

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 Mass December 16, 2012
4:30pm Memorial Church

Daily Eucharist

Daily Masses will resume January 2, 2013

Confessions

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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:
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May 5, 2013

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fr Lawrence argues that following Christ is not about being 'nice', but involves our complete transformation in Christ as God's children.

“What shall we do?” Various groups of people go to John the Baptist to ask him for moral instruction because they recognize his wisdom and moral authority. In every age people have gone to ask their religious preachers and sages for moral guidance: “What shall we do?” Many of the world’s religions offer responses to this fundamental question on how we should order our lives, how we can live well as human beings. So, every religion and culture has its great moral teachers: Confucius, the Buddha, Muhammad, Moses, and today, John the Baptist, who was the last and greatest of God’s prophets.

Many people would number Jesus Christ among the world’s great moral teachers. But we shouldn’t: Christ is different. For Christianity, contrary to a commonplace popular belief, is not principally about being nice. It’s not primarily about following a set of rules and commandments, obeying laws and moralistic preaching. Tragically, this is what Christianity has often been reduced to, or this is how it’s been perceived, and perhaps, rejected, by very many. And it’s often been asserted that one doesn’t need religion to teach morality. That’s arguable, but even if it were true, we would still need Jesus Christ.

Because, leaving aside morality, Jesus Christ comes first of all as the Redeemer and Saviour of every human person. He is the salvation we are all equally in need of, and the perfection of what Jesus gives us, namely, eternal life in union with the Holy Trinity, is something that can only ever be achieved by his grace and never by our own human efforts or merit. So, Jesus comes to give us eternal happiness, and he does so because he loves us. To all who freely accept this gift of grace, Christ becomes their unique source of joy. Hence, we Christians are exhorted by St Paul and today’s Gaudete Sunday liturgy to rejoice.

We rejoice because of who we are in Jesus Christ. For our faith is not principally about observing moral values, or the gritted-teeth keeping of laws, or being good for fear of a policeman God. It’s not principally about what we shall do, and more about who we shall be. For Jesus comes to establish a new relationship between us and God. Through him, by the grace given in baptism, we can enter into Jesus’ own relationship with God. So, we can also dare to call God Abba, Father; we have been reborn in the Holy Spirit as daughters and sons of God in the Son of God. This new relationship of filial love between God and Man that Jesus offers all people is something we do not—and cannot—earn. It is just freely given out of gratuitous love for us. But it’s up to us to accept this pure gift, this grace.

Thus, Christianity was seen by St Paul as a liberation from the Law and its many ethical injunctions, commandments, and religious observances. One could now rejoice and remain in the peace of Christ because righteousness wasn’t earned through what we did. Hence, when asked “What shall we do?”, the apostles just taught the first Christian converts to “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved” (Acts 16:31). For salvation comes through faith in Jesus Christ alone, through a loving relationship with God which he establishes, and not through our works.

However, this does not mean that Christians have no moral life, or need not wonder what we should do as children of God. For when the rich man asks Christ “What must I do?,” Jesus tells him to do something that surpasses the Mosaic Law and commandments: “Follow me” (cf Mt 19:16-21). Hence, we, who are made daughters and sons of God by grace, are called to follow the Son of God: to learn from his Wisdom, to imitate his example of love, to behave as a child of God does. Therefore, the Christian moral life is called by the Catechism, “Life in Christ”. But what we do is always, first and foremost, founded in the fundamental grace of who we are; being precedes doing, and we have been loved into being by God and been saved by the gift of Christ’s incarnate and crucified love.

St Paul puts it like this: “For freedom Christ has set us free” (Gal 5:1), which means that we have been saved from sin by Jesus Christ so that, empowered by the Spirit and in co-operation with his grace, we will act with complete freedom as Jesus does. For our true freedom is found in embracing the good, in choosing to love, in saying ‘Yes’ to God; a faith-filled surrender to Love and its ways. This is what baptism in the Spirit entails: the Spirit comes as fire, as the burning charity that purifies us of sin, of our disordered desires, and of our selfishness, so that our loving becomes Christ-like. Over a lifetime, then, we grow-up to reflect the reality of who Christ has made us to be, and thus to exhibit the “glorious liberty of the children of God” (Rom 8:21). So, what shall we, as free children of God, do? St Augustine says: “Love, and do what you will.”

fr Lawrence Lew works in the University Chaplaincy and Parish at the Priory of St Albert the Great, Edinburgh.

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](mailto: blessings@msjdominicans.org)
Sister Frances Mary Pierson, OP
Administrative Assistant
Vocation & Retreat Team
510-933-6335

Newman Nights:

will resume on Tuesday, January 8th

Daily Rosary and Weekly Eucharistic Adoration:

will resume in the Winter Quarter

Presents For Teens: due today!!!

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 today, Sunday, Dec. 16. For info, contact Teresa, tpleins@stanford.edu.

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

-Announcements for December 16, 2012-

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 17 Gn 49:2, 8-10 Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 Mt 1:1-17	Friday, December 21 Sg 2:8-14 Zep 3:14-18a Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21
Tuesday, December 18 Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Mt 1:18-25	Saturday, December 22 1 Sm 1:24-28 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd Lk 1:46-56
Wednesday, December 19 Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 Lk 1:5-25	Sunday, December 23 Mi 5:1-4a Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45
Thursday, December 20 Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 1:26-38	

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



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.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, December 16, 2012

- 4:30 pm - Memorial Church

Monday, December 17 - Friday, December 21

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Daily Liturgy:

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Holiday Mass Schedule:

all are in Memorial Church unless otherwise noted

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

More Announcements

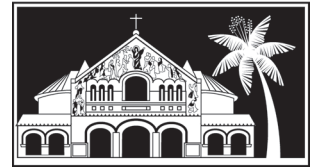
GRADS and UNDER GRADS

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)



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 16, 2012

Gathering O Come, Divine Messiah

1. O come, Di-vine Mes-si-ah, The
 2. O come, De-sired of na-tions, Whom
 3. O come in peace and meek-ness, For

world in si-lence waits the day When
 and proph-et long fore-told Will
 by wil- your era-dle be: Though

hope shall sing its tri-umph, And Re-
 break the cap-tive fet-ters, We
 studied in hu-man weak-ness

sad-ness flee a-way,
 deem the longest day,
 shall your God-head see.

