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Ash Wednesday, February 17: A Feast of Options

Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation even outside of pandemics. It is, however, a significant and meaningful start to our Lenten journey.

Zoom Mass for Undergrads @ Noon

Outdoor Mass @ 3:30pm, St. Raymond’s, Menlo Park. For the ashes, we will be following Vatican guidelines to sprinkle ashes on the head, thereby avoiding direct contact. (Why 3:30? It’s the only time available at St. Raymond’s, which is busy with school and services.) Registration required by noon Ash Wednesday at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/catholic-community-at-stanford-330pm-mass-ash-wed-february-17-2021-tickets-139006944513

Pray with a Priest. Short prayer and distribution of ashes.

- 12pm-2pm: Fr. Dominic and Fr. Xavier will be outside their home (1231 Arbor Rd, Menlo Park, next to St. Raymond’s Church; enter the driveway with mailbox 1231).
- 8am-12pm, 1pm-3pm: Fr. Bob will be at Heritage Park (300 Homer Ave. Palo Alto)

Livestream Mass @ 6:00pm (Pacific) Live on YouTube and available for later viewing as well.

Ashes at Home: If you signed up to pick up a Mardi Gras swag bag, you’ll discover blessed ashes and a prayer inside your bag. Sign up for a swag bag at https://forms.gle/mqeZ4Er7rGiUHNGK6

Fasting and abstinence:

- On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, we fast and we abstain from meat (obligatory for those in good health ages 18-59). Fasting means that one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal, may be eaten.
- On all Fridays during Lent, we abstain from meat (obligatory for those in good health 14 and older).

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 7, 2021

Gathering “Christ In Me Arise”

1. Be now my vi-sion; o-pen these eyes, show-ing me all that I must see. On-ward to the king-dom, you are the way. A-rise in me and I shall rise with you.

2. Be now my foot-steps, lead-ing the way, tak-ing me where I must go. On-ward to the king-dom, you are the way. A-rise in me and I shall rise with you.

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Gloria from “Mass of St. Ann”

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.


New announcement

* Permanent Community Encounter Christ Groups for Lent

Sign-ups now through February 12
Groups begin meeting week of February 14
Our Permanent Community Encounter Christ groups are small intentional communities of people who meet together for six weeks (twice a year) to reflect on and discuss the gospel for the upcoming Sunday. These groups are a great way to spend some quality time in prayer and to meet some spiritual friends. There is a group solely for men, several groups solely for women, and a group for both men and women. We will be meeting during Lent, by Zoom, beginning the week of February 14. There is space at the moment in all groups for new members. Sign-ups start immediately and will close on February 12 in order to allow for organization of these groups. If you are interested in learning more about, or wish to join a group, please email Nancy Greenfield at ngreenfield875@gmail.com. Remember, Jesus was in a small group…

Updated January 31

* All Community Mardi Gras Party—Tuesday, February 16

6:30pm-7:30pm (Pacific)
We will be gathering to play games and get a chance to visit with one another—this year over Zoom! See the weekly email for the Zoom info. (Don’t get our weekly email? Sign up for it on our website: db.stanford-catholic.org/sign-up-for-updates)

Sign up for a Swag Bag that you can pick up Sunday Feb. 14 or Monday Feb. 15. Swag Bags will include things to enjoy both during the party and for Lent: dice for the games, a sweet made by Fr. Bob, Mardi Gras beads, and Hurricane cocktail mix PLUS ashes and instructions to self-apply for Ash Wednesday, prayers, a Lenten booklet and a Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl. Sign up for a Swag Bag at https://forms.gle/mqeZ4Er7rGlUHNGK6

Contact us with questions ahead of time: M’Lis Berry at meberry@stanford.edu

First Reading Job 7:1–4, 6–7

Job spoke to his friends:
“Do not human beings have a hard service on earth, and are not their days like the days of a labourer? Like a slave who longs for the shadow, and like labourers who look for their wages, so I am allotted months of emptiness, and nights of misery are apportioned to me.

“When I lie down I say, ‘When shall I rise?’ But the night is long, and I am full of tossing until dawn.

“My days are swifter than a weaver’s shuttle, and come to their end without hope. Remember that my life is a breath; my eye will never again see good.”
Psalm (1:00 Outdoor Mass) (Ps. 147)

(speaken response)

R: Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting. The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

(R.)

The Lord heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

(R.)

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.

(R.)

First announced January 17

Online Community Road Trip: Proclaim the Promise

This year it’s really easy to enjoy the big annual Catholic Religious Education Congress, February 18-21. Because it’s online, it’s easy to attend and doesn’t require a commitment to the whole weekend. There will be a combination of live talks by nationally-known speakers, live Masses celebrating different cultures, and workshops available on demand throughout the weekend. English, Spanish, and Vietnamese are employed, and there’s even a track for high school students.

Undergrads and grad students, if you sign up at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdjipQa955-O2EuR6KTLNuk_J0oJ9F6h2KYGvifflP3uQA/viewform?usp=sf_link by Friday, February 12, Catholic Community at Stanford will register you and cover your fee.

Permanent community members, including high schoolers, can register themselves at https://recongress.org/. But then also sign up at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdjikpa955-O2EuR6KTLNuk_J0oJ9F6h2KYGvifflP3uQA/viewform?usp=sf_link so that our staff can help our community members connect with each other.

This is the largest and best gathering of its kind in the world. Don’t miss out. We’ll have opportunities during and after the conference for our community members to discuss with each other what they’ve learned and experienced.
Psalm (4:30 Live Stream) “What Is Your Name?” (Ps. 103)


First announced January 24

* Reading Group

Our next meeting will be on Monday Feb. 22nd at 7:30pm (Pacific) via Zoom to discuss Pope Francis’s new book Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future, available in book form or on Kindle. Francis’ critique of the current social and political crisis and plea for reform of political institutions and social policy for the common good is an urgent call as we seek to move to a more just and more compassionate society in our country. Anyone not on the mailing list who wants to join the conversation should contact Albert Gelpi (agelpi@stanford.edu). The Zoom link will be sent to the list closer to the date of the meeting.
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

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).

Marriage Preparation

Were you going to be married at Stanford’s Memorial Church or were you being prepared by the Catholic Community at Stanford to be married elsewhere but now are unable to find a wedding prep program? If so, contact Fr. Xavier (xavierop@stanford.edu) about the possibility of joining our online program.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 9:16–19, 22–23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel!

For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this:

that in my proclamation
I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them.

To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Gospel Acclamation from “Mass from Age to Age”

As soon as Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told Jesus about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to Jesus all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, “Everyone is searching for you.” He answered, “Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.” And Jesus went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

[bowing:] 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

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
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Sanctus

from “Mass from Age to Age”
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

A-men, a-men, a-men.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, Lamb of God.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, Lamb of God.

grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.
Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus, you promised to be with your church until the end of time. Help us to believe that you are with us now in our hour of need.

We long to experience your presence more deeply and more intimately, even when we can’t gather together as your church to celebrate the Eucharist.

Deepen our belief that you are present within us and that you bind us together in communion with you.

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

We know that you abide with those whom you created. Never let us forget your love. Amen.

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Recessional  “Still Must We Walk”

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4. [Repeat verse 1 one whole step higher in pitch.]

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 Eric (elebel@stanford.edu)

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