

Catholic Community at Stanford

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Sunday Mass September 18, 2011

8am Memorial Church 4:30pm Memorial Church

Daily Eucharist

T-W and F 12:20pm Memorial Church

Note: no daily Mass on Monday or 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.

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October 16, 2011 January 29, 2012 May 20, 2012

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Religious Ramblings

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Human Costs and Moral Challenges

SEPTEMBER 18, 2011

of a Broken Economy (continued from last Sunday)

Bishop Stephen E. Blaire, Bishop of Stockton, Chairman, Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development,

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, September 5, 2011

This is why the Catholic bishops of the United States have joined with other Christian churches in an unprecedented initiative to form a "Circle of Protection" to defend, improve, and strengthen essential programs that protect the lives and dignity of poor and vulnerable people. The statement calls for assessing "every budget proposal from the bottom up--how it treats those Jesus called 'the least of these' (Mt 25:45)." These Christian leaders also insist:

A fundamental task is to create jobs and spur economic growth. Decent jobs at decent wages are the best path out of poverty, and restoring growth is a powerful way to reduce deficits.

In our letters to Congress, the bishops write as pastors and teachers, not experts or partisans, acknowledging the duty to get our financial house in order and suggest:

A just framework for future budgets cannot rely on disproportionate cuts in essential services to poor persons. It requires shared sacrifice by all, including raising adequate revenues, eliminating unnecessary military and other spending, and addressing the long-term costs of health insurance and retirement programs fairly.

We believe a moral measure of this budget debate is not which party wins or which powerful interests prevail, but rather how those who are jobless, hungry, homeless, or poor are treated. Their voices are too often missing in these debates, but they have the most compelling moral claim on our consciences and our common resources.

A Catholic Framework for Economic Life

In rebuilding trust in economic life, responding to the suffering of the jobless and the fears of so many in our nation, our Catholic faith offers a clear set of moral directions outlined in a "Catholic Framework for Economic Life." This useful framework insists, "The economy exists for the person, not the person for the economy" and echoes Pope John Paul II: the Catholic tradition calls for a "society of work, enterprise and participation" which "is not directed against the market, but demands that the market be appropriately controlled by the forces of society and by the state to assure that the basic needs of the whole society are satisfied (Centesimus Annus, no. 35).

A Way Forward: A Search for Common Action

Sometimes economic troubles bring out the worst in us. Uncertainty and fear compel us to fight for our own interests and to preserve our own advantages. There is too much finger pointing and blaming of others and efforts to take advantage in political and economic arenas. We have seen efforts to limit or abolish elements of collective bargaining and restrict the roles of workers and their unions. Some demonize the market or government as the source of all our economic problems. Immigrants have been unfairly blamed for some of the current economic difficulties. Too often, the loudest voices often get the most attention and a predictable and unproductive cycle of blame and evasion takes place, but there is little effective action to address fundamental problems.

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There is another way to respond to the difficult situation in which we find ourselves. We can understand and act like we are part of one economy, one nation, and one human family. We can acknowledge our responsibility for the ways--large or small--we contributed to this crisis. We can all accept our responsibility for working together to overcome this economic stagnation and all that comes with it. We can clearly respect the legitimacy and roles of others in economic life: business and labor, private enterprise and public institutions, for profit and non-profit, religious and academic, community and government. We can avoid challenging the motives of others. We can advocate our principles and priorities with conviction, integrity, civility, and respect for others. We can look for common ground and seek the common good. We can encourage all the institutions in our society to work together to reduce joblessness, promote economic growth, overcome poverty, increase prosperity, and make the shared sacrifices and--even compromises--necessary to begin to heal our broken economy.

