

Reflection: Peter & Paul and the lessons they had to learn – not just about Christ, but also about themselves – have prepared them, and built them to undertake the mission that was entrusted to them. So compelled they were to live a life for Christ, out of love for Him and the people they have been called to reach out to, that they were both martyred for their faith. How has God been preparing you, and entrusting you as a witness of his love? Have you reciprocated with the commitment displayed by Peter & Paul? Ask for God to fill you with his love and thus compel you to practice

Entrance: 495 Two Noble Saints

Entrance Ant.: Peter the Apostle, and Paul the teacher of the Gentiles, these have taught us your law, O Lord.

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

Psalm: Their word goes forth through all the earth.

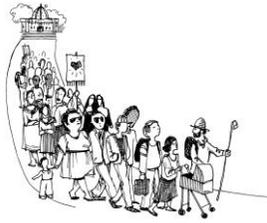
Gospel Acc.: Prepare a way for the Lord. Make his paths straight and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Offertory: 504 For All The Saints

Communion Ant.: Simon Son of John, do you love me more than these? Lord you know everything; you know that I love you.

Communion: 808 Shepherd of Souls
Recessional: 428 Hail Thee Festival Day

Marian Anthem: 485 Salve Regina



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The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Christians have long interpreted the life of John the Baptist as a preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ, and the circumstances of his birth, as recorded in the New Testament, are miraculous. John's pivotal place in the gospel is seen in the emphasis Luke gives to the announcement of his birth and the event itself, both set in prominent parallel to the same occurrences in the life of Jesus.

The Nativity of John the Baptist on June 24 comes three months after the celebration on March 25 of the Annunciation, when the angel Gabriel told Mary that her cousin Elizabeth was in her sixth month of pregnancy, and six months before the Christmas celebration of the birth of Jesus. The purpose of these festivals is not to celebrate the exact dates of these events, but simply to commemorate them in an interlinking way.

The Nativity of John the Baptist anticipates the feast of Christmas. The Nativity of John the Baptist is one of the oldest festivals of the Christian church, being listed by the Council of Agde in 506 as one of that region's principal festivals.

The reformer Martin Luther wrote a hymn about baptism, "Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam", which became associated with the Baptist's day. The feast was celebrated in Lutheran Leipzig, Johann Sebastian Bach composed three church cantatas for the occasion, especially a chorale cantata on Luther's hymn:

- Ihr Menschen, rühmet Gottes Liebe, BWV 167, 24 June 1723
- Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam, BWV 7, 24 June 1724
- Freue dich, erlöste Schar, BWV 30, 24 June 1738 or a later year

Announcements

- 1. Corpus Christi: Saturday 3 June 2018**
Candlelight procession of the Blessed Sacrament after the Mass, followed by overnight adoration. SPP Choir will be serving the Mass. Do feel free to participate in the adoration after the Mass.
- 2. Members not going to KL: Saturday 9 June 2018**
Martin Wu, conductor from 11am Mass (St. Cecilia's Choir) will lead the music for the Mass. Choristers not going to KL please sing for the Mass and take direction from Martin.
- 3. SPP Choir Dinner: Saturday 30 June 2018**
Please feel free to join us for a dinner at Redpan Marina Square after SPP Feast Day Mass.
- 4. SPP Choir Polo T-shirt**
All members of SPP Choir are to purchase one piece of the Choir polo t-shirt at \$20. Please see Michelle Wu or Christopher See to acquire a piece.



Saturday, 2nd June: Corpus Christi

Reflection: We often see the symbolism of blood being used in the covenants of God: the sacrifice of Isaac (Genesis), the Passover with the Hebrews (Exodus), the blood used on the Book of the Covenant (1st Reading), Jesus' crucifixion (inference from today's Gospel). Even today, "blood" is used symbolically in binding commitments. Think of the first time the husband and wife consummate their marriage and the hymen is torn; or when the mother gives birth to her child. As we celebrate the covenant of Jesus in his Body and Blood, reflect on how we are keeping our covenants with God.

Entrance: 458 Alleluia Sing to Jesus

Entrance Ant.: *He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.*

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

Psalm: *The cup of salvation I will raise, I will call on the Lord's name.*

Sequence: Lauda Sion Salvatorem

Gospel Acc.: *I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.*

Offertory: 804 Lord Who At Thy First Eucharist

Communion Ant.: *Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.*

Communion: 806 Ave Verum Corpus (Chant)

Recessional: 469 The King of Kings Christ Jesus Reigns

Marian Anthem: 485 Salve Regina



Conductor:

**Cantor:
Organist:**

On Leave:

Pre-Mass Chorale:

Saturday, 16th June: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection: If we have seen the majesty of huge tropical Rain trees, or the Tembusu tree, or the great American Oaks, we would better appreciate the metaphors used in today's readings. How old these big trees must be – weathering the storms and the lash of rainfall, the scorching sun, yet sheltering the birds, animals and insects, while bearing fruit through the seasons – notwithstanding the threat of disease or being cut down for land development. Pray for strength in faith that can weather the times of trial & persecution during unpopular moments, and also yet be an inspiration to guide those

Entrance: 446 All Hail Adored Trinity

Entrance Ant.: *O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!*

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

Psalm: *It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.*

Gospel Acc.: *I call you friends says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.*

Offertory: 406 Three Days

Communion Ant.: *There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.*

Communion: 407 At The Lamb's High Feast

Recessional: 438 Come Down O Love Divine

Marian Anthem: 485 Salve Regina



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**Cantor:
Organist:**

On Leave:

Pre-Mass Chorale:

Saturday, 9th June: 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection: In Mary we see the fullness of redemption. Today we celebrate with her, who did the will of God throughout her life and who was the first whom God raised with Jesus and put by his side. In the first reading, we see the stage set for the New Eve and the New Adam, and the animosity between the woman and the serpent. The Gospel reiterates this again when Jesus tells us that the New Eve and the New Adam remain unified in God's house, and continue to purge against Satan. Mary remains our example of the one who does the will of God.

Entrance: 458 Alleluia Sing To Jesus

Entrance Ant.: *The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life, whom shall I dread? When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.*

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

Psalm: *With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.*

Gospel Acc.: *If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.*

Offertory: 699 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (OCP version)

Communion Ant.: *The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my saving strength.*

Communion: 804 Lord Who At Thy First Eucharist

Recessional: 438 Come Down O Love Divine

Marian Anthem: 485 Salve Regina



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Pre-Mass Chorale:

Saturday, 23rd June: Nativity of St. John the Baptist (Vigil Mass)

Reflection: The birthday of John the Baptist is one of the oldest Christian feasts. Today we celebrate the cousin of Jesus, Elizabeth's son, the prophet who baptised Jesus in the Jordan, the forerunner, specially chosen by God to be the herald of the Saviour and to prepare the people for his coming. All the readings for the day underline the one who "prepares the way for the Lord, making his path straight." We are familiar with this same call in the first 2 weeks of Advent. Similarly, John the Baptist is the Advent of Jesus the Christ. How do we live our lives as this witness, this Advent of the Lord?

Entrance: 494 The Great Forerunner of the Morn (Reminder to bring)

Entrance Ant.: *He will be great in the sight of the Lord and will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb; and many will rejoice at his birth.*

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

Psalm: *From my mother's womb, you have been my help.*

Gospel Acc.: *He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, preparing for the Lord a people fit for him.*

Offertory: 504 For All The Saints

Communion Ant.: *Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel! He has visited his people and redeemed them.*

Communion: 808 Shepherd of Souls

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