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main office: 650-725-0080
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**Sunday Mass**  July 10, 2011
8am           Memorial Church
4:30pm     Memorial Church

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

**Confessions**
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**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
Baptisms for the 2011-2012 academic year:
October 16, 2011
January 29, 2012
May 20, 2012
We can get very pessimistic about the world, about the Church and about ourselves. One solution is not to be optimistic in the first place. One way of not being optimistic is to be cynical and bitter, to insist that every silver lining has a cloud, that human beings will always take the selfish option, that whatever comfort religion might bring, it doesn’t make a real difference in the world – except when it’s fanatical, and then it makes the world a horribly dangerous place.

The Bible isn’t an unduly optimistic book, but that’s not because it’s cynical about humanity or about God. It sees life as a challenge and a response: the challenge comes from God, who speaks his word, and the response comes from humanity which either listens to that word, or fails to listen. The Bible is quite clear that very often humanity fails to listen, but it is equally clear that God’s word is not just a sound that happens, but a reality which has an effect, and an effect which is more powerful than the obstinacy of humanity. Rain and snow have an effect on the earth: they cause things to grow; so God’s word, God’s promise and God’s challenge, have an effect – they make a difference, in spite of all the deafness and disobedience which we human beings put in the way as obstacles.

Jesus, whom we have learned to call the Word of God, was well aware that humankind was adept at not listening: he knew, because he spoke to crowds of people, and many, especially those who should have listened most carefully, were unwilling to hear what he had to say. That’s why he often said things like: ‘Listen, anyone who has ears’. We often say: ‘I might as well talk to a brick wall’.

Jesus described four types of listeners, three of whom were not listeners. They were the hard-surface, the dusty-surface and the cluttered surface types. People who either failed to hear him at all, or those who heard him but had their hearts somewhere else. The hard-surface types were perhaps like the religious people who thought they had no need to listen to Jesus, because they already had the truth, and were not going to allow him or any prophet to change their minds, especially if it meant changing their privileged status.

Maybe the other two types were like the people who said they would follow Jesus, but got a rather negative response from him because he could tell that they were not really committed: to one, an enthusiast, he said that the foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head; to another, a morally earnest person who felt he had a duty first to care for his aged parents, he said something which sounds to us really hard: leave the dead to bury their dead. The thorns which entangle the sprouting seed of those who are trying to hear the word of God and follow it, are worries as well as the lure of riches: there are all sorts of highly moral reasons why we might not follow Jesus wholeheartedly. Jesus was on the side of the poor and the marginal people – and not just the deserving poor; it is very tempting to put respectability above our following of Jesus.

But for all the reasons why people might not hear the Word of God, there are those who do listen, and are transformed: for instance, the disciples of Jesus – people like Mary Magdalene, and impetuous, blundering Simon Peter. They may not look very good material for welcoming God’s kingdom, but they are used by God and they do far more than they seem capable of. And the reason is that the work of the kingdom is God’s work, not ours; when God speaks a word, that word is not just a sound – indeed, it’s not a sound at all; it is God’s purpose, and unlike ourselves, whose purpose often doesn’t happen, God’s purpose is fulfilled. So the Bible is quite clear about human disobedience, human refusal to hear the word of God, but it is also quite clear that God is at work in the world, and is not too fussy about the people he uses to do his work – you and me for instance.

And we do not have to be pessimistic about ourselves; we have all of the failings which are represented by the hard surface, the dusty surface and the cluttered surface, but we can have hope, because God who chooses to use us, is the miracle worker who even in our hearts’ poor soil can bring forth more good than we could ever have imagined.

**fr Colin Carr** lives in St Dominic’s Priory, Newcastle, and is theological consultant to the North East Churches.
GENERAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

During Summer daily Masses will all be in Memorial Church at 12:20 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

(note: no daily Mass on Thursdays)

Summer Baptisms:
will be held on Sunday, July 19, at the 4:30pm Mass.

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.

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: lizlibrarian2.0 at gmail.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.

Oakland A’s Baseball Game:
Sat. July 16th, 12:30pm. Join us for a baseball game as we watch the Oakland A’s play the Anaheim Angels. We will meet up at the stadium ticket office near the BART walkway. Please confirm your attendance on our Facebook group or contact Scott at scott.a.harrison at gmail.com.

Dinner at Slider Bar Cafe:
Tues. July 19th at 7:30pm, 324 University Ave., Palo Alto. The Young Adult group meets for its monthly social gathering. Please confirm your attendance on our Facebook group or contact Scott Harrison at scott.a.harrison at gmail.com.

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.

Come enjoy Presentation Center’s 2011 Programs
and become enlightened! The programs are as follows:
- 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: www.presentationcenter.org.

