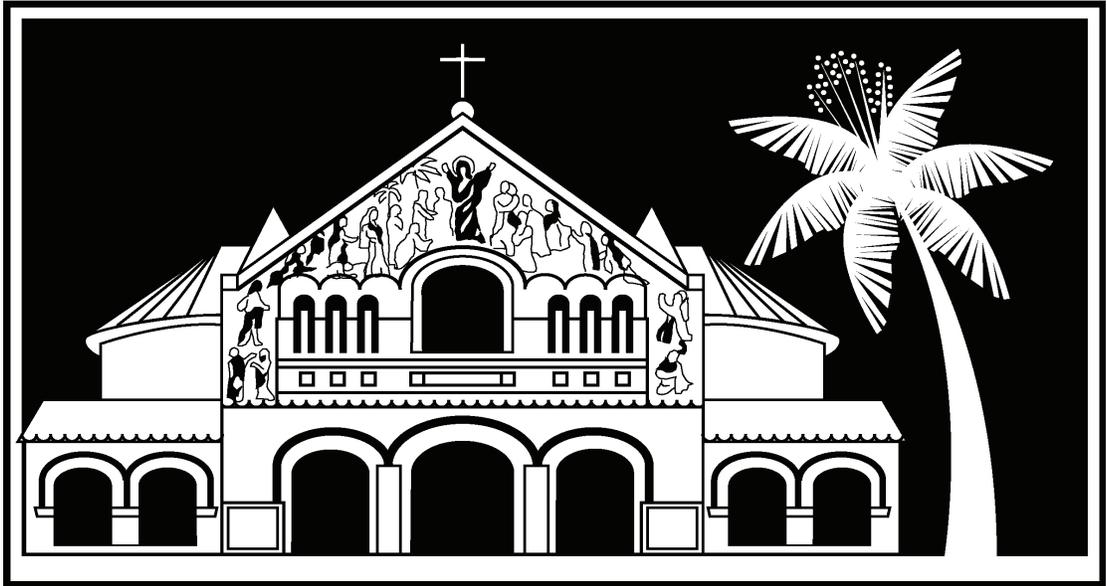


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4:30pm Memorial Church

Daily Eucharist
Daily Masses will resume
on January 3, 2011

Confessions
by appointment only:
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](http://catholic.stanford.edu/baptisms/eligibility.html) or contact Teresa Pleins
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Religious Ramblings FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A Man of Good Repute

DECEMBER 19, 2010

fr Timothy Radcliffe shows how St Joseph teaches us to prepare for the coming of Christ.

St Joseph was a just man, upright. In the Jerusalem Bible translation he is said to be 'a man of honour.' And so when he discovered that Mary was pregnant, he decided to do the right thing. To protect his good name, he would divorce her, and to protect her name, he would do so quietly, without making a fuss. Reputations mattered to him.

But obedience to God's messenger asked of him that he jeopardize what is most dear to him, his honour. He must take this woman who is pregnant, and not by him, into his home and raise her child. And ever since, Joseph has been open to mockery, from the medieval mystery plays to William Blake until James Joyce. He looks, to the sceptical, just what he would most have hated, a cuckold, often portrayed as an elderly man who has been made to look a fool.

Yet in embracing this destiny he is most closely identified with the son entrusted to him, who will die a shameful death on a cross, the most dishonourable fate imaginable. He is shown to be just the father needed to raise a child who is Emmanuel, God with us, close to us in our shame and folly.

So, much of this gospel text revolves around names and reputation. He is told by the angel to give Jesus his name, and so claim him as his own. He is the one, of course, who transmits to Jesus the honourable lineage of David. So Joseph is seen to be the honourable man, and most of all because he accepts to imperil his own honour and take into his care Mary and her divine son.

So, in this gospel, Joseph teaches us two ways in which we can prepare to join the company of Jesus (and I am not referring to the Jesuits!). First of all we must have care of other people's good name. For St Thomas Aquinas, a person's reputation is their most prized possession, and to destroy it is not just unjust but robbery. Even if what we say about other people is true, and they have done terrible things, it is still deeply wrong to destroy their name, unless there is some compelling necessity for the common good. We have to resist the succulent pleasure of passing on juicy gossip. The root meaning of 'gossip' is to have a spiritual relationship with someone, to be in God their sibling. And that relationship should mean that one does not gossip about them!

