

# Catholic Community at Stanford

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Sunday Mass September 11, 2011

8am Memorial Church 4:30pm Memorial Church

### **Daily Eucharist**

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

Note: 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 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Human Costs and Moral Challenges of a Broken Economy (continued from last Sunday)

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2011** 

# Bishop Stephen E. Blaire, Bishop of Stockton, Chairman, Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, September 5, 2011

As he said in Caritas in Veritate, "Without . . . mutual trust, the market cannot completely fulfill its proper economic function. And today it is this trust which has ceased to exist, and the loss of trust is a grave loss" (no. 35).

#### Church Teaching on Work and Workers

Our faith gives us a particular way of looking at this broken economy. From the prophets of the Old Testament to the example of the early Church recorded in the New Testament, we learn that God cares for the poor and vulnerable, and he measures the faith of the community by the treatment of those on the margins of life. Jesus in his time on earth taught us about the dignity of work and said we would be judged by our response to "the least of these" (Mt 25). Christians need to study carefully what Jesus taught about the use of money and wealth, a spirit of stewardship and detachment, the search for justice and care for those in need, and the call to seek and serve the reign of God. Based on these scriptural values, our Church has focused on work, workers, and economic justice in a series of papal encyclicals beginning with Rerum Novarum.

This long tradition places work at the center of economic and social life. In Catholic teaching, work has an inherent dignity because work helps us not only to meet our needs and provide for our families, but also to share in God's creation and contribute to the common good. People need work not only to pay bills, put food on the table, and stay in their homes, but also to express their human dignity and to enrich and strengthen the larger community (Gaudium et Spes, no. 34). Human labor represents "the collaboration of man and woman with God in perfecting the visible creation" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 378).

Over the last century, the Church has repeatedly warned about the moral, spiritual, and economic dangers of widespread unemployment. According to the Catechism, "Unemployment almost always wounds its victim's dignity and threatens the equilibrium of his life. Besides the harm done to him personally, it entails many risks for his family" (no. 2436). One of the most disturbing aspects of current public discussion is how little focus there is on massive unemployment and what to do to get people back to work. In Gaudium et Spes, the Second Vatican Council declared that "It is the duty of society to see to it that, according to prevailing circumstances, all citizens have the opportunity of finding employment" (no. 67). As Pope Benedict warns, "Being out of work or dependent on public or private assistance for a prolonged period undermines the freedom and creativity of the person and his family and social relationships, causing great psychological and spiritual suffering" (Caritas in Veritate, no. 25). A society that cannot use the work and creativity of so many of its members is failing both economically and ethically.

#### Workers and Their Unions: Affirmation and Challenge

Beginning in Rerum Novarum, the Church has consistently supported efforts of workers to join together to defend their rights and protect their dignity. Pope Leo XIII taught that the right of workers to choose to join a union was based on a natural right and that it was the government's obligation to protect that right rather than undermine it (Rerum Novarum, no. 51). This teaching has been affirmed consistently by his successors. Pope John Paul II, in his powerful encyclical Laborem Exercens, noted unions "defend the existential interests of workers in all sectors in which their rights are concerned....[They] are an indispensable element of social life, especially in modern industrialized societies" (no. 20).

Most recently, in Caritas in Veritate, Pope Benedict XVI said, "the repeated calls issued within the Church's social doctrine, beginning with Rerum Novarum, for the promotion of workers' associations that can defend their rights must therefore be honored today even more than in the past . . ." (no. 25).

There have been some efforts, as part of broader disputes over state budgets, to remove or restrict the rights of workers to collective bargaining as well as limit the role of unions in the workplace. Bishops in Wisconsin, Ohio, and elsewhere have faithfully and carefully outlined Catholic teaching on worker rights, suggesting that difficult times should not lead us to ignore the legitimate rights of workers. Without endorsing every tactic of unions or every outcome of collective bargaining, the Church affirms the rights of workers in public and private employment to choose to come together to form and join unions, to bargain collectively, and to have an effective voice in the workplace.

