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*Making Disciples*



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## Where is Christ's Throne?

Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe  
24 Nov 2019

2 Sam 5:1-3  
Col 1:12-20  
Lk 23:35-43

On this last Sunday of the liturgical year as we celebrate the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, many of us may have an image of Christ enthroned "up there" in heaven – now "safe" from earth which gave him a horrendous "welcome" by crucifying him.

If this is our immediate image of today's Solemnity, the choice of today's gospel will puzzle us. The Liturgy gives us a gospel seemingly devoid of kingship and glory. Luke tells us that as Christ hung crucified between two thieves, people were simply "watching Jesus", the religious leaders "jeered at him", the soldiers "mocked him too" saying, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself." (Lk 23:35)

Where in this account is Christ's majestic throne and mighty power?

Christ's crucifixion, in fact, reveals most gloriously Christ's power and majesty according to Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI because Christ transformed the cross into his *throne*, "...on the Cross, Jesus is exalted to the very 'height' of the God who is Love...In fact, while the Lord... is between two wrong-doers, one of them, aware of his sins, opens himself to truth, arrives at faith and prays...'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom'... the so-called 'Good Thief' straight

away receives forgiveness and the joy of entering the Kingdom of Heaven. 'Truly...today you will be with me in Paradise'. With these words, Jesus, from the *throne* of the Cross welcomes every human being with infinite mercy." (Angelus, 21 Nov 2010)

The figure of the innocent yet grievously suffering Christ had moved the "Good Thief" to repentance and recognition of Jesus as the Son of God. From the cross, Jesus also prayed that God would forgive the people's indifference, the religious leaders' envy and the soldiers' drunken cruelty – "for they do not know what they are doing" (Lk 23:34). St Paul tells us in today's second reading that Jesus "made peace by his death on the cross." (Col 1:20) In a sense, we are like the Good Thief each time we go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation – it is often in our foolishness or weakness that we commit sin but with our sincere repentance, absolution is always granted, we are healed by Christ and must endeavor to progress in the life of the Spirit (cf CCC 1458).

From his cross-*throne*, Christ also gave us the Eucharist to help us progress in this life of the Spirit. He prepared this at the Last Supper and poured himself out to give us eternal life in him as Pope Emeritus explains, "The Cross is already anticipated in [the Last Supper]. For when Christ gives his Body and his Blood...this assumes that he is really giving up his life. In that sense, these words are the inner act of the Cross, which occurs when God transforms this external violence against him into an act of self-donation to mankind.



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- Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

And something else is anticipated here, the Resurrection. You cannot give anyone dead flesh, dead body to eat. Only because he is going to rise again are his Body and his Blood new. It is no longer cannibalism but union with the living, risen Christ that is happening here." (God and the World: A Conversation with Peter Seewald, p333)

"God turn[ed] murder into salvation" says the Catechism (CCC 312). Today, as we receive our Lord in Holy Communion, let us properly enthrone him – not "up there" and away from us but intimately close because he loves us. Let him be enthroned and reign in our minds, our wills, our hearts and our bodies (cf *Quas Primas* 33). As Christ was on the cross for us, let us be the same for others. St Paul says this is possible because we have "the strength based on his own glorious power, never to give in, but to bear anything joyfully...[because] in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins." (cf Lk 9:34; Col 1:11,14)

## Announcements

For announcements in the bulletin, send your requests to [mmm@sfxchurch.sg](mailto:mmm@sfxchurch.sg) by the MONDAY before the weekend, 2359hrs

### SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Come and join us to spend an hour of grace in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary on **Mon 9 Dec, 12pm sharp - 1pm** at the **Main Church**. Led by St Pio Ministry. All are welcome.

### GIFT: CHRISTMAS CONCERT BY SFX YOUTH CHOIR

Our very own Youth Choir is putting up a Christmas concert on **Sat 21 Dec, 8pm** at the **Main Church**! Titled "Gift", our Youth Choir will showcase and harmonise their beautiful voices to our all-time favourite hymns and carols. Tickets are priced at \$20 each. More details for ticket sales will be announced soon.



### SSVP DONATION DRIVE

Help a friend in need with Gifts of Love! Donations of new and used items of good quality are welcome. Donated items will go on sale at the SSVP Shop at 501 Geylang Road. Thank you for your support.



**Donation Day:** Sun 8 Dec  
**Time:** 8.30am - 2pm  
**Venue:** St Anne's Church

### CHRISTMAS CARD MAILING LIST

Have you changed your address? Are you new to the parish? Never gotten an SFX Christmas Card? Please update your address and any other details with the parish office or send an email to [secretariat@sfxchurch.sg](mailto:secretariat@sfxchurch.sg). We want to make sure you get your Christmas card!