Every day the media casually destroy people's reputation, by accusation or insinuation. Celebrities are puffed up and then shot down. Whole classes of people are rubbished. President Sarkozy, as Minister of the Interior, dismissed the rioters in the French suburbs as 'racaille', 'scum.' But Jesus took as his first companions those whose who had dirty reputations, prostitutes and tax collectors.

Do we cherish the good name of those whom others consider scum? Can we learn to shut our mouths and never say a word that will destroy the good name of another child of God, unless justice requires that we do so?

Secondly we must dare to put our own good name in jeopardy, if needs must be. We must take the risk, like Joseph, of being misunderstood, mocked and made the butt of jokes. St Teresa of Avila's Spain was obsessed with honour. People were deeply sensitive to any slur on their good name. For Teresa this was rubbish, 'children building houses of straw.' The priests who worked with her were distressed to find themselves accused of awful things, but Teresa just laughed, because all that matters is how we are seen by God.

Cardinal Danielou died on the staircase of a seedy block of flats, on his way to visit a prostitute. The newspapers were filled with nasty innuendo, but his friends knew that he was a deeply pastoral man, who followed the way of his Lord and was not afraid to reach out to the despised, whatever people might say.

And so let Joseph teach us how to welcome God's son into our lives this Christmas, caring for everyone's reputation, and yet, if necessary, being unafraid to lose our own.

fr Timothy Radcliffe is a member of the community at Blackfriars, Oxford, and was Master of the Order of Preachers from 1992 to 2001.

Holiday Mass Schedule:

Dec. 19 4:30 Mass in Memorial Church
 Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Mass at Midnight in Mem Chu
 Dec. 25 Christmas Day Mass at 10:30 a.m. in Mem Chu
 Dec. 26 NO MASSES on campus,, due to University closure
 Jan. 2 4:30 and 10:00 p.m. Masses in Memorial Church
 Jan. 9 Regular Sunday Mass schedule begins

Baptisms and Preparation Classes:

We will celebrate infant baptisms on Sunday, Jan. 16. There is a preparation class on Saturday, Jan. 8, 10-11:30 a.m. Any registered permanent community members, students, faculty or staff families interested should contact Teresa as soon as possible, tpleins@stanford.edu.

Prep Class: January 8, 2011, 10-11:30 am.
 Baptisms: January 16, during the 10:30 am. Mass in Tresidder AND the 4:30 Mass in Memorial Church

Prep Class: May 14, 10-11:30 am.
 Baptisms: May 22, during the 10:30 am. Mass in Tresidder AND the 4:30 Mass in Memorial Church

Adult Confirmation:

For Permanent Community Members, Grads and Undergrads interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, classes will start on January 19th at 7:30pm in Old Union. Materials cost is \$40, due on January 7th, payable to the CCAS. If questions, please contact Fr. Isaiah.

Tired of the usual New Year's Eve Parties?

Want to start 2011 in a more meaningful way? Join the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose and friends who will gather for a sixth year to Welcome the New Year! We'll share a Reflective Evening beginning at 7pm ... time to connect with friends and meet new people ... time to be with all that 2010 has held ... We'll use the book "The Shack" as a lens to look at our year ... quotes and questions will be provided so if you haven't read the book, you will still be able to participate ... time to look ahead to 2011 ... time to pray with Taize - Prayer Around the Cross ... time to celebrate our faith together with a Mass starting at 11:30pm followed by a potluck celebration ...

Come for any part or all of the evening at the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose 43326 Mission Blvd. (entrance on Mission Tierra Place), Fremont CA, 94539. For more information, specific times on the schedule or to RSVP call S. Frances Mary Pierson at blessings@msjdominicans.org or 510-933-6335. If you need to reach us on New Year's Eve, December 31st, for any reason, call S. Beth Quire, O.P. @ 510-449-7554.

UNDER GRADS**Challah for Hunger:**

Our Challah bake has been rescheduled for January 13th - January 14th. We get the first bake of winter quarter and get to meet national representatives of the organization!

Please email Cecilia Toscana at ctoscana@stanford.edu to sign up. The available times are:

- * Thursday 3:30pm - 5pm (preparing the dough)
- * Thursday 8pm - 10:pm (braiding and baking the bread)
- * Friday 11:45 - 1:30 (selling the bread in White Plaza)

St. Vincent de Paul

Thursday afternoons, approx 12:30pm. We are beginning our work with the St. Vincent de Paul ministry at the St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Palo Alto this week! Volunteers will help provide food bags as well as interview and counsel clients. This first week will be a training, so please come if you are at all interested in volunteering with SVdP in the future. Contact Sara Cullinane at smc14@stanford.edu if you have any questions or want to join!

