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SundayMassJuly 15, 20128amMemorial Church4:30pmMemorial Church

Daily Eucharist

Confessions

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

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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The inescapable vocation

JULY 15, 2012

fr. Richard Finn considers the prophetic and apostolic call through the ages.

Amos stands on dangerous ground - Bethel is the religious centre of a breakaway kingdom in the Promised Land. As its priest, Amaziah, makes clear, the shrine legitimates the rule of a royal dynasty which has cut off the northern lands of Israel from Judah and from the Jerusalem Temple to the south. Worship of a golden calf at Bethel serves the political interests of an elite which has prospered by ignoring the plight of the poor. The unity of the Chosen People under God's covenant has been sacrificed for a lesser unity under King Jeroboam II and his court. And Amos now stands ready to prophesy against them.

Amaziah, royal appointee and defender of the status quo, is desperate to be shot of this troublemaker. To this end, he plays fast and loose with the prophet's vocation. Amos should go back to Judah and earn his crust there - as though prophesy was just another job, a trade to be plied in one place as much as any other. But Amos is swift to reject such toxic rhetoric: he doesn't announce God's word for a living, and God sends his prophet to a specific audience with a specific message. To be a prophet is always to have an inescapable vocation; he has an unavoidable mission to tell God's truth, to uphold God's covenant, to proclaim the unity of all God's people, in the here-and-now.

What was true for Amos in the eighth century before Christ was of course equally true for the Catholic martyrs of England and Wales in the sixteenth century: schoolteachers, priests, lawyers, housewives, monks and scholars, they found themselves called out of their former lives to defend the universality of the Church against Tudor monarchs whose pursuing of state supremacy over the Church secured dynastic marriages, filled state coffers with money from the sale of monastic property, and invested royalty with sacred majesty. It was not enough for these men and women to practise their faith in private, or to flee the authorities and go abroad.

What, then, does God call on us to proclaim in the here-andnow today? To know that we must presumably first ask how God's covenant and unity are threatened at present. Perhaps Amaziah himself has a new job in Britain. He's become the politician, or the administrator, who tells us that ours is a secular society with no place for faith schools, or for Christian symbols in the workplace. He insists that religious beliefs cannot be accommodated in public institutions. Opponents gain no hearing from him: ethical arguments are dismissed as unacceptable for rational discussion because voiced by Catholics. The Church must cut its cloth according to the prevailing ethic in society.

In reality, the unity which God wills for humankind is broken in many different ways. The poverty gap between rich and poor in the UK has widened in the past decade. In developing countries destitution, malnutrition, vulnerability to disease, remain scandals that may implicate Western nations as the beneficiaries of an unjust economic order. Within so-called 'developed' nations migrants and asylum-seekers may be isolated and humiliated, a far cry from the compassion which is to be shown to strangers by members of the Promised Land. Their advertised exclusion supposedly serves our national or cultural unity - whatever that is. As I write this sermon, I can only guess if and how these questions are addressed in the new papal encyclical from Benedict XVI, Caritas in Veritate (Charity in Truth).

Yet the very existence of such an encyclical can inspire hope. It reminds us that the prophetic mission of Amos to speak the words given to him by God is not a dead letter or dead end. That mission to Israel continues, culminates, in the advent of the Divine Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, whose preaching is carried forward in today's Gospel by the apostles. The encyclical reminds us that His and their mission is likewise carried forward in the Church. Her vocation is inescapable. For - mercifully - whatever our disunity, whatever the false compromises, God has acted decisively to restore our full unity in Christ. As the Letter to the Ephesians insists, God chooses us to be His adopted children in Christ so that all things are brought together at the end under His authority.

Finally, though, we should recognise from today's Gospel something of how our vocation is to be lived out. The apostles are to travel light on the road (that recurrent symbol of discipleship in Mark's Gospel). Without any of the belongings which others notice and respect, they are easily despised. They are to be dependent in their ministry for food and shelter on those to whom they turn. They are thus to adopt the guise of sojourners in the land; by their very vulnerability and exposure to rejection, they may call forth hospitality. Something of that simplicity must be ours.

And if the apostles are rejected? They must shake the dust from their feet. What is the effect on those who reject them, when they see such apparently despicable people in turn shake off the dust from their sandals, as though it were the townsfolk who were not good enough for them? There is a proper dignity to the apostles which they must not forget. It may even shock from complacency those who rejected them. Something of that dignity is also ours.

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GENERAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Connect With Your Community: July 22nd

Come join us for a relaxed, low key get-together outside the Round Room of Memorial Church after the 4:30pm Mass on July 22nd. Enjoy nibbles and refreshments while you get a chance to meet some of your community whom you may not know yet or spend time with those you already know and love.

Back-to-School Backpack Drive for Needy Children:

The Catholic Community at Stanford is hosting a Back-to-School Backpack Drive for needy children. On Sundays during the month of July you are asked to please bring new backpacks filled with school supplies for needy children in grades kindergarten through high school. The Family Giving Tree asks that you do not purchase red or blue colored backpacks. For a list of needed supplies by grade level and gender please see Peter Barling after Mass at the table in the front of Memorial Church. You can also go to the following URL: http://www.familygivingtree. org/images/collateral/BTScard.pdf for lists of supplies by grade level. Please tag your donated backpacks with the appropriate grade level. Tags can be found at http://www. familygivingtree.org/hosts/HostResourcePage.html in the bottom right corner of the window. You may also purchase a backpack/supplies online at the following URL: http:// vgt.familygivingtree.org/ccas/. For a Tax Receipt go to the following URL: http://www.familygivingtree.org/ donations/tax.htm. Donated backpacks will be collected after each Mass by CCAS volunteers and brought to the Family Giving Tree on August 1st. You may also drop off your backpack in Lourdes Alonso's office on the third floor of Old Union during the week. For more information please see Peter at the table in front of Memorial Church after Mass or contact Peter at peter_barling@hotmail.com.

