

Catholic Community at Stanford

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Sunday Mass August 21, 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

The Unvarnished Truth

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 21, 2011

fr Dominic Ryan goes, in spirit, with the pilgrims to World Youth Day in Madrid.

Last Friday evening I watched as a group of young pilgrims gathered at St Dominic's Priory in London. The pilgrims had come together from across the country to travel with a group of Dominicans to Madrid for World Youth Day. Similar scenes will be repeated across Europe and further afield as well: more than a million pilgrims are expected to converge on Madrid.

Many of these pilgrims will have to endure difficult journeys. Some of these pilgrims will have to face unsatisfactory accommodation. Many of these pilgrims will face a substantial financial outlay. Why do they come? At one level, the answer is clear – the pilgrims come because they want to see the Pope. But that just begs the question, why should the pilgrims want to see the Pope? The answer lies deeper. The pilgrims want to see the Pope because they want to be taught by him.

The Gospel tells us why. Many people find Jesus confusing. Some people think Jesus is John the Baptist. Some people think Jesus is Elijah, others Jeremiah and yet more people one of the prophets. Peter, uniquely among the twelve, knows the truth: Jesus is '... the Christ... the Son of the living God.' But if Peter can see the truth and the Pope is the successor of Peter, then the Pope can see the truth and thus he can teach it to other people.

So what the pilgrims seek is the truth of the faith, the truth of the faith which is unvarnished and expounded by the visible head of the church, the Vicar of Christ. Why should this matter though? Surely, the gist of the faith is enough? Unfortunately not. If we want to get from A to B, we need accurate directions. The same principle extends to our salvation.

Thinking about it, we need to note two points. Firstly, when Christ saves us, he doesn't just restore us to the state human beings were in before sin. Rather, our human natures are elevated so that we can aspire to the vision of God as our end. Secondly, being in a state of

sin, being restored and being elevated through grace, all correspond to real changes in human beings. Sin actually damages us, both the personal sins we commit and the original sin we inherit. Sin genuinely affects our ability to do good. Grace on the other hand actually heals and elevates our wounded natures and without it, we remain stuck in sin with all the consequences which that entails.

An example may help. A human being in a state of sin is like a glass half full of water. A human being in a state of grace on the other hand, is like the same glass but overflowing with water. And just as whether a glass is half-full or overflowing, makes a big difference to the glass, so to whether a human being is in a state of sin or grace, makes a big difference to a human being. And similarly, changing from one state to the other requires that something actually happen: in the case of the glass, that water be poured into it, in the case of the human being, that he or she be elevated by grace.

Therefore if our salvation consists in being elevated by grace and such elevation effects a real change on our part, then we need clear guidance in how this can be brought about. In a nutshell what we need to know is how the benefits of Christ's death and resurrection are applied to us directly and how once they have been applied to us, we can remain rooted in those events.

This is the Pope's task and just as Peter uniquely among the twelve recognised the truth about Christ so also his successor the Pope can teach us what we need to know. Over the next few days in Madrid, the Pope will teach the pilgrims there how these things can be brought about. We, no less than they, need to pay attention. Let us pray then that we remain rooted in the unvarnished truth of the faith.

fr Dominic Ryan is completing his doctoral studies in theology, and working as chaplain to the Royal Free Hospital in north London.

GENERAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Permanent Community Reception:

Please save the date for a reception to be held immediately following the 4:30 Mass on Sunday, September 11, at the Stanford Faculty Club. Come and visit, share stories, and catch up with your fellow community members and the CC@S Staff. Drinks and light hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Summer Mass Schedule:

During Summer daily Masses will all be in Memorial Church at 12:20 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

(note: no daily Mass on Thursdays)

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.