-Announcements for December 19, 2010-

Weekly Readings

Monday, December 20
Is 7:10-14
Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday, December 21
Sg 2:8-14
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21
Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday, December 22
1 Sm 1:24-28
(Ps) 1 Samuel 2:1,4-5,
6-7,8abcd
Lk 1:46-56

Thursday, December 23
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24
Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10,14
Lk 1:57-66

Friday, December 24
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12,
14a, 16
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27,29
Lk 1:67-79

Saturday, December 25
Vigil Mass
Is 62:1-5
Ps 89:4-5,16-17,27, 29
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

10:30 am Mass
Is 52:7-10
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6
Jn 1:1-18

Sunday, December 26
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
Col 3:12-21
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23



Living Faith Society

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers Needed at St. Anthony's Soup Kitchen:

for Christmas Day!
Please pay close attention to the **CRITICAL DEADLINE** for reserving a volunteer position!!!: 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 25th (Christmas Day) on the early shift (setup shift) from 8:30am to 11:30am and/or on the late shift (serving line shift) from 11:30am to 2:30pm please contact Peter Barling at peter_barling@hotmail.com no later than November 30th to have a volunteer position reserved for you. Transportation from campus can be arranged!

The St. Vincent de Paul Conference

of the St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Palo Alto is welcoming Stanford students to help in the Society's ministry to those who are less fortunate. In this difficult economy, the need is very great. A typical volunteer day would include: giving out bags of food, issuing food and gas vouchers, bus tokens, referrals to the family food closet and occasionally a home visit. Work assignments are once a week or every other week for 2 hours. We work out of the St. Thomas Aquinas Pastoral Center located at 3290 Middlefield Road in Palo Alto. Telephone number of the Pastoral Center is 650-494-2496 and the St. Vincent de Paul extension is 26. You can also call Roberta Uebbing President at 650-494-2450. Stanford students are asked to register at the Stanford Haas Center for Public Service.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, December 19

- 4:30 pm - Memorial Church

Monday, Dec. 20 - Friday, Dec. 24

Offices will be closed until January 3rd, 2011

Confessions by appointment only
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Daily Liturgy.

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More Announcements

Married Couples – Want To Give A Gift That Keeps On Giving?

Register for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend – it's the best gift you'll ever give to each other and your marriage! The next local Catholic Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is: March 4-6, 2011 (Mountain View). For more information or to register, please visit our website at: www.rekindleyourmarriage.org or contact Paul & Stephanie Francois, 408-287-3996 or Email: PaulandSteph@pacbell.net.

YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adult Bible Study:

Tues, Dec. 14th at 7:30pm, Our Lady of the Rosary, 3233 Cowper St, Palo Alto. The Young Adult group meets to continue the study of Book of Revelation.

There will not be a Dinner at Jeffrey's Hamburgers or Young Adult Mass in December. Both of these monthly events will resume in January.

For more info, see our website, www.YoungAdultCircle.org, check the Facebook group "Young Adult Circle", or contact Scott at scott.a.harrison@gmail.com.

The Catholic Community at Stanford University

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 19, 2010



Gathering O Come, O come, Emmanuel (Philip Roberts)

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,
 2. O come, O Wis - dom from on high,
 3. O come, O come, great Lord of might,
 4. O come, O Rod of Jes - se's stem,
 5. O come, O Key of Dav - id, come,

And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
 Who or - ders all things might - i - ly;
 Who to your tribes on Si - nai's height
 From ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them
 And o - pen wide our heav'n - ly home;

That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 To us the path of knowl - edge show,
 In an - cient times once gave the law,
 That trust your might - y power to save,
 Make safe the way that leads on high,

Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 And teach us in her ways to go.
 In cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
 And close the path to mis - er - y.

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el

Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

O come, O Dayspring from on high
 And cheer us by your drawing nigh;
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 And death's dark shadow put to flight.

O come, Desire of nations bind
 In one the hearts of humankind;
 O bid our sad divisions cease,
 And be for us the King of Peace.

First Reading Isaiah 7:10-14

The Lord offered Ahaz a sign. Ahaz answered, "I will not ask! I will not tempt the Lord!" Nevertheless, the Lord gave a sign: "The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel!"

