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Sunday Mass  August 12, 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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Two weeks ago we read St John’s account of the miraculous feeding of the five thousand, and today we have Jesus telling his followers that he is the bread of life. John, you will remember, makes the washing of the disciples’ feet the centrepiece of his account of the Last Supper. What we read today is effectively John’s account of the Eucharist.

After the feeding of the five thousand the people wanted to acclaim Jesus as their King and Jesus had to flee. The people had not understood who Jesus is. They thought he was another Moses come to feed them with manna in the desert. Jesus needed to teach them to accept him not as merely the provider of food but as the food itself. Those who heard him needed to go beyond physical hunger for physical bread and begin to realise that what was being offered them was indeed bread from heaven, the bread of life.

Christ claims literally to be the food, the life-giving nourishment for his people. Those who eat his flesh and drink his blood live to the full and live for ever.

In the Hebrew tradition manna, or the bread sent from heaven, would be given again and it would be a sign that the Day of the Lord had come. Then Israel would be returned to the glory of David and Solomon. But Jesus teaches us that the glory of David and Solomon is not what it means to be alive. To live life to the full is to live as Jesus lived, to be what he is.

In the last verse of this Sunday’s Gospel Jesus finally tells his followers exactly what this ‘Bread of Life’ is. His flesh. This is the great paradox of the Eucharist: it is through giving up his body in death that Christ becomes the bread of life. The bread of life is not just given, like the manna in the desert, but given up.

The mystery of the Eucharist is the mystery of Christ’s brokenness, his broken body and outpoured blood, his brokenness and his sacrifice. In saying ‘Amen’ to the body of Christ, we are saying ‘Yes’ to the call to become his broken body ourselves. As we receive Christ’s body in our hands we are putting ourselves in his hands to be broken by him, to be snapped out of what we think we are, where we think we belong, who we want to call ourselves.

What we do in the Eucharist is intensely involved with our longing for the coming of the Kingdom of God. Whenever we eat his flesh and drink his blood we proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes. He is food for the journey and the end of the journey is not yet. If we are to live life to the full and live for ever then we must eat the flesh of the Lord. Equally, though, we must be willing to share in Christ’s self-sacrificing death. The goal of the Holy Eucharist is not the consecration of bread and wine, but the consecration of human beings. The risen Christ does not assume the form of the consecrated elements in order to hide in a tabernacle but in order that he may abide in us and we in him.

This was something that St Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna (and according to tradition a disciple of St John) understood well. He was condemned to death by burning, and when he was tied to the stake he began to proclaim the Eucharistic prayer over himself. He began the prayer of praise and thanksgiving that would transform him into the body of Christ. When he was pronounced the great Amen, the executioners lit the pyre. A great flame leapt up and his followers tell how they saw it form as it were an arch surrounding the body of the martyr. He himself appeared not like flesh being burned, but as bread in an oven. Polycarp made his dying altogether Eucharistic.

In some way we must all be martyrs. As individuals and as communities we must make ourselves into the reality we celebrate at Mass. Only then can we be sincere in praying, ‘May he make us an everlasting gift to you.’ Only then will we enjoy the fullness of life that Jesus promised to those who ate his flesh, the Bread of Life.
Sunday homilies and theological reflections are a weekly podcast from 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.

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.

**Baptisms on August 19:**
Baptisms this Summer will be on August 19 at the 4:30 Mass. The class is on the 11th, 10-11:30am. To sign up for the class, or for more information please email Teresa Pleins at tpleins@stanford.edu.