The Church's relationship with the labor movement is both supportive and challenging. Our Church continues to teach that unions remain an effective instrument to protect the dignity of work and the rights of workers. At their best, unions are important not just for the economic protections and benefits they can provide for their members, but especially for the voice and participation they can offer to workers. They are important not only for what they achieve for their members, but also for the contributions they make to the whole society.

This does not mean every outcome of bargaining is responsible or that all actions of particular unions-or for that matter employers-merit support. Unions, like other human institutions, can be misused or can abuse their role. The Church has urged leaders of the labor movement to avoid the temptations of excessive partisanship and the pursuit of only narrow interests. Workers and their unions, as well as employers and their businesses, all have responsibility to seek the common good, not just their own economic, political, or institutional interests.

The teaching that workers have the right to choose freely to form and belong to unions and other associations without interference or intimidation is strong and consistent. At the same time, some unions in some places have taken public positions that the Church cannot support, which many union members may not support, and which have little to do with work or workers' rights. Leaders of the Church and the labor movement cannot avoid these differences, but should address them in principled, respectful and candid dialogue. This should not keep us from working on our own and together to advance common priorities of protecting worker rights, economic and social justice, overcoming poverty, and creating economic opportunity for all.

#### Standing with the Poor and Vulnerable

As we observe this Labor Day, our nation faces a contentious and necessary debate on how to reduce unsustainable debt and deficits, grow and strengthen the economy, and create jobs and reduce poverty. In this continuing discussion on how to allocate scarce resources and share sacrifice and burdens, our faith offers a clear moral criterion: put poor and vulnerable people first.

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#### **GENERAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Permanent Community Reception:**

Today, September 11, a reception will be held immediately following the 4:30 Mass, 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 Thursday

#### **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.

#### **Schola Cantorum:**

The Stanford Office for Religious Life and the Stanford Department of Music present:

A Musical Tribute on the Tenth Anniversary of 9/11 Today, Sunday, September 11, 2011, 1:30pm Stanford Memorial Church. Free and open to the public

#### **Reading Group:**

The reading group will meet on Tuesday the 13th at 7:30 at the Gelpis' house on campus (870 Tolman Drive) to discuss two of Walker Percy's novels: "The Moviegoer" & "Lancelot." All are welcome to join the conversation.

#### **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 September 24th or Saturday October 1st 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

#### 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. Please confirm your attendance on our Facebook Page.

#### **Dinner at Crepevine:**

Tues. Sept. 20th at 7:30pm, 367 University Ave., Palo Alto The Young Adult group meets for its monthly social gathering. Please confirm your attendance on our Facebook Page.

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

Tues. Sept. 27th 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.

#### **Young Adult Bible Study:**

Tues. Oct. 4th 7:30 p.m., Our Lady of the Rosary, 3233 Cowper St, Palo Alto. We will be starting a new topic, "Genesis to Jesus" (http://tinyurl.com/GenesisToJesus) and plan on meeting on the first Tuesday of each month throughout the Fall. Our next lesson "Creation, Fall, and Promise" will focus on the Creation and Adam and Eve accounts in Genesis. Please join us even if you have never attended a Bible study before!

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

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# **Weekly Readings**

Monday, September 12 1 Tm 2:1-8 Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9 Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday, September 13 1 Tm 3:1-13 Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6 Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday, August 14
Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b-9 Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17

Thursday, September 15 1 Tm 4:12-16 Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 Jn 19:25-27 Friday, September 16 1 Tm 6:2c-12 Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20 Lk 8:1-3

Saturday, September 17 1 Tm 6:13-16 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Lk 8:4-15

Sunday, September 18 Is 55:6-9 Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 Phil 1:20c-24, 27a Mt 20:1-16a



#### **GRADS**

#### **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.

# Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 11, 2011

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

Monday, September 12 - Friday, September 16

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

Daily Liturgy.

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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:**

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is a regular podcast of Sunday homilies, reflections and occasional talks given by the staff of CCAS and their guests. This is a wonderful way to deepen your reflection of the Gospel into your life! Please subscribe through iTunes or http://catholic.stanford.edu/media/podcast, or listen to our podcasts directly from our website, catholic.stanford.edu.

#### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

#### **Attention Married Couples:**

Looking for Marriage Enrichment? Worldwide Marriage Encounter is offering the following upcoming opportunities to support you in your chosen vocation – Marriage!

