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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 Mass December 2, 2012

10:30am Tresidder Oak Room 4:30pm Memorial Church 10pm Memorial Church

Daily Eucharist

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

Confessions

Tuesday, Dec. 4, 7:00pm Reconciliation Service or by appointment: 650-725-0080

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

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Religious Ramblings

Stanford Undergrad Receives Award For Social Justice From US Bishops

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 2, 2012

Karl Kumodzi, a junior at Stanford University and member of the Catholic Leadership Team of the Catholic Community at Stanford, was awarded with the Cardinal Bernardin New Leadership Award, given by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, an office of the USCCB. Karl's mother and Fr Isaiah Mary were his honored guests as he was praised as a prized gift of the Church. The Cardinal Bernardin New Leadership Award "recognizes the leadership, energy and diverse skills that young people bring to the anti-poverty work of low-income projects and Catholic parishes," says the USCCB website. The following is Karl's acceptance speech from the Bernardin Reception on November 12.

Thank you, Bishop Soto. Good evening everyone. I'm a little nervous, but I'm also very excited and I feel very blessed to be here. First and foremost, I'd like to thank everyone working with the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, all of the bishops in attendance, Father Isaiah Mary Molano and the Catholic Community at Stanford for nominating me and being a guiding rock these past few years, and my mother, who couldn't be here today, but was the first person to show me what it looks like to aim for a life that seeks to follow and glorify Christ with every breath, step, and ounce of energy you have.

For as long as I can remember, I've always been very uncomfortable with inconsistency. When I was younger, it really bothered me whenever my mom would promise me something, like a trip to Pizza Hut, only to forget her promise a week later and fail to follow through. In 2001 I went back to Togo, my birth country, for the first time and was extremely confused and disoriented at the reality that most of the world lives in a very, very different way than we do here in the US, and that through various economic structures, our prosperity depends heavily on the oppression of so many.

In high school, I found myself increasingly angered by the rhetoric of politicians on all sides with inconsistent platforms—for the immigrant but not for the unborn; or for the lives of the elderly, but not the poor. Unfortunately, our world is filled with a lot of inconsistency, so I've spent most of my life being very, very uncomfortable. So, imagine my elation when I started doing some research on Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, the namesake of this award, and discovered that one of the many things he was most famous for was his Consistent Ethic of Life. This idea – that Christ's teachings about the sanctity of life and the Love we should have for our neighbor should propel us to want to not only protect the unborn, but care for young children in unstable environments, strive to give opportunities to young adults in order for them to thrive, show compassion and forgiveness even to criminals and those who have done us harm, and tend to the bodies and souls of the sick and elderly – this idea made perfect sense to me.

I strive to weave a consistent thread through my principles, thoughts, and actions, and in doing so, I consciously try to

think and act like Jesus. Because of God's grace, I've been able to realize that Jesus' overwhelming love calls us to provide charity, yes, but it also calls us to do more. Charity is needed, but sometimes it can serve as a band-aid. I feel that Jesus loves us so much that if we had a wound, he wouldn't just give us a band-aid. He would be willing to help us find what it was that gave us the wound in the first place and take precautionary measures to make sure that it doesn't ever harm us again. This is called justice. And since Jesus loves us this much, we're called to Love others just as much, and to seek justice for all.

It's because of this idea of justice that my mother and I started Hidden Talent Foundation. We could have just collected money and given charity to people in the village where she grew up, but instead we realized that we could connect those people with resources here in the US that would help them to take full advantage of an education and vocational training, so that they won't have to rely on charity, because charity is important and has its place, but it can also be unreliable, unsustainable, and inconsistent at times.

Justice is what drove a group of us at Stanford to not raise money and donate it to the local shelter, but to work for over a year and establish our own shelter, where guests had a voice in how the shelter operated and what services they received. This Love is also what is embedded in the mission of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and this genuine desire to restore and maintain the dignity of every person is what necessitates that we look for the root causes of poverty and injustice, instead of just treating the wounds on the surface.

I love people because I see Christ in people. I don't think any of us could ever stand idly by and watch Christ suffer, so it's physically impossible for me to stand by and watch people suffer. I truly believe that we were meant to help prepare the Kingdom on earth before Christ returns, and so I strongly believe that through Love and through the seeking of justice, we will realize our obligation to build the kingdom. Thank you again, and I hope that we can continue to use God's grace to help one another realize, one, how far Love really calls us to go, and two, that we each have a part to play in building the Kingdom of God.

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. Mariachi, 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 Americas. 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

Newman Nights:

will resume next Quarter. Stay tuned.

Presents For Teens:

We have received an urgent request from St. Justin's Parish in Santa Clara for help providing presents for teens at Christmastime. We have partnered with them in the past, and the need is great this year. Their parish provides the largest outreach program in the San Jose Diocese, with many years of feeding, clothing, and providing safety nets for those in need. This year they especially need presents for TEENS. Gift cards, sports items (footballs, basketballs), books, a warm sweater, anything you think a teen would like is appreciated. Gifts come in for little children, but the teens are often left with almost nothing. Gifts should be unwrapped and delivered to Mass or our offices by Sunday, Dec. 16. For info, contact Teresa, tpleins@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.

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

GRADS

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 Topic:

Dec 3 Exploring the Parables of Jesus Ali Steiner

Early Holiday Grad Dinner and Gift Exchange:

Saturday, Dec 8. Save the date for our annual dinner and "white elephant" gift exchange. Come and join your grad community for a Christmas feast. The evening will include a fun and interactive gift exchange. Then we will walk over to celebrate the Early Holiday Liturgy together. We will meet in the Common Room of Old union at 8pm on Dec. 8.

Grad Bible Study:

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.

