

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 8, 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**

December 9, 7pm, Advent Reconciliation Service, MemChu 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 2013-2014 academic year:

- January 12, 2014 (prep January 4)
- May 18, 2014 (prep May 10)

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# **Religious Ramblings**Into Exile

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 8, 2013

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

fr Allan White tells us that it is the first step that counts.

Matthew tells us today that 'Jerusalem, all Judaea and the region around the Jordan' were going out to John. Where was he? He was in the wilderness, the desert, the place of beginnings where God first wooed his bride Israel before leading her through the waters of the Jordan to the Promised Land which was to be their marriage bed.

What is so attractive about John? He utters the seductive promise that has a mesmeric effect. He tells the people, 'you can begin again, you can change; it is not all hopeless; you can start again.' The past cannot be erased, it cannot be made to disappear, but it can be refashioned, it can be healed, damaged beauty can receive a new design.

This is not just a nostalgic pilgrimage, it is not a trip down memory lane; it demands something from all who embark on it. Going out, tearing yourself up by the roots is not an easy business. All of these people who are coming out to John to relive the beginnings of the Exodus are turning their backs on something. They are leaving behind Judah and Jerusalem, the monarchy and the Temple, the two most powerful symbols of God's choice of Israel his bride; the signs of his active presence amongst them. In coming out to John they are committing themselves once more to the search for the living God. They will build his Temple and find their king in the wilderness, the place of beginnings. This means that they will become strangers in their own land, aliens in the midst of their own people. Their Exodus will effectively be an exile. They will be internal exiles in the society in which they live.

Exodus and Exile are two sides of the same coin in the experience of the people of Israel. As the Exodus was the leading into the Promised Land from captivity, so exile is the leading out of the Promised Land into captivity. As the people languished in exile in Babylon they struggled to understand what had happened to them. Where was God in all of this? In fact, the exile was one of the most productive theological, liturgical and spiritual experiences of the people. What it gave them was a humble, contrite heart, a pure heart.

Sometimes, as Catholic Christians, our experience is not so different from those who flocked into the wilderness to catch the prophetic voice of John with his talk of new beginnings as it was born on the wind. If we want to begin again, if we want to respond to the voice, we have to become resident aliens, internal exiles. That experience can hit us hard. We are not used to it. At times in the past we enjoyed belonging. The trouble with assimilation is that the terms under which a minority is accepted by the powerful and vocal agents of assimilation are

always changing. In the end you can only really belong if you stop being yourself entirely. It is then that Exodus is replaced with Exile, the coin is reversed.

Those who went out into the wilderness, believing in John's promise of beginning again, took up the cross of exile, of not belonging. Embarking on the Exodus of Exile; they went in search of truth even to admitting the truth about themselves: they confessed their sins.

Exile is not easy, beginning again is not easy, the French have a saying c'est le premier pas qui coûte - it is the first step of a journey which counts. There is a Hindu saying, take one step towards God and he will take ten steps towards you. Let us, this Advent, take the first step, let us make the journey and embrace the exile, let us walk in the truth, then shall we find what the people of Israel found that God was not only in the Exodus but in the Exile, they were not only blessed in the Exodus but also in the Exile.

fr. Allan White is Senior Chaplain and Director of the Catholic Centre at New York University (NYU).

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## GIVE IN LESS THAN A MINUTE!

"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:**

- \* Sunday, Dec 8: 10:30am and 4:30pm Masses
- \* Monday, Dec 9, 7pm, Advent Reconciliation Service, MemChu
- \* Sunday, Dec 15th: 4:30pm Mass
- \* Weekdays from December16th til January 4th: no daily 12:20pm Masses
- \* Sunday, December 22: 4:30pm Mass
- \* December 24th (Christmas Eve): Midnight Mass, Memorial Church
- \* December 25th (Christmas Day): Noon Mass, Memorial Church

#### **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, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

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

#### ESTEEM:

(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). Contact Stephanie Phipps (sphipps@stanford.edu) or Matthew Colford (mcolford.edu) for further information.

#### 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.

#### **Attention Catholic Singles:**

Interested in joining an excellent Catholic singles organization? The Catholic Alumni Club International currently has a group in the San Francisco area! 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 Elinor at tancke@sbcglobal.net; http://catholicsingles-sfbayarea.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-doc 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 lunch gathering on Thursday. For more information, contact Kyoungjin at kjlee99@stanford.edu.

#### Gently used Kindles & Nooks Needed for Children's Program:

The children's religious education program is in need of several used e-readers to load materials on for our older children. If you have recently upgraded and have an older version sitting around taking up space, we could certainly put it to good use! Tax info available for your donation.

#### **UNDER GRADS**

#### **Undergrad Women Small Group:**

"Calling all Catholic women! If you are interested in growing closer to God, learning more about Catholic women throughout the ages, and building relationships with other Catholic women in your community, please consider joining our women's small group. Contact Megan O'Brien (meobrien@stanford.edu) for more details."

#### Save Your Blood!

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

Date: **TODAY!!!** 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.

#### Advent Retreat:

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Our Stay-at-Home Advent Retreat is on our website. Just click on Ministries and Programs and scroll down to Advent Retreat which is under CTSF. Enjoy!

#### **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.

#### **Catholic Community Podcast:**

You are invited to subscribe to Catholic Cardinal Reflections, the podcast of the Catholic Community at Stanford. We feature Sunday homilies, theological reflections, Newman Nights and the lectures from our class on the Second Vatican Council. Subscribe on iTunes or through catholic. stanford.edu/media/podcast

#### **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. 28 (especially needed) or Jan. 4 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. When God winnows the chaff, will you be serving at St. Anthony's?