Papal Theologian Talk at DSPT:

Sept. 20, 7:30 pm. The Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, located in Berkeley, will host the Papal Theologian for a talk on "Virtuous human action - an icon of God. Aquinas's vision of Christian morality". Fr. Wojciech Giertych, OP, is a Dominican friar of the Polish Province who has been serving as the Theologian to the Papal Household since 2005. Visit www.dspt.edu for more information.

St. Victor Church:

3150 Sierra Rd., San Jose. Celebrating Our 50th Jubilee Saturday, October 2nd, 10:00am-10:00pm Sunday, October 3rd, 12:00 noon-8:00pm Everyone is invited to St. Victor's FESTIVAL. Please call 251-7055 for more information.

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.



YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adult Mass:

-Announcements for August 21, 2011–

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.

Fall Kick-Off BBQ:

Sat. Sept. 17th from 11am - 3pm, Mitchell Park, 600 E Meadow Dr, Palo Alto. Join us for our Fall Kick-Off BBQ to meet other Catholic young adults and learn about our Fall events. For the BBQ, please bring a dessert, drink, or side dish and a small donation to cover the costs of the meat entree. Contact Scott at scott.a.harrison at gmail.com.

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.YoungAdultCircle.org, check the Facebook group "Young Adult Circle", or contact Scott at: scott.a.harrison@gmail.com.

Weekly Readings

Monday, August 22 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a,9b Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday, August 23 1 Thes 2:1-8 Ps 139:1-3, 4-6 Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday, August 24 Rv 21:9b-14 Ps 145:10-11,12-13,17-18 Jn 1:45-51

Thursday, August 25 1 Thes 3:7-13 Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14, 17 Mt 24:42-51 Friday, August 26 1 Thes 4:1-8 Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 Mt 25:1-13

Saturday, August 27 1 Thes 4:9-11 Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 Mt 25:14-30

Sunday, August 28 Jer 20:7-9 Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 Rom 12:1-2 Mt 16:21-27

Week at a Glance

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

Monday, August 22 - Friday, August 26

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

Daily Liturgy.

More Announcements

• M-T-W-F 12:20 - Memorial Church

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GRADS

Catholicism 101 - The Shroud of Turin:

Monday, Aug 23, 7pm. Join us for an interactive discussion on the history of academic inquiry into a linen cloth alleged to be the burial shroud of Jesus Christ. George Capps will help us explore the historical role of relics in the Catholic Church and discuss what meaning, if any, relics have for people of faith. Bring your critical thinking cap (as well as your chemist, physicist, botanist, linguist, historian, forensic pathologist, and detective caps), as we follow the tantalizing trail of 20th century discoveries, separate objective evidence from fanatic speculation, and form a more complete picture of what we know about this unusual relic. Meet in the Nairobi Room at the Graduate Community Center. Refreshments will be provided.

Summer Rosary:

daily at 8:15pm. Join us anytime as we gather to pray the Rosary. Come around 8pm and begin prayer at 8:15pm at the circular stone benches on the west side of Memorial Church. To be added to the summer list, email George at vidal@stanford.edu.

Women's Faith Sharing/Prayer Group:

A couple of members from our community are hoping to start a women's Faith Sharing group. They are inviting grad students or spouses of grad students to see if there is enough interest to start a regular meeting. If you are interested in being part of this new group and sharing your faith journey with others, please email Lourdes at lalonso@stanford.edu. She will get you in touch with the group leaders.

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

Catholic Cardinal Reflections:

is the weekly podcast, given by the staff of CCAS. They are a series of homily, theological reflections and occasional talks. Please visit our website, catholic.stanford.edu to listen and subscribe!

If you would like to get involved with CCR, we could always use some more sound techs! For more information, please contact Fr Isaiah at frisaiah@stanford.edu.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Husbands and Wives:

Scripture says about married people that "Two shall live as one". How often do you find yourselves living as two? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you get back to basics in this complicated day and age. 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

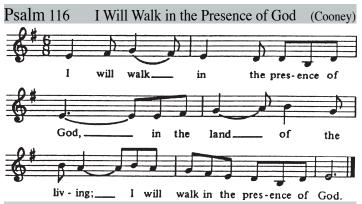
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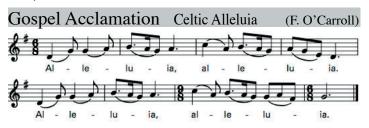
First Reading Isaiah 22:19-23

The Lord's servant will receive the key to the house of David. What the servant does, God confirms.



