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Their Stories: You're the Hero

Hopefully you've had a chance to read our email that shares our students', alumni, and community members' stories. If you haven't read the stories yet, you can pick up the link to them on our home page at stanfordcatholic.org

We Are Stanford's Guest

Catholic Community at Stanford is a parish and campus ministry operating as a guest of Stanford University. Stanford graciously offers us the use of several offices as well as access to hold Masses on campus. We are extremely grateful. However, we do not receive financial support from Stanford University. Our expenses are funded from individual gifts to CC@S.

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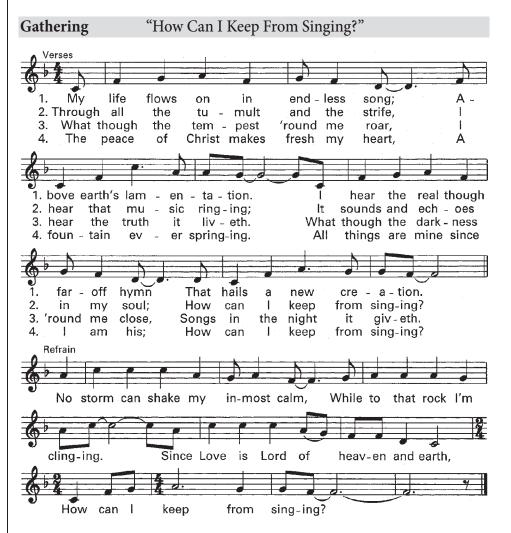
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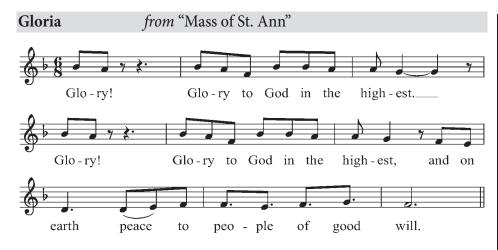
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SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD MAY 16, 2021



Words and music attributed to Robert Lowry, 1826-1899; Quaker hymn.



We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father.

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First Reading Acts 1:1–11

In the first book, Theophilus,
I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.

After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority.



New announcement

* First Communion

It is with joy that we announce the reception of First Communion by the following children:

Beatrice Capodieci

Bartolomeo Marzani

Leonardo Marzani

Julian Michalak

Alexander Monstavicius

Natalie Pearce

Charlotte Schoenen

Please keep them and their families in your prayers as we welcome them to the table of the Lord.

First announced May 9

A Tear & A Blessing from the Pastor

I can't imagine the Catholic Community without Lourdes Alonso. Some of you have already heard but sadly Lourdes Alonso and John Aguayo are moving to Austin, Texas after Commencement. While it is a new adventure for them, it is a painful loss for us. Her smile has welcomed so many, her passion for justice has enlighten many a mind, her compassion has dried so many tears and her counsel has been a guiding star. There is no adequate way to thank her for her faith and joy, other than to say we love her.

John's and Lourdes' generosity have fed us, would that we could have given them the ability to remain in California. They had been searching for a house for so long, but today's market is a wall. A new work offering for John simply has to be seized. Ministry is a gift. They have given and given. Their marriage has inspired many. We will be poorer for the loss of this most amazing couple.

Vaya con Dios... you take our hearts with you!

—Fr. Xavier

Catholic Leadership Skills Series

Wednesdays at 7:30pm (Pacific) Upcoming sessions:

- · Planning Successful Events, May 19th
- Critical Conversations & Empathy, June
 2nd
- Leading Teams & Building Team Culture,
 June 6th

Open to all members of the Catholic Community at Stanford. These sessions will include theory, testimonies, and practice of the skills that you need to be a great Catholic leader. These are lifelong skills that will help in many aspects of your life at and beyond Stanford.

You can come to one or more or all of the six sessions. If you have any questions, contact Steven Howell at sthowell@alumni.stanford.

Sign up at

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/ 1FAIpQLSfG3NnhV0406uQTFs1WkBQHT-M7WLSvaipaHbSUY-qEqQqJkwg/viewform

New announcement

Lamplighters Series: Schedule Correction

There will not be a session on Monday, May 24.

Join us on June 7 for an exciting conversation with our 'soon-to-depart' Lourdes Alonso, Campus Minister for CC@S, and Rosie La Puma Lebel, Stanford Law Student. Lourdes is passionate about connecting with students and accompanying them as they engage with their faith. She is also immersed in Catholic Relief Services helping to launch our CRS chapter which includes members of our entire community to mobilize us around issues in support of those in need around the world.

