

Catholic Community at Stanford

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Sunday Mass May 6, 2012

10:30am Tresidder Oak Room

3pm misa en español en Memorial Church

4:30pm Memorial Church 10pm Memorial Church

Daily Eucharist

M - W - F 12:20pm Memorial Church T - Th 12:20pm Old Union Sanctuary

Confessions

Tuesday 1:30-2:30pm and 9-10:30pm Old Union, 3rd Floor, 304 or 305 or by appointment: call 725-0080

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 2011-2012 academic year:

May 20, 2012

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Religious Ramblings

Face to Face

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 6, 2012

fr John O'Connor preaches on the extraordinary experience, and the extraordinary zeal, of Saint Paul.

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In the Acts of the Apostles the suspicion of the early Christians in Jerusalem towards Saul is treated as perfectly understandable. After all, here we have someone who persecuted the early Church, who, only shortly earlier, was persecuting them and who approved of the killing of Stephen, one of their number. But now, after his dramatic conversion on the road to Damascus where he encountered the Risen Christ, he declares himself to be a member of the Church. His zeal to stamp out the followers of Jesus Christ has been transformed into zeal for proclaiming that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Saul would later be known as Paul, and would become one of the great saints of the Church and author of the celebrated letters, works that have been accorded the great honour of being included among the scriptures. Because all this is a well-known part of the story of the early Christian Church, we may lose sight of how astonishing it is. It's the sort of story that, if we were to come across it in a novel or film, we might think far-fetched. But when we see how truly extraordinary what happened to Saul was, we may begin to gain some insight into what an earth-shattering experience it must have been to have encountered the Risen Christ in the way he did. And if that is what happened to Saul when he encountered the Risen Christ, might it not perhaps also happen to you or to me when we encounter the Risen Christ in our daily lives?

Most of us have lives that are much less dramatic than Saul's life was. You may be glad to know that before I joined the Dominican Order, I was not involved in the persecution of Christians or any other group! Nor did I have a dramatic conversion experience, such as the one Saul experienced on the road to Damascus. That said, I have known some people who've had fairly dramatic conversion experiences, but, as far as I can gauge, none of them have equalled that of Saul.

Perhaps what Saul experienced may seem so far from the experience of ourselves and of people we know as to seem barely relevant to the vast majority of us. But to think that would be to miss an important point. Because the extraordinary events in the life of Saul tell us not only something about him and his life, but, far more importantly, they tells us a great deal about the reality that he experienced so intensely and powerfully in his conversion. To have encountered the Risen Christ in the way Saul did was capable of bringing about a truly radical transformation. It was capable of changing a heart fixed on destruction, and turning it round to radiate love for the very people whom he wished to destroy. To realise this is to grasp an important point, an important point about the depths of the reality we encounter when we encounter God.

As a Catholic I believe that I encounter the Risen Christ in the sacraments, in my fellow human beings and in prayer. But, as anyone who knows me will testify, I do not seem to have ever manifested such a radical transformation as Saul did. My zeal seems so mediocre compared with what his extraordinary zeal was like. Indeed, we may all feel pretty inadequate in comparison with Saul after his conversion! But, even so, what happened to Saul tells me something of the beauty, the wonder, the value of what it is to be a follower of Christ, to be a branch belonging to the vine that is Christ. It tells me something of the depths of the reality I celebrate in my Christian faith, where I profess faith in Christ who died and who rose from the dead, and who is with us to the end of the age.

As Saul would later write: 'For now we see in a mirror dimly; but then face to face.' I have yet to see the Risen Christ in that direct fashion, face to face. But I think Saul did, or, at least, experienced something very similar. If it had that effect on him, we should clearly await this wonderful communion

fr. John O'Connor is Prior of Blackfriars, Oxford, and Secretary of Studies of the Hall and Studium.

#### **GENERAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **High School Confirmation For 2103:**

We are currently assessing the need for a high school confirmation class next year. If you are interested in having your high school child confirmed, please contact Nancy Greenfield at ngreenfield875@gmail.com by May 15.

#### Rice Bowls:

You may still drop them off at Room 305 in Old Union (Fr Isaiah and Lourdes' office).

#### **Baptisms**:

We will celebrate baptisms at the 4:30 Mass on Sunday, May 20. The preparation class is on Saturday, May 12, 10-11:30 a.m. For information, contact Teresa Pleins, tpleins@stanford.edu.

