

Saturday, 4th March: 1st Sunday of Lent
No Organ. No Gloria. No Alleluia.

Reflection: We celebrate Christ, the second Adam, who overcame temptation and sin, and by His obedience won back the world to God. Jesus displays full faith and dependence on God. As He was given the heavenly affirmation through His baptism that He is the messiah, He was struggling to make sense of His supposed divinity and His obedience to the Father. Observe how His reliance on faith in God renews the original plan that God had for Adam – for man to depend on God, rather than to fall into the temptation of deciding and inventing, what is good and evil by the standards of this world.



Entrance: 346 *Attende Domine* (Refrain Latin / Verses English)

Entrance Ant.: *When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.*

Ordinaries: *Kyrie Mass XVI, Sanctus & Agnus Dei Mass XVIII*

Psalms: *Have mercy on us O Lord, for we have sinned.*

Gospel Acc.: *Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!*

Offertory: 348 *This Season Calls Us*

Communion Ant.: *One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.*

Communion: 650 *Christ Be Beside Me*

Recessional: 344 *Parce Domine*

Marian Anthem: *Ave Regina Caelorum*

Conductor:

**Cantor:
Organist:**

On Leave:

New Songs:

Saturday, 11th March: 2nd Sunday of Lent
No Organ. No Gloria. No Alleluia.

Reflection: Our natural inclination is to stay where we are, to make a tent and settle comfortably. But God is continually urging us on to a land He will show us. We follow our transfigured Lord in faith, putting our trust in Him and bearing His hardships for the sake of the Good News He has brought us. The Transfiguration is still a mystery to many, and we try to grasp an understanding of it to apply to our lives. Since even Jesus was physically transformed in the glory of God, how will you be transformed when you encounter the reality of God's love for you in your life?



Entrance: 348 *This Season Calls Us*

Entrance Ant.: *Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.*

Ordinaries: *Kyrie Mass XVI, Sanctus & Agnus Dei Mass XVIII*

Psalms: *May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.*

Gospel Acc.: *Glory and praise to you, O Christ!*

Offertory: 353 *Again We Keep This Solemn Feast*

Communion Ant.: *This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.*

Communion: 650 *Christ Be Beside Me*

Recessional: 344 *Parce Domine*

Marian Anthem: *Ave Regina Caelorum*

Conductor:

**Cantor:
Organist:**

On Leave:

New Songs:

CONNECT WITH US AT:



www.sppchoir.org



www.facebook.com/sppchoir

February 2017
Year A

Sts. Peter & Paul Choir

LITURGY BITS

REFLECTIONS

MASS PLANNER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Understanding Church Documents

The Sacred Congregation of Rites and De Musica Sacra (1958)

The Vatican's Sacred Congregation of Rites (SCR) in 1958 issued an implementing document for Pius XII's *Musicae Sacrae*, titled *De Musica Sacra*. The SCR classified sacred music according to the following breakdown:

4. By "sacred music" is meant:
 - a) Gregorian chant;
 - b) sacred polyphony;
 - c) modern sacred music;
 - d) sacred organ music;
 - e) popular religious singing;
 - f) religious music.

De Musica Sacra went on to say that the first two kinds of music, Gregorian chant and sacred polyphony, are acceptable in the Sacred Liturgy. The third kind, "modern sacred music," which is a modern form of polyphony that sometimes uses musical instruments, can be used if it is "pious and preserve[s] a religious character."

The fourth kind, "Sacred organ music," which is music for the organ only, can be used "if the laws of sacred music are scrupulously observed." The fifth kind, called "popular religious singing," which consists of traditional vernacular hymns, is not to be used in the liturgy unless "it cannot prudently be discontinued because of the circumstances of the locality or the people."

The sixth kind, called simply "religious music" *absolutely cannot be used in the Liturgy*. Here's the way *De Musica Sacra* put it:

10. By "religious music" is meant that which, either because of the intention of the composer or because of the subject and purpose of the composition, is intended to express and arouse pious and religious sentiments and is therefore 'most salutary to religion.' But, since it is not destined for divine cult and is expressed in a very free form, it is not admitted to liturgical functions.

