

## Catholic Community at Stanford

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Sunday Mass September 9, 2012

8am Memorial Church 4:30pm Memorial Church

**Permanent Community Reception** 

## **Daily Eucharist**

M - T - W - F 12:20pm Memorial Church

#### **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 Ramblings

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Be Opened

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2012** 

## fr David looks at how our hearts are opened by Jesus Christ.

When you move to a new place it can take a while to find your feet. This morning I helped some friends to move house, and although it was a short move they will have to rethink where to shop, how to get their children to school, and a whole host of things they could previously take for granted. After a few weeks the streets surrounding their home will begin to have that feel of familiarity: that's where we took the youngest child to the doctor, that's our favourite bakery. The world forms around our lives: our hopes and desires, our fears and joys.

Does this imply that the world is no bigger than our desires? In one sense the answer is yes. That which I cannot love, I cannot truly know. A woman might know that her husband is an excellent cook, and love this about him, but this is not knowing him or loving him. Love which stops short of the fullness of reality is not true love. Nor is it true to our desires.

In last week's Gospel (Mark 7:21-23) we heard Jesus telling the people that it is not [what] goes into a person from outside that makes them unclean, but what emerges within the heart. It is important to see here that Jesus is not saying that human desire in itself is evil, but desire that falls short of the measure of reality. Theft is a disordered desire to take something for ourselves, which falls short of the measure of justice. We see the thing that we want and are blinded to the right of the person we steal from. The victim is less than human for us, and the more we steal the less human the victims become, until our desires lose all connection with reality.

So is the world no bigger than our desires? You may have noticed that in answering this question I began to talk about reality, and how our desires are open to reality. Our world is shaped around our lives, but it is also true to say that our lives are shaped through our encounter with the world. The more we love our friends the closer we come to know them, and the closer we know them the more we love them.

In today's Gospel (Mark 7:31-37) we have an account of Jesus healing a man who is deaf and with an impediment in his speech. Here we are to understand Jesus' actions as prophetic signs, particularly in fulfilment of the prophecies of Isaiah. In today's first reading (Isaiah 35:4-7) we are told that the God is coming to save, and will bring healing. Jesus acts in fulfilment of this prophecy when he heals the man who is deaf and unable to speak.

It is important to see here that Jesus is not bringing about any change in the heart of the man he cures. He has told the people that evil emerges in the heart, and it is only through a change of heart that the people can be saved. In fact, not one of the miracles performed by Jesus involves him directly making the state of someone's heart change. The change of heart happens before and after the miracle. No one, not even God, can make us change our heart, for this rests on our created freedom.

So what is Jesus doing here, and why is it a prophetic sign? When a person's heart is closed all we can ultimately do to help them is to love them. There is no suggestion here in this passage that the heart of the deaf man is closed, but when Jesus opens his ears and his mouth he is giving a sign of the love of God. When our hearts are closed and our world has shrunken, Jesus enters into our lives with his love. All we are asked to do is to allow him to enter into our hearts, to say to us: "Be opened". It is his love that becomes our reality, and we learn to live in a new environment; that of the spirit who is love. An environment which is given concrete form in the Church, such that we are called through our participation in the life of the Church, and particularly through the liturgy, to be instruments for Christ's communication of his love.

fr. David Goodill OP is completing a licence in Moral Theology at the Katholieke Universiteit in Leuven,

#### **YOUNG ADULTS**

## Today!!!

### **Permanent Community Reception:**

Permanent Community members are invited to the Stanford Faculty Club after the 4:30 Mass, today, 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):**

KC@S is a catholic community for Korean at Stanford University representing a number of undergraduate and graduate students, post-doc, and research fellows. KC@S promotes various religious events during the academic year to grow in faith and serve the Lord. This autumn quarter we are going to hold New Student Welcome Party, Weekly Lunch Meeting, and Weekly Prayer Meeting every Friday. For more information, contact Eun-Soo at eschoi@stanford.edu

#### 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.

#### **Young Adult Mass:**

Tues. Sept. 25th 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. Oct. 2nd at 7:30 p.m., 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 "Catholic Capstones to Christian Apologetics". We meet regularly on the first Tuesday of each month and we welcome you to join us!

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

#### **GRADS**

#### **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 Bølle 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.

-Announcements for September 9, 2012-

## Weekly Readings

Monday, September 10 1 Cor 5:1-8 Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday, September 11 1 Cor 6:1-11 Ps 149:1b-2,3-4, 5-6a, 9b Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday, September 12 1 Cor 7:25-31 Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 Lk 6:20-26

Thursday, September 13 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13 Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24 Lk 6:27-38 Friday, September 14 Nm 21:4b-9 Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 Phil 2:6-11

Saturday, September 15 1 Cor 10:14-22 Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 Jn 19:25-27

Sunday, September 16 Is 50:5-9a Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 Jas 2:14-18 Mk 8:27-35

### **Volunteer** Opportunities

## 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 22nd 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, 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, September 9, 2012

- 8:00 am Memorial Church
  4:30 pm Memorial Church
  - **Permanent Community Reception**

### Monday, September 10 - Friday, September 14

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

#### **Daily Liturgy:**

M - T - W - F 12:20pm Memorial Church

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## 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:





#### Vallombrosa Retreat Center

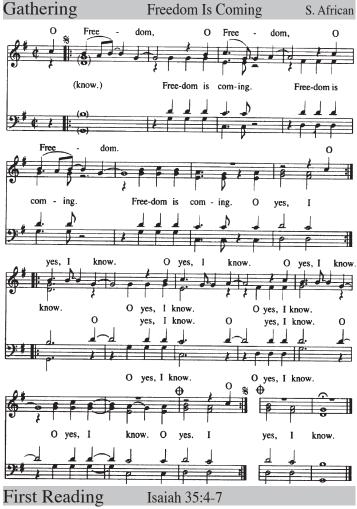
## Vallombrosa Center is sponsoring the following events:

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.

