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Sunday Mass August 21, 2012 Memorial Church 8am 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:

November 4, 2012 January 13, 2013 May 5, 2013

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Religious RamblingsTwenty-First Sunday in Ordinary TimeLord, To Whom Shall We Go?August 26, 2012

fr Timothy brings us to see the fundamental choice at the heart of the Christian life.

Today's gospel begins, as it were, halfway through. The very first thing we hear is the disciples grumbling that 'this' (or 'it') is a 'hard saying', but nowhere is it explained what they are grumbling about. For four weeks now we have been listening to Jesus telling his disciples, in various ways, that he is the 'Bread of Life'.

Last week we heard Jesus saying 'Unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink His Blood you will have no life in you." (Jn 6:53) It is this that the disciples find hard to take. They refuse to believe and many of the disciples leave him.

We are ourselves presented, then, with a very serious challenge: Will we choose God or will we reject Him? Will we choose Jesus Christ, whom the Father sent, or will we reject Him? Joshua, in the first reading, poses a similar challenge to the people of Israel. He has just led them across the Jordan River into the Promised Land. Joshua's namesake Jesus throws out that same challenge to His disciples when some of them reject Him. "Will you also go away?" (Jn 6:67)

This choice for God or against Him is the most fundamental decision in human life. It's the most basic exercise of human freedom. Human freedom, first of all, is the power to accept God or reject Him.

Joshua presents the choice to the children of Israel after he has led them across the Jordan River into the Promised Land—now that they have that land firmly in their possession. He addresses the people and reminds them of their whole history. He begins with their father Abraham who had been born on the other side of the Euphrates. God called Abraham out of paganism and in revealing himself, promised Abraham a new land and numerous descendants, and in the descendants of Abraham all the nations of the earth would be blessed.

So Abraham answers the call of God and comes to that first Promised Land. There he has many descendants: Isaac and Jacob and the twelve sons of Jacob, and then, his descendants go down into Egypt, where for about 400 years they were slaves of the Egyptians. Joshua then reminds the people how God, through Moses, led His people out of slavery in Egypt through the Red Sea. For forty years He led them through the Sinai Desert, and now at last, under the leadership of Joshua, he has brought them into the Promised Land.

Hence the challenge that Joshua throws out to the people: 'Will you serve this God who has done such marvellous deeds for you?' or will you serve those pagan gods your ancestors served? Joshua, the great leader of his people gives them an example and says, 'As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.' (Jos 24:15) And the people accept the challenge saying, in effect, 'How can we choose otherwise, seeing all that the Lord has done for us?'

In the gospel over the last few weeks, Jesus has been doing something similar. He talks about the manna in the desert and shows that he himself is 'the Living Bread come down from heaven.' (Jn 6:51) Joshua entered into the Promised Land, but Jesus is 'the Son of God who entered into this world.' (Rom 5:12) He gives his own body, and his own blood, in sacrifice for our salvation. He says all these things and he challenges us to believe this, believe these astounding truths, and through our faith to him, give our lives to him. He challenges us to receive him or reject him.

Some of his disciples choose to reject him, so the Lord challenges all of us, 'Will you also go away?' (Jn 6:67) Peter, like Joshua, is a leader and he sets the example; he chooses Jesus, and says, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.'(Jn 6:58)

How could anyone choose otherwise, considering what Jesus has done for us? He is the eternal Son of God. He gave himself totally to us by becoming one of us. He gave himself totally for us on the cross. He gives himself totally to us in the Eucharist. He gives us as the bread of life the body that was nailed to the cross. He gives us as our drink that blood that he poured out for us. How could we fail to give ourselves totally in return?

fr Timothy Gardner lives at the Priory of St. Dominic, London.

GENERAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save The Date! Permanent Community Reception: Permanent Community members are invited to the Stanford Faculty Club after the 4:30 Mass on September 9 for a wine and cheese reception to begin the new academic year. The goodies are yummy and the company is fun! This is a great time to catch up with old friends and meet some new ones. We hope to see you there.

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.

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

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:

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.

Dinner at Gordon Biersch:

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Tues. Sept. 18th at 7:30pm, 640 Emerson St., 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.

