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Sunday Mass  September 2, 2012
8am    Memorial Church
4:30pm  Memorial Church

Daily Eucharist
T - W - F  12:20pm Memorial Church
no daily Mass on Monday, 9/3
and Thursday, 9/6

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:
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January 13, 2013
May 5, 2013

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Why is religion so important? It is because it puts us in touch with a special revelation from God that we would not otherwise receive. The Jews believed that through their religion they could know the God who had freed them from slavery in Egypt and who had promised them life. God had given them the Law which instructed them how to remain free and not relapse into idolatry. They were proud that God had chosen them to show the rest of the world what a wonderful God they worshipped. “What great nation is there that has its gods as near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call upon them’. Religion then is liberating.

And yet many feel that religion is too restrictive and negative in many of its laws. The Ten Commandments may be acceptable, after all they deal with basics like not killing and not stealing but what about all those food and purity rules? They seem out of date. And yet those who deride Jewish kosher laws as being excessive are often just as concerned about what goes into their mouth. They insist on their five fruits a day and the avoidance of the wrong kind of fat.

The Jews developed their purity laws as a way of guarding their faith, keeping certain boundaries so that that they were not just absorbed into the gentile world. Most religions develop traditions which help them to interpret the basic commandments of their religion in the new situations which arise. There is always the danger that these religious traditions can gradually become more important than the basic commandments of our religion.

Then religion becomes corrupt. The solution is not to get rid of religion but to purify it so it plays its essential role of mediating God’s love and justice to us. And this is what Jesus is doing in today’s Gospel.

The scribes and Pharisees point out that Jesus’ disciples are not observing the purity laws. Instead of apologising for this he plays the prophet and calls them hypocrites because they are play-acting at religion. A long line of prophets in Israel before Jesus had attacked the way those in authority made new laws in order to weave a web of protection around their power and they punished anyone who challenged them. Isaiah said it made a mockery of their worship because “you put aside the commandments of God to cling to human traditions.”

Jesus is not dismissing the externals of religion in favour of just an interior spiritual attitude. He is pointing to a danger which affects all religious people Jew and gentile, catholic and protestant. We can develop religious traditions, whether they are the meticulous details of eating regulations or the intricate instructions of liturgy, which take on a greater importance than the basic commandments of our religion.

The laws and ritual of religion should enable us more easily to encounter the God who has revealed his love to us especially in his concern for our freedom to worship and to do justice.

The basic commandments are concerned not so much about what we put into our mouths but what we allow to come out of our hearts. Our religious worship should allow us to open our hearts to the transforming power of God’s love which can overcome the destructive forces which Jesus lists today from fornication and theft down to pride and folly. “All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.”

Jesus was ready to challenge religious traditions for the sake of the deeper purpose of the Law. He ate with sinners, he touched a corpse, lepers, the impure and later in this chapter he reaches out to the deep needs of an unclean Syro-Phoenician woman. For the whole purpose of his people Israel was to reveal their God to the world and to be a light to the gentiles.

When we come to worship we are invited by Jesus to examine our own religious practices. Do we get too caught up with our human traditions and end up with lip-service? Or do we ask whether religion in our lives puts into practice St James’ rather down-to-earth definition in today’s second reading:

“Pure unspoilt religion in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it”.

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fr. David Sanders helps us to discern what lies at the heart of true religion.

**Religious Ramblings**

**Why True Religion is Irreplacible**

SEPTEMBER 2, 2012

fr. David Sanders is Master of Students and teaches scripture at Blackfriars, Oxford.
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.

Religious Education for Children, Registration Info:
Our religious education program for children ages 3-12 is called the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. It is a Montessori-based “hands on” approach centered in prayer, scripture, and liturgy. Teacher presentations and children’s “work” with beautiful hand-made materials are done each week. Sessions are held on Sunday mornings in the Old Union Building on campus. Sacrament preparation for First Communion and First Reconciliation are folded into this program. Registration will take place Sunday, September 30 after the 10:30 and 4:30 Masses. For more information, contact Teresa, tpleins@stanford.edu.

Religious Education Brunch:
All families with children enrolled or beginning the children’s religious ed program are invited to a family brunch on Sunday, September 30, immediately following the program registration. Brunch will be hosted at Chiara Sabatti’s house, 607 Gerona Road, Stanford, 94305 (on campus). The kindness of an RSVP to Chiara, sabatti@stanford.edu is appreciated. We hope to see all returning and new families here. Food is provided, please indicate allergy concerns.

