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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: November 16, 2014

10:30 am in Tresidder Oak Room 4:30 pm in Memorial Church 10:00 pm in Memorial Church

Daily Liturgy:

M T W and F in Memorial Church Thursdays in the Old Union Sanctuary

Confessions:

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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)

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From the Catholic Community at Stanford 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

Religious Ramblings

How to Annoy Teachers

Like many priests, I am asked from time to time to preach at a school Mass – often for the end of term or the beginning or end of a school year. I would estimate that about two-thirds of the time, the teacher responsible for organising the Mass chooses the Parable of the Talents as the Gospel. It is not hard to see why: the staff of the school want the children to feel encouraged to share their talents and abilities, to make the most of them, for their own advantage and to the enhancement of the life of the school.

I confess that I take a certain amount of delight in telling the children (and the teachers) that this is a completely fallacious reading of this gospel passage. The word 'talent' has come to mean such innate and/or practised abilities as singing, sporting skill, mathematical ability or juggling, because of this well-known passage and the way in which it has sometimes been understood. But at the time that the Lord spoke these words, a talent was – as is obvious from the passage itself – simply a very substantial amount of money. The parable is not a general exhortation to exert one's abilities to the benefit of society, but a dramatic lesson about the judgement that will fall upon Christians.

For there are two striking things about this parable that the common, banal and moralising reading of it has to overlook: the first is that the servants are entrusted with something of extraordinary value. We are not speaking here of being a good violinist, but of the treasure of grace and mercy that is entrusted to every Christian. These 'talents' are nothing less than a share in the very life of God himself, which is granted to each of us through baptism and is nourished in the Eucharist and the other sacraments of the Church.

This share in God's life is indeed granted to some to a greater extent than to others – are we not all aware that some are extraordinary saints, while many of us find ourselves somewhat less blessed? But even the least of the children of the Kingdom is greater than the greatest of the Prophets. All of us have been granted something absolutely extraordinary. There is no reason why this should overflow into great skill in any earthly activity; it will overflow rather in that superhuman charity which is the love of God himself.

The second striking thing is a consequence of this: from those to whom much is given, much will be expected. The parable invites us to recognise that God expects, nay demands, that the gift he has given us should bear fruit. Even though that gift is the all-powerful Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, yet that life can be petrified, fossilised, by our lack of response to it. Just as the very Word of God, having assumed human flesh, placed himself into the hands of men and allowed them to nail him to a tree, so the Spirit places himself, as it were, into our hands. We can allow it to transform our lives, and through that transformation to participate in the coming-to-birth of the Kingdom. Or we can allow fear, cowardice and timidity to rule us.

God is not a puppet-master. If we will not co-operate with the Spirit, if we listen instead to the voices of fear, to the murmurers who tempt us to give in, to do nothing, God will allow us to do nothing,

to dissociate ourselves from the often-hidden but yet inevitable and inexorable spring that is even now overcoming the winter of sin. But when that spring at last bursts into blossom, as it surely will, then we will weep and grind our teeth when we realise what we have done, what an extraordinary privilege we have neglected.

And this is, more or less, what I like to tell the children at school – 'students', you have to call them these days. I tell them that the demands of charity may even require that they give up the human aspirations that their teachers would encourage, in favour of the more demanding life of true sanctity. And the teachers don't like it, because of course saints can sometimes be terribly disruptive; but no amount of clarinet-playing, swimming or whatever will turn us into saints.

fr Richard Joseph Ounsworth teaches scripture at Blackfriars, Oxford



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from our Pastor

RCIA:

Considering becoming Catholic? Haven't been Confirmed? Or just want an adult perspective on the Catholic Faith? Want to be a sponsor to some on the journey of faith? Why not join the RCIA? Starting October 5th at 2:30 pm in the Rm 301 in Old Union. If the schedule does not work for you, contact me! xavierop@stanford.edu or 415-336-4203

Good News About You!

Gallup has a wonderful book called "Living Your Strengths", and by using a unique code in the book you can take an online inventory that identifies your top 5 signature talents. Each person is richly blessed. You are using these talents even now, but people often don't recognize what their talents are and misuse them. With knowledge and practice you can turn those talents into strengths, i.e. near perfect performance. "Strength Finders" is also a wonderful way of learning how to understand and appreciate others.

We would investigate your leadership talents. Everyone is a leader at one time or another. Let's explore how you can use your talents in leadership. My proposal is simple. I would be willing to conduct in your homes miniworkshops. Gather a small group of permanent community members or just friends, and at a time convenient for your group, I would lead you in taking the inventory and in applying the results. We would meet three or four times, and explore!