Dear Sav-ior, haste! Come, come to
 earth. Dis-pel the night and show your face, And bid us
 hail the dawn of grace. O come, Di-vine Mes-
 si-ah, The world in si-lence waits the day When
 hope shall sing its tri-umph, And sad-ness flee a-way.

First Reading Zephaniah 3:14-18

Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel!
 The Lord will rejoice over you with gladness.

Psalm 25 To You, O Lord Bob Hurd

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul, _____
 I lift up my soul _____ to you, O Lord.

Second Reading Philippians 4:4-7

Brothers and sisters: Your kindness should be known to
 all. The Lord is near.

Gospel Acclamation Advent Alleluia Pishner

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Luke 3:10-18

The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?"
 He answered, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier
 than I is coming."

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.

Offertory

Sing and Rejoice

S. Owens

1. Sing and rejoice, the Lord is near; His saving grace proclaims, And let the whole creation show The glory of his name.

2. We, by the Spirit's power, proclaim Good news for all the poor; Our God will set the captive free, The broken heart restore.

3. Here in the light of Christ alone, Redeemed by grace we stand, And treasure ev'ry perfect gift Of his unfailing hand.

4. Freedom and truth, like garden flow'rs, Upon the earth shall grow, And all the nations, lost in praise, His perfect peace will know.

Musical notation for the Offertory, including lyrics: hope, of peace, come, Em - man - u - el. O come, Em - man - u - el.

Verses

- 1. God is light, in God there is no darkness. Let us walk in the light of the Lord. God, we wait, we hope, we pray, make our darkness bright. Come, Emmanuel.
2. On that day, we will beat our swords to plowshares. On that day, we will all live as friends, valleys filled and mountains made low, peace for all the world. Come, Emmanuel.
3. "Do not fear, for I bring you news of great joy: you will bear a son for the world. His name shall be Emmanuel." Come, O Prince of Peace. Come, Emmanuel.
4. Come to us, be the light to fill our darkness. Come to us, for we long for your face. Come to us and set us free, save your people, Lord. Come, Emmanuel.
5. Lord, we come to your table of salvation; feed our hearts with the bread of new life. In this meal we all are one, make your home in us. Come, Emmanuel.
6. Take and eat of the bread come down from heaven. Drink this cup shed for you and for all. Bread of Life and Wine of Peace, heal our broken hearts. Come, Emmanuel.

Sanctus

Missa Emmanuel

Proulx

Musical notation for Sanctus with lyrics: Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of night.

Cantor: Heaven and earth are full of of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Musical notation for Sanctus with lyrics: All: Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

Cantor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Musical notation for Sanctus with lyrics: All: Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

Memorial Acclamation:

Missa Emmanuel

Proulx

Musical notation for Memorial Acclamation with lyrics: Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a-gain.

Amen

Missa Emmanuel

Proulx

Musical notation for Amen with lyrics: A - men, a - - - men, a - men, a - - - men.

Lamb of God

Missa Emmanuel

Proulx

Cantor: (Invocation) ...have mercy on us, (last) ...grant us peace,

Musical notation for Lamb of God with lyrics: All respond: have mer - cy on us. grant us. peace.

Communion

Come, Emmanuel

J. Wolfe

Musical notation for Communion with lyrics: Refrain Come, O come, Em - man-u - el, O come, Em - man - u - el. God of light, of

Recessional

Soon and Very Soon

A. Crouch

Musical notation for Recessional with lyrics: 1. Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King, 2. No more cry - in' there we are goin' to see the King, 3. No more dy - in' there we are goin' to see the King, 4. Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King.

Musical notation for Recessional with lyrics: Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King, No more cry - in' there we are goin' to see the King, No more dy - in' there we are goin' to see the King, Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King.

Musical notation for Recessional with lyrics: Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King, No more cry - in' there we are goin' to see the King, No more dy - in' there we are goin' to see the King, Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King, Hal-le-

Musical notation for Recessional with lyrics: lu - jah, Hal-le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Musical notation for Recessional with lyrics: Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu -

Musical notation for Recessional with lyrics: jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah.

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25 and 50+ Silver and Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration

February 9, 2013, 2:00pm
Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph
80 SouthMarket Street, SanJosé

Bishop Patrick J. McGrath would like to invite all couples celebrating their 25th, 40th and 50th (or more) Wedding Anniversaries in 2013 to participate in the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph in downtown San José.

The couples will be invited to renew their wedding vows and will receive a blessing from Bishop Patrick McGrath who will preside over the celebration. Each couple will also receive a certificate signed by the Bishop.

The Mass will be on February 9, 2013 at 2pm. A short reception will follow after.

Call Sylvia Blanch (blanch@dsj.org) at 408-983-0128, or visit www.dsj.org/WeddingAnniversaryMass for more information.

Pre-registration is required by January 30, 2013.

Due to limited seats, we can only reserve seats for anniversary couples with wheelchairs.

Doors open at 12:30pm. Please limit number of guests attending to 5 people

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:



Last Sunday our Parish raised

\$597.00

for the Retired Religious Fund.

Thank you!!!

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.