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**Disciples
Making Disciples**

Costly Intentional Discipleship

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
30 Jun 2019

1 Kgs 19:16, 19 – 21

Gal 5:1, 13 – 18

Lk 9:51 – 62

In today's gospel, Jesus reminds us of the demands of following him – a following which would be "costly" to us wherever he may lead us to. However, if we allow ourselves to be led by the Holy Spirit, we will not only experience the joy of sonship, but also the freedom of a life of grace (cf. Rom 8:14, Gal 5:18).

Although there are approximately 1.2 billion baptised Catholics worldwide, many are sacramentalised but not evangelised as Sherry A. Weddell, the author of "Forming Intentional Disciples: The Path of Knowing and Following Jesus", observed. She said many Catholics receive the sacraments externally without the inner transformation and conversion, "If our pastoral practice is to be life changing, then we must be acutely aware that the reception of a valid sacrament and the fruitful reception of sacramental grace are two different but related issues. Validity means that the sacrament was truly bestowed and

the intended grace made truly present to the person receiving the sacrament. But validity does not guarantee that the grace made available has been actively received and is bearing fruit in that person's life."

In short, according to Weddell, an intentional disciple is one who has made a searching and deliberate act of the will to "drop the nets" as the apostles did. He or she has to make a conscious commitment to follow the Lord Jesus in the midst of his Church as an obedient disciple and to reorder one's life accordingly.

In Luke 8:13, Jesus tells us that if our disposition is like rocky ground, we may receive his Word with joy but we will fall away in times of trials and tribulations. Similarly, in today's gospel, Jesus challenged his disciples to "count the cost", so to speak, of being his disciple. To "count the cost" requires us to recognise and agree with some terms. We are urged not to be like the crowds in the gospels who loved Jesus' miracles, healing, and free food. They were more desirous of the material benefits that could be gained from him rather than know him more intimately and understand what he meant by wanting to give them "food that endures to eternal life" (Jn 6:27).

Following Jesus therefore also demands that we let go of our own inclinations. This may mean losing relationships, dreams, material things - or even our lives. When we choose to follow Jesus

for the sake of only getting our own plans fulfilled, we can be quite sure that we will put him away when the going gets tough. We must allow Jesus' saving plan to govern our lives if we want to be counted among his disciples, "Anyone who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple" (Lk 14:33).

Intentional Discipleship also extends beyond being disciplined, making sacrifices and performing mortifications to embracing what our Holy Father calls "missionary discipleship". In Pope Francis' first encyclical, *Evangelii Gaudium*, (The Joy of the Gospel), our Holy Father said, "Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus: we no longer say that we are 'disciples' and 'missionaries', but rather that we are always 'missionary disciples'...So what are we waiting for?"

It is commonly mistaken that being "missionary disciples" means giving up our careers and working in the slums. However, Opus Dei Founder, St Josemaría Escrivá, wrote in "In Love with the Church" - "Your daily encounter with Christ takes place where your fellow men, your yearnings, your work and your affections are. It is in the midst of the most material things of the earth that we must sanctify ourselves, serving God and all mankind... you must realise now, more clearly than ever that God is calling you to serve him in and from the ordinary, secular and civil activities of human life. He waits for us everyday, in the laboratory, in the operating theatre, in the army barracks, in the university chair, in the factory, in the workshop, in the fields, in the home and in all the immense panorama of work. Understand this well: there is something holy, something divine hidden in the most ordinary situations, and it is up to each one of you to discover it."



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Announcements

For announcements in the bulletin, send your requests to mmm@sfxchurch.sg by the MONDAY before the weekend, 2359hrs

PRIESTS ON RETREAT: NO MASS FROM 1 - 5 JUL

Our priests will be away from **1 - 5 Jul** for a retreat, please keep them in your prayer! There will be **no mass on these dates**, but **communion services at 6.30am and 6.30pm** instead.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTIONS

Collections from all masses this weekend (29-30 Jun) shall be donated to Peter's Pence to support the Holy Father in his concern for the Successor of St Peter's ministry to the universal Church, and for the relief of those most in need. Find out more: tinyurl.com/peterspence

PARISH FORMATION PROGRAMME 2019: WITNESS OF LIFE & TESTIMONY

We are always called to evangelise but often, the thought of doing so just scares us. But worry no more, and come attend the third module of our Parish Formation Programme on Evangelisation. Get some practical know-hows on the way to approach this and transform the task of evangelisation into a doable mission, and be active witnesses of Christ! Sign up now at <https://tinyurl.com/SFXModule3>!

Date: Mon 1 Jul
Time: 8pm - 10pm
Venue: Main Church

ACCED: BE CONTENT WITH WHAT YOU HAVE

An Evening of Prayer with the Songs of Taizé organised by the Archdiocesan Catholic Council for Ecumenical Dialogue (ACCED). Open to all Christian denominations. No prior registration required. Do invite your Christian friends to attend. Light refreshments will be served after the prayer. For more info, email info@acced.org.sg.

Date: Thu 1 Aug 2019
Time: 7.45pm - 9.30pm
Venue: Cathedral of the Good Shepherd

A PRAYER CONCERT: KENNY NGO - THE LORD DESERVES ALL PRAISE

Experience a night of prayer, praise, and worship with SFX parishioner Kenneth Ngo as he performs unique renditions of familiar hymns as well as his original songs. Titled "A Prayer Concert: Kenny Ngo - The Lord Deserves All Praise", Kenneth showcases his personal faith journey, and more importantly, he centres it around praising God as one Church, as God alone deserves all praise! While sharing his beautiful talent with us in an interactive way, Kenneth is also giving back to the parish as 100% of concert profits will go towards SFX's renovation fundraising. Come support him and get your tickets today!