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 27 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5 Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday, August 28 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17 Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday, August 29 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18 Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 Mk 6:17-29

Thursday, August 30 1 Cor 1:1-9 Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mt 24:42-51 Friday, August 31 1 Cor 1:17-25 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 Mt 25:1-13

Saturday, September 1 1 Cor 1:26-31 Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21 Mt 25:14-30

Sunday, September 2 Dt 4:1-2, 6-8 Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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 September 1st or Saturday September 22nd from 8:30 until 1:00 PM, 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"

Volunteering in the Hospital Chaplaincy:

Would you be interested in bringing Holy Communion to Catholic patients in the Stanford Hospital several times a month, on the days of your choice? Take advantage of the forthcoming training for Hospital Chaplaincy volunteers. Our Community actively supports this program. Many volunteers from CC@S already participate in this ministry, and Fr. Nathan and Fr. Isaiah are frequently on call for emergency spiritual care needs of the patients. The training for new volunteers, organized by the Stanford Hospital, will be held on Saturday, October 20, from 9 am to 5 pm. One-year commitment is expected (or one-school-year if you are a student). To learn more about this ministry, and to get info on how to sign up, please write to CC@S member, Harv.Galic@gmail.com

Week at a Glance

Sunday, August 26, 2012

• 8:00 am - Memorial Church

• 4:30 pm - Memorial Church

Monday, August 27 - Friday, August 31

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

Daily Liturgy:

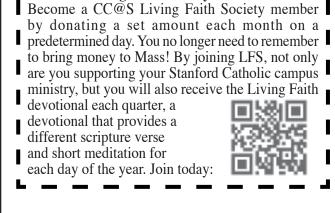
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Join Our Living Faith Society:



GRADS

Grad Wine and Cheese Social:

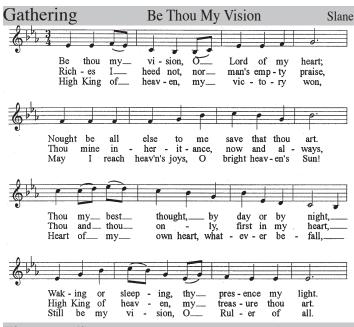
Monday, August 27 at 7pm. All grads are invited to meet other Catholics who are here for the summer. Join us on Monday evening at the Catholic Annex, located at 1565 Stanford Ave, Palo Alto. Contact Lourdes Alonso at lalonso@stanford.edu, for more information and if you are willing to donate a bottle of wine or dessert/appetizer to the event.

Vallombrosa Retreat Center

Vallombrosa Center is sponsoring the following events:

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.

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 26, 2012



First Reading Joshua 24:1-2, 15-17, 18

Joshua told the Israelites they were to decide whom they would serve: the Amorite gods or the Lord who brought them out of Egypt. They agreed to "serve the Lord, for he is our God."



Taste and see, how good is the Lord

Mi alma se gloría en el Señor, que los humildes me escuchen y se alegren.

My soul glories in the Lord, may the humble hear me and be glad.

Consulté al Señor y Él me respondió, me libró de todas mis ansias.

I sought the Lord and He replied, He freed me from all my anxieties.

Los ricos empobrecen pasan hambre, a los que buscan al Señor nada les falta.

The rich become poor and suffer hunger, those who seek the Lord lack nothing.

Si el afligido invoca al Señor, El lo escucha y lo salva de su angustia.

> If the worried invokes the Lord, He will listen and save him from his anguish.



Second Reading Ephesians 5:2, 25-32

Paul likened the love of a husband and wife to the love Christ has for the church. As Christ loves the church, so should husbands and wives love each other.

Gospel Acclamati	Fr file Rigge	DeSilva
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Gospel	John 6:60-69	

Jesus' disciples were puzzled by his words. Jesus reminder them, "It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail." Simon Peter responded, "You have the words of eternal life."

Apostle's Creed

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.



Pure Fire Retreat 2012. Faith. Life. Balance.

For Young Adults in their 20s & 30s Sep. 7-9 (Friday evening-Sunday afternoon) Mount Hermon Redwood Camp

Has the 9-to-5 life made your faith seem like overtime? Slow down, take a seat, and catch up with God. Find balance at the Pure Fire Retreat, and connect with other busy young adults from all over Santa Clara County. Call it a faithcation. Our keynote speaker is Stan Cordero, who currently serves as the Director of Programs for Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Santa Rosa, and has nearly 25 years of experience in youth and young adult ministries within that diocese. He will be joining us with his wife Julie to share about how to create a sense of balance with faith in the midst a busy life as young adults. For cost and registration, visit our website at www.dsj.org/purefire. For questions, please contact our Retreat Coordinator Kate Masleid at purefire@dsj.org. Find and like us on Facebook: http://t.co/UmwC9Y2N

Going Thru Grief:

because of the loss of a loved one? Having trouble with closure? Beginning Experience is a program to help Widowed, Separated and Divorced take the next step on the path of their new life that has already begun. This program has helped tens of thousands all over the world find the strength to close, move forward and let go to begin anew. The next Beginning Experience Weekend is October 12 - 14 at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Los Altos. To register call 650-697-6304 or email SJBeginExp@aol.com. International website http://www.beginningexperience.org.

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

<u>More Announcements</u>

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