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For emergencies, call 650-723-8222, pager #17736

**Sunday Mass**  July 24, 2011
8am       Memorial Church
4:30pm    Memorial Church

**Confessions**
by appointment only:  call 725-0080


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

**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 2011-2012 academic year:
October 16, 2011
January 29, 2012
May 20, 2012

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Wisdom’s Worth

fr Simon Gaine preaches on the parable of the pearl of great price.

Some of Jesus’ parables tell us exactly how much his wisdom is worth and what it costs, what it costs us. He tells of a merchant looking for fine pearls. The meaning of the pearl might have been obvious even to Jesus’ disciples, who often got things wrong. Job had said that the price of wisdom was beyond pearls. This parable is about the discovery of the most precious wisdom of all, the wisdom of Jesus that leads us to God.

Now the merchant’s reaction might not be at all what a real merchant would have done: selling everything he owned to obtain this one pearl. That seems a little ridiculous, but it’s the ridiculous detail in Jesus’ story that drives the point home: Christ’s wisdom is beyond the price of pearls and it is worth more than everything you have. The merchant may seem foolish - but the wisdom of God does appear foolish in the eyes of the world, and it demands the greatest commitment - everything we have once and for all for our whole lives.

But can we be comfortable with that? Such a commitment of a whole life now – of an unknown future, leaving nothing back - complete self-giving - is that even possible for us? A lot of life today is short-term, not long-term, or at least that’s how we have come to find our world. We know that commitments in general no longer seem to be the lifelong commitments they once were – people make a commitment but then move on for one reason or another to something else. All of this can affect the way we see the whole of life.

Our lives simply no longer seem to have the unity and stability they perhaps once had. Even when economic times were better than they are today, just envisioning one career for the whole of working life had become more difficult for young people. People seem less able to grasp their whole lives ahead of them as having a kind of unity, as being a single continuing story of a single life. Their perceptions can also sometimes be shaped by an idea of the endless possibilities of continually reinventing yourself.

At the bottom of much of this lies the modern obsession with choice, the idea that choice somehow guarantees freedom and quality of life. But while career changes and new directions are often liberating, to make having choices so central to our idea of the good life is surely more double-edged. Along with making freedom of choice so central, there often goes unease about commitment, because if you make a commitment you limit your options. Making a committed choice seems to lessen your freedom, and sometimes people experience a tendency to put off the key decisions and commitments that somehow make our identities. We sometimes just like to keep our options open.

So there’s the crucial question: is it possible in a world like this, even to commit oneself to following Christ as a baptised Christian? Do we think of this commitment as opening us up to the fulfillment of our lives, or as just another way of limiting our options? People can be surprised at the idea that you might commit yourself once and for all just to being at Mass every Sunday for the rest of your life. It might seem the more obvious thing to make a separate decision whether to go to Mass each Sunday instead, keeping your options open.

So does obsession with choice and keeping options open prevent us from selling everything we have and obtaining the pearl? Does the pearl cost us more in today’s world than it did in the past? Though it may be difficult, divine grace means commitment is never impossible, and our human nature still makes us need it. In reality, only Christian commitment can give our lives the unity and stability they need by making them part of God’s one story. Only Christian commitment can fully open up for us the fulfillment that truly makes us happy and free, a heavenly happiness and freedom that last forever and can never be lost.

So let us affirm our choice of this pearl once and for all, a choice made with everything we have, with all we are, and all we will be. And may God who has begun this work in us bring it by his grace to its completion.

fr Simon Francis Gaine is assigned to the Priory of Saint Dominic in London, and teaches dogmatic theology at Blackfriars, Oxford.
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 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.

Presentation Center:
Come enjoy Presentation Center’s 2011 Programs and become enlightened! The programs are as follows:
-- Spirituality and Healing: Saturday, September 24, 2011 9:30am-3:30pm. Led by Karen Van Zino, M.D. $55.00, including lunch.
To register for programs call (408) 354-2346 or e-mail programs@presentationcenter.org. For program updates visit our website www.presentationcenter.org.

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 attendance 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: lizlibrarian2.0 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.

