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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
4:30pm Memorial Church

Daily Eucharist
Daily Masses will resume January 2, 2013

Confessions
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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
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’.
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:
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
**GRADS**

**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

**Weekly Readings**

**Sunday, December 23, 2012**

- 4:30 pm  -  Memorial Church

**Monday, December 24 - Friday, December 28**

- Offices will be closed until January 8th, 2013
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**Daily Liturgy:**
- Daily Masses will resume January 2, 2013

**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**

**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.

**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**

**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.

**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.”

**Psalm 72** For Lowly People  T. Lowenthal

REFRAIN: All

For low-ly peo-ple your hands are o-pen, you give hope to the a-ban-don-ed. Their blood is pre-cious in your sight, you buy their free-dom from slav-er-y.
Offertory  

Advent Lullaby  

J. Bell

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.

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.

Lamb of God  

Missa Emmanuel  
Proulx

Memorial Acclamation:  

Missa Emmanuel  
Proulx

Amen  

Missa Emmanuel  
Proulx

Communion  

Come, Emmanuel  

J. Wolfe

Recessional  

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  

G. Daigle

Communion  

Magnificat  

Tony Eiras

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Sanctus  

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25 and 50+ Silver and Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration
February 9, 2013, 2:00pm
Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph
80 South Market Street, San José

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

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.