

**Reflection:** The Prophet Jeremiah was reluctant to continue being a servant of the Lord (from the first reading) because of the suffering that he had to bear in the name of God. But he realizes that his love for God burns much stronger and deeper that he cannot continue hiding from God. In Jesus too we see how He had to face the realization and the difficulty of facing His cross. Yet He is able to choose what is justified in the Father's eyes and to turn away from temptation that may come even through the secular compassion of men. What is your cross? How are you facing it? Have you hidden from Him?



**Entrance:** 578 All Creatures of Our God and King (SATB)

**Entrance Ant.:** *Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.*

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

**Psalm:** *For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.*

**Gospel Acc.:** *May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.*

**Offertory:** 647 Lord of All Hopefulness (SATB)

**Communion Ant.:** *How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.*

**Communion:** 825 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (SATB)

**Recessional:** 462 All Hail the Power of Jesus Name (SATB)

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

**Conductor:**

**Cantor:  
Organist:**

**On Leave:**

**New Songs:**

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# Sts. Peter & Paul Choir

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## Liturgy Bits

*What is the Assumption all about and how did it originate?*

The Solemnity of the Assumption marks the event of Mary assuming into heaven with her body and soul intact. This ancient tradition dates to before the 4<sup>th</sup> Century. It is said that she died in the presence of the apostles, and when St. Thomas asked for her tomb to be open, it was empty. Hence the belief that Mary was taken up to heaven in her entirety. However, very little was documented to proof the event of her assumption, and we know little about where this might have taken place.

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII declared the Assumption of Mary as a dogma in the Apostolic Constitution "*Munificentissimus Deus*". The Solemnity of the Assumption on August 15 was celebrated in the Eastern Church from the 6<sup>th</sup> Century from whom the Catholic Church adopted the date.

More importantly rather, is that Mary's life is an example of Christian living, and her assumption into heaven echoes Jesus's earlier resurrection. Such an episode awaits us (the faithful) who upon death, hope for the resurrection of our souls into heaven as well.

Lead your lives such that your prize is your own assumption into heaven.



## Announcements

- Fr. Joseph's 25<sup>th</sup> Sacerdotal Anniversary (August 5<sup>th</sup>, Saturday)**  
Feel free to congratulate Fr. Joseph Koh, OCD for his 25<sup>th</sup> Sacerdotal Anniversary. Any love offering to him would bless him for his medical bills as well as for his living expenses. The parish is organizing a dinner at the Carlton Hotel to celebrate this event. The cost for each Table of 10 is \$1,000. Feel free to approach the parish office for tickets.
- Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday)**  
The Solemnity of the Assumption is a Day of Obligation. Vigil Masses on the evening of Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> (usual weekday Mass timings), actual day Masses are on Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. Please check [www.catholic.sg](http://www.catholic.sg) for Mass timings for the diocese.
- Recording for SPP CHOIR**  
We're scheduling 2 recording sessions in September & October for the choir for the following selected pieces:
  - O Sacrum Convivium
  - Ave Maris Stella
  - Lead Me Lord
  - Otche Nash
  - Puer Natus Est
  - Still, Still, Still
  - Gloria (Vivaldi)
  - Angels We Have Heard On High



**Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> August: Transfiguration / 18<sup>th</sup> Ord Sun**  
**25<sup>th</sup> Sacerdotal Anniversary of Fr. Joseph Koh, OCD**

**Reflection:** We celebrate the love of God that not only gives us life, but also sustains that life with the food of the Eucharist. And the Eucharist is the love of God made visible in Christ our Lord. To many, God is a mystery – is He a fearsome God, a powerful angry being, or a deity who is appeased by offering and sacrifices, granting favours and prayers of the persistent faithful? The image of God is seen in Jesus and His life. Jesus loves us so much that even when He is tired, He will still nourish our needs, heal us and satisfy our hunger. Are we patient with the people who are in need too?