Housing available:
the second cottage at the Annex will become available to let the first week in August. Community members, students, staff have first priority.
Inquiries to Guillermo: gcolombetti@yahoo.com

Rosary time and place for the summer:
We begin to meet at 8pm, and pray at 8:15pm at the circular stone benches on the (Western) side of Memorial Church. We’ve been praying there every day. If people want to be added to the list they should email George at: vidal@stanford.edu.
Weekly Readings

Monday, July 11
Ex 1:8-14, 22
Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8
Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday, July 12
Ex 2:1-15a
Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34
Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday, July 13
Ex 3:1-6, 9-12
Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7
Mt 11:25-27

Thursday, July 14
Ex 3:13-20
Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27
Mt 11:28-30

Friday, July 15
Ex 11:10—12:14
Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18
Mt 12:1-8

Saturday, July 16
Ex 12:37-42
Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15
Mt 12:14-21

Sunday, July 17
Wis 12:13, 16-19
Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16
Rom 8:26-27
Mt 13:24-33

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 July 23rd
or Saturday August 6th, from 8:30 until 1:00 PM, 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.”

More Announcements

Grads, join CBASS
(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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Marriage is a journey!!
A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you
enrich your marriage and revitalize your relationship during
this journey. Whether you’ve been married 1 year or 50,
a Marriage Encounter Weekend may be just the thing you
need to renew your relationship. 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: http://sanjose.wwme12.org or
contact Thomas & Sandy Pavick, 408 262-4061 or Email:
gr8marriages@sbcglobal.net

Week at a Glance

Sunday, July 10, 2011
• 8 am - Memorial Church
• 4:30 pm - Memorial Church

Monday, July 11 - Friday, July 15
• Office hours (Tues - Fri) 10am - 4pm
• Confessions
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Daily Liturgy.
• T-W-F 12:20 - Memorial Church
  (note: no daily Mass on Thursdays)

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

HOW MANY STARS WOULD ‘CATHOLIC CARDINAL REFLECTIONS’ GET? We are trying to
increase our listener base for CCAS’ podcast, “Catholic Cardinal Reflections”. One way to do this is to tell everyone
how wonderful the podcast is. In addition of spreading the
word, you can rate the podcast on iTunes. If you have an
iTunes account, you are invited to rate the podcast on a
five-star scale, and give your feedback. As of June 25, there are
already 2 five-star reviews!
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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 10, 2011

First Reading

Isaiah 55:10-11

Just as rain and snow come down from heaven and do not return until the whole earth is watered and fruitful, so shall the word of the Lord go out to do God’s will and accomplish God’s purpose.

Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9

Jesus told the parable of the sower. When the disciples questioned him about it, he explained, “Anyone who hears the word and heeds it will bear fruit in abundance.”

Offertory

Seek Ye First

(K Lafferty)

Sanctus

Mass of Light

(D. Haas)

Second Reading

Romans 8:18-23

Paul told the Romans that the whole created world eagerly awaits the revelation of God’s children. The world will be set free and take part in the wondrous freedom of God’s children.

Memorial Acclamation: Mass of Light

(D. Haas)

Amen

Mass of Light

(D. Haas)
Lamb of God  Mass of Light  (D. Haas)

1. Now in to your care these words are given,
   Cherish them, imagination.
2. Hold them up, a sign of dedication.
   Wrap them as a
   mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you

3. These words take away the sins of the world
   grant us your peace.

Communion  Let Us Be Bread  (T. Porter)
Refrain

Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, broken and shared,

life for the world. Let us be wine, love freely poured.

Let us be one in the Lord.

Verse 1

1. I am the bread of life, broken for all.
   Eat now and hunger no more.

Verse 2

2. You are my friends if you keep my commands,
   no longer servants but friends.

Verse 3

3. See how my people have nothing to eat.
   Give them the bread that is you.

Verse 4

4. As God has loved me so I have loved you.
   Go and live on in my love.

These Words  (Lowenthal)

1. print them on your heart. Make of them the weaving of your
2. eyes, burn them on the framework of your doors, write
   them on the inside of your hand.

   1. life, let your children learn as you repeat them. Treasure
   2. sure them at home or far away, as you lie down in sleep, as

   1. well as when you wake. Take into your care: these words are
   2. giv- on to you.

Recessional  We Are Marching  (S. African)

We are marching in the light of God, we are

Si-ya-hamb’ e-ku-kha-nyen’ kwen-khos.’

3. We are marching in the light of God.
   hamb’ e-ku-kha-nyen’ kwen-khos.

We are marching.

Si-ya-hamb’a.

Oo, we are

7/5/11 - Please pray for a former choir member as they expect their second baby. - GC

Community Prayer Corner

6/28/11 - Please pray for a member of our permanent community who needs both a job and housing. - NG

6/28/11 - Please pray for one of the Dominican Sisters of the Corpus Christi Monastery, as she battles a recurring health issue. - GC

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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.

**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 650-325-5614.

**July 12, 2011:** St. John Gualbert Feast Day, Patron Saint of Vallombrosa, 5:00pm–8:00pm. 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. Visit 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 – 1:00pm
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 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).

To register for a retreat or event, please visit www.vallombrosa.org or phone 650-325-5614. There are scholarships available to those in need of financial assistance, contact Jaynie Fedele.