

# Catholic Community at Stanford

P.O. Box 20301, Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94309

http://catholic.stanford.edu/main office: 650-725-0080

For emergencies, call 650-723-8222, pager #17736

Sunday Mass August 19, 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: Today, August 19, 2012 November 4, 2012 January 13, 2013 May 5, 2013

#### **Catholic Community Staff**

#### Fr. Nathan Castle, O.P.

Pastor/Director ncastle@stanford.edu

#### Fr. Isaiah Molano, O.P.

Parochial Vicar/Associate Director frisaiah@stanford.edu

#### **Nancy Greenfield**

Chaplain/Marriage Preparation ngreenfield875@gmail.com

#### **Teresa Pleins**

Chaplain/Liturgy & Music tpleins@stanford.edu

#### Deacon John Kerrigan

Chaplain/ESTEEM johnk3@stanford.edu

#### Sr. Ramona Bascom, O.P.

Counselor ramonabascom@gmail.com

#### **Lourdes Alonso**

Campus Minister lalonso@stanford.edu

#### M'Lis Berry

Development Director meberry@stanford.edu

#### Guillermo Colombetti

Bulletin Editor, Property Manager gcolombetti@yahoo.com

#### Iris Clark

Communications Coordinator iris.ccas@live.com

# Religious Ramblings

# TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# Always and Everywhere

August 19, 2012

fr Brendan Slevin always has a song in his heart.

This is not the homily I was expecting to offer to you but as they say 'life is what happens when your making plans'

We can take so much for granted that when something unexpected happens our whole way of doing things can be thrown up into the air. No doubt as you are reading this you give no thought to what's going on in that box in front of you, your computer just quietly works away feeding you with all sorts of information. When, however, your computer anti-virus software decides to delete a 'dll' file then what was taken for granted, what was simple and ignorable, suddenly consumes your time. This then is the condition I find myself in; granted, it is not an earth shattering moment or on the level of so many disasters just waiting to befall us, but it does cause one to stop and think.

St Paul in his Letter to the Ephesians tells us to come together and sing psalms and hymns to the Lord but also to continue singing and chanting in our hearts. What a wonderful instruction, to have our hearts full of music. When we listen to music it alters our mood. It can raise our minds to something beyond us, bring alive in us memories of the past it can even bring us from despair to hope. To have that music within us, within our hearts, how much more will it consume us? So let us take heed of St Paul and keep that song of thanksgiving to the Lord resounding in our hearts, echoes on earth of the celestial choirs of angles.

There are some other benefits of singing in our hearts: it is our music, music that only we can hear rising to the throne of God. It can be a constant hymn, a constant prayer of thanksgiving wherever we are and whatever else we are doing. But above all it builds within our life a constant reminder of God. And let's be honest with ourselves, when our life is going along all right we can so easily forget about the God who keeps us in being. When no disasters hit there is no need to beg for help. When there is nothing to fill us with joy there is not need to thank God for it. It is in the more extreme moments of life that we find ourselves paying more attention to God, the rest of the time we can take just take God's gifts for granted.

I suppose part of the problem is remembering what we have to be grateful for, though every breath we take should be a reminder of our creator. But what about giving thanks for that which is to come, our future life without end with God?

From the earliest of times man has searched for the secret to eternal life. The first emperor of China, Qin Shi Huang, believed his physicians had found this secret and daily digested the tablets they gave him. Unfortunately as is so often the case their secret, a compound containing mercury, not only shortened his life but also affected his mental state. It is remarkable how much time, effort and expense was put into attempts at securing an afterlife. From the moment you became king in ancient Egypt you began your tomb. With King Horemheb we can see in his first tomb the moment he became king and the craftsmen stopped carving the walls as it would no longer be needed. Then in his second tomb in the valley of the kings we see the moment his body was brought in and again the craftsmen stopped working and ran out before it was sealed.

We have no need to build tombs, we need not man made structures for our future life, it is not about structures or man made things. Our preparation for eternal life is to live not to spend our life planning. With whatever befalls us good or bad let the praise of God be in our hearts. St Paul tells us 'this may be a wicked age but your lives should redeem it'.

Instead, then, of taking so much for granted let us fill our hearts with a song of thanksgiving to the Lord 'so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ'. Then with our hearts full of joy we can begin to live.

So I sit here singing to the Lord in my heart, giving thanks for this small revelation via the unexpected activity of my anti-virus software.

> fr. Brendan Slevin is Chaplain to Strathclyde University in Glasgow.

#### **Baptisms today, August 19:**

Baptisms will be celebrated today, August 19 at the 4:30 Mass. We welcome the new members of our Catholic family.

# STATS Report – Back-to-School Backpacks for less fortunate 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 Moericke, 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, 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.

#### **New Training for Liturgical Ministers:**

We welcome anyone who is interested in joining the choir. serving as lectors, greeters, altar servers, or eucharistic ministers. If you've managed to survive the first quarter at Stanford and can now think about the REST of your life, please contact Teresa, tpleins@stanford.edu. Service can take place around your schedule. The rewards for ministry are great--serving the Lord, deepening your bond to the community, making new friends!

#### YOUNG ADULTS

#### 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. Over the next several months, we are going to focus on some common questions we face as Christians. The topic this month is "Christianity and Other Religions". We meet regularly on the first Tuesday of each month and we welcome you to join us this summer!

#### Fall Kick-Off BBQ:

-Announcements for August

Sat. Sept. 15th from 11am - 3pm, Mitchell Park, 600 E Meadow Dr, Palo Alto. Join us for our Fall Kick-Off BBQ. Come out and gather with other Catholic young adults for food, fun, and fellowship. For the BBQ, please bring a dessert, drink, or side dish and a small donation to cover the costs of the meat entree. Contact us at yacircle@gmail.com for more information.