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 every Wednesday. For more information, contact Eun-Soo at eschoi@stanford. edu.

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.

YOUNG ADULTS

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.

Oakland A's Baseball Game:

Sat. July 21st, 6:00pm. Join us for a baseball game as we watch the Oakland A's play the New York Yankees. We will meet up at the stadium ticket office near the BART walkway. Please confirm your attendance on our Facebook Page "Young Adult Circle" or contact us at yacircle@gmail.com.

Young Adult Mass:

Tues. July 31st 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:

-Announcements for July 15, 2012-

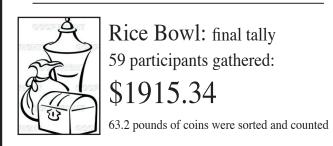
Tues. Aug. 7th at 7:30pm, Our Lady of the Rosary, 3233 Cowper St, Palo Alto. Over the next several months, we are going to focus on some common questions we face as Christians. The topic this month is "Twenty Arguments for the Existence of God". We meet regularly on the first Tuesday of each month and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

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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Attention Married Couples:

"We loved each other very much, but it seemed as if the world was slowly pulling us apart. Finances, jobs, kids, and daily pressures were steadily becoming more important than our relationship. Our Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend helped us put things back into perspective. We got back the joy-filled relationship we had as newlyweds". 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.



Thank you all for such a generous contibution

Weekly Readings

Monday, July 16 Is 1:10-17 Ps 50:8-9,16bc-17,21,23 Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday, July 17 Is 7:1-9 Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8 Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday, July 18 Is 10:5-7, 13b-16 Ps 94:5-6,7-8,9-10,14-15 Mt 11:25-27

Thursday, July 19 Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19 Ps 102:13-14ab, 15, 16-18, 19-21 Mt 11:28-30 Friday, July 20 Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8 (Ps) Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16 Mt 12:1-8

Saturday, July 21 Mi 2:1-5 Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14 Mt 12:14-21

Sunday, July 22 Jer 23:1-6 Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 Eph 2:13-18 Mk 6:30-34

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 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 1:00pm to 3:00pm. This project will take place in a warehouse in Milpitas. Transportation from campus to the warehouse can be arranged. 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, gathering missing items in the warehouse school supply area and placing completed backpacks in rows according to grade level/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 see Peter Barling at the table in front of Memorial Church after Mass or contact Peter at peter_barling@hotmail.com to have a volunteer position reserved for you.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, July 15, 2012

• 8:00 am - Memorial Church

• 4:30 pm - Memorial Church

Monday, July 16 - Friday, July 20

• Office hours (Tues - Fri) 10am - 3pm

Daily Liturgy:

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GRADS

Cath-101:

Join us on Mondays for Catholicism 101, a forum for graduate students and young adults that fosters community and open discussion of relevant issues impacting Catholics. We meet in the Nairobi room at the GCC at 7:00PM. For more information, contact Lourdes, lalonso@stanford.edu

July 16, 7pm, Cath 101: The Christian call to Love our Neighbor, Claire Collins from the Refuge Resettlement Ministry of Catholic Charities

July 23, Hike the Dish, 6:30pm Meet at the GCC, contact is Maja Falcon, mfalcon@stanford.edu

July 30, 7pm, Cath 101 George Vidal talk

Where are you from? The USA? Poland? Mexico? What did you get from these places that lets you have something in common with them? In this Catholicism 101, we will explore the surprising treasures and rich patrimony the universal Church offers every Catholic.

Aug 6, 7pm, Cath 101 Fr. Isaiah, St. Dominic (his feast day is Aug 8)

Aug 13, 7pm, Lord's Day Potluck, contact is Christopher Kark ckark@stanford.edu

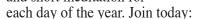
Aug 20, Cath 101 TBD Aug 27, Social TBD

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





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Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

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. Amen.



First Reading Amos 7:12-15

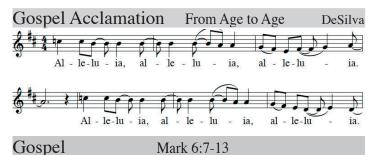
Amos was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores when the Lord took him from following the flock and said to him, "Go, prophesy to the people Israel."



Lord, let us see your kind-ness; Lord, let us see your kind-ness.

Second Reading Ephesians 1:3-14

Before the world began, God chose us in Christ to be blameless and full of love. We were predestined in Christ to be adopted children that we might give praise to God.



Jesus sent out his disciples two by two to preach the good news. They took nothing with them. In Christ's power they expelled demons and healed the sick.

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,

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.



Communion

Chas. H Gabriel

We Are Called

D. Haas

Chorus: Lord, lift me up and let me stand, By faith, on heaven's tableland; A higher plane than I have found, Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.

Verse 1:

I'm pressing on the upward way, New heights I'm gaining ev'ry day; Still praying as I onward bound, "Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."

Verse 2:

My heart has no desire to stay Where doubts arise and fears dismay; Tho' some may dwell where these abound, My pray'r, my aim is higher ground.

Verse 3:

I want to live above the world, Tho' Satan's darts at me are hurled; For faith has caught the joyful sound, The song of saints on higher ground.

Verse 4:

I want to scale the utmost height, And catch a gleam of glory bright; But still I'll pray till heav'n I've found, "Lord, lead me on to higher ground."

