

Catholic Community at Stanford

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Sunday Mass June 24, 2012 Memorial Church 8am 4:30pm Memorial Church

Daily Eucharist

M - T - W - F 12:20pm Memorial Church no daily Mass on Thursday

Confessions

by appointment only: 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 2012-2013 academic year: August 19, 2012 November 4, 2012 January 13, 2013 May 5, 2013

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Religious Ramblings The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

What Will this Child Become?

June 24, 2012

fr Isidore explains why The Birth of John the Baptist occupies such an important place in the liturgy.

"What, then, will this child become?" That was the question asked at the birth of St. John the Baptist –today's feast. That question must lie at the back of every parent's mind as they gaze with wonder at their new-born babe. True, thousands of babies are born every day. Even so, each one is unique, special, not only to its parents, but especially to God. He has a different plan for each us, which no one else is called to fulfil.

The Church must consider the Birthday of John the Baptist to be extra special, since it takes precedence even over the Sunday liturgy. According to the Vatican Council that's only supposed to happen on very important occasions. And there's something else that's extraordinary about today's feast. Every other saint's feast day celebrates his or her death, when the saint entered heaven. The Church only celebrates the birthdays of Jesus, Mary and John the Baptist. He's certainly in the most distinguished and illustrious company!

So what's so exceptional about John the Baptist's birth? Sometimes in the Old Testament, when God had a special task for someone, there was something unusual about his birth –a problem which God alone could solve. This was usually a question of the parents being unable to have children. We have the examples of Abraham and Sarah, through whose descendants God would fulfil His covenant. Then there are the mothers of Samuel and Samson; then there are the elderly parents of John the Baptist, and finally the Virgin Mary, the mother of our saviour. In each of these examples God specially intervened in the conception of those He had chosen for a very unique task.

So what was John the Baptist's distinctive Godgiven role? Quite simply God chose him to go ahead to 'Prepare the way of the Lord.' His vocation was to prepare people for God's coming in judgement, and to call them to repentance. Only then would they be ready to receive the forgiveness which Christ alone could give. While John preached a baptism of repentance Jesus would preach a baptism of forgiveness.

And when Jesus did come John had two tasks to perform. Firstly, and surprisingly he baptised Jesus Himself, as the Lord identified with sinful humanity and took upon Himself the burden of all our guilt —a burden which He would remove by His death on the cross. Next, while all the other prophets had foretold the coming of the Messiah, John the Baptist proclaimed, 'There He is. Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.'

Luke's Gospel tells us that John leapt for joy in his mother's womb, at the presence of our unborn saviour. Even then John witnessed to Jesus. John witnessed to Christ not only by his preaching, but also, and especially by his martyrdom, which foreshadowed Christ's crucifixion.

Such was John's popularity that he could have tried to compete with Jesus, or might have resented being supplanted. But he was prepared to slip into the background after he'd completed his God-given mission. His guiding principle was, 'He –Jesus –must increase. I must decrease.'

John marked the transition between the Old and New Testament. Like John the Baptist the Church and each of us, must prepare the way for the Lord to come into today's world. As our words and deeds witness to Him, He must increase and we must decrease. Like John, we're called to promote Jesus, not ourselves.

Finally, how do we respond to the question asked by the neighbours of the newly-born John the Baptist? "What will this child become?" What have we become? To what has God called us? It's not too late to get back on course, if we've gone astray. After all repentance was a central part of John's preaching.

fr. Isidore Clarke is a member of the community at Holy Cross Priory, Leicester, and Provincial Chaplain to the Dominican Secular Institute.

GENERAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

High School Confirmation For 2013:

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 ASAP.

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.

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

Join us at our community for Korean Catholic at Stanford University. This summer, we continue praying and sharing every Friday evening with various summer activities. Also, Bongsoo is leading our lunch gathering during this summer. For more information, contact Eun-Soo at eschoi@stanford. edu.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Attention Married Couples:

Take a fresh look at your Marriage. Consider making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. It is a unique approach aimed at revitalizing Christian Marriage. Reexamine your married lifestyle and your priorities and rediscover the newly-weds you once were. The next local Catholic Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is: Oct 12-14, 2012 (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.

YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adult Mass:

Tues. June 26th 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.

Berry Picking at Webb Ranch:

Sat. June 30th, 10:30am, Meet at Stanford Oval. Join us for picking berries at Webb Ranch in Portola Valley. We will meet up at the Stanford Oval and carpool to the berry farm. After picking berries, we will eat lunch nearby. Contact us at yacircle@gmail.com for more information.

Young Adult Bible Study:

Tues. July 10th at 7:30pm, Our Lady of the Rosary, 3233 Cowper St, Palo Alto. Over the next several months, we are going to focus on some common questions we face as Christians. The topic this month is "Twenty Arguments for the Existence of God". We meet regularly on the first Tuesday of each month and we welcome you to join us this summer!

