

## Catholic Community at Stanford

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Sunday Mass June 19, 2011

8am Memorial Church 4:30pm Memorial Church

#### **Daily Eucharist**

M - T - W 12:20pm Memorial Church no daily Mass on 6/23 and 6/24

#### **Confessions**

by appointment only: call 725-0080

Information about Catholic liturgies in Palo Alto, call 650-494-2496 or www.paloaltocatholic.org.

#### 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.

**July 17** - during 4:30 Mass preparation class May 9, 10-11:30am.

Baptisms for the 2011-2012 academic year: October 16, 2011 January 29, 2012 May 20, 2012

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# Religious Ramblings The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity Brothers and Sisters of the Son June 19, 2011

fr John O'Connor uses the Our Father to explore the meaning of the doctrine of the Trinity.

Some Christians think that the doctrine of the Trinity is so baffling that it's better to forget about it. Other recognise that it must be important in some way, but do not see how it could possibly be of any help to us in our daily lives as followers of Jesus Christ.

I think this is a terrible pity – not only because I believe that the doctrine of the Trinity is true, but even more so because I see it as being of the greatest help in showing us the way to God. Far from being irrelevant, I believe that belief in the Trinity is at the very centre of our lives as Christians.

When we reflect on what Jesus shows us about relationship with God, we see that this relationship is about our sharing in the life of the Trinity. To be fair, the doctrine of the Trinity can seem not only very confusing, but confused. It tells us that God is both One and that God is Three: the Persons of Father, Son and Spirit. There is in God a profound and perfect unity, so that we can rightly speak of God as One. And yet in that unity there is distinction, of Father, Son and Spirit.

The passage from the Gospels that I often begin with when I reflect on the Trinity is where Jesus is asked by his disciples how to pray, and he replies that they are to pray like this: 'Our Father...' We see in the Gospels that Jesus, the Son, speaks to his Father, and that his relationship with the Father is one of the greatest intimacy and trust. The conversation of the Jesus with his Father is a real conversation, not Jesus talking to himself. If Jesus is divine (as well as human) and the Father is also divine, then we immediately see a distinction in God between Father and Son. We are already part of the way in thinking about the Trinity.

We see at this early stage the presence of two of the Persons of the Trinity: Father and Son. If we are invited by Jesus to address his Father as our Father, then we must have a relationship with the Father that is like Jesus's relationship with the Father, because the Father is not only his Father but ours. This tells us that when we address the Father as our

Father, then we are like Christ himself in some way. As Christians we believe that Jesus is both God and man, and also that the Father is God. What allows us to address is the Father as our Father in the full sense of that is not simply that we share in the same humanity as Christ, but that we are raised to the level of the divine. Being raised to the level of the divine, the Father is not only the Father of Jesus the Son, but is truly our Father too.

It is here we see the role of the third Person of the Trinity, the Spirit. We are like Christ, the Son, because the Spirit is working in us, shaping us. By the power of the Spirit we are raised to the level of Christ and can address the Father as our Father, because by the working of the Spirit we are made brothers and sisters of Jesus the Son, who is both God and man. We are not only brothers and sisters of Jesus in his humanity. We are also brothers and sisters of Jesus in his divinity.

So even if we think of the Our Father as a fairly ordinary prayer, we see that it reveals to us the most wonderful truths about ourselves and our relationship with God. Even when we do something that seems as ordinary as reciting with faith the Our Father, we are participating in the life of the Trinity: we are raised to the level of the divine and made like Christ by the power of the Spirit so that we can address the Father as our Father.

The doctrine of the Trinity is a great gift to us. It helps us see that we are truly brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, not only in his humanity, but also in his divinity.

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

#### **GENERAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Summer schedule begins today, Sunday, June 19, with the 8:00 am Mass and 4:30pm Mass, both in Memorial Church. For more info, contact Teresa, tpleins@stanford.edu.

During Summer daily Masses will all be in Memorial Church at 12:20 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. There will be no Daily Mass on June 23 and June 24.

#### **Summer Ministries:**

Over the summer, many of our "regular" liturgical ministers are away. We always need more people to volunteer, especially during this vacation time. If you are here for a summer camp, new to campus, or just haven't had an opportunity to get involved before, we would love to have you join in. Training is provided. There are openings for lectors, eucharistic ministers, greeters, altar servers, and singers/instrumentalists for the choir. Contact Teresa, tpleins@stanford.edu.

