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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 MassDecember 9, 201210:30amTresidder Oak Room4:30pmGuadalupe Mass - bilingual<br/>in Memorial Church

# **Daily Eucharist**

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

# Confessions

1:30-2:30pm and 9-10:30pm Old Union, 3rd Floor, 304 or 305 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 2012-2013 academic year: January 13, 2013 May 5, 2013

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# *Religious Ramblings* Bearing the Word

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 9, 2012

fr Gregory reflects on Advent as a time of return and renewal.

Baruch brings a message of reconciliation and hope to the Jewish communities of the Greek-speaking Middle East at a time in which for them exile had become permanent. Even those returning to Jerusalem could not but have been aware that the Land of the Covenant was ruled by pagan Gentiles, first the Greeks, later the Romans. Baruch tells us of the renewal of Jerusalem, when her children will be brought back, overcoming every obstacle, to the presence of God on his holy mountain. As for them, so for us. We too, in our time, are exiles, uneasily aware of all that separates us from the God who comes to us, to free us from our self-induced bondage of sin. Like Baruch's audience, we await God's saving action breaking into our lives.

St Luke gives us a picture of the irruption of God into history. He partially but accurately reconstructs the political arrangement of Palestine at the time of John. The rulers of the earth are in their places. Then, after this description of the political establishment, "the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness." Something new begins, done by God. Although the rulers remain ignorant-for now-they are to be fundamentally challenged, albeit in a non-political manner, by this new thing that begins with John the Baptist. The word of God, Luke tells us, comes upon John, evoking the call of Jeremiah, and the experiences of the Spirit of God coming upon a person in the Old Testament. John's preaching of a baptism of conversion or repentance again connects him with the great prophets of Israel who called the people back from their alienation from and rebellion against God, to resituate their lives in living out God's commandments. This call for repentance is reiterated in Jesus' ministry, emphasising the continuing relevance of John's preaching. John, the last and greatest of the prophets, is the forerunner of the incarnate Word (and of the Church), preaching God's forgiveness and the salvation of all people. In the words of his father's great hymn of praise John will 'make known to his people their salvation through forgiveness of all their sins.' John calls us back to God, and points us to Jesus, who forgives our sins and guides us into the way of peace.

John reminds us of the need to be prepared for the Christ who is to come so that all mankind can indeed see God's salvation, manifest in our lives if we follow the way of peace. That means, as Paul tells the Philippians, that we must strive to improve our knowledge and deepen our perception of how with God's help we may love each other more and more as he has shown us he loves us, working with Jesus who has begun this good work in us by bequeathing us the Spirit of his love, and hoping that he may bring it to completion. We are to remember or awake to or stir up in ourselves in this season of grace that we are to abound in an intelligent and perceptive love, doing what is needful in charity, recognizing the essential things of life; especially our love of God and our desire to love as God, prompted by his Spirit, allowing Jesus to generate through us all kinds of good deeds, so making manifest God's mercy, showing his salvation to our world.

That might seem a tall order. But we are invited just now to step aside, be still, focus on what truly matters. We are to hear and receive the Word that we might bear it. From hearers we are to become doers of the Word, displaying God's compassion in our lives. If this seems impossibly difficult, we might remember the other icon of Advent, with the Baptist: the young woman who was told by the angel that the Holy Spirit would come upon her, and the power of the Most High would cover her with its shadow. For nothing is impossible to God, even making saints out of such unlikely characters as ourselves, if only we would listen to his Word, respond to his call, enter his embrace.

# fr Gregory Murphy works as an assistant priest in the parish Holy Cross, Leicester.

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Black and white photo of the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe as she appears on the tilma that resides in the Basilica in Mexico City.

# GENERAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

# **Guadalupe Mass Celebration:**

Today, 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.

# **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.

#### New Year's Eve Retreat:

Mon. Dec. 31, 2012 ... 7pm-12am Dominican Sisters of MSJ Motherhouse 43326 Mission Blvd, Fremont, CA 94539 (Entrance on Mission Tierra Pl) RSVP by Wed. Dec. 26 at blessings@msjdominicans.org Sister Frances Mary Pierson, OP Administrative Assistant Vocation & Retreat Team 510-933-6335

# **Retired Religious Collection:**

2012 Annual Collection Provides Support for 34,000 Elderly Sisters, Brothers and Priests in Religious Orders

The 25th national collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR) will be taken up on December 9. Sponsored by the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) in Washington, the annual appeal asks Catholics to Share in the Care of more than 34,000 women and men religious past age 70 who benefit from the collection.

"We are continually humbled by the generosity shown this appeal," said NRRO executive director Sister Janice Bader, a member of the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood of O'Fallon, Missouri. "Since the fund was launched in 1988, Catholics have donated \$643 million to assist religious communities in caring for their elder members."

While the response to the collection is unprecedented, so is the need. In 2011 alone, the total cost of care for women and men religious past age 70 exceeded \$1 billion. Nearly 5,000 religious required skilled care. At the same time, however, religious communities strive to minimize costs. In fact, the NRRO reports that the average cost of

care for religious past age 70 dropped slightly this year. "The real challenge for many religious communities is a lack of retirement savings," explained Sister Bader. "Most senior religious worked for years for small stipends. There were no retirement plans." As religious continue to age, fewer members are able to serve in compensated ministry, leading to a sharp decrease in income. By 2019, National Religious Retirement Office data projects that retired religious will outnumber wage-earning religious by nearly four to one. For this reason, the NRRO implemented a comprehensive initiative to provide education, consultation and financial assistance to communities that are 50 percent or more underfunded for retirement. Since this program began in 2009, 55 communities, representing some 7,000 women and men religious, have initiated targeted strategies to address their funding shortfalls. "We're working to ensure religious communities can care for their elder members today and tomorrow," said Sister Bader. For more information, visit www.retiredreligious.org.

# **Newman Nights:**

will resume on Tuesday, January 8th

#### **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:**

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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

#### **Daily Rosary and Weekly Eucharistic Adoration:** will resume in the Winter Quarter

GRADS

# 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.

# Weekly Readings

Monday, December 10 Is 35:1-10 Ps 85:9ab,10,11-12,13-14 Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday, December 11 Is 40:1-11 Ps 96:1-2, 3, 10ac, 11-12, 13 Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Zec 2:14-17 (Ps) Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 Lk 1:26-38

Thursday, December 13 Is 41:13-20 Ps 145:1, 9, 10-11, 12-13ab Mt 11:11-15 Mt 11:16-19 Saturday, December 15 Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6

Friday, December 14 Is 48:17-19

Sunday, December 16 Zep 3:14-18a Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18

# **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 9, 2012

٠	10:30 am	-	Tresidder Oak Room
٠	4:30 pm	-	Guadalupe Mass in
	1		Memorial Church

# Monday, December 10 - Friday, December 14

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

# **Daily Liturgy:**

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

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1:30-2:30pm and 9-10:30pm

# **Holiday Mass Schedule:**

all are in Memorial Church unless otherwise noted

Sunday, Dec. 9 10:30am. Tresidder Union, 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:

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**

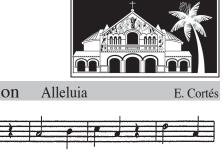
### **Dinner at Crepevine:**

Tues. Dec. 18th at 7:30pm, 367 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.

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

# FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE DECEMBER 9, 2012

Buenos Días, Paloma Blanca (tradicional)



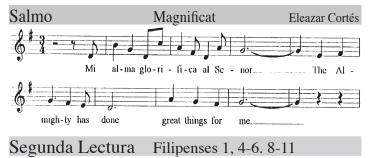


# First Reading

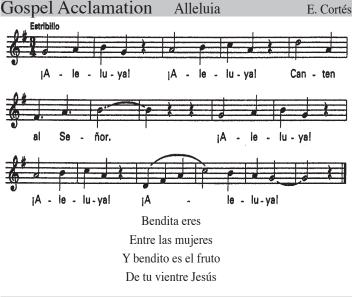
Entrada

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."



Pablo oraba para que las obras que Dios comenzó en los discípulos llegaran a su culminación. Que el amor crezca en ustedes y que el fruto sea tan abundante como el amor.



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.