Volunteer Opportunities

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.
Worldwide Marriage Encounter

GRADS

Week at a Glance

Sunday, July 24, 2011
- 8am - Memorial Church
- 4:30 pm - Memorial Church

Monday, July 25 - Friday, July 29
- Office hours (Tues - Fri) 10am - 4pm
- Confessions by appointment only: call 725-0080

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. 
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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

Weekly Readings

Monday, July 25
2 Cor 4:7-15
Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6
Mt 20:20-28

Friday, July 29
Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37
Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab
Jn 11:19-27

Tuesday, July 26
Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28
Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13
Mt 13:36-43

Saturday, July 30
Lv 25:1, 8-17
Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8
Mt 14:1-12

Wednesday, July 27
Ex 34:29-35
Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9
Mt 13:44-46

Sunday, July 31
Is 55:1-3
Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18
Rom 8:35, 37-39
Mt 14:13-21

Thursday, July 28
Ex 40:16-21, 34-38
Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a, 8a, 11
Mt 13:47-53

Friday, July 29
Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37
Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab
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Catholicism 101:
Group Reflection and Prayer, Monday, July 26, 7pm
Join us for an evening of reflection as Lourdes facilitates a prayer experience using an Ignatian prayer method. Come to the Nairobi Room at the Graduate Community Center on Monday, July 26 at 7pm. All are welcome and ice cream will be provided! Contact Lourdes for more info at lalonso@stanford.edu.

Grad Student Mixer at the CoHo:
Monday, Aug 1, 9pm. Come out to the CoHo 9p Monday, August 1st for drinks and jazz. Meet other people who are here for the summertime. The CoHo is located in the downstairs of Tressider Memorial Union. Contact Maja Falcon for more info at mfalcon@stanford.edu

Summer Rosary:
daily at 8:15pm. All are welcome to join us as we pray the Rosary. Come to the circular stone benches on the west side of Memorial Church at 8pm, and begin prayer at 8:15pm. To be added to the summer list, email George at vidal@stanford.edu.

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.

More Announcements

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The Catholic Community at Stanford University

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 24, 2011

### First Reading 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

God appeared to Solomon in a dream and offered him whatever he desired. The king requested wisdom to govern Israel well. The Lord granted the request.

### Second Reading Romans 8:28-30

All things work for good for people who love God. The Lord God knows, predestines, justifies, and glorifies people and calls them to share Christ’s love.

### Gospel Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus said that the reign of heaven is like a buried treasure and a fine pearl. Those who find it sell all they have to attain it. God is like a householder who brings forth good things, new and old.

### Offertory Give Me Jesus (J. Hansen)

1. In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.
2. Gun, now the journey has begun, give me Jesus.
3. When the prize is surely won, give me Jesus.

REFRAIN:

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.

You may have all this world. Give me Jesus.
Memorial Acclamation: Mass of Light (D. Haas)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might, heaven and earth are full of your glory! Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

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Amen

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Recessional

Sing of the Lord's Goodness (E. Sands)

VERSES:

1. Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom, mercy he has shown us,
2. Power he has wielded, honor is his garment, his word he has spoken,
3. Courage in our darkness, comfort in our sorrow, so lace for the weary,
4. Praise him with your singing, praise him with the trumpet;

REFRAIN:

Come, then, all you nations, sing of your Lord's goodness, melodies of praise and thanks to God. Ring out the Lord's glory, praise him with your music, worship him and bless his name.

Sanctus

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Lamb of God (D. Haas)

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Communion

Blest Are They (D. Haas)

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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.

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**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 13, 2011:** REFOCCUS for Married Couples.
Are you civilly married, that is, married outside the Catholic Church? Has your marriage been “blessed” by the Catholic Church? Are you looking for a marriage tune-up? REFOCCUS is a program especially for you. 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. The REFOCCUS program is Saturday, August 13, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Cost of the program is $150 per couple which includes REFOCCUS materials and lunch. For more information or to register visit www.vallombrosa.org or phone 650.325.5614. Scholarships are available for those who need financial assistance, contact Rachel Alvelais.

**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.