

Catholic Community at Stanford

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Sunday Mass July 17, 2011 8am Memorial Church 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

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 - Today, during 4:30 Mass

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

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Religious Ramblings What To Do About The Weeds

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JULY 17, 2011

fr Isidore Clarke warns us against premature judgement.

What should we do about the weeds? That's a problem facing every farmer and gardener -- a problem that Jesus uses in one of today's Gospel parables. We're told about the darnel growing in the midst of the crop sown by the farmer. Through this parable Jesus confronts a problem which besets the Kingdom of God in every age, including today's.

Weeds have a habit of growing amidst any seed we've sown, no matter how well we've prepared the soil. They seem to be more robust than our plants; perversely, the weeds choke their growth. They are an unwanted, destructive nuisance.

These agricultural parables are all variations on the theme of the sowing of the Word of God. Applying this to the Church here on earth it's only too obvious that it's a mixture of good and bad people. We know only too well that serious sinners can do great harm to good people, especially the young. Their behaviour can be a scandal, leading some to want nothing more to do with religion. While books, the media and information technology produce so much that is innocent and wholesome, they also purvey much that is unsavoury and damaging.

Our present parable about the weeds raises the question as to how the Church should deal with these threats to the Good News taking root and growing. Some would be like the impetuous servants in the parable. They would weed out the destructive sinner. Then, they hope, the Kingdom here on earth would consist only of good, holy people, with no room for sinner. Naturally they would include themselves among this elite band of Christ's faithful followers!

But in this parable that's not Christ's approach. Like the wise farmer, he realises that in pulling up the weeds he could do more harm than good. The same happens when people try to suppress unsavoury and harmful ideas. Banning a book or film will only give it unwanted publicity and increase its number of viewers.

Obviously there are exceptions -- some material is so harmful that it must be suppressed, in order to protect the

most vulnerable. But in general, when freedom of speech is denied then dictators flourish. Such a ruthless reaction can be counter-productive. It can destroy the very thing we want to preserve -the freedom to sow and cultivate the Word of God.

So, like the wise farmer, Jesus urges patience -- a theme common to several of these parables about cultivation. Jesus takes up the two time-perspectives of the farmer. The first is that of sowing and growing; the second that of harvesting, judgement and sorting.

We are living in the first era of the Kingdom. In this we must be prepared for a mixture of good and bad people, saints and sinners. Like the farmer, we can be mistaken in distinguishing the one from the other. Our judgement is not sound enough to be certain. In an impetuous zeal for a purge we may uproot the good with the bad, or even instead of the bad. That would be a serious injustice.

So Jesus urges a patience which Peter's 2nd Letter develops. He sees God's delay in passing judgement and sorting out the good from the bad as a sign of his loving mercy. 'The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance.' He wants to give the sinner the grace and time to repent and become a saint, the noxious weed to become a fruitful plant. Unfortunately that doesn't happen in farming!

In the meantime Paul urges us to wait till the second and final era of harvest time. Then the Lord of the Harvest will pass the final judgement. He alone is qualified to distinguish with certainty the good from the bad: 'Therefore do not pronounce judgement before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive commendation from God.'

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

Summer Baptisms:

will be held today, Sunday, July 19, at the 4:30pm Mass.

We welcome the new members of the Body of Christ.

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

(note: no daily Mass on Thursdays)

Gillonne Wachter,

a long-time member of our community, and a Eucharistic Minister at the 4:30 Mass, passed away on June 24. She is survived by her husband Tom and two daughters, Claire and Chloe. A memorial Mass will be held on Friday, July 22, at 3pm at the Church of the Nativity in Menlo Park. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Doctors Without Borders.

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 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. Commuity 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.



YOUNG ADULTS

Dinner at Slider Bar Cafe:

-Announcements for July 17, 2011–

Tues. July 19th at 7:30pm, 324 University Ave., 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.

Berry Picking at Swanton Berry Farm:

July 30th, 10:30AM-3PM, Meet at Stanford Oval. Join us for picking berries at Swanton Berry Farm in Davenport. We will meet up at the Stanford Oval and carpool to the berry farm. After picking berries, we will eat lunch nearby. Please confirm your attendence on our Facebook group or contact Shirley at shirley.choi at gmail.com.

Young Adult Bible Study:

Tues. Aug. 2nd and Aug. 9th, 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.

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.

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.

Weekly Readings

Monday, July 18 Ex 14:5-18 (Ps) Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday, July 19 Ex 14:21-15:1 (Ps) Ex 15:8-9,10,12,17 Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday, July 20 Ex 16:1-5, 9-15 Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 Mt 13:1-9

Thursday, July 21 Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b (Ps) Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 Mt 13:10-17 Friday, July 22 Ex 20:1-17 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Saturday, July 23 Ex 24:3-8 Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 Mt 13:24-30

Sunday, July 24 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 Rom 8:28-30 Mt 13:44-52

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."

GRADS

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.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, July 17, 2011

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

Monday, July 18 - Friday, July 22

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

Daily Liturgy.

More Announcements

• T-W-F 12:20 - Memorial Church

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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!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

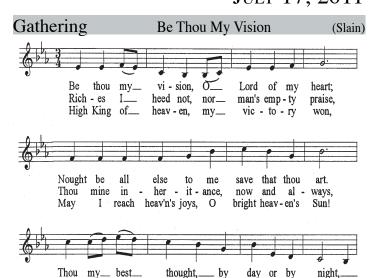
Married Couples:

"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: 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

The Catholic Community at Stanford University

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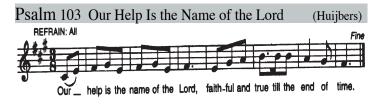




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First Reading Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Though powerful, the Lord judges with mercy and governs with care. God teaches people kindness, hope, and repentance.



Second Reading Romans 8:26-27

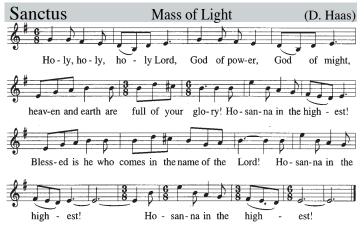
Paul reminded the Romans that the Spirit helps God's people in their weakness, interceding for them.

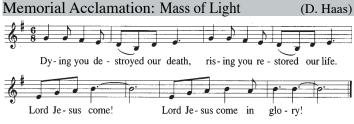


Gospel Matthew 13:24-43

Jesus told the crowd the parable of the wheat and the weeds. the parable of the mustard seed, and the parable of the yeast. Through parables, he encouraged his disciples, assuring them that God's saints would shine like the sun in the heavenly reign.

Offertory











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:

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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.

Announcements

More