First Reading (continued)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Psalm (Outdoor Masses) (Ps. 47)

(spoken response)

R: God mounts the throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy. For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth. (*R*.)

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. (*R*.)

For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm. God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne. (*R*.)

Psalm (4:30 Live Stream) "Send Us Your Spirit, O Lord" (Ps. 104)



Send us your Spi-rit, O Lord, and re - new the face of the earth.



- 1) Bless the Lord, O my soul. See how great is our God. For the earth is abundant, filled with your might, filled with your love!
- 2) When you take back your spirit all is dead; all returns to dust from where it came. But, when you send forth your spirit, all is made new! Renew us, O Lord!

Words and Music: Tony Eiras

Second Reading Ephesians 1:17–23

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.

And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Gospel Acclamation "Easter Alleluia"



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Gospel Mark 16:15–20

Jesus appeared to the eleven, and he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."

So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it.

First announced May 2

*Infant/Child Baptisms

We are currently scheduling baptisms for infants/children for our registered parishioners. If you are seeking baptism for your child, please contact Teresa Pleins, tpleins@stanford.edu. The baptisms will be held outdoors off-campus in a lovely garden area.

Pre-Cana Preparation

Are you getting married in your home parish or elsewhere and cannot find a required pre-marriage workshop or an Engaged Encounter weekend available? If you are a student, faculty, staff member or registered member of CC@S (including alumni – all must be registered as CC@S members for at least a year) and are in need of pre-marriage prep, contact Father Xavier Lavagetto (xavierop@stanford.edu) about the possibility of doing an online program. For further information about the canonical prep requirements for a Catholic wedding, please visit our website.

Reading Group

We'll meet on Monday, May 17th at 7:30pm to discuss several short stories by Flannery O'Connor: "A Good Man Is Hard to Find," "A Temple of the Holy Ghost," "Greenleaf," "Everything That Rises Must Converge," "Revelation," and "Parker's Back." The first three are from her first collection of stories A Good Man Is Hard to Find, and the second three are from the second collection Everything That Rises Must Converge. All six stories are in her Complete Stories. All of those volumes are available in libraries and in paperback and Kindle editions. A Zoom link will be sent closer to the date. Anyone who wants to be added to the mailing list should contact Albert Gelpi (agelpi@stanford.edu).

Offertory

If you have found spiritual encouragement from our virtual Sunday Mass, please consider making an offering. CC@S relies on individual donations from supporters all over the country to fund Sunday Mass, spiritual programs for students, faculty, staff and other permanent community members.

- To make an online donation through Venmo, Venmo @stanford-catholic
- To make a tax-deductible donation through PayPal, Check, or stock transfers, see

stanfordcatholic.org/give/ways-to-give

Outdoor Mass and Confessions Also on Campus Now

Because of Stanford restrictions, those attending must be people who have permission to be on campus.

Mass: In addition to our outdoor Sunday Mass at St. Raymond's, we now have weekly outdoor 10:30am Sunday Mass on campus at Wilbur Field. For contact tracing purposes and because there is a limit to how many are allowed to attend, you need to RSVP (open between 7pm Monday and 8:30am Sunday). See our website https://stanfordcatholic.org/sunday-mass for the RSVP link.

Confessions: In addition to our outdoor Saturday confessions at St. Raymond's, we now have **outdoor confessions on campus on Fridays**, **2:30pm–4pm**, **behind Memorial Church**. For contact tracing purposes, you need to RSVP (open between 2:30pm the Friday before and 1:30pm the day of). Go to https://mercy.youcanbook.me to RSVP.

Baptismal Creed

Offertory "No Body But Yours"

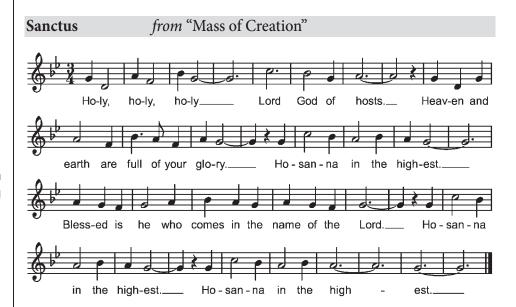
Christ has no body, no body, no body now but yours; No hands, no feet on Earth but yours.

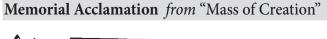
Yours are the eyes with which he looks, He looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the Earth.

Yours are the hands; yours are the feet; yours are the eyes. You are his body.