For more info, see our website, www.YoungAdultCircle. org, check the Facebook Fan Page "Young Adult Circle", or contact us at yacircle@gmail.com.

#### **Community Prayer Corner**

8/15/12 - Please pray for EC who is going through a difficult period of his life. - GC

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

#### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

#### **Attention Married Couples:**

It has been said that the greatest gift you can give your children is two parents very much in love with each other. Polish up this gift and put a bow on it at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. You deserve the best and your children need to see you reaching for it. 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 20 Ez 24:15-23 (Ps) Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday, August 21 Ez 28:1-10 (Ps) Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday, August 22 Ez 34:1-11 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Mt 20:1-16

Thursday, August 23 Ez 36:23-28 Ps 51:12-13,14-15,18-19 Mt 22:1-14 Friday, August 24 Rv 21:9b-14 Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 Jn 1:45-51

Saturday, August 25 Ez 43:1-7ab Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 Mt 23:1-12

Sunday, August 26 Mt 23:1-12 Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21 Eph 5:21-32 Jn 6:60-69

### Week at a Glance

#### Sunday, August 19, 2012

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

Monday, August 20 - Friday, August 24

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

#### Daily Liturgy:

M - T - W - F 12:20pm Memorial Church no daily Mass on Thursday

#### **Confessions**

by appointment only: call 725-0080

#### **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 20, Cath 101 TBD

Aug 27, Social TBD

#### Vallombrosa Retreat Center

# Vallombrosa Center is sponsoring the following events:

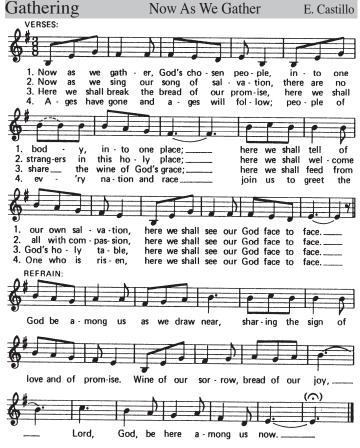
Silent Private Retreat Weekend August 24-26, 2012 Vallombrosa Center in Menlo Park Rachel Alvelais, 650-325-5614, www.vallombrosa.org

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

# TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 19, 2012





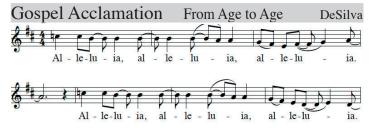
### First Reading Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom built her house and prepared a banquet. The invitation was sent to "come, eat of my food and drink." When we forsake foolishness in our lives, we grow in understanding.



### Second Reading Ephiesians 5:15-20

Paul counseled the Ephesians to keep careful watch over their conduct. In this way, they could overcome their ignorance and discern the will of God.



### Gospel John 6:51-58

Jesus assured his followers that he is the living bread come down from heaven. All who partake of this banquet will be raised up on the last day.

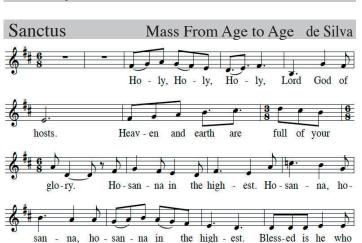
#### Apostle's Creed

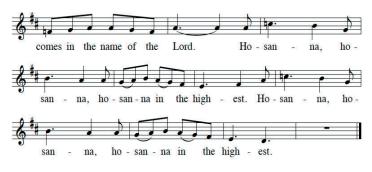
Offertory

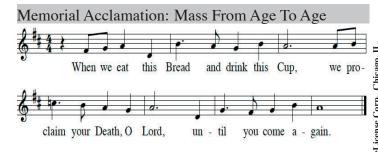
I believe in God. the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. and in Jesus Christ. his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried: he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from 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.

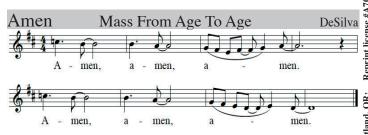
> I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

> > instrumental

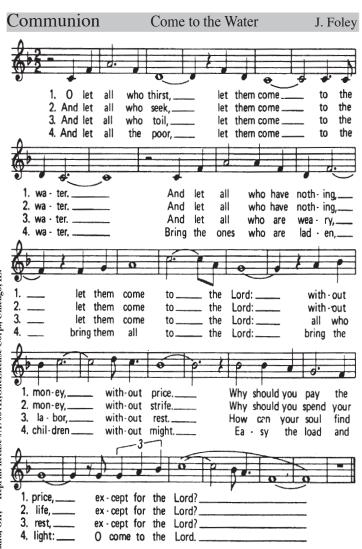


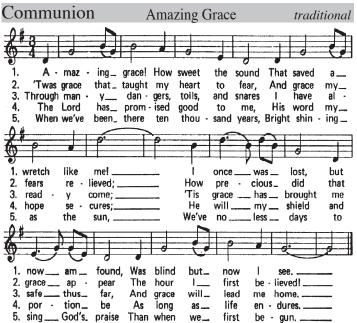


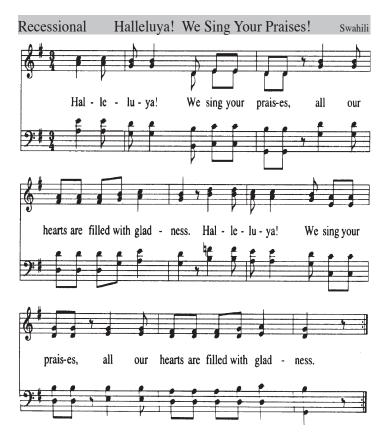












If you suspect financial mismanagement or misconduct in your parish or in the Diocese of San José, please contact:

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