#### **Religious Education for Children for 2011-2012:**

Our community offers a wonderful religious education program for children ages 3-13. The program is called the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, a Montessori-based learning environment where children are given both instruction and the opportunity to explore their own faith with many "hands-on" materials. Included in these sessions is preparation for first reconciliation and first communion. Sessions meet on Sunday mornings, 9:15-10:20. We will take a break over the summer and begin again in the early Fall. If you are not currently in the program and would like to consider this in the fall, please contact Teresa, tpleins@stanford.edu. Your input will help in our planning for next year.

## **Come enjoy Presentation Center's 2011 Programs**

and become enlightened! The programs are as follows:

- Modern Mysticism Spiritual Cinema Circle Women's Retreat Series: Every Sunday of June, 1:30-4pm. Led by Sr. Joan Prohaska, OP. \$20 for each retreat.
- Modern Mysticism for Men on Presentation Mountain-Spiritual Fatherhood: Saturday, June 18, 2011 9:30am-1pm. Presented by Fr. Jeff Finley, C.PP.S. \$30 including lunch.
- Modern Mysticism Spiritual Summer Camp: On Wednesdays, between June 22 to July 27 from 1:30 to 4:30 PM. Led by Sr. Joan Prohaska, OP. \$20 for each retreat or \$100 for the entire camp!
- Mystics, Rebels and Prophets- Women who went before us and walk with us today: Monday, July 25 Sunday, July 31, 2011. Facilitated by Edwina Gateley. \$500 (\$75 non-refundable deposit).

To register for programs call (408) 354-2346 or e-mail programs@presentationcenter.org. For program updates visit our website www.presentationcenter.org.

#### **Operation Rice Bowl:**

Please remember to bring in your Rice Bowls to one of the Sunday Masses. Your generous contributions will help feed many families in these times of great need. Thank you for your generosity. So far we have collected \$436.80.



#### **YOUNG ADULTS**

#### Young Adult Women's Prayer Group:

Thursdays at 7pm, Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 3233 Cowper St, Palo Alto.

Join our new group as we attend a Thursday night series of Centering Prayer. Until August 1st, Centering Prayer will be held every Thursday at 7:00pm at Dermody Center in Palo Alto (located behind Our Lady of the Rosary Church). Carrie Skelly and Jean Ramacciotti will be leading the gatherings. Contact Liz for questions: lizlibrarian 2.0 at gmail.com.

#### **Dinner at Gordon Biersch:**

Tues. June 21st at 7:30pm, 640 Emerson Street, Palo Alto The Young Adult group meets for its monthly social gathering. Please confirm your attendence on our Facebook group or contact Scott Harrison at scott.a.harrison at gmail.com.

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

Tues. June 28th 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 Andie, anutt at dsj.org

#### **Angel Island Hike:**

Sat. July 9th from 9am - 5pm

Join us for lunch and a hike on Angel Island. We will meet at the Stanford Oval. After stopping at the Farmers Market in San Francisco, we will take a ferry to Angel Island for lunch and follow that with a hike. Please confirm your attendence on our Facebook group or contact Maria at mariailsun at yahoo.com.

#### **Young Adult Bible Study:**

Tues. July 12th, 7:30pm, Our Lady of the Rosary, 3233 Cowper St, Palo Alto. The Young Adult group meets to continue its study "The Bible and the Mass". It would be an excellent time to come and join us in examining this fascinating topic.

For more info, see our website, www.YoungAdultCircle.org, check the Facebook group "Young Adult Circle", or contact Scott at scott.a.harrison at gmail.com.

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## **Weekly Readings**

Monday, June 20 Gn 12:1-9 Ps 33:12-13,18-19,20,22 Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday, June 21 Gn 13:2, 5-18 Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday, June 22 Gn 15:1-12, 17-18 Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 7:15-20

Thursday, June 23 Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 Mt 7:21-29 Friday, June 24 Is 49:1-6 Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 Acts 13:22-26 Lk 1:57-66, 80

Saturday, June 25 Gn 18:1-15 (Ps) Luke 1:46-47, 48-49, 50, 53, 54-5 Mt 8:5-17

Sunday, June 26
Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a
Ps 147:12-13, 14-15,
19-20
1 Cor 10:16-17
Jn 6:51-58

#### **GRADS**

#### **Summer Catholicism 101: Theology of the Body:**

Monday, June 20, 7pm, Nairobi Room Graduate Community Center (750 Escondido Road). Join us for our first Summer Quarter discussion for Catholicism 101. We'll be discussing Blessed John Paul II's teaching on the Theology of the Body. What does it mean to be made male and female in the likeness of God? How can we live our lives to achieve true happiness and fulfillment? Join us as we discuss these and other questions. Dinner provided. Grad Students, Postdocs and young adults are welcome to attend. Email ireneo@stanford.edu for more information.