#### **Grad Masses & University Baccalaureate:**

Please mark your calendars for our Graduation Masses to be held on Saturday, June 16. The Mass in Spanish is at 1:30pm. The Mass in English is at 5:30pm. Both are in Memorial Church. The University Baccalaureate is held that morning at 9:30am. in the Main Quad. This year's speaker is Sr. Joan Chittister. All are welcome to attend.

There will be no Sunday Masses the following day, June 17, as it is University commencement.

#### **Eucharistic Ministers Needed for 4:30 Mass:**

Our roster of eucharistic ministers has fallen short. Do you feel drawn to serving the community in this part of the liturgy? Training is provided for you. You would be scheduled approximately every 3 weeks. Contact Teresa for more information, tpleins@stanford.edu.

#### **New Training for Liturgical Ministers:**

We welcome anyone who is interested in joining the choir, serving as lectors, greeters, altar servers, or eucharistic ministers. If you've managed to survive the first quarter at Stanford and can now think about the REST of your life, please contact Teresa, tpleins@stanford.edu. Service can take place around your schedule. The rewards for ministry are great--serving the Lord, deepening your bond to the community, making new friends!

#### Check out the CC@S Podcast!

"Catholic Cardinal Reflections" is a weekly podcast of Sunday homilies and theological reflections from the staff of CCAS. Two of our students, pianist Albert Tomasso and Percussionist Shane Clarkson, have graciously added their talents to the podcast by adding a soundtrack! Check it out on iTunes or through the website, catholic.stanford.edu.

#### **UNDER GRADS**

#### TNT Returns on a new night:

Thursday at 6:30pm. Join us for Thursday Night Topics as we explore the award winning video series, "Catholicism." The videos have been featured on PBS and EWTN. In them, Father Robert Barron paints a beautiful and mysterious image of what it takes to be a follower of Jesus. We will watch short clips of selected videos and discuss them over dinner at Arillaga Dining Hall. Contact Ben at bvb@stanford.edu for more information.

#### Reading Group:

We'll meet this Tuesday, May 8th at 7:30pm at the Gelpis' house on campus (870 Tolman Drive) to discuss Jennifer Haigh's recent novel 'Faith." All are welcome to join in the conversation.

**Korean Catholic At Stanford (KC@S) prayer meeting:** 

Join us at our community for Korean Catholic at Stanford University. This Friday we are going to share the following Sunday's readings and gospel in addition to rosary prayer and worship songs. Please bring your own bible, rosary, and open mind. Also, lunch gathering every Wednesday is on going during this spring quarter. For more information, contact Eun-Soo at eschoi@stanford.edu.

#### **GRADS**

#### **Catholicism 101:**

Grad Community Center, Mondays at 7pm. Join us on Mondays for Catholicism 101, a forum for graduate students and young adults that fosters community and open discussion of pressing issues impacting Catholics worldwide. Come for dinner and an engaging conversation. We meet in the Nairobi room at the GCC at 7pm. For more information, contact Chris at ckark@stanford.edu.

#### **Upcoming Topics include:**

| 5/7 Chris Kanowitz: Heresy and the Nicene Cre |
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5/14 George Snyman: Founder of "Hands at Work in Africa" caring for vulnerable children orphaned by HIV/AIDS, http://www.handsatwork.org/us/

5/21 Nancy Greenfield: Reflection on the Ascension and Pentecost

5/28 Irene Onyeneho The Virgin Mary

6/4 David Pleins Old Testament

#### **YOUNG ADULTS**

#### **Dinner at Crepevine:**

-Announcements for May 6, 2012–

Tues. May 15th at 7:30pm, 367 University Ave., Palo Alto. The Young Adult group meets for its monthly social gathering. Please confirm your attendence on our Facebook Page "Young Adult Circle" or contact us at yacircle@gmail.com.

#### **Young Adult Mass:**

Tues. May 29th at 7:30pm, St. Simon Church, 1860 Grant Rd, Los Altos. The 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.

#### Young Adult Bible Study:

Tues. June 5th at 7:30pm, Our Lady of the Rosary, 3233 Cowper St, Palo Alto. We will be starting a new topic this month so it would be an excellent time to join us even if you have never attended a Bible study before! We meet regularly on the first Tuesday of each month.

For more info, see our website, www.YoungAdultCircle.org, check the Facebook Fan Page "Young Adult Circle", or contact us at yacircle@gmail.com.

