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Sunday MassAugust 14, 20118amMemorial Church4:30pmMemorial Church

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.

Confessions

Daily Eucharist

by appointment only: call 725-0080

Information about Catholic liturgies in Palo Alto, call 650-494-2496 or www.paloaltocatholic.org.

M - T - W - F 12:20pm Memorial Church

no daily Mass on Thursday

Baptisms for the 2011-2012 academic year: October 16, 2011 January 29, 2012 May 20, 2012

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Religious Ramblings What Sort of Dog?

AUGUST 14, 2011

fr Robert Gay finds that today's Gospel particularly challenges him as a Dominican.

What we see in this Gospel is an occasion when Jesus seems to be very harsh – uninterested, even hostile to what seems like a perfectly reasonable request from this Canaanite woman. Right away it seems like Jesus is rejecting her because of who she is – a woman belonging to the people who were driven out of the land of Canaan by the people of Israel.

So when we're thinking about who is 'in' and who is 'out', according to Jewish thinking, this woman was definitely 'out'. But all the same, her request is met first with silence, and then with the suggestion that she is a little dog – albeit a domestic dog, or a puppy, as the Greek suggests.

But perhaps we should read the feel of this whole encounter in a gentler way than it comes across at first. It was a common in Jesus's time, though still more than a little impolite, to refer to the gentiles as dogs. And Jesus uses the term earlier in Matthew's Gospel in the seventh chapter, where he says that what is holy shouldn't be given to dogs. But even here it is clear that already the 'dogs' aren't the gentiles, but anyone whose heart is hardened to the message of salvation which Jesus brings, and the significance of that message for the way they live. And the language of that passage suggests these dogs are wild, savage dogs. True, he has come first to the people of Israel – but time and again the examples of people who listen to his message and show faith come from outside that group. Being 'in' can also mean being 'out'.

This Canaanite woman starts as one who is 'out' – but right from her greeting 'Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David', it is clear that she has recognised Jesus as he actually is. Her heart is open. Her openness is tested by Jesus, and her faith is shown by her insistence. Even when she hears nothing back, she will not give up. So when Jesus refers to her as a puppy, he's not wrong, because like a dependent house dog she recognises her master, on whom she can depend.

Her disposition means she is a model for how we should be as disciples of Christ. We too must recognise Jesus as the one who brings salvation, who heals us from the sickness of our souls. There may be any number of other ways we might turn to find healing and fullness of life, but ultimately it is only him who can bring those things for us. And it always starts from attending to him, to entering into relationship, with him.

Those of us who are Dominicans have just celebrated the Feast of St. Dominic. And at this time, we naturally turn our minds to his life, and his example. And perhaps more than anything we might wonder if we, as Dominican Friars, are true to his spirit. We live in such a different world from the one in which St Dominic lived. We face a very different political, cultural, social and moral landscape from his – a landscape that never remains the same, but is constantly changing even during our own lifetimes. As individual friars, as communities, provinces, and as a whole Order, it might be difficult for us to discern whether we are his faithful sons – whether we know the landscape of our times, its challenges, and how to respond. Just being Dominican by name is no guarantee of anything, just as being one of the children of Israel was no guarantee of an open heart to Christ's message.

Perhaps our assessment of our lives like this should start by going back to what was fundamental to St Dominic in his own life. It was his simple, humble desire to spend time with Christ – to listen to him, to share his life with him, and to love him. Everything else that St Dominic became was a response to those moments of intimate relationship.

Our Gospel today reminds us that we, who are proud to have the title 'Domini canes', dogs of the Lord, can end up being one of two kind of dog.... the wild, disobedient, aggressive, dogs who are of no use in the service of the Lord, or the obedient, attentive, gentle house dogs who know their master and love him. It is only by being the right kind of 'Domini canes' that we will be fit to preach the Gospel. Only as the right kind of 'Domini canes' can be receptive to what the Lord is asking of us, and be able to have the courage to go ahead as individual friars, as communities, as provinces and as an Order, and do his will.

fr Robert Gay works in the University chaplaincy in Edinburgh.

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.

Registration for Religious Education for Children:

There will be an open house and registration following the 10:30 Mass (Tresidder Union Oak Room) and 4:30 Mass (Memorial Church) on Sunday, Sept. 25.

The first parent meeting will be Sunday, Oct. 2, 9:00am in the Old Union Building. This session is required in order to have your children enrolled.

Children's sessions begin Sunday, Oct. 9.

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

Dinner at Pluto's:

Tues. Aug. 16th at 7:30pm, 482 University Ave., Palo Alto The Young Adult group meets for its monthly social gathering. Please confirm your attendence on our Facebook group or contact Scott Harrison at scott.a.harrison@mail.com.

Young Adult Mass:

Tues. Aug 30th 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 Andie, anutt@dsj.org

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

<u>-Announcements for August 14, 2011–</u>

Weekly Readings

Friday, August 19

Mt 22:34-40

Mt 23:1-12

Is 22:19-23

Saturday, August 20

Sunday, August 21

Rom 11:33-36

Mt 16:13-20

Ru 1:1,3-6,14b-16,22

Ru 2:1-3,8-11; 4:13-17

Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5

Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8

8-9a, 9bc-10

Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7,

Monday, August 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday, August 16 Jgs 6:11-24a Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday, August 17 Jgs 9:6-15 Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mt 20:1-16

Thursday, August 18 Jgs 11:29-39a Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Mt 22:1-14

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.

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 or Saturday September 3rd 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.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, August 14, 2011

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

Monday, August 15 - Friday, August 19

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

Daily Liturgy.

<u>More Announcements</u>

• M-T-W-F 12:20 - Memorial Church

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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.

The Catholic Community at Stanford University

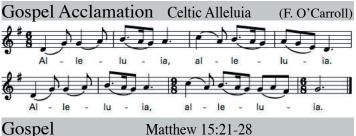
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 14, 2011



Second Reading Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

God's love and mercy are gratuitous; we are all recipients of the benefits of Christ's life, death and resurrection.

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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:

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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:

More Announcements

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.

***Spirituality in Daily Life: Saturday, October 8, 2011 9:30am-1:00pm. Men's retreat led by Fr. Robert McKay. \$35.00 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..