**October 1:** Holy Family Catholic Church: The 5 Love Languages. Spend a day exploring the languages of love and learn which love language you and your loved one understand most easily. Based upon *The Five Love Languages* by Dr. Gary Chapman. Engaged couples also welcome! Contact Richard & Theresa Rieve at: 408-993-4742 / rtrieve@sbcglobal.net

**November 18-20:** Mountain View: Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Time away for married couples in love. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can rekindle the sparks you felt on your wedding day! For more information or to register online, visit: http://sanjose.wwme12.org/

#### The Catholic Community at Stanford University

# TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 11, 2011



Prelude I Gaze at the Heavens (H. Kieffel) sung by the Chapel Choir of the Catholic Community at Stanford

> I gaze at the heavens searching for you, O God. Have mercy Lord, have mercy; we have swallowed enough scorn, swallowed enough pain.

Our eyes rest on you, Lord, awaiting your kindness. Our lips await the sealing kiss of peace. Have mercy, O Lord, for we have swallowed the pains of this world.

I gaze on the heavens, awaiting peace.

My soul waits in silence, my soul waits for God.

God alone is my salvation, God alone is my rock, God alone is my safety, my refuge, I stand secure.

My soul waits in silence, my soul waits for God.



# First Reading

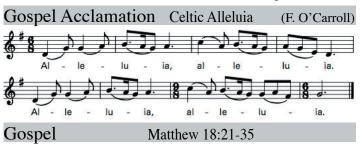
Forgive the injustice of your neighbor, for then your own sins will be pardoned.

Psalm 103 Our Help Is the Name of the Lord

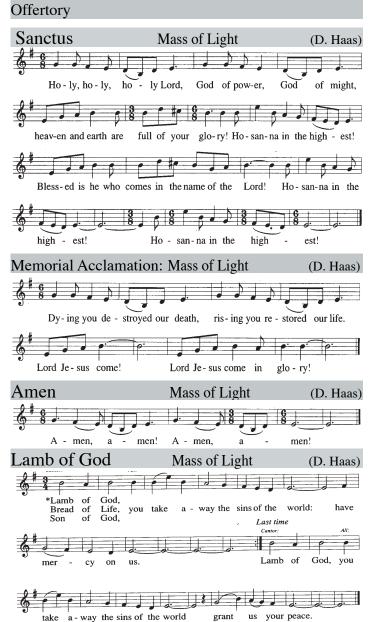


#### Second Reading Romans 14:7-9

We are not our own masters, but we are responsible to the Lord as servants. In life and in death we belong to the Lord.



In a parable, on forgiveness, Jesus compared the reign of God to a king settling accounts with his officials.







# 9-11-2001

We remember the fallen

We remember those left behind

9-11-2011

#### 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.

#### **More Announcements**

Day Of Prayer For Mental Illness Recovery And Understanding

Tuesday, Oct. 4, of Mental Illness Awareness Week. The National Day of Prayer for Mental Illness Recovery and Understanding has been designated as the Tuesday of Mental Illness Awareness Week, which is the first full week in October. This year, the date is Oct. 4, 2011. Mental illness networks and faith leaders are urged to work together so that they may recognize and prepare for this day in a way that works best for each faith community. The prayers and actions of both faith communities and secular organizations (e.g. the National Alliance on Mental Illness, National Mental Health Association, Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance, Obsessive-Compulsive Foundation, Anxiety Disorders Association of America, etc.) are needed to restore mental wellness in America. By seeking God's guidance we can recommit ourselves to replacing misinformation, blame, fear and prejudice with truth and love in order to offer hope to all who are touched by mental illness.

#### Pax Christi Northern California:

will be hosting a major event on Saturday October 22nd. The title is "Profits or Prophets, Toward an Economy for Peace." The Keynote Speaker will be Bishop Thomas Gumbleton. The goal is to help attendees to understand how our economic system is now driven for the most part without any obligation to direct itself to moral values, respecting the dignity of all, and taking care of those in need. And it will address the faith issues of a just, moral economy, and how peacemakers can work to restore such an economy. See Flyer at http://cl.exct.net

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