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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 23, 2012 Memorial Church 4:30pm

### **Daily Eucharist**

Daily Masses will resume January 2, 2013

### Confessions

Offices will be closed until January 8th, 2013

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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: January 13, 2013 May 5, 2013

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# Religious Ramblings Here and Now

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 23, 2012

fr Vivian Boland preaches about the bodiliness of our salvation.

Catholicism is a physical at least as much as it is a spiritual religion. It is about things that happened, and things that happen, in and through particular human bodies, in particular places such as Bethlehem or Blackfriars, Oxford, and at particular times such as the days of King Herod of Judea or December 2009. Our faith is about the Word becoming flesh. It is centred on one born of a woman, born under the Jewish law, to save us not through the promise of future incarnations of our 'spirits', but through the offering of his body once and for all.

The ministry of Jesus is to poor human bodies. He opens eyes so that they see, ears so that they hear, and he loosens tongues so that they speak. The visitation of Elizabeth by Mary is about bodies: pregnant bodies, a kicking foetus, sounds reaching ears, and mouths speaking. Elizabeth hears and believes and proclaims. Our attention is drawn to her hearing and her speaking. 'When the sound of your greeting reached my ears' - why doesn't she just say 'when I heard you'? 'She proclaimed with a loud voice' - why doesn't it just say 'she said'?

These elaborate expressions draw our attention to her hearing and speaking, and show that it is a hearing and a proclamation of the Gospel. Faith is established in Elizabeth through physical events: her meeting with Mary, their conversation, John the Baptist leaping in her womb, with the Spirit working through these things.

Elizabeth then praises Mary. Her canticle, Luke 1:42-45, has not received anything like the same attention as the other canticles in the first chapter of Luke's gospel, except that some of it has become part of our 'Hail Mary'. Later in the gospel another woman shouts out words of praise for Mary, saying to Jesus 'blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts you sucked'. To which Jesus replies, echoing the words of Elizabeth, 'blessed rather those who hear the Word of God and keep it'. He does not say 'please be

a little bit less explicit in front of the children': he says happy are those who hear and who practise the gospel.

How is the Word to be not only received and believed, but also practised? It can only be in the life we have here, and now, in the relationships and experiences and commitments that are ours here, and now. We do not need to look for a future incarnation of ourselves where we might do a better job of living a human life: we do it here, and we do it now, or we do not do it at all.

So in the second reading from Hebrews we are told that Jesus, on coming into the world, is given a body. This is so that he can do the Father's will as it is written in the roll of the book, so that the word can become flesh in other words. The Word of God does not return empty, it achieves its fulfillment, but can do that only by becoming embodied. This is why our faith is physical and it is why Mary (who gave Jesus his body) stands at the centre of our faith. No longer need we take animals and plants to represent our sacrifice: it is done in the body of Jesus Christ offered once, and for all, and continues in the offering of ourselves, our bodies, in union with Him.

Ours then is a physical religion. At its heart is the woman who said 'let what you have said be done to me', and the man who says 'behold I have come to do your will in the body you have prepared for me'.

fr. Vivian Boland is former Master of Students of the English Dominicans

### **GENERAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Christmas Choir:**

Come sing for Christmas! With harp and organ and many familiar carols. 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

### **Newman Nights:**

will resume on Tuesday, January 8th

### Daily Rosary and Weekly Eucharistic Adoration:

will resume in the Winter Quarter

### **Liturgy of the Hours:**

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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

# Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

### **Weekly Readings**

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

Tuesday, December 25 Christmas Day Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday, December 26 Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17 Mt 10:17-22 Thursday, December 27 1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Friday, December 28 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8 Mt 2:13-18

Saturday, December 29 1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 Lk 2:22-35

Sunday, December 30 Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 Col 3:12-21 Lk 2:41-52

### **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.

### **Volunteer** Opportunities

### St. Anthony's Soup Kitchen:

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

### RETREATS

### **Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos:**

COMING RETREATS January 2013

Jan. 11-13 Young Adults Retreat (ages 21-40) Making room in your lives to follow Christ Dirs: Fr. Radmar Jao, S.J., Mr. Michael Downs, Mr. Kyle Lierk Non-Silent Retreat for Men and Women

Jan 18-20 Women's Ignatian Spirituality How best to live as an authentic person before God Dirs: Ms. Mary Abinante, Ms. Mary Ahlbach, Ms. Rita O'Malley Non-Silent Retreat for Women

Jan 25-27 God's Invitation Think of your relationship with God as a dance – God leads and we follow. Dirs: Fr. Bernie Bush, S.J., Mr. Michael Cheney Silent Retreat for Men

...Give yourself the gift of a retreat, you'll be glad you did... www.jrclosaltos.org 650-917-4000

### Week at a Glance

### Sunday, December 23, 2012

• 4:30 pm - Memorial Church

### Monday, December 24 - Friday, December 28

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### **Daily Liturgy:**

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More.