Psalm 24 Hold Me In Life (Bernard Huijbers)

Refrain

Hold me in life for you are my safe - ty,
 al - ways my eyes are look - ing for you.

Verses

1. Be - cause you are just who you are,
 2. Are you the one who is to come,
 3. You gave your Word to this, our world:

don't pass me by, but show me your mer - cy;
 or must we wait and fol - low some oth - er?
 you are my song, the God of my glad - ness;

D.C.

I will wait for you all my life.
 Lord, my God, I am cer - tain of you.
 my de - sire goes out to you.

Second Reading Romans 1:1-7

Paul told the Romans he was called to be an apostle and set apart to proclaim the gospel of God about Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation Advent Alleluia (Pishner)

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

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Gospel Mt 1:18-24

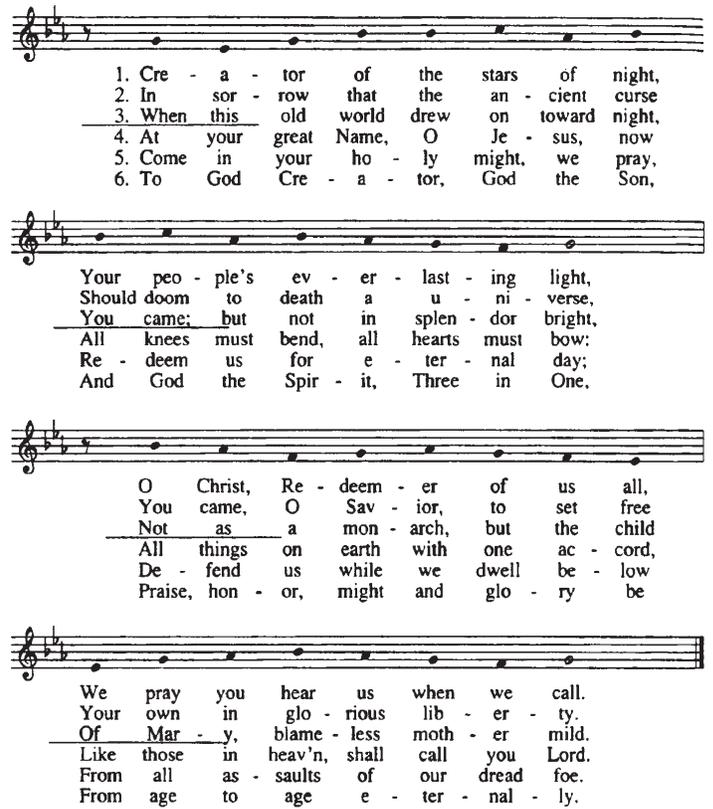
Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they wed, Mary became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph decided to break the engagement. He changed his mind when an angel in a dream told him to receive Mary as his wife.

Ofertory Lo, How A Rose E're Blooming (German)

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
 From tender stem hath sprung!
 Of Jesse's lineage coming,
 As men of old have sung,
 It came, a flow'ret bright,
 Amid the cold of winter,
 When halfspent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
 The Rose I have in mind,
 With Mary we behold it,
 The Virgin Mother kind.
 To show God's love aright
 She bore to us a Saviour,
 When halfspent was the night.

Communion Creator of the Starts of Night (M. Haugen)



1. Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
 2. In sor - row that the an - cient curse
 3. When this old world drew on toward night,
 4. At your great Name, O Je - sus, now
 5. Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,
 6. To God Cre - a - tor, God the Son,

Your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,
 Should doom to death a u - ni - verse,
 You came; but not in splen - dor bright,
 All knees must bend, all hearts must bow;
 Re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;
 And God the Spir - it, Three in One,

O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,
 You came, O Sav - ior, to set free
 Not as a mon - arch, but the child
 All things on earth with one ac - cord,
 De - fend us while we dwell be - low
 Praise, hon - or, might and glo - ry be

We pray you hear us when we call.
 Your own in glo - rious lib - er - ty.
 Of Mar - y, blame - less moth - er mild.
 Like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.
 From all as - saults of our dread foe.
 From age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

Sanctus Mass of Creation (Haugen)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power, God of might,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. — Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. — Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. — Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, — ho - san - na in the high - est. —

Memorial Acclamation: Mass of Creation (Haugen)



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

Amen Mass of Creation (Haugen)



A - men, a - men, a - men! A - men, a - men, a - men!