The seriousness and the peril of the current economic situation require clear commitment from all sectors to come together to shape and rebuild a stronger economy that safeguards the lives and dignity of all, especially providing opportunities for work. No one entity alone can turn the economy around and every institution must move beyond their own particular interests. Structures for dialogue leading to comprehensive and coordinated action need to be established or strengthened among leaders in government, business, unions, investment, banking, education, health care, philanthropy, religious communities, the jobless, and those living in poverty so that the common ground can be laid for pursuing the common good in economic life. As the Catholic bishops have insisted, "The Catholic way is to recognize the essential role and the complementary responsibilities of families, communities, the market, and government to work together to overcome poverty and advance human dignity" (A Place at the Table, 18).

Conclusion: A Word of Hope and Commitment

For Christians, it is not enough to acknowledge current difficulties. We are people of hope, committed to prayer, to help those facing hard time and to work with others to build a better economy. Our faith gives strength, direction and confidence in these tasks. As Pope Benedict encourages us: On this earth there is room for everyone: here the entire human family must find the resources to live with dignity, through the help of nature itself--God's gift to his children--and through hard work and creativity (Caritas in Veritate, no. 50).

We must remember that at the heart of everything we do as believers must be love, for it is love which honors the dignity of work as participation in the act of God's creation, and it is love which values the dignity of the worker, not just for the work he or she does, but above all for the person he or she is. This call of love is also a work of faith and an expression of hope. On this Labor Day in 2011, in the midst of continuing economic turmoil, we are called to renew our commitment to the God-given task of defending human life and dignity, celebrating work, and defending workers with both hope and conviction. This is a time for prayer, reflection, and action. In the words of our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI:

The current crisis obliges us to re-plan our journey, to set ourselves new rules and to discover new forms of commitment, to build on positive experiences and to reject negatives ones. The crisis thus becomes an opportunity for discernment, in which to shape a new vision for the future (Caritas in Veritate, no. 21).

GENERAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Mass Schedule:

During Summer daily Masses will all be in Memorial Church at 12:20 Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

note: no daily Mass on Monday and Thursday this week

Regular Mass Schedule begins on Sunday, September 25th 10:30am - 4:30pm - 10pm

Liturgical Ministry:

Consider joining one of the liturgical ministries as a way of deepening your spirituality and giving back to your church community. Openings are available for lectors, greeters, altar servers, communion ministers, and singers and instrumentalists for the choir. Training is available. Time commitment varies, but usually does not involve an every week commitment. Contact Teresa, tpleins@stanford.edu

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.

Desserts Needed For October 9:

Our annual welcome barbecue will take place in the Old Union Courtyard at 5:45pm after the Mass of the Holy Spirit on October 9. While the "main event" is being catered, we would appreciate it if those in the Permanent Community who are able could contribute a dessert for the event. It is something we have often done in the past, and it is really fun to see what everybody brings! If you are willing to bring a dessert just contact Nancy Greenfield at ngreenfield875@gmail.com. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Volunteer Opportunities

Fundraiser Breakfast for St. Anthony's Soup Kitchen: Tuesday, October 11, 2011, 8:30 – 9:30am at the Homer Center, Sacred Heart Schools, 150 Valparaiso Avenue, Atherton. Please join us and invite your friends to attend a breakfast to learn more about St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room. The breakfast is underwritten by a local business so there is no cost to attend. St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room in Menlo Park has been serving hot lunches to the homeless, working and nonworking low-income families, and elderly since 1974. The dining room prepares an average of 600 meals a day, six days a week, and provides meals for two local shelters. In addition, free clothing is available twice a week. All of this is made possible with the help of over 160 dedicated volunteers. Come join us and listen to our story. You will be inspired by what you hear and learn. We promise that it will only last one hour and will be a wonderful way to start your day. For more information, contact: Sue Merrill (650)342-1312 suemerrill@hotmail.com

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.

GRADS

Grad Catholic Welcome Dinner:

Monday, Sept. 26, 6:30-8:30pm, GCC Havana Room Come join us as we kick off the 2011-2012 academic year with a hearty meal and fellowship. We'll be welcoming both new students and returning grads, as well as providing information about this year's program, including discussion groups, Bible studies, small groups, retreats, dinners, socials, and more. Contact april.tessarzik@gmail.com with questions.

