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**Sunday Mass**
October 23, 2011
10:30am Tresidder Oak Room
4:30pm Memorial Church
10pm Memorial Church

**Daily Eucharist**
M - W - F 12:20pm Memorial Church
T - Th 12:20pm Old Union Sanctuary

**Confessions**
Tuesday 1:30-2:30pm and 9-10:30pm
Old Union, 3rd Floor, 304 or 305
or by appointment: 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 2011-2012 academic year:
January 29, 2012
May 20, 2012

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Religious Ramblings

Scripture and the Mass

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 23, 2011

Part four of an eight part series explaining the changes that will take place to the Missal commencing on the First Sunday of Advent

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The Word Of God In Scripture And The Eucharist

Translating the liturgical texts with a close eye to their correspondence with the texts of Scripture can help us to develop a greater appreciation of the close links between the prayers of the Mass and Sacred Scripture. These close links can help draw us more deeply into the theological meaning of the texts.

For example, before the Communion Rite, the priest breaks the Host and shows it to the people, saying: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb. (The Order of Mass, 132)

The first part of this prayer echoes the words of John the Baptist, heralding the coming of the Christ: “The next day he [John] saw Jesus coming toward him and said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!’” (Jn 1:29). In the same way, we who are united in the Body of Christ in the Sacrament of Baptism and strengthened in the Eucharist are called to point others to Jesus through our words and actions.

The second part of this prayer reflects the words of the Book of Revelation: “Then the angel said to me, ‘Write this: Blessed are those who have been called to the wedding feast of the Lamb’” (Rev 19:9). In this prayer, we are not rejoicing that we may receive the Eucharist. Instead, we rejoice for those who have been found worthy to share in the heavenly Liturgy, the supper of the Lamb, and we pray that one day, we may join them in the everlasting life of the Kingdom of God.

Conclusion

By delving more deeply into the scriptural background of the Mass, we come to know more closely Jesus, the Word of God made flesh, whose Paschal Mystery we celebrate.

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It is clear that Sacred Scripture has a revered and important place in the Eucharistic Liturgy. Every Mass includes a Liturgy of the Word. The main elements of the Liturgy of the Word are biblical readings and the singing of a psalm. The Liturgy of the Word reaches its high point in the proclamation of the Gospel.

However, the use of Scripture in the Mass does not end when the Liturgy of the Word has finished. In fact, the words of Scripture flow throughout the prayers of the Mass. One of the goals of the new translation of the Missal was to make clearer the links between the prayers of the Mass and the text of Scripture. Some of the most noticeable changes reflect the words of the Bible more clearly. Let’s take a look at some of these changes.

A Biblical Greeting

At several points in the Mass, the priest or deacon and the people engage in the following dialogue: Priest or Deacon: The Lord be with you. All: And with your spirit. (The Order of Mass, 2)

The first words come from a greeting of Boaz, the great-grandfather of King David: Boaz . . . said to the harvesters, ‘The Lord be with you!’ and they replied, ‘The Lord bless you!’” (Ru 2:4). The people’s response reflects the language of St. Paul: “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen” (Gal 6:18); the Second Letter to Timothy closes with a similar wish: “The Lord be with your spirit” (2 Tm 4:22). The Letter to the Philippians ends with “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit” (Phil 4:23). The new language, though a bit unfamiliar to our ears, more directly reflects the biblical understanding that, through Baptism, the Spirit of God dwells in us and unites us as one Body in Christ.

Welcoming The Lord

Immediately before coming forward to receive the Lord in Holy Communion, we welcome the Lord: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed. (The Order of Mass, 132) This prayer quotes the words of the centurion who asked Jesus to cure his servant. He would not presume to ask Jesus to come to his home. He trusted in this grace.

For The Many

One of the most notable changes will come in the words that the priest speaks in consecrating the wine as the Blood of Christ: Take this, all of you, and drink from it: for this is the chalice of my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins’” (Mt 26:27-28). Much attention has focused on a single change in this text: from “for many” to “for many.” This change is unique to the English language.

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Controversy of Valladolid: Opportunity to Schedule Performance. After Europeans invaded the land, destroyed the culture, plundered natural resources and subjected thousands of people to servitude, torture and death, the church agonized over its question of the indigenous peoples: Are they human? Are they children of God? Based on a Spanish Papal Tribunal of 1550 this drama reveals the fate of millions of American natives by bringing to light the real-life debates whose outcomes are still felt today.
**Weekly Readings**

**Monday, October 24**
Rom 8:12-17
Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21
Lk 13:10-17

**Tuesday, October 25**
Rom 8:18-25
Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6
Lk 13:22-30

**Wednesday, October 26**
Rom 8:26-30
Ps 13:4-5, 6
Lk 13:22-30

**Thursday, October 27**
Rom 8:31b-39
Ps 109:21-22,26-27,30-31
Lk 13:31-35

**Friday, October 28**
Eph 2:19-22
Ps 19:2-3, 4-5
Lk 6:12-16

**Saturday, October 29**
Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29
Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18
Lk 14:1, 7-11

**Sunday, October 30**
Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10
Ps 131:1, 2, 3
Lk 13:31-35

**Halloween Mass and Party:**
Wed. Oct. 26 at 7:30pm-10:00pm, St. Joseph’s School, 1120 Miramonte Ave, Mountain View. Please join us for our annual Halloween Mass followed by a Halloween themed dinner party. This is one of our more popular annual events. Please RSVP on our Facebook Page or contact us at yacircle@gmail.com.

