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http://catholic.stanford.edu/
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For emergencies, call 650-723-8222, pager #17736

Sunday Mass  August 28, 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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Let me make this absolutely clear ... ‘absolutely clear’?

I realise that as soon as you read this opening line, there is a risk that you will stop reading any further! Whenever I myself hear this phrase used (and we seem to hear it more and more often these days from those who wish us to believe what they tell us) I become immediately suspicious that the resulting obfuscation with which we are about to be presented will have exactly the opposite effect, making everything we hear absolutely unclear!

Jesus, on the other hand, would have assumed that whatever he taught could not be misunderstood, providing we listen carefully to what he is telling us. In Matthew 16, Jesus ‘began to make it (absolutely) clear to his disciples that he was to suffer grievously’. None of the evangelists records Jesus as actually saying ‘Let me make this absolutely clear ...’ and yet Peter remonstrated vehemently, we are told, with the Master at what he had just heard him say, about his impending death.

Clarity could be regarded as one of Jesus’s great attributes when he gave instructions on how to be a good disciple. ‘If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself, take up his cross and follow me’. What could be clearer than that? And yet so often there is a temptation to misinterpret Jesus’s words, or more precisely, to try and adapt Jesus’s words to what we think he should have said or what we would have preferred him to have said.

Peter fell into that category, as he didn’t like what Christ had said, because the implication for him (and for us) is that if we are to follow Christ we must prepare ourselves for a life of self-denial, self-renunciation – a far cry for most of us who would prefer a more liberal approach to life. Peter was absolutely clear who Jesus was, as he stated in the preceding paragraph of Matthew’s Gospel: ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’

But when it comes to reconciling this declaration with Jesus telling them that he must suffer grievously and must die in order to be raised on the third day ... this is just too much. And, if we’re not extremely careful, we can fall into the same trap. Nothing stands in the way of our ultimate salvation as much as our own ‘cosy’ Christianity, the sort that wants to be a follower of Christ on our own terms, preferably without the ‘nasty bits’ of suffering, death and self-sacrifice.

Tom Wright, in his commentary on this part of Matthew’s Gospel, likens it to Lewis Carroll’s ‘Alice in the Looking Glass’, in which he created a mirror-image world, where to get anywhere, you must go in the opposite direction!

Christ’s teaching is a bit like that: If you want to be a follower ... renounce yourself!

If you want to save your life....be prepared to lose it!

The Sermon on the Mount spells out the apparent contradictions.

Society tends to take the Peter approach: ‘You can’t do that!’ To be a success, you must be strong, not weak; rich, not poor; aggressive, not meek.

If Christ had been in Croydon in the recent troublesome, disruptive times, to whom would he have addressed his remarks .... to the rioters, to the peace-loving citizens, to parents, to teachers, to police, to politicians, to priests? Would he not have spoken to everyone, reiterating what he said to the crowd in Caesarea Philippi ... ‘When the Son of Man comes, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.’ And that’s pretty well absolutely clear, isn’t it?

fr Leo Edgar is the Parish Priest and Superior at St Dominic’s, Newcastle.
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.

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 September 3rd or Saturday September 24th from 8:30 until 1:00pm, please contact Michael Bova at mmpbova01@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 and please join us in helping those in need.

“...I was ill and you visited me.”
Volunteers in the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program act as advocates, visiting nursing homes or assisted living facilities, investigating complaints and helping to resolve problems. Catholic Charities provides training and the State provides certification in this national program. For information or details on this Fall’s training, come to the Orientation on Thursday, Sept. 1, from 10:00 am to Noon (Catholic Charities Administration, 2625 Zanker Rd., San Jose); or contact Marlene Siebert, at (408) 325-5260 or marlenes@catholiccharitiesscc.org. Training will begin on Sept. 8, with list and times on the Catholic Charities website www.catholiccharitiesscc.org within the “Volunteer Opportunities” section.

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.

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@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 29
1 Thes 4:13-18
Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13
Mk 6:17-29

Friday, September 2
Col 1:15-20
Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5
Lk 5:33-39

Tuesday, August 30
1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
Lk 4:31-37

Saturday, September 3
Col 1:21-23
Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8
Lk 6:1-5

Wednesday, August 31
Col 1:1-8
Ps 52:10, 11
Lk 4:38-44

Sunday, September 4
Ez 33:7-9
Ps 95:1-2, 6, 7, 8-9
Rom 13:8-10
Mt 18:15-20

Thursday, September 1
Col 1:9-14
Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6
Lk 5:1-11

More Announcements

GRADS

Graduate Student Wine and Cheese Finale:
Monday 8/29, 7:30pm. Come enjoy wine and cheese with fellow Catholics and friends. The event will be hosted at Maja’s Falcon’s apartment in Rains Graduate, Housing, building 227, apt. 302. Please contribute by bringing extra wine or another beverage to share. This is the last event of our summer series so be sure to make it!

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.

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.

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.

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

Week at a Glance

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Daily Liturgy.
• M-T-W-F 12:20 - Memorial Church
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**The Catholic Community at Stanford University**

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**AUGUST 28, 2011**

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**Gospel**  
Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus said, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow me. Whoever saves their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.”

**Offertory**  
Song To Jesus Christ | (Ooster Huij) |

**Sanctus**  
Mass of Light | (D. Haas) |

**Memorial Acclamation: Mass of Light** | (D. Haas) |

**Amen**  
Mass of Light | (D. Haas) |
More than people can say you are our way,  
And our walking. Your Word is always before me,  
As fire in the sky; beyond the day I die.

As long as people shall live, you are our gift,  
And our giving. Your Word is always within me,  
As water in the earth; since before my birth.

Wherever people are fed, you are our breath,  
And our breathing. Your Word is always around me,  
Just as air surrounds us all; we may hear your call.

Whenever people ask why, you are our cry,  
And our calling. Your Word will always enfold me,  
Hold me close to you.

Here in the world, now while I live, you are my God.
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.