

Catholic Community at Stanford

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Saturday 6/11 Grad Masses

1pm Spanish Grad Mass 5:30pm English Grad Mass

Sunday

no Masses today, June 12, 2011 Starting June 19, 8am and 4:30pm

Daily Eucharist

no daily Masses this week

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.

July 17 - during 4:30 Mass preparation class May 9, 10-11:30am.

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Religious RamblingsTHE ASCENSION OF THE LORDEnthusiasmJune 12, 2011

fr Malcolm McMahon share the experiences of the Spirit he has had in his ministry as a Bishop.

In my ministry over the last ten years as a bishop I have come to experience the gift of the Holy Spirit in a new way and immediate way.

A large part of a bishop's work is to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with the young people of the diocese, and to ordain men to the diaconate and priesthood. Both sacraments are explicitly about the conferring the gift of Holy Spirit on the recipient. As I look at the young people who are about to receive Confirmation I see on their faces real joy and expectation. The hope of a life lived in the Spirit lies ahead of them but they know they will be confronted with the inevitable challenges of modern life. However they also show a confidence about the present and the future that is deeply encouraging.

This experience reveals to me the real meaning of enthusiasm. Enthusiasm shows itself in the youngsters who are bubbling with joy on their confirmation day, but it is also there in the hard work of the catechists who many years, even decades, after their own confirmation want to pass on the faith they have received. I see enthusiasm in the way that these young people take part in local community work or support the efforts of CaFOD. The flame of the Holy Spirit continues to burn in them when they have children and wish to pass on to them their love of God.

It is all too easy to see what is wrong with our Church rather than look for the gift of the Spirit that is alive in its members. Maybe because I see the church from a different vantage point my view is different. But as I look over the local church, the Diocese of Nottingham, for which I have been given a particular responsibility, I see individuals and communities that are enthused with God's spirit. In one parish I confirmed twenty teenagers who represented several ethnic backgrounds. Their families were from Goa, Sri Lanka, the Philippines, Nigeria, Poland, Lithuania, Pakistan, Zimbabwe, Ireland and England. Each of the candidates heard the call of the Holy Spirit and became united in the Spirit of Christ through the laying on of hands and the anointing with chrism. It was like that first experience of the infant Church when many people from around the Mediterranean heard the preaching of the apostles in their own language and the Word united them.

It struck me that diversity is almost a prerequisite of unity. To appreciate what it means to be one in Christ it is necessary to have the experience of being separated from him and different from each other. On that occasion I was also reminded by the presence of the ladies from the Hindu community who provided the refreshments that the Holy Spirit is a gift to the world as well as to the Church.

The spirit we receive is not just a gift for the moment. It is a spirit that endures within our communities. When Bishop Leyburn conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation in a small town in Lincolnshire in 1689 he was not to know that the faith that he confirmed would still be alive in the descendants of those people 320 years later. You can imagine what a joy it was to me see the same family names in the parish register for that period so long ago as those of the young people I was confirming. A true sign that despite the hardships that were endured over the centuries the flame of the spirit was not extinguished but still burns in the hearts and souls of the community.

Today's readings remind us of what happened amongst the first followers of Jesus as they dealt with the pain of separation from him, the fear of those who were against them, and apprehension about their future. The gift of the Spirit, which is nothing less than the life of God itself, enabled them to break out from their fear and face the world around them. They were transformed from a group turned in on itself to a community with a mission. They were people who were sent by Christ himself to bring a message of liberation and freedom to the world. It must have seemed an impossible task to those first disciples, just as it can often appear that way to us today.

But the remarkable thing is that even in our much more complex and secular world I see the Spirit enthusing our communities with the vision of a life that enables us to be freed from those things that oppress us today and to give us a clear view of who we are as God's liberated children.

This Pentecost in my Cathedral I will be confirming people of all ages and all backgrounds. It will be, for them and for us, like a new Pentecost. Today's feast will be a reminder of great events in the past; but more importantly it will also be sharing in that timeless moment when Holy Spirit is given to the Church. Through this gift we believe that the Church continues and grows not for its own sake but for the world that it serves.

Today we pray that the flame of the Spirit within each of us flares into a great fire so that we may have the courage to bring to the world Christ's words, 'Peace be with you'. Then we may be sure that the Spirit is alive in our Church and that the face of the earth will be renewed.

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fr. Malcolm McMahon O.P. is the Bishop of Nottingham. From 1992 to 2000 he was Prior Provincial of the English Dominicans.

GENERAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Graduation Liturgies:

We will hold two special graduation Masses on SATURDAY, June 11. Both are in Memorial Church. Please invite your families to these special liturgies.

Spanish Mass will be at 1:00pm English Mass at 5:30pm

Note that there will be no Masses held on campus on Sunday, June 12.