**Young Adult Bible Study:**
Tues. Nov. 1 at 7:30pm, 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 “East of Eden, Headed to Egypt” will focus on the Covenant made with Abraham in Genesis. Please join us even if you have never attended a Bible study before!

**Young Adult Retreat at Mission San José:**
October 21-22, 2011. All of us want to be transformed in some way, but are often deterred by the risks involved. This retreat will examine the idea of transformation, risk, and reconciliation --both with God and with others. Take time to step back from the course of daily life and enter into the unknown to renew your commitment to Christ Jesus through meditation, music, journaling, and ritual. For more information email: blessings@msjdominicans.org or 510-933-6335. A free will offering will be taken to help with costs. Mission San José is located at 43326 Mission Blvd. in Fremont.

**Under Grads**

**Follow The Yellow Brick Road: Fall Undergrad Retreat:**
Oct 28-30. Embark on a journey with other undergrads to our Fall Undergrad Retreat. Get connected through engaging talks, small group discussion and prayer. Fr. Nathan will help us explore the theme of companionship on our journey. We’ve built in free time to watch Stanford Football or any other activity that will help you get refreshed. Check the website for applications or email lourdes for info, lalonso@stanford.edu.

**Fellowship Dinners:**
Every Sunday at FloMo. Undergrads join the community for dinner after the 4:30pm Mass. We head over to FloMo around 5:45pm for their Sunday cuisine. They always have ice cream, too. Look for the signs in Cardenal. Email Megan or Margaret for info, (meobrien@stanford.edu or mkoehler@stanford.edu).

**Fall Service Trip:**
November 20-23. Applications are now available for our Fall Service Trip to serve with an HIV/AIDS ministry in Las Vegas. This trip is open to all grad and undergrad students. We leave for Las Vegas on Sunday, November 20 and finish our project on Tuesday night. This will give you enough time to get to your Thanksgiving destinations. The deadline has been extended to today, Sunday, October 23rd. Apply now as space is limited. Applications and information can be found on our website or by emailing lourdes at lalonso@stanford.edu.

**Rosary:**
Monday to Saurday 10pm to 10:30pm and Sundays 9pm in the Sanctuary, 3rd floor of Old Union.

**Rosario en español:**
lunes, miércoles, jueves y viernes de 10pm a 10:30pm y los domingos a las 9pm en la sala Z315 de Casa Zapata, Stern Hall. Contactar a Gloria Muñoz: gmuno@stanford.edu
Gathering

**Where Charity and Love Prevail**
(Benoit)

1. Where char- i - ty and love pre - vail, There God is ev - er found;
2. With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear God's char - i - ty we learn;
3. For - give we now each oth - er's faults As we our faults con - fess;
4. Let strife a - mong us be un-known, Let all con - ten - tion cease;
5. Let us re - call that in our midst Dwells God's be got ten Son;
6. No race nor creed can love ex - clude, If hon - ored be God's name;

In response to a question from some Pharisees who wanted to trip him up, Jesus said, “Love the Lord your God with your whole heart, soul, and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.”

Gospel

**Matthew 22:34-40**

Paul commended the Christians of Thessalonica: “You shall not harm any widow or orphan. . . . If you take your neighbor’s cloak, return it before sunset. If that neighbor cries out to me, I will listen, for I am compassionate.”

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Paul commended the Christians of Thessalonica: “You became imitators of us and of the Lord, observing the word despite great trials, with the joy of the Spirit. You became a model for all believers, and God’s word has echoed from you powerfully.”
Lamb of God  Mass From Age to Age  (De Silva)

Communion  If Ye Love Me  (T. Tallis)

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the father and he shall give you another comforter, that he may bide with you forever, e’en the spirit of truth.

Recessional  Lift Up Your Hearts  (O’Connor)

Your generous contributions help support our Parish and its many programs. Thank you.
Sunday. There will be opportunities for spiritual direction and morning and evening prayer each day. The cost for the weekend is $226.00-private, $202.00-shared, all meals included.

December 3, 2011: “A Call to Contemplative Prayer”
A Centering Prayer Workshop with Jean Ramacciotti, 8:30am - noon. Join us for this introductory workshop to learn how to deepen your connection with God through Centering Prayer. Centering Prayer is a method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer, prayer in which we experience God’s presence within us. Contemplative prayer is the opening of mind and heart to God. It emphasizes prayer as a personal relationship with God. The cost of the workshop is $20.00/person, includes scones and coffee.

For more information or to register for an event, please visit www.vallombrosa.org or phone 650-325-5614.

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http://catholic.stanford.edu/media/podcast

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
“I PLACE MUCH OF MY HOPE FOR THE FUTURE IN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER.” (Pope John Paul II)
The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend focuses entirely on the two of you and your marriage. It is a positive, simple common sense, private experience between you and your spouse, that revitalizes marriage by helping you to see again those loving qualities in each other that you may be taking for granted. 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.