

**Reflection:** Faith gives us a new vision of the world. Without it we see only the darker side of life. We are still slaves – it is faith which liberates us and makes us see the Spirit of power and love at work in our lives. That is why in the 1<sup>st</sup> reading, we are reminded that despite the desolation we see surrounding our lives, God encourages the faithful to embrace the hope that He gives, and that in itself is strength to face our trials. If only we are like the servant that does what he is told to do, for even with faith like a mustard seed, we can move mountains.

**Entrance:** Organ prelude (667 Faith of Our Fathers)

**Entrance Ant.:** *Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are Lord of all.*

**Psalm:** *O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.*

**Gospel Acc.:** *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!* (Jubilate Deo)

**Offertory:** 669 We Walk By Faith

**Communion Ant.:** *The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.*

**Communion:** Meditabor in Mandatis tuis

**Recessional:** 589 O God Beyond All Praising

**Marian Anthem:** 486 Ave Maria



**Conductor:**  
**Cantor:**  
**Organist:**  
**On Leave:**  
**New Songs:**  
 Christus Vincit, Christus Regnat (Chant)

**Reflection:** In the 1<sup>st</sup> reading & the Gospel, the healing of leprosy takes place in geographically the same place – near Samaria. And in both instances, it was foreigners (Namaan was an Aramean & the leper in the Gospel was a Samaritan) who gave thanks and renewed their lives to the God of Israel. Although they did not yet know who God was, both exhibited faith before they experienced physical healing and then spiritual transformation. And we know God, and are called His people. He has cleansed us from Spiritual Leprosy – Sin – through His death & resurrection. How do we give thanks?

**Entrance:** Organ prelude (589 O God Beyond All Praising)

**Entrance Ant.:** *If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.*

**Psalm:** *The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.*

**Gospel Acc.:** *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!* (Jubilate Deo)

**Offertory:** 603 Now Thank We All Our God

**Communion Ant.:** *The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.*

**Communion:** 836 Panis Angelicus / Holy & Living Bread

**Recessional:** 463 Hail, Redeemer, King Divine

**Marian Anthem:** 486 Ave Maria



**Conductor:**  
**Animator:**  
**Cantor:**  
**Organist:**  
**On Leave:**  
**New Songs:**  
 Christus Vincit, Christus Regnat (Chant)

# Sts. Peter & Paul Choir

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## Understanding Church Documents

### Introduction to Tra le Sollecitudini (Pope St. Pius X, 1903)

Pius X also explicitly states that some forms of music are, by their very nature, not appropriate for liturgical use:

5. The Church has always recognized and favored the progress of the arts, admitting to the service of religion everything good and beautiful discovered by genius in the course of ages-always, however, with due regard to the liturgical laws. Consequently modern music is also admitted to the Church, since it, too, furnishes compositions of such excellence, sobriety and gravity, that they are in no way unworthy of the liturgical functions.

Still, since modern music has risen mainly to serve profane uses, greater care must be taken with regard to it, in order that the musical compositions of modern style which are admitted in the Church may contain nothing profane, be free from reminiscences of motifs adopted in the theaters, and be not fashioned even in their external forms after the manner of profane pieces.

6. Among the different kinds of modern music, that which appears less suitable for accompanying the functions of public worship is the theatrical style, which was in the greatest vogue, especially in Italy, during the last century. This of its very nature is diametrically opposed to Gregorian Chant and classic polyphony, and therefore to the most important law of all good sacred music. Besides the intrinsic structure, the rhythm and what is known as the conventionalism of this style adapt themselves but badly to the requirements of true liturgical music.

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## Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September: 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Reflection:** We celebrate the self-sacrificing love of Christ, the unfathomable wisdom of God, who was prepared to give up everything out of love for man. It seems like a tall order for us to do the things Jesus asks us to in the gospel. He is not looking for passive disciples, He is looking for people who are passionately desiring to become like Him. Say you loved your dog, would you forsake everything you have and become a dog so that you can share the animal instincts of a dog with your pet? Well, that's what the Son of God did when he came down to become Jesus. He gave up everything for us.