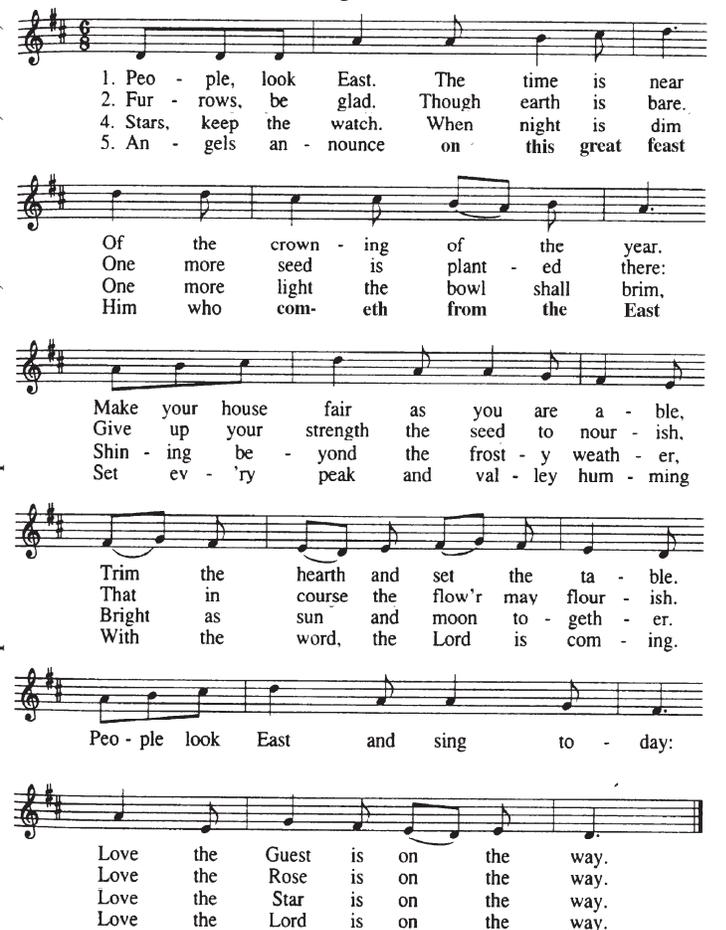
Lamb of God Mass of Creation (Haugen)



(Je - sus, Lamb of God; —) you take a - way the sins of the
 world, have mer - cy on — us.
 world: grant us your — peace.

Communion Ave Maria

Recessional People Look East (Eleanor Farjeon)



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near
 2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare.
 4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
 5. An - gels an - nounce on this great feast

Of the crown - ing of the year.
 One more seed is plant - ed there:
 One more light the bowl shall brim,
 Him who com - eth from the East

Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
 Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish.
 Shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
 Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming

Trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.
 That in course the flow'r may flour - ish.
 Bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.
 With the word, the Lord is com - ing.

Peo - ple look East and sing to - day:
 Love the Guest is on the way.
 Love the Rose is on the way.
 Love the Star is on the way.
 Love the Lord is on the way.

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Presentation Center: Mark your calendar!

Please save the date for our 2011 Annual Spring Gala on Saturday, March 26, 2011. Our theme is "Tropical Paradise" so wear your best Hawaiian print! The evening will begin with mass leading into the silent auction with time to mingle. The night will continue with a delicious tropical dinner! Proceeds from this event will help us modernize aging electrical and plumbing systems in our historic guest accommodations. Please contact Lindsey at (408) 354-2346 ext. 203 or lcrossl and@presentationcenter.org for more details! We are located at 19480 Bear Creek Road, Los Gatos, California. www.presentationcenter.org

Community Prayer Corner

If you have a special intention that you would like the community to pray for, send an email to: gcolombetti@yahoo.com

Next Spanish Mass - Sunday January 9 - 3pm

— More Announcements —

'TAIZE' (Prayer Around The Cross): On Friday, January 21 At 8:00-9:15pm (And Every 3rd Fri. Of The Month) At Dominican Sisters Of Msj Motherhouse Chapel, 43326 Mission Blvd, Fremont, (Entrance On Mission Tierra Pl). 510-657-2468 "Behold The Miracles Happening." Vocation Office, Dominican Sisters Of Mission San José, 43326 Mission Blvd. Check Out Our Web Page: www.msjdominicans.org



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