**STATS Report – Back-to-School Backpacks for Needy Children:**
On Saturday, August 4th from 1-3pm the CCAS Team of 20 volunteers were able to sort and fill 530 backpacks for students in grades K-12 at The Family Giving Tree warehouse in Milpitas. If we combine that number with the 42 backpacks filled with school supplies that were donated and collected after each Mass during the month of July, our grand total was 572 backpacks prepared/donated by the Catholic Community at Stanford!!! A special thanks to the following volunteers who donated their time, talent and treasure: Lori Silverman, Mikayla Silverman (Lori’s daughter), Zachary Silverman (Lori’s son), Jean Schaffert (Mikayla’s and Zachary’s Grandma), Bao Lee, Liz Tompkins, Ellen Sebastian, Mark Antonio, Maricar Antonio, Mia Ella Antonio (Mark’s and Maricar’s daughter), Marinho Bertanha, Shirley Ahn, Nicole Mintz, Ann Majewicz, Rachel Moerckie, Wesley Moerschell, Amy Prachaseri Tanner, Larry Hu and Eric Ho. Thanks also to Lourdes Alonso for collecting backpacks donated by students, storing them in her office until August 1st and purchasing some of the 42 backpacks. For more information, please contact Peter Barling at peter_barling@hotmail.com.

**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, Bongsso is leading our lunch gathering every Wednesday. For more information, contact Eun-Soo at eschoi@stanford.edu.

**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, please contact us at yacircle@gmail.com.

**Young Adult Bible Study:**
Tues. Sept. 4th at 7:30pm, Our Lady of the Rosary, 3233 Cowper St, Palo Alto. The Young Adult Circle will be gathering for fellowship to follow. If you have questions or would like more information on the Mass, please contact us at yacircle@gmail.com.

**Young Adult Circle** or contact us at yacircle@gmail.com.

**Community Prayer Corner**
8/8/12 - Please pray for Elisa A. who suffered a stroke and is now recovering in intensive care. - GC

Please send any prayer requests to Guillermo at gcolombetti@yahoo.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 13**
- Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c
- Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14
- Mt 17:22-27

**Tuesday, August 14**
- Ez 2:8-3:4
- Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131
- Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

**Wednesday, August 15**
- the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
- Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16
- 1 Cor 15:20-27

**Thursday, August 16**
- Ez 12:1-12
- Ps 78:56-57,58-59,61-62
- Mt 18:21-19:1

**Friday, August 17**
- Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63
- (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6
- Mt 19:3-12

**Saturday, August 18**
- Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32
- Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19
- Mt 19:13-15

**Sunday, August 19**
- Prv 9:1-6
- Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
- Eph 5:15-20
- Jn 6:51-58

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**Monday, August 13 - Friday, August 17**
- Office hours (Tues - Fri) 10am - 3pm

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**Vallombrosa Retreat Center**

**Silent Private Retreat Weekend**
- August 24-26, 2012
- Vallombrosa Center in Menlo Park

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.
After fleeing Jezebel, Elijah ran to the wilderness and sat under a broom tree. An angel appeared, urging him to eat, and providing food for his journey.
Memorial Acclamation: Mass From Age To Age

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Amen Mass From Age To Age DeSilva

1. Guide my feet while I run this race.
   ‘Cause I don’t want to run this race in vain.

2. Hold my hand while I run this race.
   ‘Cause I don’t want to run this race in vain.

3. Be my friend while I run this race.
   ‘Cause I don’t want to run this race in vain.

4. Stand by me while I run this race.
   ‘Cause I don’t want to run this race in vain.

Refrain
Lord, guide my feet, direct my path,
And keep my way.
Can’t make a step without you.
I don’t want to run this race in vain.
**Recessional**

We Are Marching  South African Traditional

We are **march-ing in the light of God,**

\[ Si - ya - ham b' e - ku - kha - nyen ' kwen - khos ' si - ya - \]

march-ing in the light of God.

\[ hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen ' kwen - khos ' \]

We are **march-ing,**

\[ Si - ya - ham - ba, \]

march-ing in the light of God.

\[ hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen ' kwen - khos ' \]

**Alternate text:** dancing, singing, praying.

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### Rice Bowl:

\$2021.67 !!!

61 participants

63.2 pounds of coins were sorted and counted