Hiking at Henry Cowell State Park in the Santa Cruz Mountains:

Sat. July 14th, 10:00am, Meet at the REI in Mountain View. Join us for a hike in the Santa Cruz Mountains. We will meet up at the REI store and carpool to the park. The hike should end around 3 p.m, but some may opt to stay and ride the steam train near the park. Please confirm your attendance on our Facebook Page "Young Adult Circle" or contact us at yacircle@gmail.com.

Dinner at Pluto's:

Tues. July 17th at 7:30pm, 482 University Ave., Palo Alto 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.

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

-Announcements for June 24, 2012-

Weekly Readings

Monday, June 25 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18 Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13 Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday, June 26 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36 Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11 Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday, June 27 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3 Ps 119:33-37,40 Mt 7:15-20

Thursday, June 28 2 Kgs 24:8-17 Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 Mt 7:21-29

Friday, June 29 Saint Peter and Saint Paul Acts 12:1-11 Ps 34:2-3,4-5,6-7,8-9 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 Mt 16:13-19

Saturday, June 30 Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19 Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21 Mt 8:5-17

Sunday, July 1 Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24 Ps 30:2, 4,5-6,11-13 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15 Mk 5:21-43

Volunteer Opportunities

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 July 7th or Saturday July 28th from 8:30 until 1:00pm, please contact Michael Bova at mpbova2001@yahoo.com to have a volunteer position reserved for you. In general, the CCAS has the first and fourth Saturday's of the month reserved for us at St. Anthony's. So plan your schedules in advance and please join us in helping those in need"

Back-to-school Backpacks For Needy Children:

The Catholic Community @ Stanford (CC@S) needs 20 volunteers to work at the Family Giving Tree Back-to-School Backpack Project for needy children on Saturday, August 4th from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. This project will take place in a warehouse location to be determined. Our task will be to perform quality assurance which involves emptying pre-filled backpacks, sorting items on sorting tables to insure that everything needed is there, shopping in the warehouse for missing items and placing completed backpacks in rows according to age groups. Families with young children who are able to sort with the assistance of a parent(s) are welcome. If you are interested in participating in this quality-time family activity, please contact Peter Barling at peter_barling@hotmail.com to have a volunteer positions(s) reserved for you.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, June 24, 2012

• 8:00 am - Memorial Church • 4:30 pm -Memorial Church

Monday, June 25 - Friday, June 29

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

Daily Liturgy:

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Community Prayer Corner

6/18/12 - PD is asking for prayers for her mother, AMS, who has had a stroke and is in intensive care in a hospital in Iran. - GJC

Join Our Living Faith Society:

Become a CC@S Living Faith Society member by donating a set amount each month on a predetermined day. You no longer need to remember to bring money to Mass! By joining LFS, not only are you supporting your Stanford Catholic campus ministry, but you will also receive the Living Faith devotional each quarter, a devotional that provides a different scripture verse and short meditation for each day of the year. Join today:



Vocation Events:

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

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

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

The Catholic Community at Stanford University

the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist June 24, 2012





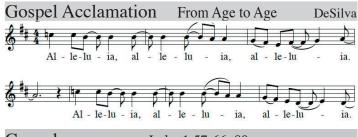
First Reading Isaiah 49:1-6

Isaiah foretold the birth of a man called to serve the Lord. He would be like a sharp edged sword, a polished arrow, a light to the nations.



Second Reading Acts 13:22-26

John heralded Jesus' coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance. John was not the messiah but the forerunner of the One who was to come.



Gospel Luke 1:57-66, 80

Elizabeth's time for delivery had come and she gave birth. She and Zechariah named her child John. Zechariah became able to speak once again.

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.







Vallombrosa Retreat Center

Vallombrosa Center is sponsoring the following and events:

A Retreat for Family & Friends of Alcoholics:

with Fr. Tom Weston, SJ. August 3-5, 2012

Alcoholism is a family disease, and it takes a long and deep toll on those who love alcoholics, work with alcoholics, are related to alcoholics, and who have been on an emotional roller coaster with them. Whether the alcoholic is one of our parents, or our spouse, or one of our children, we need support and refreshment and recovery. 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.

Fr. Tom Weston, SJ has lived in Oakland, Ca since 1981, He has been an active member of the recovery community since 1976. He was ordained a priest in 1978, and is a reader, a gardener, a member of the Jesuit Community, and does some pastoral work in Oakland. He also has taught English as a Second Language in China, Thailand, Vietnam, and Myunmar.

There are scholarships available to those who might need some assistance. Contact Rachel at rachel@vallombrosa.org or 650.325.5614.

Silent Private Retreat Weekend:

August 24-26, 2012

Vallombrosa opens its doors several weekends throughout the year to people to make a silent retreat beginning Friday afternoon and concluding mid-day Sunday. We offer opportunities for spiritual direction and morning and evening prayer each day. The cost for the Silent Private Retreat Weekend is \$226.00 for a private room and \$202.00 for a shared room, with all meals included. As always there are scholarships available to those who need financial assistance. Contact Rachel atrachel@vallombrosa.org or 650.325.5614.

Vallombrosa Center Gift Shop and Book Store:

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.

Rice Bowl to date:

\$1744.50



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More Announcements—