-Announcements for December 2, 2012-

Weekly Readings

Monday, December 3 Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 4
Is 11:1-10
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Lk 10:21-24

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

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

Saturday, December 8 Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12

Sunday, December 9 Bar 5:1-9 Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk 3:1-6

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 22nd from 8:30 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 Saturday's 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 your 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

Sunday, December 2, 2012

10:30 am - Tresidder Oak Room
4:30 pm - Memorial Church
10 pm - Memorial Church

Monday, December 3 - Friday, December 7

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

Daily Liturgy:

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Confessions

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Holiday Mass Schedule:

all are in Memorial Church unless otherwise noted

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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

GRADS and UNDER GRADS

Grads and undergrads:

Announcements

This year's Alternative Spring Break trip for students will be an immersion experience focused on immigration. We'll be heading to the Arizona border to explore several issues surrounding immigration policy. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Lourdes at lalonso@stanford.edu.

Calling all Catholic Undergrad Women:

Join us for a new women's group to form a community of women seeking Christ and striving to grow closer to Him and to each other. This quarter we're focusing on a different women of the Bible and the positive impact they can have on our lives. Meetings will be Thursdays at 7:30 pm in Granada 203. Contact Megan O'Brien (meobrien@stanford.edu) or Isabel Lopez (imlopez@stanford.edu)

YOUNG ADULTS

Annual Christmas Party:

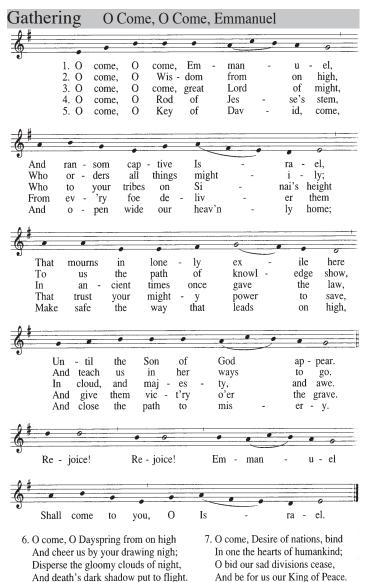
Sat. Dec. 8th from 7pm-10pm, St. Albert's Church Meeting Hall, 1095 Channing Ave, Palo Alto. Please join us for our annual Christmas Party. Please bring your favorite dessert or side dish and a \$5 donation to help cover expenses. We will also be collecting Christmas gifts for children in need. After 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.

The Catholic Community at Stanford University

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 2, 2012





First Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16

The time is coming when the Lord's promise to Israel will be fulfilled. An offspring of David will come and bring justice for all nations of the world.



Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Paul prayed to the Lord for the Christians of Thessalonica that their love for one another would overflow and that their hearts might be blameless and holy before God.



Gospel Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

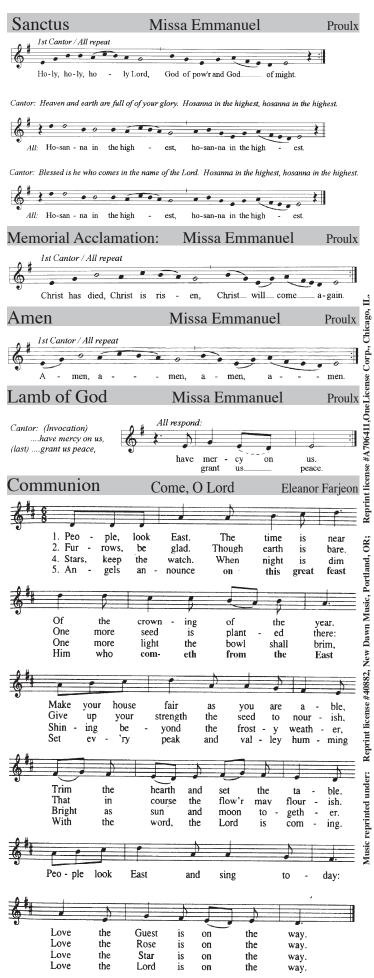
Jesus said to his disciples, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars. Raise your hands for your redemption is at hand."

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.





Communion Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming From tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming, As men of old have sung, It came, a flow'ret bright, Amid the cold of winter, When halfspent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The Rose I have in mind,
With Mary we behold it,
The Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright
She bore to us a Saviour,
When halfspent was the night.



Attention Catholic Singles:

Interested in joining an excellent Catholic singles organization? The Catholic Alumni Club International is looking to expand into the San José diocese. We provide a group dedicated to social, cultural, civic and spiritual relationships in a Catholic setting. For more information, please check out the following site or contact Steve at valksr@yahoo.com: www.caci.org<http://www.caci.org>

Worldwide Marriage Encounter:

Having had over 20 years of marriage behind us, we thought we could learn little and improve little. On our Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend we learned MUCH and are still improving! We're never married too long to grow deeper in love"! The next local Catholic Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is: March 1- 3, 2013 (Mountain View). For more information or to register, please visit our website at: www.rekindleyourmarriage.org or contact Thomas & Sandy Pavick, 408 262-4061 or Email: gr8marriage@sbcglobal.net.

Join Our Living Faith Society:

Become a CC@S Living Faith Society member by donating a set amount each month on a predetermined day. You no longer need to remember to bring money to Mass! By joining LFS, not only are you supporting your Stanford Catholic campus

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



If you suspect financial mismanagement or misconduct in your parish or in the Diocese of San José, please contact: EthicsPoint: dsj. ethicspoint.com or hotline telephone number 1-888-325-7863. Teresa Conville, 408-983-0241 or email:tconville@dsj.org.

Vallombrosa Retreat Center

Vallombrosa Center is pleased to offer the following events:

Today, 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

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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