TRIDUUM & FEAST DAY 2019

# THANKSGIVING

BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

24 NOV (SUN)

MASS FOR THE ELDERLY & SICK WITH ANOINTING  
*Confession 1.15PM, Mass and Anointing 2PM*

Celebrant: Fr Benjamin Eishu (Myanmar)

28 NOV (THU)	29 NOV (FRI)	30 NOV (SAT)
REMEMBERING the Mission P&W 8PM MASS 8.30PM	SEEKING God's Help P&W 8PM MASS 8.30PM	SHARING the Mission NOVENA 4.45PM MASS 5.30PM

THERE WILL BE NO EVENING MASS ON 28 & 29 NOV.

1 DEC (SUN) FEAST DAY

REBUILD MY CHURCH, RESTORE MY PEOPLE

11AM\* FEAST DAY MASS, with His Grace Archbishop William Goh  
*\*There will be blessing of Leaders at 11am mass*

SUNDAY MASS 7AM, 9AM, 5PM\*

\*PLEASE KINDLY NOTE THE CHANGE ON SUN 5.30PM MASS TIMING.

### ADVENT: PREPARE HIM ROOM

Calling all youths and young adults! Would you like to spend some time finding the true reason of the Christmas season? The 1Cor12 community will be having a night of praise, preaching and prayer to prepare room in our hearts to receive the baby Christ this Christmas. All youths and young adults (13 yrs old and above) are welcome! The Lord longs to come and dwell in your heart, and know that you are never too far or broken for Him! Please register online at <https://tinyurl.com/preparehimroom> or by scanning the QR code.



**Date:** Fri 13 Dec  
**Time:** 8pm -10.30pm  
**Venue:** SFX 3-in-1 room, Parish Centre (Level 2)

Please contact Gracemary @ 9487 3173 or Rachel @ 9764 0717 if you have any enquiries!

### CHRISTMAS PAGEANT RECRUITMENT

We are starting our recruitment drive for children from 3 -12 years of age, teenagers and adults who want to act, sing or help in the Christmas Pageant for the Christmas Eve Family Mass from **4pm** (TBC). The Pageant will be at 5pm followed by the Family Mass at 5.30pm. So if you are interested in being part of Jesus' birthday, please contact Monica (9691 0599), Craig (9451 8256) or Jui (9299 1138). You may also look for our Children's Liturgy booth at the front of the Main Church from **17 Nov - 1 Dec** (3 Sundays after the 9am and 11am Masses) to sign up with us directly.

### ONE: ADVENT - CHRISTMAS REFLECTION BOOKLET

The Office for the New Evangelisation (ONE) has produced an e-booklet for the season of Advent to Christmas - "Promise of Communion". The e-booklet is available online at [bit.ly/oneadvent2019](http://bit.ly/oneadvent2019).



## MOVIE SCREENING OF "UNPROTECTED"

As the Family Life Society will screen the film "Unplanned" for various districts in the coming months, we will instead be screening "Unprotected" on Fri 6 Dec.

"Unprotected" is a powerful film-documentary that reveals the effects of the sexual revolution, and the counter-cultural movement today that is rising from the ashes. #Metoo. Sexting pressure. The Hook-up culture. Teenage depression. How did the culture become so toxic for women? And how did one man (Pope Paul VI) foresee this all so clearly 50 years ago?

Fr Edward Lim, O.C.D will give a short formation talk before the screening of the film on Pope Paul VI's document "Humanae Vitae". Come and join us to watch this film together as we understand more about the society that we live in today! Let us no longer remain indifferent and ignorant!

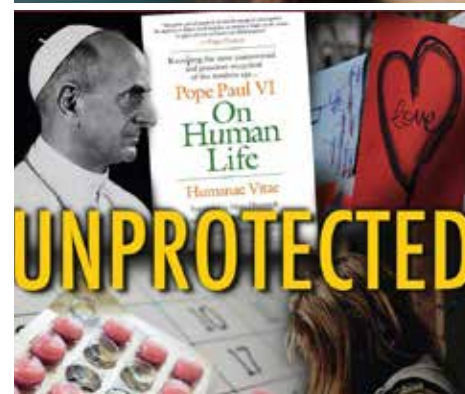
**Date :** Fri 6 Dec

**Time:** 8pm (formation talk before movie screening)

**Venue:** SFX Main Church (no snacks are allowed in Church)

**Age:** Suitable for age 15 and above

**Contribution:** Love offering



## SFX FEAST DAY AUCTION

Three exclusive and unique art pieces - a candle screen of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary; a ceramic sculpture named "Ha-ha-hallelujah!"; and a framed decoupage art piece of "Madonna and Child"; will be up for auction during the SFX Feast Day Dinner. The highest price for each item wins the bid! For those not attending the dinner, but would like to bid for the items, do call a friend who is there at the dinner. All proceeds go to SFX Renovation Fund. For more info, contact Thud Chee at 9632 3489.



