

# Catholic Community at Stanford



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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](mailto:tpleins@stanford.edu).

Baptisms for the 2011-2012 academic year:

January 29, 2012

May 20, 2012

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

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. In Galatians, he says, "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 the authority of Jesus' healing word, saying: "Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof; only say the word and my servant will be healed" (Mt 8:8; see Lk 7:6-7). This new phrasing reminds us that, in receiving Holy Communion, we are to emulate the centurion's humility and faith.

#### **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 poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. (The Order of Mass, 90) The newly translated text more closely reflects the scriptural accounts of the Last Supper: "Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the 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 all" to "for many." This change is unique to the English language.

Other languages, including Spanish, French, and German, have already been using language that more closely reflects Jesus' words at the Last Supper. This new text does not mean that God's love is limited or that only some may be saved. Rather, it reflects the fact that human beings may choose to accept the grace of salvation and live their lives in the light of this grace.

#### **Deeper Understanding**

If we recognize the biblical references that underlie the liturgical texts, we will have a fuller understanding of their meaning. For example, Eucharistic Prayer I includes the following passage: Be pleased to look upon these offerings with a serene and kindly countenance, and to accept them, as you were pleased to accept the gifts of your servant Abel the just, the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith, and the offering of your high priest Melchizedek, a holy sacrifice, a spotless victim. (The Order of Mass, 93) If we do not know who Abel (Gn 4:4) and Melchizedek (Gn 14:18-20) are and if we do not understand the importance of Abraham's sacrifice (Gn 15:7-21; 22:1-14), we will not fully appreciate the concept of sacrifice and how our celebration of the eucharistic sacrifice ties us to our ancestors in the faith, from the very beginning.

#### **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.

#### **REFERENCE**

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## GENERAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Children's Religious Education:

Our first sessions have begun. If you still have not registered and would like to participate, please contact Teresa, [tpleins@stanford.edu](mailto:tpleins@stanford.edu) immediately. Sessions run Sunday mornings, 9:15-10:20 a.m. for children ages 3-13. Sacramental preparation is included in this program.

### Training Sessions for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors:

There are upcoming training sessions for new-to-Stanford eucharistic ministers and lectors. Every year we need new people to come forward and serve, as those who graduate leave to serve in other communities.

Lectors--today, Sunday, Oct. 23, 5:45-7:30pm.

All sessions are held in Memorial Church. For more information, contact Teresa Pleins, [tpleins@stanford.edu](mailto:tpleins@stanford.edu).

### "Work as Sacramental: The Mysterious Dynamics of Personal Vocation".

Nov. 7, 7:00pm - The Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology Fellows will present on vocation, work and Catholic Social Teaching. Talks include: "Beyond Career to Calling: Understanding Work as a Vocation within the Catholic Social Tradition" - Michael Naughton, PhD and "Open to Possibilities: Understanding How Calling Unfolds Within the Now of Business Life" - André Delbecq, DBA. Q&A to follow. Space is limited. RSVP to (510) 883-2086. 2301 Vine Street, Berkeley. For more information, [www.dspt.edu](http://www.dspt.edu).

### Lectio Divina:

Our Lectio Divina prayer group is open to undergrads, grads, post grads, faculty, staff and permanent community. Essentially, we are open to ALL. It generally meets on agreed upon Friday mornings from 10 - 11am. For more information please contact Jo Owen (650) 529-1105 or [journey2light@gmail.com](mailto:journey2light@gmail.com)

### Vigil of All Saints:

Join the Catholics @ Stanford in a night honoring of the Communion of Saints in the singing of Psalms, Readings and the Litany of Saints. October 31, at 9pm. Side Chapel, Memorial Church. Light reception to follow.

### Montesinos 500th Anniversary Update

October, 2011 500th Anniversary of Dominican Preaching in the Americas.

Call to Preach. As Women and Men of the Order of St. Dominic we are invited to participate in the request to preach on the 4th Sunday of Advent, 2011 to commemorate the sermon preached by Antonio Montesinos on Espanola: From the General Chapter of Rome, 2010

V Centenary of Montesinos' Sermon 171. [Petitio] We petition the brothers of the whole Order that on the 4th Sunday of Advent 2011 there be read or preached in all the churches connected with the Order the sermon preached by Antonio de Montesinos on Española on the 4th Sunday of advent 1511, so that it might be a collective commemoration of this act, which defended human dignity in the name of the Church. (General Chapter of Rome, 2010)

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.

## 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 November 5th or Saturday November 26th from 8:30 until 1:00 PM, please contact Michael Bova at [mpbova2001@yahoo.com](mailto: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 and please join us in helping those in need.