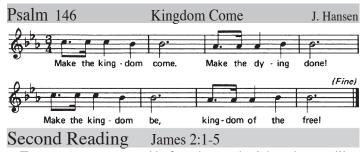
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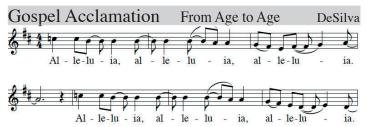




God comes to save us. The ears of those who are deaf will be opened; and all the tongues of those who are mute will sing.



Treat everyone as equal before the Lord--rich and poor alike. The poor are special in the eyes of the Lord and deserve respect as heirs of God's reign.



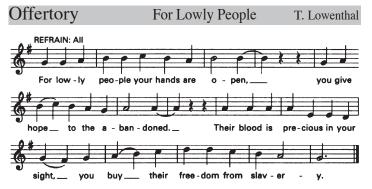
## Gospel Mark 7: 31-37

A deaf man with a speech impediment was brought to Jesus who healed him. Jesus ordered the crowds to tell no one, but they went about proclaiming the Lord's wonders.

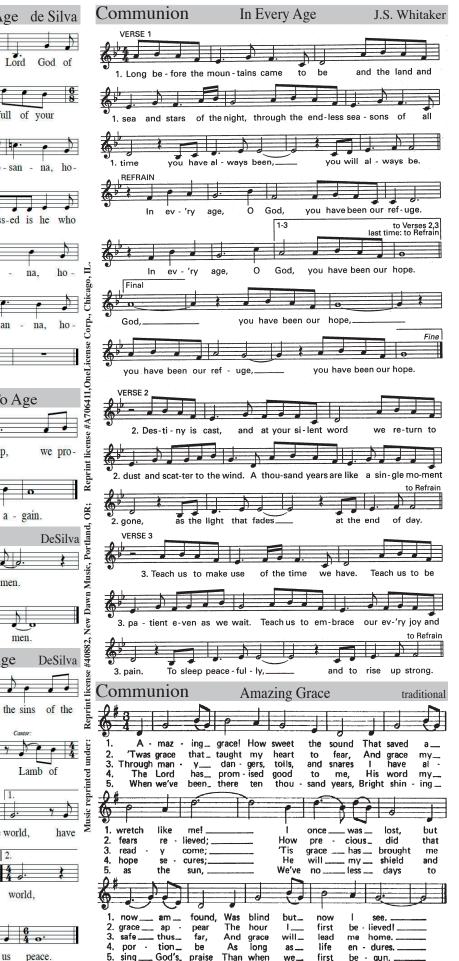
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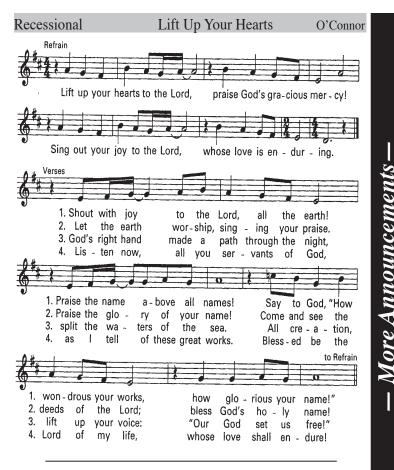
I believe in God. the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried: he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from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









## 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.

#### **Vocations:**

Are you a single, Catholic woman between the ages of 18 - 40? Could God be inviting you to become a consecrated religious sister? Are you interested in learning more about religious life? Would you like to learn more about our prayer life and charism? If yes, you are invited to join a discernment group with other women. Meet monthly with MSJ Dominican Sisters for Eucharist, discussion and reflection on your call in life. Our first Group Discussion & Reflection, Eucharist (10:30) & Lunch with the Sisters. Spirit Center of MSJ Dominicans Sunday, September 30, 2012 9:30am-1:30pm RSVP Sr. Marcia @ 510 933-6333 or email:

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#### **Beginning Experience Weekend:**

Going through 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.

**Student Sponsorship Opportunity:** 

Immaculate Conception Academy, an all-girls, College Prep Catholic High School located in the Mission District in San Francisco has implemented a work-study program and is looking for organizations to sponsor their students. Nationwide this program is already succeeding in 25 other cities coast to coast. A team of 4 students works at an organization to cover one full-time position, rotating work days.

Sister Lilly will speak on Sept 16th at the 4:30pm Mass. For more information please contact Sister Lilly at (415) 824 2052 ext 28 and/or visit ICA's website at www.icacademy.org

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