to this cause.

#### **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.

12/3:

Fr. James Martin, S.J.

Author, Lecturer

The Rev. James Martin, S.J., is a Jesuit priest, editor at large at America, the national Catholic magazine, and the author of many award-winning books. In 2011, he published Between Heaven and Mirth: Why Joy, Humor and Laughter are at the Heart of the Spiritual Life, (HarperOne), which was named as one of "Best Books" of 2011 by Publishers Weekly. Coming to us live from New York on December 3 at 7:30 via SKYPĚ, Father Martin will discuss how faith leads to joy, how the saints used humor in their quest for humility and why laughter is a gift from God. Join us in the Sanctuary of the Old Union for this historic event! Check our website for maps and directions.

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

#### **Weekly Readings**

Monday, December 2 Is 4:2-6 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-9 Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 3 Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 4 Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 5 Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Mt 7:21, 24-27 Friday, December 6 Is 29:17-24 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Mt 9:27-31

Saturday, December 7 Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday, December 8 Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12

#### **GRADS**

#### Catholicism 101, Mondays 7pm:

Grad students, join us for the next Catholicism 101 on Monday night. Catholicism 101 is a forum for graduate students and young adults that fosters community and open discussion. A free dinner will be served at 7pm at the Graduate Community Center. Next meeting December 2.

#### **Early Holiday Dinner:**

Grads are invited to our annual Early Holiday Dinner and White Elephant Gift Exchange. Enjoy great food, good company and lots of fun as we celebrate the Advent Season. The dinner begins at 8pm in the Common Room at Old Union on Saturday, December 7. 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.

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#### YOUNG ADULTS

#### **Annual Christmas Party:**

Sat. Dec. 7th 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 11 p.m. 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.

### Week at a Glance

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• Office hours (Tues - Fri) 10am - 4pm

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#### **Advent Reconciliation Service:**

#### Monday, Dec 9, 7pm

Spend the evening with the community to prepare Him room as you experience the healing sacraments of reconciliation and anointing. This year's Advent Reconciliation service will be held on Monday, December 9 at 7pm in Memorial Church. We will begin with a Liturgy of the Word and many priests will be available to hear confessions. The evening will conclude with a special anointing. Contact Lourdes with any questions, lalonso@stanford.edu.

#### Praying the Rosary, Daily:

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Join the community to pray the Rosary in the Sanctuary at Old Union. The group prays at 10pm Monday-Friday and 9pm on Saturday and Sunday. On Tuesdays the Rosary is prayed during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

#### Vocations

#### **Save the Date! Discernment Weekend:**

Dominican Contemplative Nuns- Corpus Christi Monastery. Comeand-See, January 10-12, 2014, 4:00pm. Friday – 12:00pm. Sunday All interested women between 18 and 40 are welcome. Reserve your space by contacting our Vocation Directress: Sister Mary of the Sacred Heart, O.P. (650) 322-1801 ext. 19, vocations@nunsmenlo.org

#### **Volunteer Opportunities**

#### St. Anthony Padua's Dining Room:

The CCAS is committed to serving the needy and homeless at St. Anthony's Soup Kitchen in Menlo Park. If you are interested in volunteering on Saturday, Dec. 7 or Dec. 28 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. The CCAS serves every first and fourth Saturday of the month, so plan your schedules in advance, and let Gary know at least by the Tuesday before. Let us show our thanks for God's gifts by helping others to have a decent meal.Future dates: (all Saturdays)

December 7, 2013 - 8:30am - 1:00pm December 28, 2013 - 8:30am - 1:00pm

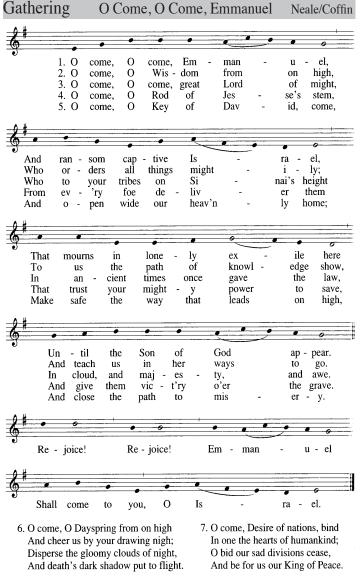
### Volunteers Needed on Christmas Day at St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room:

The Catholic Community at Stanford is committed to serving the needy and homeless at St. Anthony's Soup Kitchen on Christmas Day. If you are interested in volunteering on Wednesday, December 25th on the Setup Shift (8:30am – 11:30am) and/or the Serving Line Shift (11:30am – 2:30pm), please contact Peter Barling (peter\_barling@hotmail.com). There are a limited number volunteer slots available so please contact Peter as soon as possible. The deadline for requesting volunteer slots is November 30th!!!



#### The Catholic Community at Stanford University

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 1, 2013



#### First Reading Isaiah 2:1-5

On that day they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks," prophesied Isaiah. "Nations shall not train for way again."



#### Second Reading Romans 13:11-14

Paul urged the Romans: "Now is the time to wake from sleep, for our salvation is closer than when we first began to believe."



#### Gospel Matthew 24:37-44

Matthew's Jesus said that the Son of Man will come at a time no one can know. Therefore, all people must stay awake and be prepared.

#### 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.



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.



#### Memorial Acclamation: Veni Emmanuel Proulx 1st Cantor / All repeat

Christ\_\_ will\_\_ come\_\_ Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Amen Veni Emmanuel Proulx



#### Lamb of God Veni Emmanuel Proulx

Cantor: (Invocation) ....have mercy on us, (last) .... grant us peace,





- 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
- 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.
- 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 Rejoice, Israel Tony Eiras

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appears!

O come to us, Emmanuel, And save your people, Israel. For we wait in hope, like captives here, Waiting for our God to appear.

O come, O Dayspring from above And fill creation with your love. O come, O help of ages past And bring your people peace at last!

Rejoice, O Israel, rejoice! For the dawn is breaking and your time has come. Arise, awake, your night is done! Rejoice, O Zion, your time of peace has begun. Awake, arise now, Israel, The morning brings Emmanuel. Awake, arise your night is done. Behold, now come the morning Sun!



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#### \*\*\* EHI \*\*\*

The Early Holiday Liturgy is our chance to celebrate the coming Christmas as the family that is the Catholic Community at Stanford, before many of our student members travel to be with their own families. Come be a part of this magnificent event, with a candle lit procession, and with sing-along carols accompanied by choir and orchestra.

#### **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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