### St. Anthony's Soup Kitchen:

There are two shifts for volunteering Thanksgiving Day: (1) The Set-up shift from 8:30 until 11:30 and (2) the Serving Line shift from 11:30AM until 2:30PM. If you are interested in volunteering for either or both shifts, please contact Michael Bova at [mpbova2001@yahoo.com](mailto:mpbova2001@yahoo.com) before October 31st to have a spot reserved for you. Plan your schedules in advance and please join us in helping those in need on Thanksgiving Day.

### 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 cycle for Hospital Chaplaincy volunteers, organized by the Stanford Hospital. Our Community actively supports this program. Several 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 program for new volunteers will be held on five Mondays in October and November: October 24, (skipping October 31), then November 7, 14, 21, and 28, at Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Palo Alto, from 7 to 9 pm. You should plan to attend all five sessions. One-year commitment is expected (or one-school-year if you are a student). To register for the training, call or write to Gretchen Hollingsworth at the Hospital, 650-723-5101 ([GHollingsworth@stanfordmed.org](mailto:GHollingsworth@stanfordmed.org)). If you have additional questions about this ministry, please write to CC@S member, [Harv.Galic@gmail.com](mailto:Harv.Galic@gmail.com)

## GRADS

### Catholicism 101:

Monday at 7pm. Grad students and young adults are invited to attend our next Catholicism 101 on Monday at 7pm. We continue a series on the Sacraments. Fr. Isaiah will lead a discussion on "How are we called to serve?", The Sacraments of Vocation. Join us for dinner and an engaging discussion at the GCC. For more info, email [ckark@stanford.edu](mailto:ckark@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 [alonso@stanford.edu](mailto:alonso@stanford.edu).

### Daily Rosary:

10pm, 3rd floor, Old Union. To be added to the list, email George at [vidal@stanford.edu](mailto: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 [alonso@stanford.edu](mailto:alonso@stanford.edu). She will get you in touch with the group leaders.

-Announcements for October 23, 2011-

## 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 13:18-21

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  
1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13  
Mt 23:1-12

## Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 23, 2011

- 10:30 am - Tresidder Oak Room
- 4:30 pm - Memorial Church
- 10 pm - Memorial Church

Monday, October 24 - Friday, October 28

- Office hours (Tues - Fri) 10am - 4pm
- Confessions  
Tuesday 1:30-2:30pm and 9-10:30pm  
Old Union, 3rd Floor, 304 or 305  
or by appointment: call 725-0080

Daily Liturgy:

- M - W - F 12:20 - Memorial Church
- T - Th 12:20 - Old Union Sanctuary

### YOUNG ADULTS

#### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

\*\*\* don't miss \*\*\*

**October 30, 2011: The Catholic Church in the World:** "Faith in the Arts" Speaker Series with Bo Caldwell and Ron Hansen, 2:00pm - 4:00pm. Join us for the second offering in our Fall Speaker Series, a conversation with Bo Caldwell and Ron Hansen.

**See Vallombrosa section at end of Bulletin for more details**

More Announcements

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:meobrien@stanford.edu) or [mkoehler@stanford.edu](mailto:mkoehler@stanford.edu)).

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#### Rosary:

Monday to Saturday 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: [gmunoz@stanford.edu](mailto:gmunoz@stanford.edu)

# The Catholic Community at Stanford University

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 23, 2011



## 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;



1. Brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, By love are we thus bound.
2. Let us with heart and mind and soul Now love God in re - turn.
3. And let us love each oth - er well In Chris - tian ho - li - ness.
4. Be God's the glo - ry that - we seek, Be ours God's ho - ly peace.
5. As mem - bers of his bod - y joined, We are in Christ made one.
6. Our fam - i - ly em - brac - es all Whose Fa - ther is the same.

## Gospel Acclamation Mass From Age to Age (De Silva)



Verse Response (2x)



## Gospel Matthew 22:34-40

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"

## Offertory (instrumental)

## Sanctus Mass of Light (D. Haas)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might,



heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

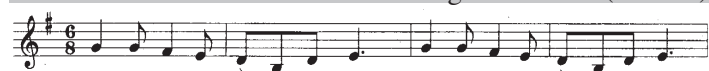


Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Ho - san - na in the



high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

## Memorial Acclamation: Mass of Light (D. Haas)

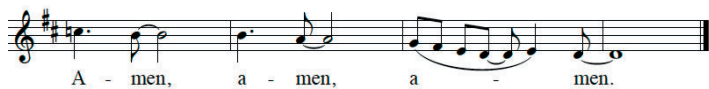
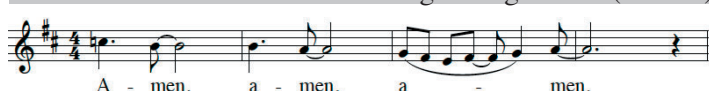


Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death, ris - ing you re - stored our life.