#### **Viewing Party:**

#### Harry Potter & the Deathly Hallows: Part One

Saturday, June 25, 7pm GCC Nairobi Room Join other Catholic grad students to watch the seventh Harry Potter movie, Harry Potter & the Deathly Hallows: Part One. This is our last viewing! All levels of Potter fandom are welcome (from zero knowledge to Fr. Isaiah). Please note the new day (Saturday), time (7pm), and place (GCC). Snacks will be provided.

## Grads, join CBASS (Catholic Brothers and Sisters of

#### (Catholic Brothers and Sisters at Stanford)

CBASS is a new initiative that is similar to Sib families or peer mentor programs at Stanford. We are looking for students who desire to create a ministry experience that will welcome new students into a loving Catholic community. As a participant, you will be paired up with another student and be assigned a small group of incoming first year Grad students. All you need to do is build friendships with these students through regular interactions like having a meal or going to Mass. If you are interested in signing up or learning more, please contact Lourdes at lalonso@stanford.edu.

## Week at a Glance

Sunday, June 19, 2011

8am - Memorial Church
4:30 pm - Memorial Church

Monday, June 20 - Friday, June 24

- Office hours (Tues Fri) 10am 4pm
- Confessions by appointment only: call 725-0080

Daily Liturgy.

M-T-W 12:20 - Memorial Church
 no Daily Mass on Th & F - 6/23 and 6/24

PODCASTS. Did you know that the 4:30 Mass homilies are podcasted? Please subscribe to Catholic Cardinal Reflections, hosted by Fr Isaiah.

http://catholic.stanford.edu/media/podcast

#### **Volunteer Opportunities**

#### Volunteers Needed at St. Anthony's Soup Kitchen:

The Catholic Community at Stanford is committed to serving the needy, elderly and homeless at St. Anthony's Soup Kitchen in Menlo Park. If you are interested in volunteering on Saturday June 25th, from 8:30 until 1:00 PM, please contact Michael Bova at mpbova2001@yahoo. com to have a volunteer position reserved for you.

#### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

#### How would you rate your marriage?

You are eligible for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend not because you need it, but because you and your marriage deserve it! It's a beautiful weekend experience designed for couples of all ages and backgrounds to enrich their marriage. Make this season special by devoting one weekend to your marriage. The next local Catholic Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is: Nov. 18-20, 2011 (Mountain View). For more information or to register, please visit our website at: www.rekindleyourmarriage. org or contact Thomas & Sandy Pavick, 408 262-4061 or Email: gr8marriages@sbcglobal.net.

More Announcements

#### The Catholic Community at Stanford University

## THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY





## First Reading Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

Moses went up Mount Sinai to meet the Lord. He begged the Lord to accompany the Israelites, "a stiff-necked people." He asked God to pardon their wickedness and sin.



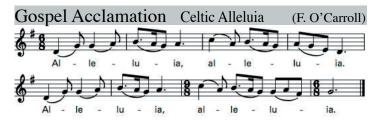
## Second Reading 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

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Paul encouraged the Corinthians to mend their sinful ways and help one another live in peace. He wrote to them, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you."

sign of your love.



Gospel John 3:16-18

God loved the world so greatly that he sent his only Son that all may have eternal life. The Son did not come to condemn the world but that it might be saved through him. Whoever believes in the Lord will live forever.

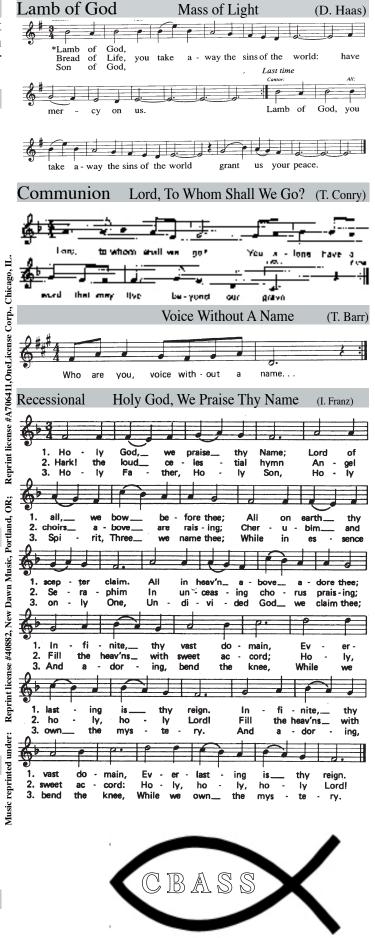


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#### Vallombrosa Retreat Center