Summer schedule begins on Sunday, June 19, with the 8:00 am Mass and 4:30pm Mass, both in Memorial Church. For more info, contact Teresa, tpleins@stanford.edu.

During Summer daily Masses will all be in memorial Church at 12:20 Monday to Friday.

There will be no Daily Mass on June 23 and June 24.

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.

Come enjoy Presentation Center's 2011 Programs

and become enlightened! The programs are as follows:

- Modern Mysticism Spiritual Cinema Circle Women's Retreat Series: Every Sunday of June, 1:30-4pm. Led by Sr. Joan Prohaska, OP. \$20 for each retreat.
- Modern Mysticism for Men on Presentation Mountain-Spiritual Fatherhood: Saturday, June 18, 2011 9:30am-1pm. Presented by Fr. Jeff Finley, C.PP.S. \$30 including lunch.
- Modern Mysticism Spiritual Summer Camp: On Wednesdays, between June 22 to July 27 from 1:30 to 4:30 PM. Led by Sr. Joan Prohaska, OP. \$20 for each retreat or \$100 for the entire camp!
- Mystics, Rebels and Prophets- Women who went before us and walk with us today: Monday, July 25 Sunday, July 31, 2011. Facilitated by Edwina Gateley. \$500 (\$75 non-refundable deposit).

To register for programs call (408) 354-2346 or e-mail programs@presentationcenter.org. For program updates visit our website www.presentationcenter.org.

Operation Rice Bowl:

Please remember to bring in your Rice Bowls to one of the Sunday Masses. Your generous contributions will help feed many families in these times of great need. Thank you for your generosity. So far we have collected \$436.80.



YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adult Women's Prayer Group:

Thursdays at 7 pm, Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 3233 Cowper St, Palo Alto. Join our new group as we attend a Thursday night series of Centering Prayer. Until August 1st, Centering Prayer will be held every Thursday at 7:00pm at Dermody Center in Palo Alto (located behind Our Lady of the Rosary Church). Carrie Skelly and Jean Ramacciotti will be leading the gatherings. Contact Liz for questions: lizlibrarian2.0 at gmail.com.

Summer of Fun Kick-Off BBQ:

Sat. June 11th from 11 am - 3 pm, Mitchell Park, 600 E Meadow Dr, Palo Alto. Join us for our Summer of Fun Kick-Off BBQ. Summer of Fun is our annual series of events held for the purpose of bringing together Catholic Young Adults for 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 Scott at scott.a.harrison at gmail.com.

Summer of Fun Dinner and Improv Club Outing:

Fri. June 17th, 7:30 p.m., Downtown San José. Join us for an outing to downtown San José. We will start by meeting at Smoke Eaters (29 S. 3rd St., San José) at 7:30 p.m. After that, we will walk over to the ComedySportz club (288 S 2nd St., San Jose) for their 9 p.m. improv show. The cost is \$12 and allows one to stay for the 11 pm show also. Please confirm your attendence on our Facebook group or contact Liz at lizlibrarian 2.0 at gmail.com.

Dinner at Gordon Biersch:

Tues. June 21st at 7:30PM, 640 Emerson Street, Palo Alto The Young Adult group meets for its monthly social gathering. Please confirm your attendence on our Facebook group or contact Scott Harrison at scott.a.harrison at gmail.com.

Young Adult Bible Study:

Tues. June 7th and Tues. June 14th, 7:30 p.m., Our Lady of the Rosary, 3233 Cowper St, Palo Alto. The Young Adult group meets to continue its study "The Bible and the Mass". It would be an excellent time to come and join us in examining this fascinating topic.

For more info, see our website, www.YoungAdultCircle.org, check the Facebook group "Young Adult Circle", or contact Scott at scott.a.harrison at gmail.com.

-Announcements for June 12, 2011

Weekly Readings

Monday, June 13 2 Cor 6:1-10 Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday, June 14 2 Cor 8:1-9 Ps 146:2,5-6ab,6c-7,8-9a Mt 5:38-42

Wednesday, June 15 2 Cor 9:6-11 Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, June 16 2 Cor 1:1-11 Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 Mt 6:7-15 Friday, June 17 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mt 6:19-23

Saturday, June 18 2 Cor 12:1-10 Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 Mt 6:24-34

Sunday, June 19 (Masses at 8am and 4:30pm in Memorial Church) Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9 Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 2 Cor 13:11-13 Jn 3:16-18

Week at a Glance

Sunday, June 12, 2011

No Sunday Masses this week

Monday, June 13 - Friday, June 17

offices closed the week after Graduation.

 Confessions by appointment only: call 725-0080

Daily Liturgy.