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!!!

#### **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.

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

## **Weekly Readings**

Monday, December 9
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Gn 3:9-15, 20
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday, December 10 Is 40:1-11 Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-12, 13 Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 11 Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10 Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, December 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Zec 2:14-17 (Ps) Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 Lk 1:26-38 Friday, December 13 Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, December 14 Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19 Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday, December 15 Is 35:1-6a, 10 Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11

#### Vocations

#### **Discernment Weekend:**

Is God calling you? The Dominican Contemplative Nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery in Menlo Park will host a discernment weekend for women ages 18-40 who are discerning their vocation in life.

The weekend starts from Friday evening Jan. 10th to Sunday noon Jan. 12th, 2014. The sessions will include daily Mass, Adoration, chanted Divine Office, and conferences given by the Dominican nuns and friars. To register please contact the Vocation Directress at (650) 322-1801 ext. 19 or e-mail: vocations@nunsmenlo.org. For more details visit us at: https://nunsmenlo.org/discernment-weekend/

#### **GRADS**

#### **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.

#### YOUNG ADULTS

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

#### Our Lady of Guadalupe

On the morning of December 9, 1531 Juan Diego saw an apparition of a young girl at the Hill of Tepeyac, near Mexico City. Speaking to him in Nahuatl, the girl asked that a church be built at that site in her honor; from her words, Juan Diego recognized the girl as the Virgin Mary. Diego told his story to the Spanish Archbishop of Mexico City, Fray Juan de Zumárraga, who instructed him to return to Tepeyac Hill, and ask the "lady" for a miraculous sign to prove her identity. The first sign was the Virgin healing Juan's uncle. The Virgin told Juan Diego to gather flowers from the top of Tepeyac Hill. Although December was very late in the growing season for flowers to bloom, Juan Diego found Castilian roses, not native to Mexico, on the normally barren hilltop. The Virgin arranged these in his peasant cloak or tilma. When Juan Diego opened his cloak before Bishop Zumárraga on December 12, the flowers fell to the floor, and on the fabric was the image of the Virgin of Guadalupe.

The tilma of Juan Diego (who was canonised in 2002) is displayed in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the most visited Marian shrine in the world. The representation of the Virgin on the tilma is Mexico's most popular religious and cultural image, and under this title the Virgin has been acclaimed as "Queen of Mexico", "Patroness of the Americas", "Empress of Latin America", and "Protectress of Unborn Children" (the latter three given by Pope John Paul II in 1999).

## Week at a Glance

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

#### **Daily Liturgy:**

M W F at 12:20 in Memorial Church T Th at 12:20 in Old Union Sanctuary

#### Confessions

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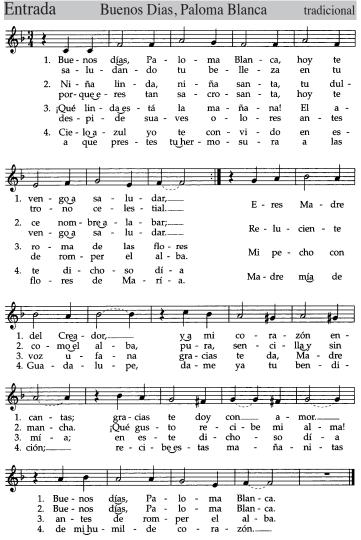
Join the community to pray the Rosary in the Sanctuary at Old Union. The group prays at 10pm Monday-Friday and 9pm on Saturday and Sunday. On Tuesdays the Rosary is prayed during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.





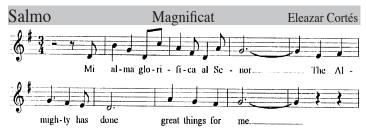
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## FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE DECEMBER 8, 2013



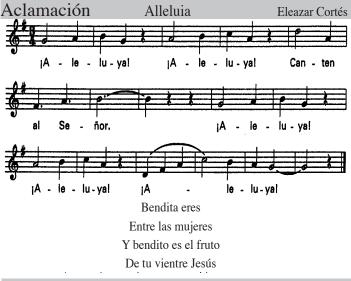
## First Reading Revelation 11:19, 12:1-6, 10

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: "The woman herself fled into the desert where God had prepared for her a special place." A loud voice sounded from heaven, "Salvation and power have come, the reign of our God and the authority of the Anointed."



#### Segunda Lectura Romans 15:4-9

En efecto todo cuanto fue escrito en el pasado, se escribió para enseñanza nuestra, para que con la paciencia y el consuelo que dan las Escrituras mantengamos la esperanza.



Gospel Luke 1:39-47

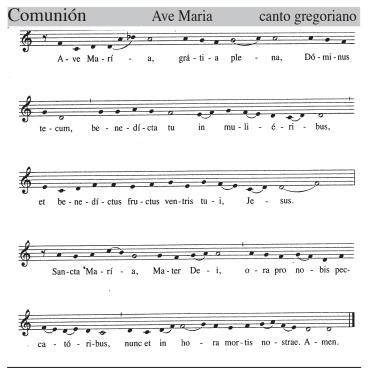
Mary went to Zechariah's house in the hill country to visit Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary, the baby in Elizabeth's womb "leapt." Elizabeth exclaimed: "Blest are you among women and blest is the fruit of your womb." Mary's response was "My being proclaims the Lord's greatness; my spirit rejoices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





#### 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.

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.