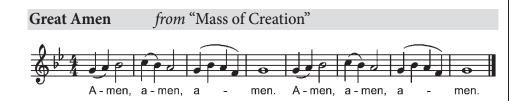
Christ has no body, no body, no body now but yours.

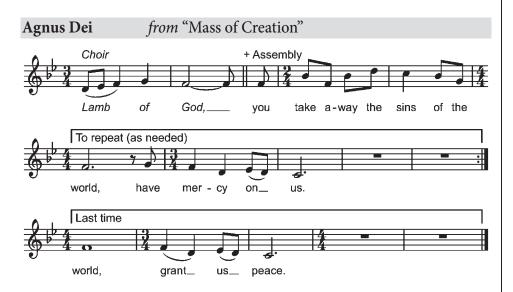
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CRS Rice Bowl

We prayed, fasted and gave alms and now we rejoice because Christ is risen! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we begin the Easter season to share the joy of the risen Lord with our sisters and brothers around the world. Please turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at Mass or, better yet, donate online at our CC@S-CRS page: https://crs.donordrive.com/team/5842

CRS Action of the Month

Take Action with us this month! Join the CRS-Stanford Chapter by emailing your representatives to advocate for larger funding allocation for foreign humanitarian aid so organizations like CRS could make an impact around the world. Background information and tips on formulating your email can be found on the links at our website or directly in this pdf:

https://www.crs.org/sites/default/files/crs action sheet 2021 april english.pdf

St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room

During this time of pandemic, CC@S continues to help prepare take-away hot meals for those in need at St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room in Menlo Park (http://paduadining-room.com) every first and fourth Saturday of the month. However, to reduce the risk of virus transmission we are not able to accept new volunteers, currently. Please stay tuned for volunteer opportunities to resume. For further information, please contact gary.glover@stanford.edu (650-302-6902).

New announcement

★ Job Openings @ St. Thomas Aquinas Parish – Palo Alto

From Fr. Estanislao Mikalonis, Pastor of Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish:

Dear Friends, we are looking for candidates to join our Parish staff for the following programs:

- 1) Youth Ministry Director
- 2) Young Adults and Family/Parish life Director

We are looking for candidates that will help us lead these ministries with energy, creativity and great Love for Christ and His People. I hope you may be interested. Please see the link below to take a look at the job descriptions. If you are interested, please reach out to Fr. Estanislao Mikalonis, Pastor of Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish (estanislao. mikalonis@dsj.org)

Thank you!!!

https://www.dsj.org/careers/parish-openings/

First announced May 9

Retrouvaille June Virtual Marriage Program

You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the June Virtual Marriage Program beginning with a weekend on June 24-27, 2021 call 408-605-4998, email: SanJose@RetroCA.com or visit our website at http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org

Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus, we know that you are always with us. Help us to remember your presence within us as we await the day when we can gather in one place to celebrate the Eucharist and share communion.

May our communion with you and one another move us to reach out to others, especially those who are sick and those who seek justice.

May our remembrance of the wonderful saving mystery of your life, death, and resurrection during this holy season of Easter renew your church and rebirth each of us in hope. Amen.

Communion (4:30 Live Stream) "In God Alone"

 Then I saw a new earth, a new heaven, and the first heaven and earth disappear.
 No more war, no more hate, no more hunger, no more thirst, no more loss, no more fear.



- No more pain, no more death, no more weeping, earth and heaven are one on that day.
 For I saw all our tears form a river, and I saw every tear wiped away.
- 3) Then let all who are thirsty find water let it flow from the well of new life. And let all who are waiting in darkness know that God will become their new light.

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New announcement

Red for Pentecost (May 23)

On Pentecost, the color red is used to symbolize the fire of the Holy Spirit. We invite everyone to consider wearing something red to Mass next Sunday May 23 to celebrate this feast day.

Join the Live-Stream Choir!

At the end of our live streamed Masses, singers and instrumentalists from all over the world join together to lead our community in song.

Would you like to "join" the choir?

It's not difficult and you don't have to be a recording star to join in. The music is pre-recorded and then mixed together, so your voice is blended with others.

God is calling us in many different ways these days. Perhaps Live-stream choir is a way to help others pray through song about mercy, grace, forgiveness, and hope.

For more info, contact Teresa (tpleins@ stanford.edu)

Financial Transparency:

If you suspect financial mis-management 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.

Reporting sexual misconduct:

Contact the Diocese of San Jose Office for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults (OPCVA), by phone at 408-983-0113, or online at https://opcva.ethicspoint.com. All reports are confidential. See https://www.dsj.org/ministries/protecting-gods-children/ for more information

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