

# **Catholic Community at Stanford**

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# Sunday Masses: December 7, 2014

10:30 am in Tresidder Oak Room 4:30 pm Guadalupe Mass in Memorial Church no 10:00 pm this Sunday

# **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

Dear Prayer Partner, please pray for:

intention:

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

## 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)

#### Adoration:

in the Sanctuary of Old Union, Tuesdays 9-10:30pm

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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**

# Something More Important Than Success

# Reflections based on the readings for the Second Sunday of Advent.

fr Colin explains how in the coming of Jesus Christ we are offered somthing more important than success.

We wait for him, yet we go out into the wilderness to find him. We wait for him but we prepare the way for him. We can do nothing to force him to come, yet we must do everything to make ready for him.

Today we think specially of John the Baptist as the one who made ready for the coming of Jesus. The gospel writers see him as the one who fulfils the prophecy of Isaiah. He goes into the wilderness and prepares a way for the Lord.

He went into the wilderness; he was sought out by many people who wanted a change; and he pointed away from himself to the Life-giver who would be coming.

He went into the wilderness. For the people of Israel the wilderness was a good but frightening place: it was where they had first met God, but in order to meet him they had to do without a lot of the creature comforts which we think go with normal living. The prophets saw the wilderness as the place which the disobedient nation would have to go back to, for something which was a cross between a punishment and a honeymoon with God, their uncomfortable lover. So John the Baptist in the wilderness reminded the people of Judaea and Jerusalem that they had strayed from God and they must take steps to seek God. He didn't go into their towns and cafes and schools; he didn't go into the places where the powerful met and made decisions; he didn't try to make himself popular or speak to the media. He just spoke, saying people should repent. The Gospel writer doesn't tell us how people got to hear about him out there by the Jordan, but they flocked to hear him.

The people who went to hear him wanted a change; they may have wanted all kinds of changes – in the way they were governed, in their financial circumstances, in their health: but they were willing to see themselves as the ones who had to change first. John had touched a chord in people's hearts: they were hungry for something, and they sensed that in order to get whatever it was, they themselves needed to change, to accept responsibility for what was wrong with their world. Jesus too would attract a lot of people who knew something was wrong; and like John, only in a more encouraging way, he would give them hope that things could change, and indeed were changing. In our day people are hungry for God, without necessarily knowing it. They need to meet wilderness people - people who don't seek popularity, people who live a life of trust in God, people who put love for God and for human beings above consumerism and competition. And like Jesus who was tempted in the wilderness but met people in their towns and

cafes and schools, you can find wilderness people in all sorts of ordinary places, not only the dramatic desert near the Jordan.

And those wilderness people – you and me, I hope: oh dear..... well, who else has God got to do his work if it isn't those who say they believe in him? - we wilderness people, meeting people in towns and cafes and schools and other ordinary places, don't get people to believe in us: we point away to the one who is greater than us, who is God's gift to the human race; we point to Jesus Christ. The way to lead people to God is to avoid pointing at ourselves; we may want to tell others that faith makes a great deal of difference in our lives: that's fine, as long as it's pointing to the God in whom we have faith, not just to ourselves. It's not clever of us to have faith: we've been given it: it's a gift. People are not hungry to hear one more success story: they want to hear about the one who gives something much more important than success: they want to hear how to get a LIFE. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit, said John. That is, he will make you new people, children of God, inhabitants of the new world which is coming to us as God's gift. It's not a world we can construct by massively funded renewal programmes, though belonging to it will make us better citizens and will give us better political vision, and more commitment to humanlyshaped economics. But the special gift we will give to the world when we tell the good news about Jesus is the gift of hope; and that's the most practical virtue of all.

fr. Colin Carr lives in St Dominic's Priory, Newcastle, and is theological consultant to the North East Churches.



#### **GENERAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Guadalupe Mass**

Today, 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.

#### Holiday/Break Liturgy Schedule:

All are welcome to celebrate services and Masses during the upcoming holiday season. Listed below are times and locations.

Tuesday, Dec. 9 7:00 p.m.

Reconciliation Service in Memorial Church Sunday, Dec. 14

10:30 Mass in Tresidder, 4:30 Mass in MemChu Sunday, Dec. 21

4:30 Mass in Memorial Church

Wednesday, Dec. 24

Midnight Christmas Eve Mass in Memorial Church Thursday, Dec. 15

Noon Christmas Day Mass in Memorial Church Sunday, Dec. 28

NO MASSES due to University closure Sunday, Jan. 4

4:30 and 10:00 p.m. Masses in Memorial Church Sunday, Jan. 11 All Masses, return to regular schedule

#### **Communal Reconciliation Service:**

This Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 7:00 p.m., we will celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation/penance in Memorial Church. Community prayers with scripture and individual confessions make up the liturgy. Take time for the gift of reconciliation before Christmas Mass. You are welcome to stay as long as you like, but this can also be quite short--25 minutes, if that is all your schedule allows. It's a gift you will be grateful to give yourself!

#### **Christmas Choir:**

You are welcome to join together for our annual Christmas choir. Only 2 rehearsals to attend, and then singing with harp and organ from the glorious back choir loft of Memorial Church. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings, Dec. 10 and 17, 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the 3rd floor Common Room of Old Union (across from the campus bookstore). Christmas Eve Mass is at Midnight, Christmas Day is at Noon. For more information, contact Teresa, tpleins@stanford.edu.