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### **Holiday Mass Schedule:**

all are in Memorial Church unless otherwise noted

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.

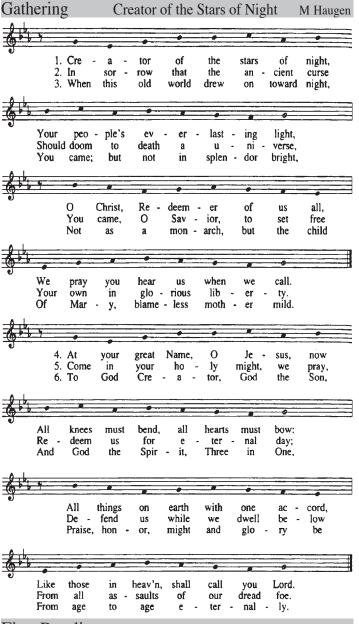
### Calling all Catholic Undergrad Women:

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)

### The Catholic Community at Stanford University

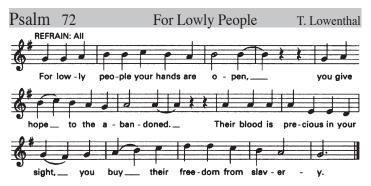
## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 23, 2012





### First Reading Micah 5:1-4

The Lord says this: "Out of tiny Bethlehem will come one who is to be ruler over all Israel. The greatness and peace of the Lord God will reach to the ends of the earth."



### Second Reading Hebrews 10:5-10

God took no delight in holocausts and sin offerings, even those that fulfilled the law. Rather, God desired Christ. By death, Jesus took away the first covenant to set up the second.



### Gospel Luke 1:39-45

When Mary visited Zachariah's house, Elizabeth greeted her: "Blest are you among women and blest is the fruit of your womb." Mary said, "My being magnifies the Lord."

### Apostle's Creed

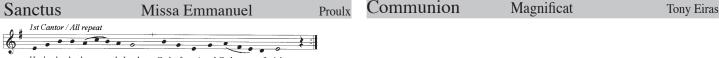
I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. and in Jesus Christ. his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried: he descended into hell: on the third day he rose again from 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.

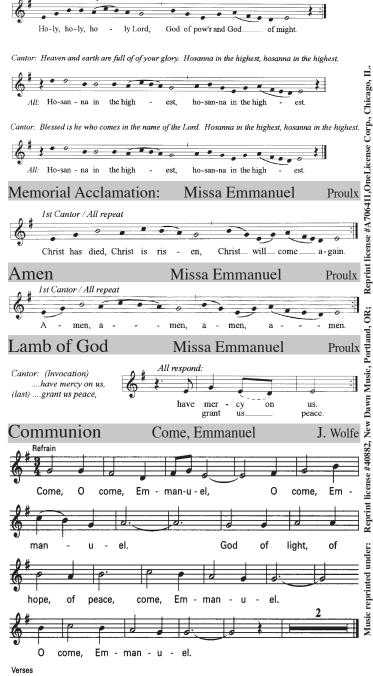
> I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Lullaby, lullaby, wait till tomorrow, Lullaby, lullaby, wait till tomorrow; Your time will come, your time will come.

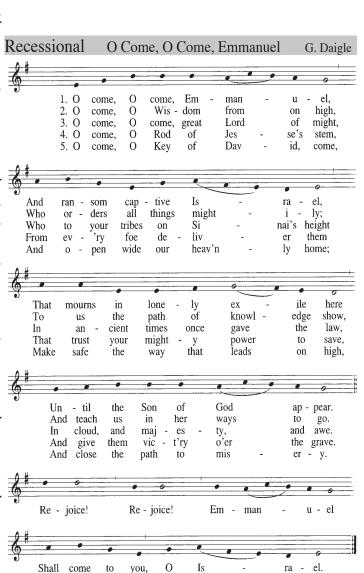
Lullaby, lullaby, God comes tomorrow, Lullaby, lullaby, God comes tomorrow; God is here, and God is here.

- 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,
- 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,





- 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,
- 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.



- 6. 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.
- 7. O come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of humankind; O bid our sad divisions cease, And be for us our King of Peace.

### 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:





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