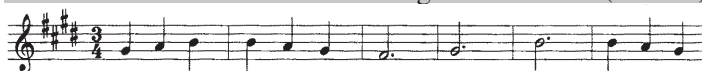


Lord Je - sus come! Lord Je - sus come in glo - ry!

## Amen Mass From Age to Age (De Silva)



## Gloria Mass of Light (D. Haas)

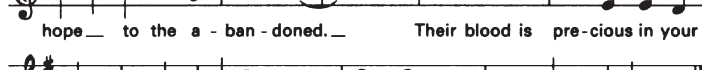


## First Reading Exodus 22:20-26

The faithful and gracious Lord said, "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."

## Psalms 72 For Lowly People (T. Lowenthal)

REFRAIN: All



## 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)

Cantor: Assembly: Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us, Lamb of God. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us, Lamb of God. Lamb of world, grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion The Cry of the Poor (J. Foley)

REFRAIN: Fine The Lord hears the cry of the poor. Bless-ed be the Lord. VERSES: Slightly faster

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, with praise
2. Let the low-ly hear and be glad: the Lord
3. Ev-'ry spir-it crushed God will save; will be
4. We pro-claim your great-ness, O God, your praise

1. ev-er in my mouth; Let my soul glo-ry in the
2. lis-tens to their pleas; and to hearts bro-ken God is
3. ran-som for their lives; will be safe shel-ter for their
4. ev-er in our mouth; ev-'ry face bright-ened in your

to Refrain

1. Lord, who will hear the cry of the poor.
2. near, who will hear the cry of the poor.
3. fears, and will hear the cry of the poor.
4. light, for you hear the cry of the poor.

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 sprit of truth.

Recessional Lift Up Your Hearts (O'Connor)

Refrain Lift up your hearts to the Lord, praise God's gra-cious mer-cy! Sing out your joy to the Lord, whose love is en-dur-ing.

Verses

1. Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth!
2. Let the earth wor-ship, sing-ing your praise.
3. God's right hand made a path through the night,
4. Lis-ten now, all you ser-vants of God,

1. Praise the name a-bove all names! Say to God, "How
2. Praise the glo-ry of your name! Come and see the
3. split the wa-ters of the sea. All cre-a-tion, Bless-ed be the
4. as I tell of these great works.

to Refrain

1. won-drous your works, how glo-rious your name!"
2. deeds of the Lord; bless God's ho-ly name!
3. lift up your voice: "Our God set us free!"
4. Lord of my life, whose love shall en-dure!

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C B A S S

## 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](http://www.vallombrosa.org) or phone 650-325-5614.

### October 30, 2011: The Catholic Church in the World: "Faith in the Arts"

Speaker Series with Bo Caldwell and Ron Hansen, 2:00pm – 4:00pm  
Join us for the second offering in our Fall Speaker Series, a conversation with Bo Caldwell and Ron Hansen. Both are distinguished Catholic authors, as well as husband and wife. They will explore in conversation the ways in which their faith guides and informs their writing, and their writing deepens and shapes their faith. For Hansen, writing is much like praying, a way to find God in many ways: through relationships, observation of nature, hard study. Caldwell sees her work as a way to learn about God, making sure God is with her on the way. This is a unique opportunity to hear them reflect together on their faith and their art. This event is open to the public and the suggested donation is \$20.00 per person.

### November 19, 2011: Engaging the Heart/Marriage Preparation

Catholic marriage preparation involves several steps, one of which is the Pre-Cana Program. This program takes several forms, and each parish decides what is required: an Engaged Encounter Weekend, or a one-day session which meets the diocesan requirements. Vallombrosa staff have worked with the Archdiocese of San Francisco and the Diocese of San Jose to create a one-day Pre-Cana Program which will include presentations and workshops by Catholic professionals on various aspects of married life, such as Intimacy, Communication, Spirituality, Role Expectations, and Sexuality. The workshop begins at 9am and concludes at 4pm. The cost is \$225/couple. Please register by November 5, space fills quickly.

### November 20, 2011: Thanksgiving Prayer Service:

With the Vallombrosa Choir, 2:00pm – 4:00pm. All are welcome to join us for an afternoon of music, prayer and reflection in celebration of the great gift of God's love.

### December 2 – 4, 2011: Silent Private Retreat Weekend:

begins 4:00pm (Dec. 2) and concludes after lunch (Dec. 4). Vallombrosa Center opens its doors several weekends throughout the year to people to make a silent retreat beginning Friday afternoon and concluding midday

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](http://www.vallombrosa.org) or phone 650-325-5614.

PODCASTS. Did you know that the 4:30 Mass homilies are podcasted? Please subscribe to Catholic Cardinal Reflections, hosted by Fr Isaiah.

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## 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](mailto:gr8marriages@sbcglobal.net).

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