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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.

Services

Sunday Masses: December 14, 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

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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ABOUT THE APP: 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.





APP Name: CC@S

From the Catholic Community at Stanford

A Reminder to Listen:

An Experience of Service During the Thanksgiving Service Trip By Maria Barba

During the extent of my trip, I met and listened to many different testimonies, all from people infected by HIV. There was one encounter that was particularly poignant. I met a kindhearted, soft-spoken man named David, whom I got to speak to for about two hours. We were going on a "Fresh Rescue" to several different Albertson stores located throughout the Las Vegas area to pick up food donations. Initially, I could sense his nerves and hesitancy to open up and share his story. Our conversation began slow, talking briefly about what I planned to study, about my other commitments at school, and about my hometown. The conversation was obviously shifted in my direction. Yet it was after our first Albertson's stop, upon returning to the truck, where he slowly began to communicate to me how he has been HIV positive for over a year. It continued like this. After each stop, he would initiate the ride with an astoundingly difficult experience he has had to go through in his life. All the challenging aspects in his life had occurred within this last year and still resonate in his mind and heart. Despite all his hardships, his resilience never ceases. His story, along with every other story I was blessed to hear, is different. David gave me his story. Each person has something to give.

The St. Therese Center invigorates us to see that each one of us has the capacity to create an impact. We can make a change. I believe you only need to affect one person, and immediately, the equilibrium of life shifts. The effects do not need to be visible to the eye; they only need to be felt in the heart.

There is an abundant cry for help surrounding us, and God is incessantly inviting us to take the initiative and reach out to those in need. I didn't expect this 3-day trip to stimulate and awaken a part of me. From all the individuals I met, a genuine gratitude and blissful happiness radiated. These people are a reminder. A reminder to give back. A reminder to be appreciative. A reminder to recognize God's gifts. A reminder to listen.

GENERAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holiday/Break Liturgy Schedule:

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

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. 25

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

Second Collection For December

This month's second collection will be for the retirement fund for the religious. A percentage of this week's collection will be sent to the Diocese of San Jose for this purpose. Pease be generous.

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)

"Experience The Joy Of The Gospel"

Join us to Pray, Read and Discuss Pope Francis' teaching. OPEN TO ALL. A series of 5 presentations on Pope Francis' document. 5 Weds (7:00-8:30pm) Jan. through May, 2015 (Jan. 14, Feb. 4, Mar. 11, Apr. 15, May 6). At the Dominican Sisters of MSJ Motherhouse 43326 Mission Blvd. (entrance on Mission Tierra Pl), Fremont, CA 94539. Facilitators: Sisters Ingrid Clemmensen, OP & Marcia Krause, OP; Copies of the THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL may be obtained online (Google 'The Joy of the Gospel'). Register/RSVP on our website: msjdominicans.org

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:

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 kilee99@ 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.

-Announcements for December 14, 2014–

a way of life

Sunday, December 7, 2014

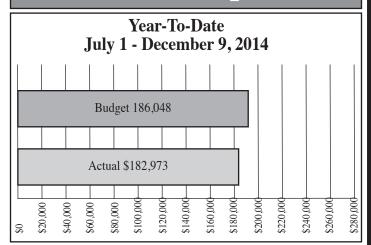
In his letter to the Thessalonians, our second reading for this, the Third Sunday of Advent, St. Paul gives us a summary of what it means to be a good steward: "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks." That may seem simplistic, admittedly difficult, but those are indeed at the heart of a stewardship way of life. It is worth noting as we prepare for the coming of the Christ child that stewardship is both a happy and positive way of living. It is happy because good stewards, through focusing on gratitude, view life in an upbeat and encouraging way.

As a result they are not blessed because they are stewards, but they are exceedingly happy because they view all as gift and all with gratefulness. Paul goes on to say that it is God's will that we live like this. That does not mean that it is a mandate or an order from the Lord — He granted each of us free will. Nevertheless, because it is God's will, rather than we must do it, we are able to do it with God's help. During this Advent season, as Christmas approaches, is the perfect time for us to commit to lives of stewardship. By turning to God and trusting in the Lord, we can achieve this.