**Entrance:** **508 Church of God Elect & Glorious (SATB)**

**Entrance Ant.:** *O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.*

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

**Psalm:** *You open wide your hand, O Lord, you grant our desires.*

**Gospel Acc.:** *You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.*

**Offertory:** **669 We Walk By Faith (SATB)**

**Communion Ant.:** *Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.*

**Communion:** **Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated (SATB)**

**Sacerdotal BI:** **Tu es Sacerdos (SATB)**

**Recessional:** **578 All Creatures of Our God & King (SATB)**  
**Marian Anthem:** 485 Salve Regina (Simple Tone)



**Conductor:**

**Cantor:**  
**Organist:**

**On Leave:**

**New Songs:**

**Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> August: 20<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday**

**Reflection:** God is God of the entire world, of Christians and non-Christians alike. However, looking at the Gospel, we might be surprised to see Jesus lacking in compassion to the Canaanite woman. We might argue that this is proof of Jesus' humanity – giving in to the "Jew" in him who struggles to accept their enemies (the Canaanites). Yet what is beautiful is that He overcomes the social norms and ministers to the woman who persevered in faith. A faith in Jesus that should have originated deeper from the people He came to save – the Jews. What about "God" do you still struggle in faith?

**Entrance:** **567 God We Praise You (SATB)**

**Entrance Ant.:** *Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.*

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

**Psalm:** *Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.*

**Gospel Acc.:** *The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me.*

**Offertory:** **589 O God Beyond All Praising (SATB)**

**Communion Ant.:** *With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.*

**Communion:** **825 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (SATB)**

**Recessional:** 715 God Is Love  
**Marian Anthem:** 485 Salve Regina (Simple Tone)



**Conductor:**

**Cantor:**  
**Organist:**

**On Leave:**

**New Songs:**

**Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> August: 19<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday**

**Reflection:** It is a beautiful message we draw from both Elijah's and Peter's experience with God in their lives. There can be problems: earthquakes, fires, strong winds – and these work to distract us, to beat our spirits down, to doubt, and ultimately lose faith and sight of God's presence in our lives. We search for secular solutions instead of surrendering to Jesus. We trust our own abilities and knowledge better than the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Do not forget that God's promise to us is that He will never leave you on your own. Can you identify your "earthquakes" and your "strong winds"?

**Entrance:** **463 Hail Redeemer King Divine**

**Entrance Ant.:** *Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.*

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

**Psalm:** *Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.*

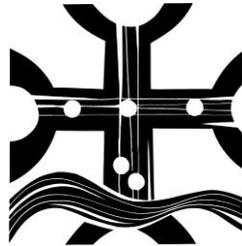
**Gospel Acc.:** *Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!*

**Offertory:** **669 We Walk By Faith**

**Communion Ant.:** *O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.*

**Communion:** **825 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (SATB)**

**Recessional:** **569 From All That Dwell Below the Skies (SATB)**  
**Marian Anthem:** 485 Salve Regina (Simple Tone)



**Conductor:**

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**Organist:**

**On Leave:**

**New Songs:**

**Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> August: 21<sup>st</sup> Ordinary Sunday**

**Reflection:** The name "Eliakim" means "whom God will raise up", and then we see in the Gospel, Jesus raising up Peter. This revelation of Peter that Jesus is the "Son of Man" was a gradual "raising up", not an eureka moment. Peter had possibly been contemplating and reflecting: "Who are you? Who are you who turn water into wine, who walk on water, who the storm obeys, who the dead listen and are raised? Who are you?" And when the Holy Spirit reveals this to Peter, Jesus confers the leadership to Peter as an affirmation of Peter's enlightenment. Who is Jesus to you?

**Entrance:** **567 God We Praise You (SATB)**

**Entrance Ant.:** *Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.*

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

**Psalm:** *Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.*

**Gospel Acc.:** *God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled.*

**Offertory:** **647 Lord Of All Hopefulness (SATB)**

**Communion Ant.:** *The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.*

**Communion:** 836 Panis Angelicus

**Recessional:** **462 All Hail The Power of Jesus Name (SATB)**  
**Marian Anthem:** 485 Salve Regina (Simple Tone)



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**Cantor:**  
**Organist:**

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