**Entrance:** Organ prelude (585 Praise to the Lord)

**Entrance Ant.:** *You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.*

**Ordinaries:** Mass VIII (de Angelis)

**Psalm:** *O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.*

**Gospel Acc.:** *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!* (Jubilate Deo)

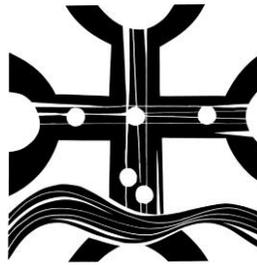
**Offertory:** 737 God, Whose Glory Reigns Eternal

**Communion Ant.:** *Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.*

**Communion:** 454 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

**Recessional:** 712 There's A Wideness in God's Mercy

**Marian Anthem:** 485 Salve, Regina (Simple Tone)



**Conductor:** Kenneth

**Cantor:** Valerie  
**Organist:** David

**On Leave:** Chris, Ann

**New Songs:**  
O Salutaris Hostia (Chant)

836 Panis Angelicus / Holy & Living Bread

486 Ave Maria

## Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> September: 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Reflection:** It seems a nagging message – one cannot have two masters – be enslaved to money, or be a Servant of God. But all the riches of the world was firstly created and given by God to man so as to benefit the well being of man and his neighbour. It is sad that the goodness of God becomes corrupted by the excesses of man. We seek more in material because that's where we find security, The riches of this world cannot be compared to the riches of eternal life. If we can be good stewards over what God has given us, then what better stewards will we be when we receive eternal life?

**Entrance:** Organ prelude (462 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name)

**Entrance Ant.:** *I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.*

**Psalm:** *Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.*

**Gospel Acc.:** *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!* (Jubilate Deo)

**Offertory:** 547 Be Still My Soul

**Communion Ant.:** *You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.*

**Communion:** 717 Christians Let Us Love One Another

**Recessional:** 469 The King of Kings, Christ Jesus Reigns

**Marian Anthem:** 485 Salve, Regina (Simple Tone)



**Conductor:** Benjamin

**Cantor:** Ann  
**Organist:** Vincent

**On Leave:** Chris, Kenneth

**New Songs:**  
836 Panis Angelicus / Holy & Living Bread

486 Ave Maria

## Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> September: 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Reflection:** Jesus Christ is like the second Moses. He has come to ransom us from the chains of sin through His death and resurrection so that all of us can be in communion with the Father in the Garden of Eden again. Jesus shows us that the mercy of the Father is immense. When a soul repents and starts his/her journey back to the Father, there will be great rejoicing. Will you repent of your ways and begin your journey back to the Father? Or if you see yourself already rejoicing in the presence of God, will you also join in the celebrations when someone else encounters God?

**Entrance:** Organ prelude (712 There's A Wideness in God's Mercy)

**Entrance Ant.:** *Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.*

**Ordinaries:** Mass VIII (de Angelis)

**Psalm:** *I will leave this place and go to my Father.*

**Gospel Acc.:** *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!* (Jubilate Deo)

**Offertory:** 699 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

**Communion Ant.:** *The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.*

**Communion:** O Salutaris Hostia (Chant)

**Recessional:** 462 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



**Conductor:** Kenneth

**Cantor:** Chris  
**Organist:** Valerie

**On Leave:** Ann

**New Songs:**  
836 Panis Angelicus / Holy & Living Bread

486 Ave Maria

## Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> September: 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Reflection:** This week's readings seem to continue in the same fashion as last weeks message. Do not be blinded by earthly wealth and pleasures, instead, look to how you can share with the less fortunate what you have because the wealth that has been given to you is also meant to be a blessing to someone else. Everything that we possess in our earthly life is only temporary, and it is with us to help us grow as a child of God in our journey to the Father. How you use your possessions will determine the kind of "heaven" you shall receive.

**Entrance:** Organ prelude (469 The King of Kings, Christ Jesus Reigns)

**Entrance Ant.:** *All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.*

**Psalm:** *My soul give praise to the Lord.*  
**Gospel Acc.:** *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!* (Jubilate Deo)

**Offertory:** 856 Abide With Me

**Communion Ant.:** *Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.*

**Communion:** 836 Panis Angelicus / Holy & Living Bread

**Recessional:** Misericordes sicut Pater

**Marian Anthem:** 485 Salve, Regina (Simple Tone)



**Conductor:** Chris

**Cantor:** Helen  
**Organist:** Kenneth & Jacqueline

**On Leave:** Ann

**New Songs:**  
486 Ave Maria