#### Vallombrosa Retreat Center in Menlo Park is offering the following retreats and events:

#### Vallombrosa Center Gift Shop and Bookstore:

Are you looking for a special gift for someone making their First Communion or Confirmation? The Vallombrosa Center gift shop and bookstore has many gift items to choose from, in both English and Spanish. The gift shop/bookstore is open daily (in March) from 8am – 3pm. Vallombrosa Center is conveniently located at 250 Oak Grove Avenue in Menlo Park. Visit us at www.vallombrosa.org or phone 650.325.5614.

#### **REFOCCUS: Marriage Preparation & Enrichment:**

June 25, 2011, 9am - 4pm. Are you civilly married, that is, married outside the Catholic Church, whether by a justice of the peace, a judge, or a minister without a dispensation from the Catholic Church? Has your marriage been "blessed" by the Catholic Church? REFOCCUS is a program designed especially for you. No, that's not a spelling mistake! The double "C" stands for "Couple Communication." REFOCCUS is actually a dual program, intended both for marriage enrichment and as a marriage preparation tool for couples civilly married more than two years, who are seeking a Catholic wedding. What does that mean? To have your marriage blessed by the Catholic Church requires preparation, plus the necessary paper work. Convalidation is the name of the process that validates your marriage, often referred to as "blessing" your marriage in the eyes of the Church. It allows the Catholic partner to receive Communion and the other sacraments.

The workshop is limited to the first 25 couples who register.

\$150/couple includes REFOCCUS materials,

lunch, refreshments, and registration fee.

Speaker: Fr. George Matanic, O.P.

Vallombrosa Center Retreats and Events: Vallombrosa Center is located at 250 Oak Grove Avenue in Menlo Park. For more information visit www.vallombrosa.org or phone 650-325-

July 12, 2011: St. John Gualbert Feast Day, Patron Saint of Vallombrosa,

Join us at Vallombrosa Center to celebrate the inaugural St. John Gualbert Feast Day. There will be a mass at 5pm, followed by fellowship at 6pm and a delicious dinner at 6:30pm. The cost of dinner is \$50.00. isit www. vallombrosa.org to make a reservation. All are welcome.

July 16, 2011: "Art as Prayer and Meditation" Workshop with Beverly Terlep, 9:00am – 1:00pm A hands-on workshop to learn how reflecting on and making art can be a

form of prayer and meditation. No experience or skill in art is required. The cost of the workshop is \$45.00, includes lunch and art supplies.

July 23, 2011: "Engaging the Heart", Marriage Preparation Workshop – 9:00am – 4:00pm.

This is a one-day Pre-Cana program which includes presentations and workshops by Catholic professionals. The sessions address Catholic teaching on the Sacrament of Marriage as well as various aspects of married life such as intimacy, communication, spirituality, family of origin, role expectations, and sexuality. The cost of the workshop is \$225.00 per couple, includes lunch.

July 30, 2011: FOCCUS Training for Clergy, Deacons and Marriage Preparation Coordinators

This new one-day format workshop is for marriage preparation ministers, led by Fr. George Matanic, OP, Director of Vallombrosa Center, one of only three certified FOCCUS Trainers of trainers in California.

August 20, 2011: Workshop for Musicians with Dan Schutte, 9:00am

All are welcome to this morning of song, prayer and reflection.

Aug. 26-28, 2011: A Retreat for Family and Friends of Alcoholics with Fr. Tom Weston, S.J. This weekend will look at the tools and treasures of Al-Anon. We will have some conversations, some prayer, some quiet, and some time to rest and to share our experiences, strength, and hope. The retreat begins at 4pm on Friday and concludes on Sunday at lunch. The cost of the retreat weekend is \$285(private), \$250(shared)

Aug. 26-28, 2011: Silent Private Retreat Weekend

Vallombrosa opens its doors several weekends throughout the year to valoribilities of the people to make a silent retreat beginning Friday afternoon and concluding midday Sunday. There will be opportunities for spiritual direction, morning and evening prayer each day. All are welcome. The cost of the Private Retreat weekend is \$226 (private), \$202(shared).