

PARISH MISSION 2009

AUGUST TO OCTOBER 2009

1. Preparation and Introduction

Weekends: 1 & 2 August: Fr. Peter Wee, CSSR
8 & 9 August: Fr. Simon Tan, CSSR
15 & 16 August: Fr. Paul Lim, CSSR

2. Triduum for the Feast of the Queenship of Mary

Theme : Journeying With Mary

Thursday, 20 August : In Her Openness to God's Will
Friday, 21 August : In Her Love For God
Saturday, 22 August : In Her Glory With God

Every night of the Triduum:
Thursday/Friday Mass : 8.00 p.m.
(7.30 p.m.: Confessions / Rosary)
Saturday Sunset Mass : 6.00 p.m.
(5.30 p.m.: Confessions / Rosary)

3. Continuing our Journey with Mary

Home Visits: 23 Aug to 22 Sep 2009

Home Visitation Programme:
Sunday & Monday : Visitation
Tuesday : Group Mass in Parish Hall
Wednesday & Thursday : Visitation
Friday : Group Mass in Parish Hall
Saturday is OFF day

4. Preached Mission Week: 26 Sep to 4 Oct 2009

5. Finale Mass & Fellowship Party: 4 Oct 2009

PARISH MISSION PRAYER



Almighty and ever living God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family of Saint Stephen.

We commend all priests and parishioners to you. We seek your special blessings during this special time of our parish mission.

Strengthen the faithful, encourage the fearful, affirm the doubtful, arouse the careless and restore the penitent. Empower all missionaries, priests and laity. Let our efforts be made in your Name and Spirit, bear abundant fruits of your Holy Spirit.

Grant us all things necessary for our common life, a deep and sure sense of belonging, and bring us all to be of one mind and heart within your holy church.

May the intercessions of our patron, Saint Stephen, bring us the joy of your blessings through Christ our Lord.

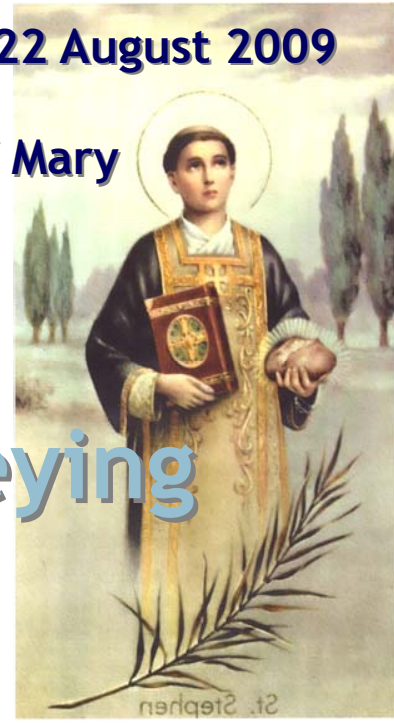
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FOLLOWING JESUS

Triduum: 20-22 August 2009
Feast of the Queenship of Mary



Journeying With Mary

To make time for these events is to make time for the Lord. "Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me." Rev. 3:20

OUR MISSION

Calling all parishioners
to active
participation in Church

A sense of belonging to
a community of unity
and love with Jesus in
our midst

A lively parish with
everyone as one big
family

Thursday, 20 August 2009
Journeying with Mary:
In Her Openness to God's Will
(1Sam 12:1-10, Rsp Psalm 124; Luke 1:46-51)

In a sense, Mary's journey of faith began when the Holy Spirit came down upon her and she became His faithful spouse at the Annunciation, welcoming the Word of the true God, offering the full submission of intellect and will . . . and freely assenting to the truth revealed by Him . . .

Indeed abandoning herself totally to God through the obedience of faith, when she replied to the angel: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word."

Friday, 21 August 2009
Journeying with Mary:
In Her Love For God
(1John 4:7-12, Rsp Psalm 99; John 19:25-27)

Jesus' first and most faithful disciple was Mary, his mother. Her discipleship involved courage, obedience, trust, faithfulness, and suffering, particularly when we acknowledge that she was as human as any of us.

In the journey of faith made by Mary, Jesus professed Mary's place as our Mother . . . Standing close to Jesus' cross were his Mother, his Mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleopas, and Mary Magdalene. Jesus saw his Mother and the disciple he loved standing there; so He said to his Mother, "He is your son" then he said to His disciple, "She is your Mother." From that time, the disciple took her to live in his home.

Mary's role in the Church – of bringing people together and to follow Jesus.

Saturday, 22 August 2009
Journeying with Mary:
In Her Glory With God
(Isaiah 9:1-6, Rsp Psalm 112; Luke 1:26-38)

The Virgin Mother is constantly present on this journey of faith of the People of God towards the light. This is shown in a special way by the canticle of the "Magnificat" which, having welled up from the depths of Mary's faith at the Visitation, ceaselessly re-echoes in the heart of the Church down the centuries. This is proved by its daily recitation in the liturgy of Vespers and at many other moments of both personal and communal devotion.

My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked on his servant in her
lowliness.

For behold, henceforth all generations
will call me blessed;
for he who is mighty has done great
things for me, and holy is his name;
And his mercy is from age to age on
those who fear him.

He has shown strength with his arm,
he has scattered the proud-hearted,
he has cast down the mighty from their
thrones,

and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good
things,
sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,
remembering his mercy,
as he spoke to our Fathers,
to Abraham and to his posterity for
ever"

(Luke 1:46-55)