Date: Sat 6 Jul
Time: 8pm - 9.45pm (Free seating - Doors open at 7.30pm)
Venue: SFX Main Church
Cost: \$20
Ticketing: Contact Lloyd 9827 6893, Melissa 9363 6516, Michael 9182 5495

Starting this weekend, booths will be set up before and after each mass for the reservation and purchase of tickets.

CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY 2019: JESUS! NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES!

Calling all young people aged 16 to 35 years old: Come join in the celebrations at Catholic Youth Day (CYD) 2019 organised by the Office for Young People (OYP)! We gather to celebrate our faith and also to experience our belonging to the wider Church. And to all who have been far from the Lord, the invitation is to come because the Lord desires for you!

Date & Time: Sat 20 Jul, 11am to Sun 21 Jul, 8.30am
Mass: Sat 20 Jul, 5.30pm (celebrated by Archbishop William Goh)
Venue: OYP (2 Lorong Low Koon S536449)

Do note that tickets are needed for the evening segment of 20 Jul (doors open at 4.30pm and begins with mass). Tickets cost \$15, and can be purchased at this link: <http://oyp.org.sg/product/cydtix/>

OYP: KICKSTART FOR UNI FRESHMEN

Entering the university this year? It's the season for the Freshmen Orientation Camps (FOCs) and the Office for Young People (OYP) encourages you to attend the universities' Catholic FOCs, or to get in touch with the university communities to kickstart your university life with a solid foundation - our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray that you may be "*rooted in him, built up on him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness*". (cf. Col 2:7).

We pray for a purposeful university life for you! For any enquiries, send email to ryan.oyp@catholic.org.sg.

NUS/NTU/Yale-Nus	8 - 11 Jul	SMU	30 Aug - 1 Sep
SIM/SUSS	2 - 4 Aug	SIT	17 Aug

OYP: GRADUATING UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' RETREAT 2019

How are we as we enter into this new season of our lives? What is God saying to us at this major crossroad? Come and spend some time with the Lord, as we retreat and pray through these important questions together. For more information, email to biqi.oyp@catholic.org.sg

Date & Time: 5 Jul (8pm) - 7 Jul (6pm)
Venue: Office for Young People (2 Lorong Low Koon, S536449)
Cost: \$60

CATHOLICSG RADIO

Have you heard about CatholicSG Radio? Visit radio.catholic.sg to listen to our live stream. Download the app now on both Google Play and Apple App Store using the search terms 'CatholicSG Radio'.

L9 Retreat

Discovering And Following Christ

51 of our L9 teens attended a 4 days, 3 nights retreat as part of their catechetical formation journey on 20-23 June. The retreat theme: ***Woman at the Well*** (John 4:7-42) reminds us that we are all searching for Jesus, our Lord and our living water. During the retreat, our teens were able to have a personal encounter with Christ, take ownership of their give of Faith, and to start living out the call to become "disciples making disciples".

As disciples of Christ, we too are reminded of the constant desire and need to meet Jesus at the well to receive our own living water. As our teens start to actively live out the mission call of Christ, let us continue to pray for them, that they may be inspired by their baptismal graces in their final year leading up to confirmation. Amen.





Corpus Christi

The Eucharist is the source and summit of the whole Christian life. The feast of Corpus Christi is a celebration of Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist. Mainly celebrated by Roman Catholics, the feast occurs in either late May or early June, on the first Thursday after Trinity Sunday (60 days after Easter).

Similar to the tradition of the early church, the SFX community held a procession on 23rd June to give public witness to the community's faith and devotion towards the sacrament of the Eucharist.

The solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ and its Eucharistic procession give us, as Pope Francis notes, "the joy not only of celebrating" the glorious mystery of the Eucharist, "but also of praising him and singing in the streets of our city." They allow us to "express our gratitude for ... nourishing us with his love through the Sacrament of his Body and the Blood."

– Extract from simplycatholic.com



Looking for more Information?
visit www.sfxchurch.sg!

Mass Timings

WEEKEND MASSES

Sat Sunset:
5.30pm (Novena at 4.45pm)
Sun: 7am, 9am, 11am & 5.30pm
Confession 15 mins before Sunday Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon - Fri:
6.30am & 6.30pm
Sat: 6.30am

MASS ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

8.30am *only*

HOLY HOUR

8.30pm, every first Thurs of the month

Opening Hours

PARISH OFFICE

Mon - Fri:
9am - 9pm
Sat: 9am - 7pm
Sun: 8am - 1pm

ADORATION ROOM

Temporarily closed

LIBRARY

Temporarily closed

COLUMBARIUM

Temporarily closed

CANTEEN

Temporarily closed

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK



The sacrament can be administered to any Catholic awaiting serious surgery, suffering from serious illness or weakened by old age. Anointing may be given before admission for the anticipated medical procedure. Contact the Parish Office to request for a priest. In emergencies, priests of the church nearest to the hospital can be contacted.

INFANT BAPTISM



Baptism of Infants is held every 2nd Sunday of the odd month at 4pm in the main church. Preparation session for both parents and godparents is held the Sunday before at 3.30pm in the SFX room. For more information please check with the Parish Office.

FUNERAL



Please check with the Parish Office for priest availability and Mass timing before confirming the timing at the crematorium. For prayers at the wake, please contact St.Pio prayer group via the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE



Contact the Parish Office 12 months before your intended date to book the church premises and ensure that your presiding priest is able to make that date. Church unavailable from 1 Nov 2018 due to renovations.

MASS OFFERING



Mass offering envelopes are available outside the Parish Office. Submit your envelopes at least two weeks in advance of your intended date. Please write the names clearly, and in block letters.

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