

# Catholic Community at Stanford

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Sunday Mass July 29, 2012

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

#### **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 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time The Spirit Enlarges Our Hearts July 29, 2012

fr Richard reflects upon how our lives are transformed and perfected through Jesus Christ.

Occasionally, God provides food and drink miraculously, as for the widow Elijah stayed with, or when Elisha fed the hundred. Jesus turned water into wine; he fed 5,000 from five loaves and two fish. St. Dominic and his mother multiplied wine; St. John Vianney multiplied wheat and flour. In 1949, rice was multiplied for the poor at the intercession of Bl. John Macias at Ribero del Fresno; this led to his canonisation.

Such miracles are "tactful". The cruse of oil seems fuller than it should be; the cook ladles out rice, and when she turns back the pot is full again. The bread and fish are passed round, and somehow stretch. The people involved do a double-take before realizing what is going on, and being struck by the Creator's presence.

More often, God provides food and drink in a less miraculous, but more complete and cooperative way. For he holds in being the rain, the soil; the Sun, the light it sheds; the chloroplasts, their photosynthesis; the treading of grapes; the yeast and the fermentation process – and so water becomes wine. He holds in being the combine harvesters, the bread-making machines, the baking process...

We take all this for granted, and so we should, just as most of the time we must take each other for granted (we cannot throw a thank-you party every time someone around us does an hour of his or her daily work!) The Creator is divinely self-effacing. We must do a double-take if we are to wonder at the very being of all things and all processes, and recognize how every crumb exists because, here and now, God loves it.

These miracles start with something natural, brought by those who will receive – the widow's handful of meal, the water which the servants drew at Cana, the five loaves and two fish. God could make food and drink spring into being out of nothing, as indeed he does make the whole cosmos spring into being out of nothing. But he prefers that his miraculous gifts build on what, by his previous gift, earth or sky has given and human hands have gathered or made.

Jesus took the loaves and gave thanks: "Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who bringest forth bread from the earth." He expressed the faith of the people present, faith which the sign they witnessed was meant to enlarge. But once Jesus had explained that his Flesh must be eaten and his Blood drunk – implying he must be sacrificed – some were to find this New Law "a hard saying".

In obedience to Jesus, we bring what earth has given and human hands have made. We repeat the formula he used when supper was ended: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." We run together in one Eucharistic Prayer, one Prayer of Thanksgiving, Jesus' blessing over the bread before the meal, his thanksgiving and intercession over the chalice after it. We repeat the words of the Creative Word: "This is my Body... This is the Chalice of my Blood..." And so, in a most miraculous and a most complete and cooperative a way, the Word who became flesh dwells among us. With a supreme tact he enables us to eat his Body and drink his Blood beneath signs that tell us he is our food and joy, strength and unity, pattern and life. We have to do the double-take of faith, since the whole being of the bread and wine becomes the whole being of Christ's Body and Blood, at a depth where only the Creator can work, and no natural scrutiny can penetrate.

The Eucharist radiates blessing on the whole cosmos, and on the whole fabric of human life and work. This powerful but gentle sign of Jesus' Sacrifice, which is our New Law, weans us off our resistance to the Beatitudes by which Jesus lived and died. We who are nourished by his Body and Blood may be filled with the Holy Spirit, whose coming is the fruit of Jesus' Sacrifice. The Spirit comes as Grace to build on the human nature he crafted. By what The Catechism of the Catholic Church 687 calls a divine self-effacement, the Spirit enlarges our hearts so that, by faith and love, we can welcome the "hard saying" which is the Father's Word, Jesus crucified.

fr. Richard Conrad is Vice-Regent of Studies at Blackfriars, Oxford, where he teaches dogmatic and sacramental theology.

#### 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.

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.

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.

#### **Community Prayer Corner**

7/25/12 - Please pray for GC, DL, MC, AC, RS who continue to have health problems/issues; KL & DL who are unemployed, and for Syria whose people are suffering. Lord let your words enter their hearts and minds and let your will be done. - MJ

#### **YOUNG ADULTS**

#### **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:

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!

#### San José Jazz Festival and Mass:

Sat., Aug. 11th, 1pm, Meet at St. Joseph's Cathedral, 80 South Market Street, San José, CA. Please join other Catholic Young Adults for the San José Jazz Festival and the Jazz Mass (at 4:30 pm in St. Joseph Cathedral). You can meet us at the Cathedral at 1pm. if you want to attend the Festival and Mass or at 4pm if you just want to attend the Mass. Please confirm your attendance on our Facebook Page "Young Adult Circle" or contact us at yacircle@gmail.com.

#### Dinner at Pluto's:

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Tues. Aug. 21st 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.

#### Vallombrosa Retreat Center

Vallombrosa Center is sponsoring the following events: Silent Private Retreat Weekend August 24-26, 2012 Vallombrosa Center in Menlo Park Rachel Alvelais, 650-325-5614, www.vallombrosa.org

#### **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.

# **Weekly Readings**

Monday, July 30 Jer 13:1-11 (Ps) Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday, July 31 Jer 14:17-22 Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday, August 1 Jer 15:10, 16-21 Ps 59:2-3,4,10-11,17,18 Mt 13:44-46

Thursday, August 2 Jer 18:1-6 Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab Mt 13:47-53 Friday, August 3 Jer 26:1-9 Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 Mt 13:54-58

Saturday, August 4 Jer 26:11-16, 24 Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 Mt 14:1-12

Sunday, August 5 Ex 16:2-4, 12-15 Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 Eph 4:17, 20-24 Jn 6:24-35

#### **Volunteer** Opportunities

**Ombudsman Program:** 

"You Visited Me" Consider becoming a Santa Clara Co. Ombudsman! Visit an assigned nursing home or assisted living facility, listen to the residents, investigate complaints and resolve problems. Catholic Charities provides training and the State provides certification .Orientation --an overview and forum for questions -- is Monday, August 27, 2012 from 10:00am to Noon. Training dates are listed on the Catholic Charities website www. catholiccharitiesscc.org click on the VOLUNTEER banner and then go to Volunteer Opportunities. To learn more about becoming an Ombudsman, contact: Marlene Siebert, at (408) 325-5260 or email marlenes@catholiccharitiessccj.org. She can also put you in touch with a CCAS member who has been in the program for 8 yrs

#### 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 29, 2012

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

#### Monday, July 30 - Friday, August 3

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

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#### **GRADS**

#### **Cath-101:**

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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 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 each day of the year. Join today:



#### The Catholic Community at Stanford University

# SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 29, 2012





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 2 Kings 4:42-44

Elisha was brought twenty barley loaves, which he set before a crowd of one hundred. All ate, and still there was plenty of food left over.



You open your hand, O Lord, and answer our needs!

Tú, Señor, eres clemente y compasivo Siempre juzgas lleno de justicia.

Lord, you are merciful and compassionate, You always judge filled with justice.

Las miradas de todos en Ti esperan que les des a tiempo su alimento.

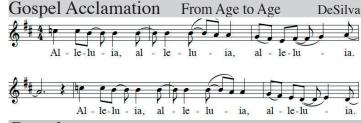
The eyes of all look hopefully to you, and you give them food in due season.

Tú, Señor, salvas a los que te aman y aniquilas a los abusivos.

Lord, you save those that love you and destroy the wicked.

#### Second Reading Ephesians 4:1-6

Paul called the Ephesians to a life of humility, patience, and gentleness. He said, "Preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit."



#### Gospel John 6:1-15

Many people pressed around Jesus. Seeing they were hungry, he took bread and fish, blessed them and gave them out. When all had eaten, the fragments filled twelve baskets.

### 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.

