

Catholic Community at Stanford

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Sunday Mass August 7, 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.

Baptisms for the 2011-2012 academic year: October 16, 2011

January 29, 2012 May 20, 2012

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Religious Ramblings

NINITEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Strange Encounters

August 7, 2011

fr Robert Pollock explores the parallels between Peter and Elijah.

Elijah and Peter were servants of God and men of faith. In the Scriptures people of faith were often tested, in order to strengthen their faith. Elijah was a prophet of God, had been long in the service of God and was nearing the end of his ministry. His was the difficult task of prophesying in Israel in the time of King Ahab and his pagan queen, Jezebel.

He told God that he had failed. Ahab was indifferent to the God of Israel; Jezebel promoted the cult of pagan gods. The altars of Israel's God had been destroyed, many of the people of God had apostatised, all the prophets had been killed, and only he had survived. God instructed him to go and spend the night in a cave on Mount Horeb.

Next morning Elijah encountered God in a very terrifying way. Wind, earthquake and fire are among the most destructive forces in nature, and greatly feared, as they bring death. In the Hebrew scriptures they are associated with an appearance of God, and God himself was in them; but in Elijah's encounter, God was not in the wind, or the earthquake or the fire. Later in the passage God asks Elijah, 'What are you doing here?' This could be a reproach. Elijah had shown a lack of faith, a lack of trust in God by abandoning his mission of prophecy in Israel, a mission commanded by God. God would not abandon his prophet.

When the wind, the earthquake and the fire had gone, all that could be heard was the sound of a gentle breeze The Hebrew word for wind is also the word for spirit; Elijah was being told that God can be found not only in great terrifying forces of nature, but also through his unseen government of events. The sound of the gentle breeze is the Spirit of God, strengthening the man of faith, confirming him in his work as a prophet of God.

Peter was a disciple of the Christ; later he would be Peter the apostle. He is the best known of the apostles, always prominent, often impetuous. As a disciples he was a learner; he walked with Jesus, heard his teachings, saw his miracles. Just before the episode in today's Gospel passage he witnessed the feeding of the five thousand. As he heard and saw, his faith in the Christ grew; but faith sometimes needed testing and strengthening.

Like Elijah, Peter and the other disciples experienced something of the destructive power of nature; they were exposed to a heavy sea and a strong wind, and were in danger of death. Jesus and the disciples had become separated. Jesus, who had withdrawn to the hills to pray, came to them, walking on the water, showing his mastery of nature. Peter may have wanted to be nearer to Jesus, asked him, possibly impetuously, to bid him come to him, to which he received the answer 'come'. And Peter walked, but soon began to sink.

The passage seems to suggest that Peter's difficulty was not with the sea but with the wind. He asked the saviour to save him, which he did. Peter, like Elijah, was reproached for his lack of faith. Did this mean that had Peter continued to walk on the waves he would had reached the Christ, or did it mean that he doubted that Jesus would save him? The disciples responded by declaring that Jesus was truly the Son of God.

Peter the disciple, like Elijah the prophet, had learned something important, that to be a servant of God demanded trust and faith. Without these no apostolate would succeed.

fr. Robert Pollock is Superior of the Dominican community in Glasgow.

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)

Congratulations Brother Michael Davenport:

Recently graduated graduate student Michael Davenport, now Brother Thomas Davenport, will be making his first profession of vows to the Order of Preachers of the Province of Saint Joseph (Eastern Dominican Province) on the Solemnity of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Monday, the 15th of August, at 11:30 am at Saint Gertrude church in Mediera, Ohio, near Cincinatti. We praise God for Brother Thomas' perseverance, his vocation and his continued 'fiat' to the Lord, the Master Preacher. We also continue to ask for the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God and Queen of Preachers, for vocations to the Dominican Order, particularly to the Province of the Holy Name (the Western Dominican Province).

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.

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, August 27th 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 Saturdays 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.

Saint Dominic:

Monday, August 8th, is the feast of Saint Dominic, patron saint of our Parish. We join all the Dominican Brothers, Sisters and Friars in the celebration. May St Dominic guide our work, as we grow as a family, the Body of Christ.

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.

Operation Rice Bowl:

scored \$674.81 to Catholic Relief Services.



YOUNG ADULTS

San José Jazz Festival and Mass:

-Announcements for August 7, 2011–

Sat., Aug. 13th, 1pm or 4 pm, 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. The cost for the festival is \$20. Please confirm your attendance on our Facebook group or contact Scott at scott. a.harrison@gmail.com.