# **Weekly Readings**

Monday, May 7 Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 8 Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 9 Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 Jn 15:1-8

Thursday, May 10 Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 Jn 15:9-11 Friday, May 11 Acts 15:22-31 Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 Jn 15:12-17

Saturday, May 12 Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 Jn 15:18-21

Sunday, May 13 Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 1 Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17

Rice Bowl to date



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#### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

"Not only did we experience a deeper sense of unity and joy, but the intimacy and excitement in our marriage continues to grow since our Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!" Married Couples - Experience a weekend for yourself. The next local Catholic Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is: Jun 8-10, 2012 (Mountain View). For more information or to register, please visit our website at: http://sanjose. wwme12.org or contact Thomas & Sandy Pavick, 408 262-4061 or Email: gr8marriages@sbcglobal.net.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities**

#### **Bi-lingual volunteer needed:**

The St Francis St. Vincent de Paul Society in East Palo Alto needs a bi-lingual volunteer (Spanish & English) with easy access to the internet to help respond to the emergency assistance requests left on the SVdP answering machine. The responder will enter the contents of the phone message on a Google Document on their computer and make the appropriate call backs to set up the appointments for home visits, also on a Google Document.

The St. Francis SVdP has been providing a safety net for families in East Palo Alto and East Menlo Park, east of highway 101 for the last 60 years. The population of the area is over 60% Spanish speaking. Please contact Ed Ehmke, 650-326-7988 or ehmke@stanford.edu.

# Week at a Glance

#### Sunday, May 6, 2012

- 10:30 am Tresidder Oak Room
- 3 pm misa en español en Memorial Church
- 4:30 pm Memorial Church
- 10 pm Memorial Church

#### Monday, May 7 - Friday, May 11

- Office hours (Tues Fri) 10am 4pm
- Confessions

Tuesday 1:30-2:30pm and 9-10:30pm Old Union, 3rd Floor, 304 or 305 or by appointment: call 725-0080

#### **Daily Liturgy:**

- M W F 12:20 Memorial Church
- T Th 12:20 Old Union Sanctuary

#### Sunday, May 13, 2012

- 10:30 am Tresidder Oak Room
- 4:30 pm Memorial Church
- 10 pm Memorial Church

#### Vallombrosa Retreat Center

#### Vallombrosa Center Gift Shop and Book Store:

In the coming weeks many children will be making their First Holy Communion. Vallombrosa Center has many beautiful gift items for this special occasion: My First Communion Bible or Bible Gift Set (in both English and Spanish), Rosaries, Necklaces, Bracelets, Pendants and much more. The Gift Shop is open during regular business hours: Daily 8am – 4pm and many evenings until 8pm. For more information visit www.vallombrosa.org or phone (650) 325-5614 and speak with Rachel.

#### Vallombrosa Center is sponsoring the following and events:

Today, May 6, 2012 The Catholic Church in the World 2012: Healing in the Church 2:00pm – 4:00pm. The Church can be a place of spiritual sustenance, solace, challenge, forgiveness, and the innumerable graces that Jesus promised to those who turn to him. At the same time, the Church is a painful place for many. How might healing in the Church proceed for people who feel hurt by the Church? Without denying or minimizing the deep pain many of us feel as Catholics, this talk, led by Lisa Fullam, will explore the question of healing. How do we proceed from here? This talk is open to the public and there is a suggested donation of \$20.00. For more information visit www.vallombrosa.org or phone (650)325-5614 and speak with Rachel.

May 13, 2012 Mother's Day Mass and Brunch 10:30 am – 2 pm Join us at Vallombrosa Center on Mother's Day! There will be a Mass at 10:30am with Fr. Kevin Gaffey as celebrant and members of the Vallomborsa Choir will lead us in song. Following Mass we will serve a delicious Champagne Brunch which includes: carved herb crusted roast beef with a horseradish cream sauce, omelet bar with spring vegetable selections, warm berry compote cheese blintz, maple roasted pork sausage and crisp bacon slices, fresh fruit salad with local honey and diced mint, assorted scones, danishes and cheesecakes, and champagne, juice, coffee and tea. Adults (12 and up): \$35.00/person, Children (5 – 11): \$10.00/person, Under 5: Free, and a Table of 8: \$250.00. Space fills quickly, please make a reservation by May 4 at www.vallombrosa.org or phone (650) 325-5614 and speak with Rachel.

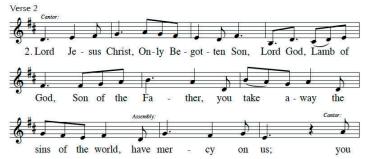
#### The Catholic Community at Stanford University

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 6, 2012





1. 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.

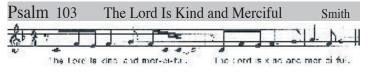




3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### First Reading Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

Saul went back to Jerusalem, but the disciples were afraid of him. Barnabas told them how the Lord had conversed with Saul and how he had suffered in the name of Jesus. Then they welcomed and protected Saul.



Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all his benefits.

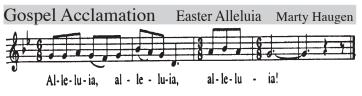
He pardons all your iniquities
And heals all your ills.
He redeems your life from destruction,
He crowns you with kindness and compassion.

The Lord secures justice
And the rights of all the oppressed.
He has made known his ways to Moses,
And his deeds to the children of Israel.

Merciful and gracious is the Lord, Slow to anger and abounding in kindness. For as the heavens are high above the earth, So surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.

# Second Reading 1 John 3:18-24

John wrote, "Let us love in deed and in truth, not just in word. . .If we have clear consciences we also have assurance that God is with us and will answer our prayers."



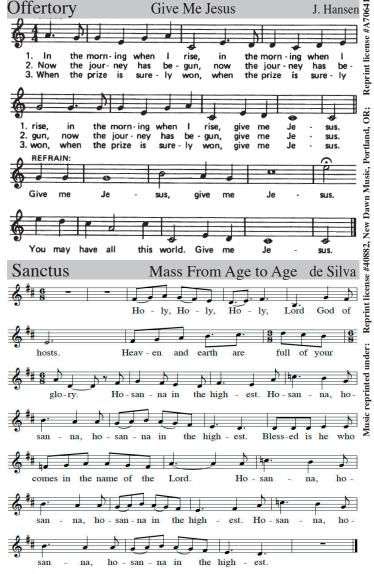
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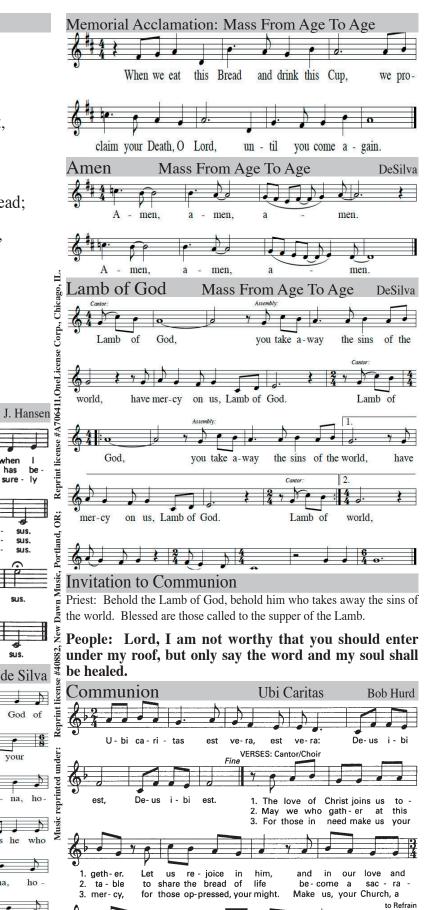
Jesus said, "I am the vine and you are the branches. Those who live in me and I in them will bear fruit abundantly."

#### 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.





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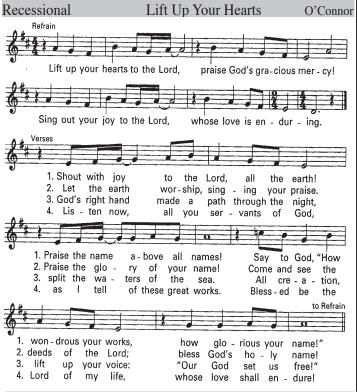
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#### Communion

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If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the father and he shall give you another comforter, that he may bide with you forever, e'en the sprit of truth.



#### **Vocation Events:**

Dominican Sisters, Mission San José For single Catholic Women 18-40

Religious Life Discernment Retreat Friday, May 18– Sunday, May 20, 2012

Live-in Experience Monday, June 4—Friday, June 8, 2012 Dominican Sisters MSJ Motherhouse 43326 Mission Blvd. Fremont, CA 94539 (entrance on Mission Tierra Pl.)

Discernment on the Mountain Top Arrowhead Retreat June 25-29, 2012 Fatima House, Crest Park, CA 92326

More Announcements RSVP: Call Sister Marcia, O.P. 510-502-5797 no later than one week before event. Experience will include discernment, sharing, quiet, community, Mass, prayer, study & service (Live-In) Overnight accommodations, meals & snacks provided. Freewill Offering

# **Community Prayer Corner**

please send any prayer requests to Guillermo at gcolombetti@yahoo.com

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