More Announcements

no daily Masses the week after Graduation

GRADS

Viewing Party:

Harry Potter & the Half-Blood Prince

Monday, June 13, 7pm GCC Nairobi Room. Join other Catholic grad students to watch the sixth Harry Potter movie, Harry Potter & the Half-Blood Prince. Our aim is to watch one or two Harry Potter movies a month in preparation for the final installment, debuting this July. All levels of Potter fandom are welcome (from zero knowledge to Fr. Isaiah). Please note the new day (Monday), time (7pm), and place (GCC). Snacks will be provided. Email april. tessarzik@gmail.com with questions.

Grads, join CBASS

(Catholic Brothers and Sisters at Stanford)

CBASS is a new initiative that is similar to Sib families or peer mentor programs at Stanford. We are looking for students who desire to create a ministry experience that will welcome new students into a loving Catholic community. As a participant, you will be paired up with another student and be assigned a small group of incoming first year Grad students. All you need to do is build friendships with these students through regular interactions like having a meal or going to Mass. If you are interested in signing up or learning more, please contact Lourdes at lalonso@stanford.edu.

UNDER GRADS

UnderGrads, join CBASS (Catholic Brothers and Sisters at Stanford)

CBASS is a new initiative that is similar to Sib families or peer mentor programs at Stanford. We are looking for students who desire to create a ministry experience that will welcome new students into a loving Catholic community. As a participant, you will be paired up with another student and be assigned a small group of incoming Frosh. All you need to do is build friendships with these students through regular interactions like having a meal or going to Mass. If you are interested in signing up or learning more, please contact Lourdes at lalonso@stanford.edu.

Congratulations Class of 11

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

The Catholic Community at Stanford University

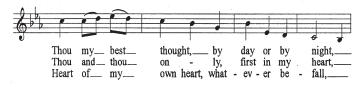
PENTECOST SUNDAY

















First Reading Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were.





Second Reading 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ.



Gospel Jn 20:19-23

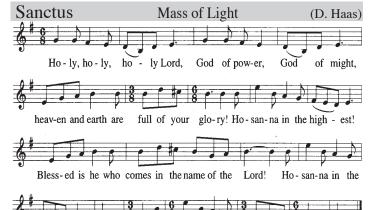
As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."











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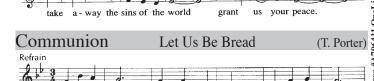
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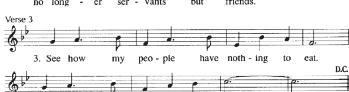




Verse 1









- 1. Guide my feet while I run this race. 'cause I don't want to run this race in vain.
- 2. Hold my hand while I run this race. 'cause I don't want to run this race in vain.

Lord, guide my feet, direct my path,
And keep my way.
Can't take a step without you.
I don't want to run this race in vain.

3. Be my friend, while I run this race. 'cause I don't want to run this race in vain.

Lord, guide my feet, direct my path,
And keep my way.
Can't take a step without you.
I don't want to run this race in vain.

4. Stand by me while I run this race. 'cause I don't want to run this race in vain.

Lord, guide my feet, direct my path,
And keep my way.
Can't take a step without you.
I don't want to run this race in vain.



Vallombrosa Retreat Center

Vallombrosa Retreat Center in Menlo Park is offering the following retreats and events:

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.

REFOCCUS: Marriage Preparation & Enrichment:

June 25, 2011, 9am - 4pm. Are you civilly married, that is, married outside the Catholic Church, whether by a justice of the peace, a judge, or a minister without a dispensation from the Catholic Church? Has your marriage been "blessed" by the Catholic Church? REFOCCUS is a program designed especially for you. No, that's not a spelling mistake! The double "C" stands for "Couple Communication." REFOCCUS is actually a dual program, intended both for marriage enrichment and as a marriage preparation tool for couples civilly married more than two years, who are seeking a Catholic wedding. What does that mean? To have your marriage blessed by the Catholic Church requires preparation, plus the necessary paper work. Convalidation is the name of the process that validates your marriage, often referred to as "blessing" your marriage in the eyes of the Church. It allows the Catholic partner to receive Communion and the other sacraments.

The workshop is limited to the first 25 couples who register.

Fee: \$150/couple includes REFOCCUS materials,

lunch, refreshments, and registration fee.

Speaker: Fr. George Matanic, O.P.

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 June 25th, from 8:30 until 1:00 PM, please contact Michael Bova at mpbova2001@yahoo.com to have a volunteer position reserved for you.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

How would you rate your marriage?

You are eligible for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend not because you need it, but because you and your marriage deserve it! It's a beautiful weekend experience designed for couples of all ages and backgrounds to enrich their marriage. Make this season special by devoting one weekend to your marriage. 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: www.rekindleyourmarriage.org or contact Thomas & Sandy Pavick, 408 262-4061 or Email: gr8marriages@sbcglobal.net.

Community Prayer Corner

please send any prayer requests to Guillermo at gcolombetti@yahoo.com

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