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PETITIONS & THANKSGIVING LETTERS

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'Gird your loins, light your lamps?'

This Sunday's readings point to faith and the faithful being ready for God's call. Both Abraham (in the second reading from Hebrews 11) and the faithful and prudent steward (in the gospel reading from Luke 12) knew the heart of God. In faith, Abraham had obeyed God's orders and journeyed to a foreign land and in his old age had his offspring Isaac. When put to the test to sacrifice Isaac, he did not flinch and subsequently got back his son. God kept His promise and gave Abraham generations as many as the stars in the sky. The faithful steward in the second reading was alert and made sure he was ready for his master's return anytime.

Will we be ready when God calls or are we like the other servant who takes advantage of the master's delay to commit misdeeds - getting drunk and beating up other servants?

Do we live by the world's standard of "each to his own" or do we live by the word of God, ie doing the right thing, to be ready anytime when the Lord calls?

We can sometimes be schizophrenic, behaving differently in different contexts. I know that some people holding positions of authority may be difficult to their subordinates, sometimes being rude and unkind.

At home, they dote on their children. How would their Master treat them when He calls them home? Would he be like the master in the parable and give them a severe beating, because they should have known better?

How do we know who did the wrongdoing with full knowledge or with ignorance? We may not be able to discern but God knows. God is everything and in everything, so never underestimate God.

So how do we "gird our loins and light our lamps"? We need to take responsibility of the situation at hand. Whatever we do must not distract us from our end goal, ie to live with God.

- Being sensitive to the movements of the Holy Spirit - He may advise to take another path to stay safe;
- Stay humble - acknowledge that our gifts and talents are from God; and
- Make the word of God alive - actively read, pray and apply

If the master finds us vigilant, He would be the one to gird his loin to serve his faithful servants. Jesus had introduced to us the concept of servant leadership and we do not need to read management books to understand this idea of leading by example. The key takeaway is to "Be Ready" always.

A Reflection by Hope

Readings & responses for the week

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, 10 August	Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2,8-19; Lk 12:32-48 Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.
Monday 11 August St Clare, Virgin	Deut 10: 12-22. Mt 17:22-27 Our help is in the name of the Lord.
Tuesday 12 August St Jane Frances de Chantal	Deut 31:1-8 ; Mt 18:1-5.10.12-14 The Lord's portion was his people.
Wednesday 13 August Ss Pontian Pope, Hippolytus Priest, Martyrs.	Duet 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20 Blessed be God who gave life to my soul.
Thursday, 14 August St Maximillian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr	Josh 3:7-11,13-17; Mt 18:21-19;1 Alleluia!
Friday, 15 August The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Rev 11:19; 12:1-6,10; 1 Cor 15:20-27, Lk 1: 39-56 On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.
Saturday, 16 August The Blessed Virgin Mary	Josh 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15 You are my inheritance, O Lord

NOVENA DEVOTIONS ON SATURDAY

8.00am, 10.00am, 12.00pm, 4.00pm, 5.30pm

2.00pm (Mandarin)

MASS ON WEEKDAYS

12:15pm, 6.30pm

9.00am, 6.30pm Public Holiday

(confession will be 30 minutes before Mass)

MASS ON SATURDAY

7.00am, 6.30pm (Sunset)

MASS ON SUNDAY

8.00am, 10.00am, 12.00pm, 5.30pm
(confession will be 30 minutes before Mass)

SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES UPDATE

No booking is required. There will not be standing room allowed in the main church.

RECEPTION OPERATING HOURS

Monday to Friday 9.00am to 8.00pm

Lunch Hour 11.45am to 12.45pm

Saturday 7.30am to 8.00pm

Sunday 8.30am to 1.30pm & 4.30pm to 7.00pm

Closed on Public Holiday

GIFTSHOP OPERATING HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
10.30am to 6.30pm

Lunch Hour 12.15pm to 12.45pm

Saturday 8.30am to 6.30pm

Sunday 9.00am to 1.30pm

Closed on Thursday and Public Holiday

75 ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS



SEPT. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thurs, 4 Sept
Fri, 5 Sept

Theological & Missiological Symposium

9am - 6pm, Auditorium

Fri, 5 Sept

Novena Youth Rally 2025

6pm - 10pm, Novena Church

Sat, 6 Sept

The REDS Concert

8pm, Novena Church

Sun, 7 Sept

Novena Annual Procession 2025

4.15pm - 4.45pm, Pre-event:
Songs of Gratitude & Hope

5.00pm, Rosary Procession

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

15th August, Friday is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a day of obligation.

Masses are as follows:

14th August, Vigil (Thu) : 7.30pm
instead of 6:30pm

15th August (Fri): 12.15pm & 7.30pm
instead of 6:30pm.

ANNUAL PROCESSION APPEAL ENVELOPES

We kindly appeal for your generosity to support us in defraying the cost of our Annual Procession. You can donate through the special envelopes found around the church. Please drop off your love offerings in any church donation boxes. Thank you for your support.

CONSECRATION OF THE FAMILIES AT THE ANNUAL PROCESSION

Forms for Consecration of the Families are available at the Reception Lobby. After you have filled in the names of families for consecration, please drop the form in the boxes provided or scan the QR code.



75 ANNIVERSARY CONCERT



A REDEMPTORIST CONCERT '25

A night of music and songs to celebrate the Redemptorist Vocation and Mission.

Redemptorists from Thailand,
Malaysia, Singapore, Korea, Sri Lanka,
Philippines and Indonesia.

Saturday, 6th Sept 2025, 8pm
Church of St. Alphonsus