Xavier OP, xavierop@stanford.edu or 415-336-4205

GENERAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You for Supporting the Service Trip

You all showed an outstanding response to the Student Bake Sale! We received \$771 from sales of our baked goods. The funds raised will support the cost of supplies and pies that we donate on our trip to the St. Terese Center over Thanksgiving Break. We will be assembling and distributing 400 food boxes to their clientele of people affected by HIV/AIDS. Thanks for your terrific support!

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)

Guadalupe Mass

On Sunday, Dec. 7, we celebrate our annual Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe during the 4:30 Mass in Memorial Church. Dancers, mariachis, and readings in English and Spanish commemorate the patroness of the Americas and her solidarity with the poorest of God's children.

Early Holiday Liturgy

Each year we hold an annual Early Holiday Liturgy. This year's date is Saturday, Dec. 7, 11:00 P.M. Come celebrate this festival Advent Mass with Christmas caroling afterward. A solemn candle procession begins the liturgy, a full orchestra and choir, and hot chocolate to finish the evening. It's a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the holidays before everyone leaves for break.

Singers and Instrumentalists

WE NEED YOU!! There are music groups at the 10:30, 4:30, 10:00 p.m. and monthly Spanish Masses. No auditions! We work on a variety of music, from chant to contemporary. Make new friends and serve your community with God's gifts. Most needed: instruments (flutes, violins, cello, guitar, PIANO, percussion) and sopranos. For info, contact Teresa, tpleins@stanford.edu.

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 kjlee99@ stanford.edu.

Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose Chapel

A reminder that our TAIZE (Prayer around the Cross) is on Fri. Nov. 21, at 8pm. TAIZE Prayer is an ecumenical service, open to all faiths. This prayer and song around the Cross is held in the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose Chapel every 3rd Friday of each month & Good Friday from 8 to 9pm. In a spirit of peace and reconciliation, our TAIZE service is attended by people of all ages. Join us at 43326 Mission Blvd. (entrance is around the corner on Mission Tierra Pl), Fremont, CA 94539. For more information, please contact Sister Marcia Krause, OP at 510-502-5797. Please help us spread the word about this prayer service. Hope you are able to attend and bring a friend or two.

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:

-Announcements for November 16, 2014–

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.

Volunteer for the 10pm Mass Ministry:

The 10pm Mass Ministry serves to create a welcoming and prayerful space for students to encounter Christ. We hand out bulletins, set up the space, and reset everything after Mass. We need more volunteers and would like to invite you to consider this ministry. It only takes 20 minutes before and 15 minutes after Mass. You would only be scheduled for a few Sundays per quarter. If you're interested, contact Awapuhi Lee, awapuhil@stanford.edu.

Attention Catholic Singles:

Interested in joining an excellent Catholic singles organization? The Catholic Alumni Club International currently has a group in the San Francisco area! We provide a group dedicated to social, cultural, civic and spiritual relationships in a Catholic setting. For more information, please check out the following site or contact Elinor at tancke@sbcglobal.net; http://catholicsinglessfbayarea.com/

YOUNG ADULTS

Dinner at Bierhaus

Tues. Nov. 18th at 7:30PM, 383 Castro St., Mountain View 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.

Young Adult Mass

Tues. Nov. 25th at 7:30PM, St. Simon Church, 1860 Grant Rd, Los AltosThe Young Adult Circle will be gathering for Mass in the Small Chapel at St. Simon Church in Los Altos. Celebrate the Eucharist with young adults (20's and 30's, single or married) from this and neighboring parishes with fellowship to follow. If you have questions or would like more information on the Mass, please contact us at yacircle@gmail.com.

a way of life

Sunday, November 16, 2014

"Well done my good and faithful servant." With those words the master in Jesus' Parable of the Talents smiles and rewards his servant. We often cite the Parable of the Talents in relation to stewardship. Because of our understanding of "talent," we may assume that this is a parable about skills and those kinds of gifts.

Of course, in this case, a "talent" is a unit of money. Scholars assume that the master is wealthy; therefore, whether one received five talents, two talents, or one talent, they most likely received a huge amount of money according to our standards. That is not the stewardship perspective of this parable. Each of us, just as the three servants in the parable, has received multiple gifts from God (the Master). The question posed by Jesus, and the question we must be prepared to answer at our own judgment, is "What have you done with the gifts you have received?"

Everything we have and everything we become are gifts from God. Like the stewards in the parable, we have been given gifts. Do we develop those gifts and do we share them, or do we "bury" them and really do nothing with them? Those who do the former, return them with increase to the Lord, are not only complimented, but embraced and invited: "Come share your master's joy."

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

UNDERGRADS

Spaghetti Dinners:

Thursdays 5:15pm.

Join us Thursday for our weekly Spaghetti Dinners. Come feast on pasta and meet new friends every Thursday at 5:15pm. We meet in the Common Room of Old Union located on the 3rd floor.