Grad Catholic Welcome Dinner: Volunteers Needed! Monday, Sept. 26, GCC Havana Room

Please help welcome new members to our community by volunteering to set up, clean up, or bring a dessert to our annual Welcome Dinner. Sign up to help by filling out our form attinyurl.com/gradwelcome. Contact april. tessarzik@gmail.com with questions.

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.

-Announcements for September 18, 2011-

Weekly Readings

Monday, September 19 Ez 1:1-6 Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday, September 20 Ez 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday, August 21 Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Mt 9:9-13

Thursday, September 22 Hg 1:1-8 Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b Lk 9:7-9 Friday, September 23 Hg 2:1-9 Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 Lk 9:18-22

Saturday, September 24 Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a (Ps) Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday, September 25 Ez 18:25-28 Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 Phil 2:1-11 Mt 21:28-32

YOUNG ADULTS

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. Young Adult Circle.org, check the Facebook Page "Young Adult Circle", or contact us at yacircle@gmail.com.

Young Adult Fall Retreat:

Oct. 21-22, 2011 (6pm Fri-6pm Sat) with the Dominican Sisters of MSJ, Fremont, CA. For Men & Women ages 21-40. Theme: Transformation ... we will examine the idea of transformation, risk, and reconciliation -- with God and others. Presenter: Sister Maryann Cantlon, CSJ. Free Will Offering. RSVP by October 17 at blessings@msjdominicans.org

Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 18, 2011

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

Monday, September 19 - Friday, September 23

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

Daily Liturgy.

More Announcements

• T-W and F 12:20 - Memorial Church

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Next Spanish Mass - Sunday October 16 - 3pm

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

UNDER GRADS

Students, come and meet us during these upcoming events. Frosh & Faith on Wednesday, Sept 21 from 1-3:30pm on the 3rd Floor of Old Union, GOALIE on Friday, Sept 21 from 12-2 and the Student Activities Fair on Friday, Sept 30.

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/

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First Reading Isaiah 55:6-9

Isaiah prophesied, "Seek the Lord while he may be found; call him while he is near."



You open your hand, O Lord, and answer our needs!

Tú, Señor, eres clemenete y compasivo Siempre juzgas lleno de justicia.

Las miradas de todos en Ti esperan que les des a tiempo su alimento.

Tú, Señor, salvas a los que te aman y aniquilas a los abusivos. Lord, you are merciful and compassionate, You always judge filled with justice.

The eyes of all look hopefully to you, and you give them food in due season.

Lord, you save those that love you and destroy the wicked.

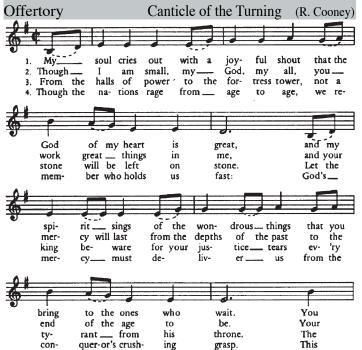
Second Reading Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Paul wrote, "Life means Christ, and death is gain. I am strongly attracted to both, for I long to be free with Christ. Still, it is important that I stay alive for your sakes. Conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ."

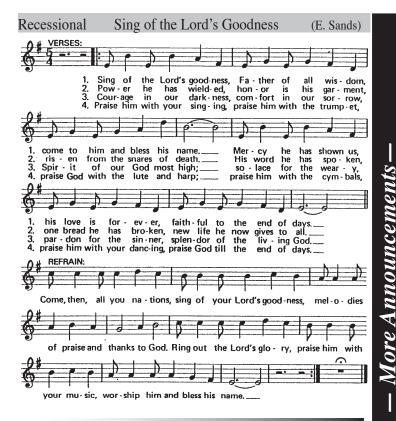


Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus told the parable about the vineyard owner who hired workers at different times of the day and paid them all the same amount at the end of the day. The owner concluded, "Am I not free to do with my money as I please?" Jesus added, "The last shall be first and the first last."







Vallombrosa Retreat Center

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.

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.

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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