## SCHOOL OF WITNESS 2020: DRINK DEEPLY, LIVE FULLY

Have you been seeking for things that have not been able to satisfy your thirst? Jesus calls you to not just settle with what the world offers but to go deeper and live fuller! Our prayer is that you dare to drink deeply and allow Jesus to set you free! The OYP School of Witness is an eight-week live-in discipleship school, that aims to provide an environment of faith in which young people can be encouraged and challenged to go deeper with Jesus, to grow in the awareness of who God is and who they are. More queries, contact Juliana at [Juliana.oyp@catholic.org.sg](mailto:Juliana.oyp@catholic.org.sg)

**Dates:** 6 Jan - 29 Feb 2020

**Age:** 18 - 30 years old

**Registration Fee:** \$700

**Register:** [tinyurl.com/oypsow20](https://tinyurl.com/oypsow20) (Registration closes on 13 Dec 2019)

## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER, OCT - DEC WEEKENDS

*"Marriage is a project to be worked on together ... and a process of growth."*

- Pope Francis (Amoris Laetitia, no. 218, 221).

Make your marriage a priority! Good marriages can always be made better. To deepen and refine your couple relationship, sign up for one of the coming Marriage Encounter Weekends.

**Dates:** 6 - 8 Dec 2019, 3 - 5 Jan 2020 & 6 - 8 March 2020

**Register:** 9670 5390 (David & Clara) or email at [mewkend@gmail.com](mailto:mewkend@gmail.com)

## NOVENA CHURCH: CHINESE MUSICAL PLAY



**Theme:** Homecoming Pilgrims @ Novena (He is waiting for you)

**Date:** Fri 13 Dec

**Time:** 7.30pm

**Venue:** Novena Church (Free Admission)

# Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick



The anointing of the sick is administered to bring spiritual and even physical strength during an illness, especially near the time of death. It is most likely one of the last sacraments one will receive. A sacrament is an outward sign established by Jesus Christ to confer inward grace. In more basic terms, it is a rite that is performed to convey God's grace to the recipient, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Moments of mental or physical illness can be times of crisis. They can mean a time of loss and pain, a time of insight and growth, or anything in between (cf. CCC 1501). Regardless, our loving God wants to be a part of our experience. He wants to share our lives with us, the bad and the good (cf. CCC 1503). But his presence and support often comes in and through the Church—our faith community. The Church can officially support us through the sacraments. In the case of an illness, that support comes in the form of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick (cf. CCC 1511).

Clearly recognizing that human frailty is a part of the reality of life, our loving God is with us through this sacrament to strengthen us when our minds or bodies grow weak. Thus, a person facing a significant surgery is encouraged to avail themselves of this sacrament (cf. CCC 1515), as well as the aged or seriously ill (cf. CCC 1513).

## In what way is this a healing sacrament?

In the Anointing of the Sick, the focus is on the possibility of a spiritual and/or a physical healing. The prayers address the sick person as a whole, which includes all aspects of our human life. So while a physical or psychological ailment may be the most obvious cause of the person's suffering, other aspects of the person's health are also taken into consideration. Many times, the spiritual healing is far more dramatic than the physical. And sometimes this takes the form of an increased ability to accept the physical illness and its suffering.

## What actually happens during this sacrament?

The sacrament consists of readings from the Scriptures, the laying on of hands, the blessing of the oil and the anointing on the forehead and hands, the communal recitation of the Lord's Prayer, and the dismissal. If the sick person is able to receive Communion, the Eucharist may be offered just after the Lord's Prayer.

It is ideal if the family of the sick person can gather for this ritual. If done in a hospital, the staff also may be invited to participate. The presence of others assures us that the Church is present in prayer. If such presence is not possible, the sacrament can be administered with just the sick person and the priest present.

Article adapted from:

[www.catholic.com/tract/anointing-of-the-sick](http://www.catholic.com/tract/anointing-of-the-sick) and [www.franciscanmedia.org/sacrament-of-anointing-of-the-sick/](http://www.franciscanmedia.org/sacrament-of-anointing-of-the-sick/)



(From the Catholic-Link resource library)



Looking for more Information?  
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### 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 except PH

### 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

## ANOINTING 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 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 and Church. 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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