GRADS

Catholicism 101:

Grad students are invited to Catholicism 101, a forum for graduate students and young adults that fosters community and open discussion. Join us on Monday nights this quarter from 7-8:30pm for dinner and discussions. More information will be available in the weekly email. Let us know if you would like to be added to the grad email list by contacting Lourdes at lalonso@stanford.edu.

Nov. 17th - Secular History of the Church - Brittany

Dec. 1st - Tying the Knot: What you should know about marriage - Fr. Daniel

Dec. 8th - Grads will attend Mass together for the Feast Day

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.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, November 16, 2014

10:30am at Tresidder Oak Room

4:30pm in Memorial Church

10pm in Memorial Church

Monday, November 17 - Friday, November 21 • Office hours: Mon to Thurs, 10am to 4pm

Fr Xavier Lavagetto OP extended office hours: Tuesday to Thursday, 9pm to 10:30pm - 415 336-4203

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CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE?

Volunteer Opportunities

St. Anthony's Padua 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, Nov. 22 or Dec. 6 from 8:30 - 1 PM 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. Jesus entrusts his treasures to us according to our talents. Use them for good at St. A's!

Volunteers Needed - Family Giving Tree - Christmas Toys for **Needy Children Drive:**

It is that time of the year again to begin recruiting volunteers for the Family Giving Tree (FGT) warehouse activity of rowing, sorting, shopping and bagging of Christmas Toys for needy children. This year we have two scheduled volunteer timeslots on Saturday, December 13th from 6:00PM – 8:00pm and Sunday, December 14th from 9:00am – 11:00am. The location of the FGT warehouse is to be determined. I will notify all volunteers as soon as I hear from FGT with the warehouse location. Families with young children who can be supervised and who can participate in this event are welcome. Students looking for a break from their study routine can enjoy three hours +/- (transportation time included) of sharing time with friends and helping needy children in the process. Transportation from campus can be arranged!!! Children's wish cards will be available after all the Masses beginning Sunday, November 2nd through Sunday, December 7th and on the display rack outside of Lourdes' office. Gifts must be delivered to Peter or to Lourdes' office no later than noon on December 12th! Volunteer slots fill quickly so please contact Peter Barling (peter_barling@hotmail.com) to reserve a volunteer slot(s) or for more information.

Volunteers Needed - St. Anthony's Soup Kitchen on Christmas Day 2014

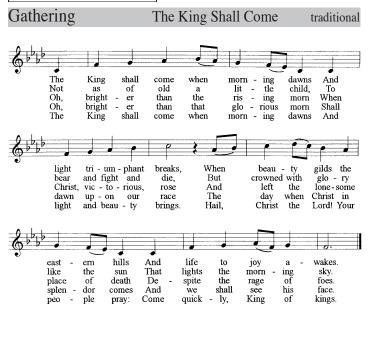
The CC@S is looking for volunteers to help setup, decorate and serve hot meals to 500-600 diners on Christmas Day 2014. There are two shifts to fill for a total of 10 volunteers (5 volunteers for each shift and volunteers can work both shifts). The Setup/Decorating Shift runs from 8:30am - 11:30am and 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!!!

Gloria

The Catholic Community at Stanford University

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 16, 2014

C. DeSilva



Mass From Age To Age





According to Paul, Christians are children of light. They belong not to dark nor to night but, rather, to day and light.

They should be awake, sober, and alert.



Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus told the parable about a man who went on a journey and gave his servants money. On his return he said to the one who made the greatest profit, "Well done, I will promote you."

Apostle's Creed

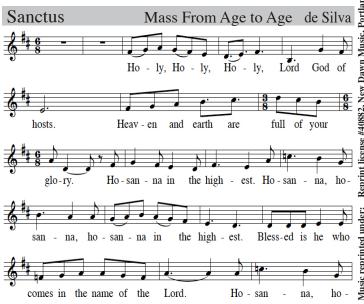
I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from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

- 1) Far too late have I begun to love you; you were there within me, I was outside, and I sought you, seeing blindly just beyond myself; and poured away like water, I took flight from you and I was lost, surrounded by such beauty which is not you.
- 2) Then you called and cried aloud to me, breaking through the silence of my deafness, Dazzling brightness, you appeared to me, and at once you put to flight my blindness. Drawing deep, I smell your fragrant presence, still I gasp for breath and long for you.

 Since I tasted you I only thirst and hunger after you. How, with a simple touch, your fire consumes me. Now my heart, aflame and blazing, leaps to you for peace.





Communion Return, O God Of Love, Return A.Parker

- Return, O God of love, return;
 Earth is a tiresome place:
 How long shall we thy children mourn
 Our absence from thy face?
- Let heav'n succeed our painful years, Let sin and sorrow cease; In proportion to our tears, So make our joys increase.
- 3) Thy wonders to thy servants show, Make thine own work complete; Then shall our souls thy glory know, And own thy love was great.

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

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.



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.

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