

## Catholic Community at Stanford

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Sunday Mass August 5, 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

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Seeing in Love

August 5, 2012

fr Peter prompts us to re-examine the everyday events of our lives in the light of Christ's self-giving love.

"You can know a thing to death, and be for all purposes completely ignorant of it. A man can know his father, or his son, and there might still be nothing between them but loyalty and love and mutual incomprehension." So says the old preacher, Ames, to his son in the book Gilead by Marilynne Robinson. It seems to me to express a deep, and strange truth.

Actually, the truth, it seems to me, can be even stranger than that. We can live our own lives and be to all intents and purposes ignorant of ourselves, live through the most astonishing events, and know nothing of the significance of what happens to us.

I think that is part of what Jesus is saying to the crowd when he says, "You seek me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves." Of course the crowd saw signs. They cannot have failed to see the five loaves and two fish multiply to feed the great throng, something utterly amazing.

Moreover, it's surely not quite true that they are just following him for the free food. People will turn up to events for free food. As a university chaplain, I was always shamelessly offering free food to students to encourage them to attend chaplaincy events. But their devotion to Jesus does seem to be more than this. In the passage immediately before this, the one we read last Sunday, John writes, "Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself." Making someone king just for some free food seems a little extreme!

And yet, when Jesus asks for their faith, they ask him for a sign, as if he hasn't already given them one. They see the miraculous feeding. In one sense, they see everything that can be seen. But in another sense, they see nothing, they understand nothing. It's as if they get caught up in the excitement of it all, and fail to ask themselves what it's all about, what it really means.

I think that's an experience we have in our own lives too. We are so caught up in the thick of things that we never see what is right in front of us. We are so busy being thrilled or bored or terrified or miserable or amused that we don't see what's happening before our eyes. We miss the significance of it.

Some people think human beings are so keen on significance and meaning that we tend to see it even when it isn't there. I think that's almost the opposite of the truth. We might well look for hidden meanings in a story, or in what someone else tells us, but we're inclined to dismiss the meaning, the significance, of the everyday things that happen to us.

I don't mean that this business of significance is something too subtle or too clever for us. Often, the people who saw the meaning of Jesus' presence among us were not the scholars at all. Like the centurion whose words we imitate before we receive communion at every Mass, the recognition required is simply one of seeing Jesus as God's gift, a gift from God, a gift of God, to us who have done nothing to deserve it, and yet a gift which satisfies every desire of our hearts.

Jesus is pointing out to his hearers, to us, that there is an obvious meaning in what they have seen. God is giving his very self to them in Jesus, nourishing them, giving them all that they need, giving them significance too, by making their stories part of his story, that story of God's love. Food becomes a sign of God's giving us himself, satisfying us with his very presence.

Very occasionally, perhaps, we see the significance in the events of our lives, very often, I think, while looking back in gratitude. It can be unnerving to see God's activity in the everyday, because it reminds us forcefully that our lives are not our own, that they are God's loving gift to us. Perhaps, though, we can then see them as part of that same story of God's love shown in Christ. That's their real significance.

fr. Peter Hunter teaches philosophy at Blackfriars, Oxford.

#### YOUNG ADULTS

### If you suspect financial mismanagement or misconduct in your parish or in the Diocese of San José, please contact:

EthicsPoint: dsj.ethicspoint.com or hotline telephone number 1-888-325-7863. Teresa Conville, 408-983-0241 or email:tconville@dsj.org.

#### Save The Date, August 8, 2012 "Poverty Simulation"

- \* Join us for unique event that enables you to view poverty from different angles in an experiential setting. It is designed to reflect the day to day realities of life with a shortage of money and an abundance of stress.
- \* During the simulation, participants role-play the lives of low-income families, from single parents trying to care for their children to seniors trying to maintain their self-sufficiency on Social Security.
- \* The Event is on Wednesday, August 8 from 1-4pm on the 3rd floor of Old Union.
- \* Sponsored by Catholic Community at Stanford, VIA (Volunteers in Asia at Stanford), Step Up Silicon Valley and Sacred Heart Community Service.

#### 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.

#### **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

please send any prayer requests to Guillermo at gcolombetti@yahoo.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.

#### Shakespeare in the Park:

Sat., Aug. 18th, 7pm, Meet at Sequoia High School, 1201 Brewster Avenue, Redwood City, CA. We will meet to watch "Henry V" on the grounds of Sequoia High School. We will meet together as a group at 7pm for the show that begins at 7:30pm. Please bring a blanket and a snack to share. Please confirm your attendance on our Facebook Page "Young Adult Circle" or contact us at yacircle@gmail.com.

#### Dinner at Pluto's:

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.

#### **Young Adult Mass:**

Tues. Aug. 28th 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,

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:**

How would you rate your marriage? Whether Excellent, Good, or "So-So," a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will grow and strengthen your relationship. It's a beautiful weekend experience designed for couples of all ages and backgrounds. Finish off the summer by devoting time to the most important relationship in your life, your marriage. 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, August 6 Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 2 Pt 1:16-19 Mk 9:2-10

Tuesday, August 7 Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22 Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 Mt 14:22-36

Wednesday, August 8 Jer 31:1-7 Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 Mt 15: 21-28

Thursday, August 9 Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:12-13,14-15,18-19 Mt 16:13-23 Friday, August 10 2 Cor 9:6-10 Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 Jn 12:24-26

Saturday, August 11 Hab 1:12-2:4 Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 Mt 17:14-20

Sunday, August 12 1 Kgs 19:4-8 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Eph 4:30-5:2 Jn 6:41-51

## Week at a Glance

Sunday, August 5, 2012

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

Monday, August 6 - Friday, August 10

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

**Daily Liturgy:** 

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### **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 August 25th or Saturday September 1st 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, follow the example of Jesus, and please join us in helping those in need.

### **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:

#### **GRADS**

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

Announcements

More.

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

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

Aug 13, Social TBD

Aug 20, Cath 101 TBD

Aug 27, Social TBD

#### 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

Vallombrosa opens its doors several weekends throughout the year to people to make a silent retreat beginning Friday afternoon and concluding mid-day Sunday. We offer opportunities for spiritual direction and morning and evening prayer each day. The cost for the Silent Private Retreat Weekend is \$226.00 for a private room and \$202.00 for a shared room, with all meals included. As always there are scholarships available to those who need financial assistance. Contact Rachel atrachel@vallombrosa.org or 650.325.5614.

#### The Catholic Community at Stanford University

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 5, 2012





#### Gloria

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

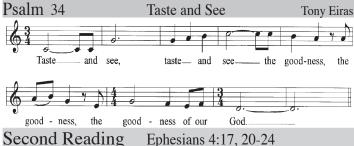
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

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.

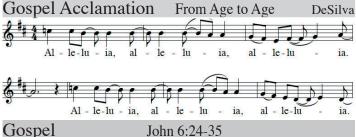
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## First Reading Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

In the desert the Israelites grumbled against Moses because they were hungry. The Lord sent down quail and bread for them to eat. By this, Israel came to know the Lord.



Paul told the Ephesians they could not continue to live as pagans did. As followers of Christ they were to lay aside their old selves and "put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth."



The crowd followed Jesus to Capernaum because he had given them bread to eat. Jesus told them instead to seek the food of eternal life. He said that he is "the bread of life."

### 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.

Offertory instrumental