First Annual Diocesan Young Adult Retreat:

Refuel Reignite Retreat, Sept. 9th-11th, Presentation Center, Los Gatos. The retreat is open to all young adults. It will be a good opportunity to refuel your faith and meet other Catholic young adults. More information is available at www.dsj.org/dyar.

Please note that we will not be holding Bible Study until September.

Young Adult Bible Study:

Tues. Sept. 6th 7:30pm, Our Lady of the Rosary, 3233 Cowper St, Palo Alto. We are planning our Fall schedule right now and will be starting a new study topic in September. Please plan on joining us this Fall!

For more info, see our website, www. Young Adult Circle.org, check the Facebook group "Young Adult Circle", or contact Scott at: scott.a.harrison@gmail.com.

Weekly Readings

Monday, August 8
Memorial of Saint Dominic, priest
Dt 10:12-22
Ps 147:12-13,14-15,
19-20
Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday, August 9 Dt 31:1-8 (Ps) Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12 Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday, August 10 2 Cor 9:6-10 Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 Jn 12:24-26

Thursday, August 11 Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17 Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 18:21–19:1 Friday, August 12 Jos 24:1-13 Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24 Mt 19:3-12

Saturday, August 13 Jos 24:14-29 Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11 Mt 19:13-15

Sunday, August 14 Is 56:1, 6-7 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 Mt 15:21-28

Week at a Glance

Sunday, August 7, 2011

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

Monday, August 8 - Friday, August 12

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

Daily Liturgy.

• M-T-W-F 12:20 - Memorial Church

(note: no daily Mass on Thursdays)

GRADS

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.

Community Prayer Corner

8/3/11 - Please pray for my sister Silvia, recovering from recent surgery. - GC

8/3/11 - Please pray for one of the Dominican Sisters of the Corpus Christi Monastery, as she battles a recurring health issue. - GC

8/3/11 - Please pray for my mom, Susana, recovering from a fall - GC

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

How would you rate your marriage?

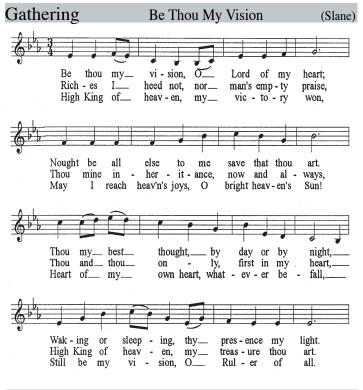
Whether Excellent, Good, or "So-So," a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will grow and strengthen your relationship. It's a beautiful weekend experience designed for couples of all ages and backgrounds. Finish off the summer by devoting time to the most important relationship in your life, your marriage. The next local Catholic Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is: 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.

More Announcements

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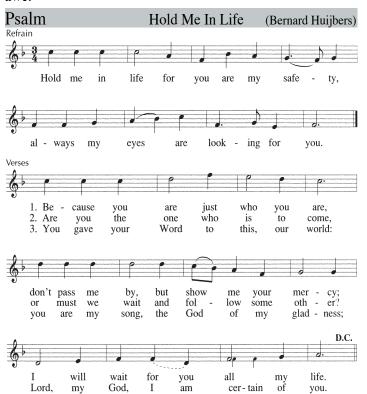
NINTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 7, 2011





First Reading 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

Elijah the prophet heard the Lord's voice not in wind, not in an earthquake, nor in fire, but in a tiny whisper. When he hear the Lord, Elijah hid his face in his cloak, overcome with awe.



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Second Reading Romans 9:1-5

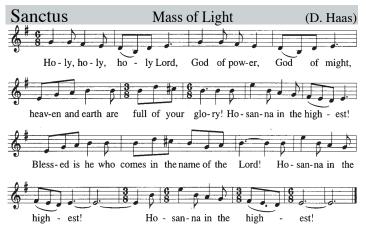
Paul wrote that he would willingly accept being separated from the Christ for the sake of his fellow Israelites from whom came the Messiah.

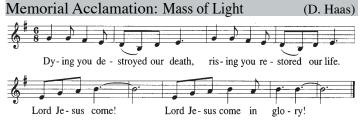


Gospel Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus walked on the water. He called to Peter in the boat with the other disciples. Peter stepped out on the water until his faith faltered and he began to sink. Then Jesus stretched out his hand to save Peter.

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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:

Vallombrosa Center is located at 250 Oak Grove Avenue in Menlo Park. For more information visit www.vallombrosa.org or phone 650-325-5614.

August 13: 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

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..

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