#### 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)

#### 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.

#### Roger W. Heyns Lecture Featuring Cardinal Reinhard Marx, Archbishop of Munich and Freising:

Thursday, January 15, 2015, 6:00pm, Cemex Auditorium at the Knight Management Center. Free tickets available starting on Wednesday, December 3, 10:00am at heynslecture.eventbrite.com

Cardinal Reinhard Marx, Archbishop of Munich and Freising, has emerged as one of the Roman Catholic Church's most influential figures. He currently serves as the head of the German Bishops' Conference and as President of the Commission of the Bishops' Conferences in the European Union. He is a member of the Council of Cardinals, which advises Pope Francis on church governance, and was appointed head of the new Council for the Economy, designed to oversee the Vatican's economic management.

Cardinal Marx has written and spoken widely on economic issues and the contemporary relevance of Catholic Social Teaching. His book Das Kapital: A Plea for Man (2008) echoes the economic worldview that Pope Francis put forth in Evangelii Gaudium.

For more information on the Roger W. Heyns Lecture, please visit religiouslife.stanford.edu/programs/roger-w-heyns-lecture

#### 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:

-Announcements for November 30, 2014-

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.

How? email: ramonabascom@gmail.com

#### 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.

#### **YOUNG ADULTS**

#### Dinner at Pluto's:

Tues. Dec. 16th at 7:30pm, 482 University Ave., Palo Alto The Young Adult group meets for its monthly social gathering. Please confirm your attendance on our Facebook Page "Young Adult Circle" or contact us at yacircle@gmail.com.

These and other upcoming events can be viewed at www. youngadultcircle.org.

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#### Sunday, December 7, 2014

This time of year, Advent and Christmas, is a time which brings many memories to most of us. Often memories inspired by this time of year are filled with warmth. Pope Benedict XVI, writing many years before he became the Holy Father, put it this way:

"Advent is concerned with that very connection between memory and hope which is so necessary to us as humans. Advent's intention is to awaken the most profound and basic emotional memory within us, namely, the memory of the God who became a child. This is a healing memory; it brings hope. The purpose of the Church's year is continually to rehearse her great history of memories, to awaken the heart's memory so that it can discern the star of hope.... It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope." – Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger

Our readings during this season of hope should challenge us while at the same time bringing us that comfortable feeling of hope — hope in the Lord and hope in salvation. The first reading from the prophet Isaiah trumpets that good feeling, "Comfort, give comfort to my people, says my God." We hear much from Isaiah during this season because he presents to us so much that is familiar with what we should feel during this season. In today's reading Isaiah reminds us that we should "prepare the way of the Lord," as well as using the phrase "glad tidings." Any troubles we have can be removed by love. Our burdens are removed when our sins are pardoned. This is part of our Advent experience, or at least it should be. We are given the opportunity to renew, to redirect, and to reconcile ourselves with God. That is what we should be about.

St. Peter opens his discourse in the second reading with "Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years is like one day." You do not have to be very observant to sense the anticipation of children for Christmas. The time does indeed seem to move slowly. Of course, their anticipation is based upon the secular celebrations of the season. Nevertheless, it is worth us noting that anticipation and excitement because it is the same exhilaration we should feel about the arrival of the Christ child. Peter continues later in this reading to say, "Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish, before him, at peace." This is a time of hope, but it is also a time for us to renew and reconcile. And, yes, as St. Peter reminds us, we are indeed beloved.

Our Gospel reading is appropriately the first eight verses of the Gospel of Mark. St. Mark echoes Isaiah as he proclaims to us, "Prepare the way of the Lord." Advent is a time of preparation. That preparation must really occur in our hearts. It has often been said that stewardship is not a conversion of mind but a conversion of heart. That is the kind of conversion to which we are called during this Advent season. John the Baptist understood that the Baptisms he performed were merely a prelude to the real Baptism with the Holy Spirit. That Baptism, brought to us by Christ, is where we find salvation through repentance.

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

#### 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. 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. 27 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. We serve every first and fourth Saturday of the month, so plan ahead and let Gary know at least by the preceding Wednesday. Prepare the way of the Lord at St. A's serving others!

# 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 (peter\_barling@hotmail.com) to reserve a volunteer slot(s) or for more information.



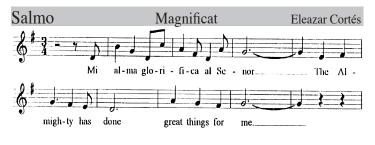
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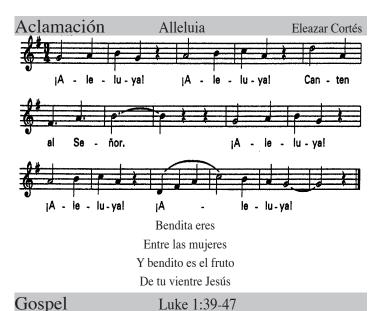
Revelation 11:19, 12:1-6, 10

A great sign appeared: A woman clothed with the sun and her newborn child. Great danger faced them, but God took them to a place of safety.



## Second Reading 2 Pedro 3:8-14

Por tanto, amados, puesto que aguardan estas cosas, procuren con diligencia ser hallados por El en paz, sin mancha e irreprensibles.



Mary went to Zechariah's house in the hill country to visit Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary, the baby in Elizabeth's womb "leapt." Elizabeth exclaimed: "Blest are you among women and blest is the fruit of your womb." Mary's response was "My being proclaims the Lord's greatness; my spirit rejoices in God my savior."

## 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.