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

Financial Update



Gifts As Of December 9, 2014
(Gifts: Pledged, non-restricted and Sunday Collections)
YTD Gifts Budget Shortfall <\$3,075>

Catholicism 101:

Cath-101 will return in January.

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:

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!!!

"You Visited Me"

More Announcements

There is an upcoming opportunity to become an Ombudsman, an advocate to address problems that arise in long term care or rehabilitation centers. Visit an assigned nursing home or assisted living facility, listen to the residents, investigate complaints and resolve problems. Catholic Charities provides training and the State provides certification. Our program needs new recruits especially to cover N. Santa Clara County.

Orientation/information: Wednesday, January 28, 2015 from 10:00am to Noon. Training dates are listed on the Catholic Charities website www.catholiccharitiesscc.org click on the VOLUNTEER banner and then go to Volunteer Opportunities. To learn more about becoming an Ombudsman, contact: Wanda Hale at 1-408-325-5269 or email whale@catholiccharitiessccj. org. You can also be in touch with a member of the CC@S who has been doing this work for 10 years.

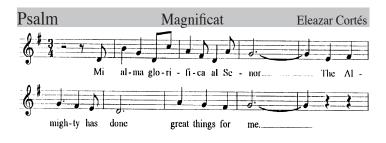
The Catholic Community at Stanford University

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 14, 2014



First Reading Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11

The spirit of the Lord enabled Isaiah to proclaim good news to the poor, healing to the brokenhearted, liberty to captives, and freedom to prisoners.



Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Paul exhorted the faithful of Thessalonica, "Rejoice always. Never cease praying. Give thanks all the time. God wills this for you in Christ Jesus"



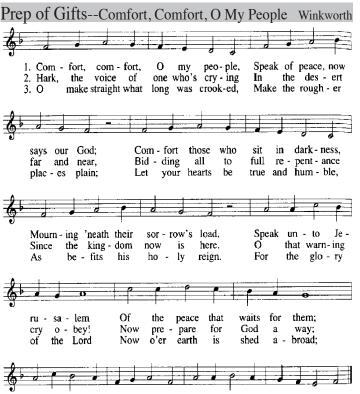
Gospel John 1:6-8, 19-28

John the Baptizer was not the light, but testified to it. He declared himself a "voice crying out, 'In the desert make the Lord's way straight."

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.



And that war-fare

That his word is

nev-er bro-ken.

Let the val-leys rise to meet him And the hills bow down to greet him.

Tell of all the sins I cov-er,

And all flesh shall see the to-ken











Discernment Day:

Are you seeking for Truth? Are you yearning for the infinite and for happiness? Christ is the Answer! Come and See! During the Year of Consecrated Life, the Dominican Nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery located at 215 Oak Grove Avenue in Menlo Park, CA will host a Discernment Day for young women on January 17, 2015. RSVP by January 12th or for more information contact Sr. Joseph Marie O.P. at vocations@nunsmenlo.org or visit our website at nunsmenlo.org/vocation-discernment-day-january-2015. The day begins with Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by Divine Office, Rosary, Conferences, and much more given by our Dominican nuns and friars.

Interested in Missions to Hong Kong?

Do you feel God calling you to serve as a lay missionary in Asia? Are you interested in the challenge of living in a diverse foreign culture to share the beauty of your faith and relationship with Jesus Christ, and to touch others' lives in a profound and meaningful way? The St. Francis Xavier Lay Missionary Society is currently recruiting Catholic laity who are interested in serving as lay missionaries for a year in Hong Kong and other parts of Asia through a diverse ministry of evangelization, faith formation and social justice. Our upcoming mission in Hong Kong begins in Fall 2015. Application deadline is: April 10th, 2015. Summer formation program begins June 19th. Apply online at: www.laymissionary.org/apply or contact Tricia at: (650) 260-3799 or tricia@laymissionary.org

Operations Director needed at Vallombrosa:

Vallombrosa Conference & Retreat Center in Menlo Park, which is owned by Archdiocese of San Francisco, is looking to hire an Operations Director. The position involves assisting the Director with policies, procedures, organization, decisions, supervision and administration involved with the daily operations of the Center.

Send resume to apply@vallombrosa.org. Michael Wentz, Marketing Coordinator

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