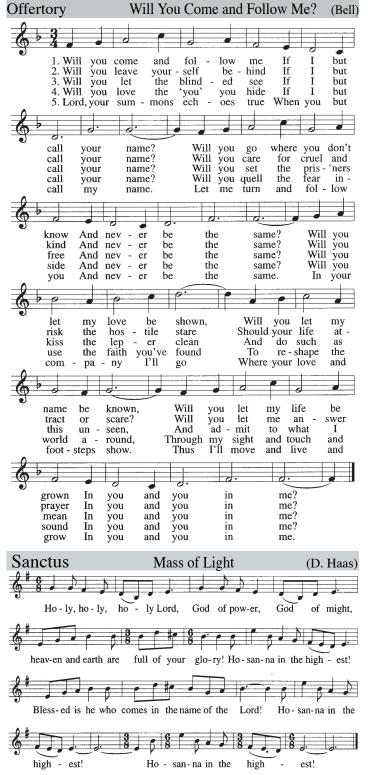
Second Reading Romans 11:33-36

The riches, wisdom, and knowledge of God are too deep for humans to fathom. God's judgements are inscrutable, God's ways are unsearchable. All things come from God, through God, and for God.



Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

At Caesarea Philippi, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Upon this rock I will build my church." Then he gave to Peter the keys of heaven's reign. Finally, Jesus ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.









Vallombrosa Retreat Center

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.

September 17, 2011: Photography and Prayer with Carol Fowler, 9:00am – 1:00pm

In this workshop we will use prayer and photography as the lens to awaken to God's Presence in the seasons of our lives. Presenter, Carol Fowler, has a Masters Degree in Pastoral Studies. She is a frequent facilitator on workshops on spirituality and contemplative prayer and is an avid photographer. Bring a digital camera for the most complete experience. If you do not have a camera, photographs will be provided. The cost of the workshop is \$40, includes lunch.

September 24, 2011: Widows and Widowers: Navigating the World Alone with Carol Kaplan, 9:00am – 3:30pm This one-day retreat will look at the transition a person makes after the death of a spouse. After recovering from grief, then what? Who am I if I am no longer a "husband" or a "wife?" Can I still have a social life? How safe is it to live alone, travel alone, or go to evening events? How do I meet my needs for physical intimacy and affection? Is there a place in my church community for me now that I'm single? These questions will be addressed with an emphasis on practical strategies. The day will include presentations, small group discussions, and times for quiet reflection. The cost of the one-day retreat is \$50, includes lunch.

September 25, 2011: The Catholic Church in the World: "Faith in the Arts" Speaker Series with Archbishop George

Neiderauer, 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Archbishop George Niederauer, a Flannery O'Connor scholar, will speak on the ways in which her faith shaped the worldview evident in her stories. Archbishop George H. Niederauer was named eighth Archbishop of San Francisco on December 15, 2005. In addition to his theological degrees, the Archbishop earned a Ph.D. in English Literature from the University of Southern California in 1966. He is a renowned homilist, columnist and the author of a popular book on Christian spirituality: "Precious as Silver: Imagining Your Life with God." When his many pastoral duties and responsibilities in the Archdiocese and Metropolitan Region of San Francisco allow for leisure, the Archbishop enjoys such hobbies as: reading, classical music, film and bridge.

For more information or to register for an event, please visit www.vallombrosa.org or phone 650-325-5614. There are scholarships available to those in need of financial assistance, contact Rachel Alvelais for information.

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.

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