Liturgical Ministries:
If you are interested in serving as a greeter, eucharistic minister, singer, instrumentalist, altar server, or lector, please contact Teresa, tpleins@stanford.edu. Training is provided for all ministries. Due to spring graduations, we need some new faces involved in this rewarding service to our community. Thank you!

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.

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:
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.

Cath-101:
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

Cath-101 this week: Called to Mission:
Monday, Sept 10. Tricia Bolle will share with us her five years’ experience serving as a lay missionary in Asia and will discuss how we are all called to be ambassadors of Christ to the world. She’ll also talk about a new lay missionary initiative she’s founding to send Catholics overseas to provide faith formation and share Christ’s love for all those who thirst.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Attention Married Couples:
“Having had over 20 years of marriage behind us, we thought we could learn little and improve little. On our Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend we learned MUCH and are still improving! We’re never married too long to grow deeper in love!” 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**

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| **Monday, September 3** | 1 Cor 2:1-5  
Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102  
Lk 4:16-30 |
| **Friday, September 7** | 1 Cor 4:1-5  
Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40  
Lk 5:33-39 |
| **Tuesday, September 4** | 1 Cor 2:10b-16  
Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14  
Lk 4:31-37 |
| **Saturday, September 8** | Mi 5:1-4a  
Ps 13:6ab, 6c  
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 |
| **Wednesday, September 5** | 1 Cor 3:1-9  
Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21  
Lk 4:38-44 |
| **Sunday, September 9** | Is 35:4-7a  
Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10  
Jas 2:1-5  
Mk 7:31-37 |
| **Thursday, September 6** | 1 Cor 3:18-23  
Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6  
Lk 5:1-11 |

**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:

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 visit the Community website. Contact Rachel atrachel@vallombrosa.org or 650.325.5614.

**Weekly Readings**
- **Sunday, September 2, 2012**
  - 8:00 am - Memorial Church
  - 4:30 pm - Memorial Church
- **Monday, September 3 - Friday, September 7**
  - Office hours (Tues - Fri) 10am - 3pm
- **Daily Liturgy:**
  - T - W - F 12:20pm Memorial Church
  - no daily Mass on Monday, 9/3 and Thursday, 9/6
- **Confessions**
  - by appointment only: call 725-0080

**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.”

**Volunteer Opportunities**

**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.

**Community Prayer Corner**
8/29/12 - EMA sends thanks for the prayers offered on her behalf. She is now back home recovering well from a stroke suffered while away on a family reunion. - GC

please send any prayer requests to Guillermo at gcolumbetti@yahoo.com
First Reading      Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8
Moses urged the Israelites to be faithful to the commands of the Lord. They were not to change them in any way but to follow the wisely.

Psalm 15    They Who Do Justice             D Haas
They who do justice will live in the presence of God!

Second Reading    James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27
In order for God’s word to take root, believers must do more than merely listen to it. They must act upon it.

Gospel     Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Jesus said that nothing coming from outside can make a person impure. Rather, it is the evil coming from within that constitutes impurity.

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.
**Sanctus**

*Mass from Age to Age*  
*de Silva*

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

**Offertory**

*These Words*  
*Lowenthal*

1. Now into your care these words are given.  
2. Hold them up, a sign of dedication.  
1. Print them on your heart. Make them the weaving of your life, let your children learn as you repeat them.  
2. Eyes, burn them on the framework of your door, write them on the inside of your hand.  
1. Well as when you wake. Take into your care; these words are given to you.  
2. So will your length of days, your time for love increase, and the years you share with sons and daughters.  
2. Your life will bloom and bear fruit like a tree planted by the stream. Hear, O Israel.

**Memorial Acclamation:**

*Mass from Age to Age*  
*DeSilva*

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

**Amen**

*Mass from Age to Age*  
*DeSilva*

Amen, amen, amen.

**Lamb of God**

*Mass from Age to Age*  
*DeSilva*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, Lamb of God.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, Lamb of God.  
Lamb of world, grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

**Communion**

*Blest Are They*  
*D. Haas*

Rejoice! and be glad!  
Blessed are you, holy are you, Rejoice! and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!
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.

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/UnwC9Y2N

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.