Saturday, 4th February: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Reflection: The Church is a light shining in the darkness of the world. How much more brightly would that light shine "If we who are Christians were really like Christ? The First Reading exhorts all virtues of Christian living – not merely in a spiritual sense, but to allow the spiritual disposition to manifest in the physical expression of our faith. In our kindness & charity to others, we become witnesses of compassion to others. It is the face of Jesus we bring to others. And that is the light of hope – the Light of Christ. What good is a Christian if he is unable to be a witness of the light of Christ to others?

Entrance: 585 Praise To The Lord

Entrance Ant.: *O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.*

Ordinaries: Kyrie Mass XVI, Sanctus & Agnus Dei Mass XVIII

Psalm: *The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.*

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

Offertory: 641 O Christ, Our Teacher

Communion Ant.: *Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.*

Communion: 454 Draw Near & Take the Body of the Lord

Recessional: 594 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Marian Anthem: Ave Regina Caelorum

Conductor: Kenneth
Cantor: Ann
Organist: David

On Leave: Chris

New Songs:

Saturday, 18th February: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Reflection: We cannot celebrate the Lord of Love without resolving to be more like him; for we are built into him like stones in a living Temple erected to give glory to God. We belong to Christ. Therefore, let the words of God to Moses echo in our hearts: "Be Holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy." Jesus reminds us, that if we are to be sons of God, we ought to strive to be as He is: Love unconditional to all – friend and foe, self and neighbour.

Entrance: 570 All People That On Earth Do Dwell (SATB)

Entrance Ant.: *O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.*

Ordinaries: Kyrie Mass XVI, Sanctus & Agnus Dei Mass XVIII

Psalm: *The Lord is compassion and love.*

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

Offertory: 699 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Communion Ant.: *I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.*

Communion: 808 Shepherd of Souls (SATB)

Recessional: 594 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

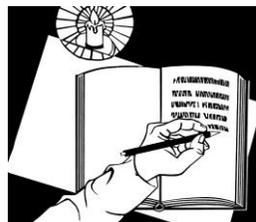
Marian Anthem: Ave Regina Caelorum

Conductor: Ben
Cantor: Helen
Organist: Jacq

On Leave: Ann, Denyse

New Songs:

Saturday, 11th February: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Reflection: The law of Christ is unlike any human law; it contains the hidden wisdom of God. To follow God's law – as did the Pharisees – is merely following the letter of the law. But in the Gospel's fulfilment of the First Reading, we see that Jesus did not come to abolish the law, but to perfect it. Ecclesiasticus reminds us that God, as the law, will judge all of man's OUTWARD actions. Jesus reminds us that even our intentions shall be judged: for in our intentions present the truth behind our actions. Hence do not be as like the Pharisees who focus on a show of their obedience. Rather, obey

Entrance: 567 God We Praise You

Entrance Ant.: *Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.*

Ordinaries: Kyrie Mass XVI, Sanctus & Agnus Dei Mass XVIII

Psalm: *They are happy who follow God's law!*

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

Offertory: 647 Lord of All Hopefulness

Communion Ant.: *They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.*

Communion: 808 Shepherd of Souls

Recessional: 594 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Marian Anthem: Ave Regina Caelorum

Conductor: Kenneth
Cantor: Denyse
Organist: Jacq Lim

On Leave:

New Songs:

Saturday, 25th February: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Reflection: We are cherished by the tremendous love of God, above every human love. We pray that we may be able to surrender to this love in perfect trust. Jesus reminds us of the message in the First Reading, God will never forget us. While we worry about the needs of life, His providence supplies us what we also truly need: the Kingdom of God. The Prayer after Communion exhorts this supplication in the words: "nourished by your saving gifts, we beseech your mercy, Lord, that by this same Sacrament with which you feed us in the present age, you may make us partakers of life eternal.

Entrance: 570 All People That On Earth Do Dwell (SATB)

Entrance Ant.: *The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.*

Ordinaries: Kyrie Mass XVI, Sanctus & Agnus Dei Mass XVIII

Psalm: *In God alone is my soul at rest.*

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

Offertory: 647 Lord of All Hopefulness

Communion Ant.: *I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.*

Communion: 856 Abide With Me (SATB)

Recessional: 603 Now Thank We All Our God

Marian Anthem: Ave Regina Caelorum

Conductor: Ken
Cantor: Chris
Organist: Vincent

On Leave: Ann

New Songs: