



Disciples
Making Disciples



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Have Faith in FAITH

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
13 Jun 2021

Ez 17: 22 – 24
2 Cor 5:6-10
Mk 4:26 – 34

In today's gospel, Jesus invites us to have faith in the power of the FAITH which has been transmitted by the Apostles – the FAITH we celebrate in the sacraments. Our Holy Father and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI tell us that most especially, the Creed we profess every Sunday has an intrinsic power to do what Jesus says this seed of FAITH can do: sprout and grow to become a shelter for anyone seeking flight from the chaos in the world.

The Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed (Profession of Faith) is not to be seen as abstract truths but serves to transform us, "...in the creed believers are invited to enter into the mystery which they profess and to be transformed by it... [T]he creed has a trinitarian structure: the Father and the Son are united in the Spirit of love. The believer thus states that...the inmost secret of all reality, is the divine communion. The creed also contains a christological confession: it takes us through all the mysteries of Christ's life up to his death, resurrection and ascension into heaven...It tells us that this God of communion... is capable of embracing all of human history and drawing it into the dynamic unity of the Godhead, which has its source and fulfilment in the Father. The believer...cannot truthfully recite the words of the creed without being changed, without becoming part of that history of love which embraces us and expands our being, making it part of a great fellowship..." (*Lumen Fidei*,

"The Light of Faith", 45)

Hence, an interiority of the credal truths from the Councils of Nicea (325AD) and Constantinople (381AD) are necessary for salvation "for Faith without truth does not save, it does not provide a sure footing. It remains a beautiful story...reduced to a lofty sentiment...incapable of sustaining a steady journey through life." (LF 24) Church Doctor St Augustine has also affirmed the need for *fides quae* (doctrinal content) to guide *fides qua* (personal claims of faith): "the faith which is etched in the heart of everyone who believes [should]... proceed from a single doctrine" (*de Trinitate*, "On the Trinity", XIII, 2, 5).

With Corpus Christi last Sunday, the Church has concluded highlighting the fullness of divine revelation and God's sacramental saving help by way of celebrating major feasts. We now enter the second period of Ordinary Time (until Advent) where we place ourselves under the Holy Spirit to continue the *mystagogy* – the deepening awareness of how the mysteries celebrated and the FAITH we profess conform us to Christ. Ordinary Time is therefore not "ordinary" as if it lacks wonder and discovery! Rather, we continue to "sprout and grow" as we learn to live "by faith and not by sight." (2 Cor 5:7)

An aspect of credal FAITH which the Fathers of Vatican II urge on us is that Christ is "the life of the world." By his Incarnation and Passion, he has planted a "Godlike seed" into every man on his "noble destiny" - to be rescued by Christ from sin and commune in God's love (*Gaudium et Spes*, "Joy & Hope", 3). Pope St John Paul II highlighted this reality unreservedly: Christ is *Salvatore Mundi* – Saviour of the world, "...every man without any exception whatever - has been redeemed by Christ... with each man without any exception whatever - Christ is in a way united, even when man is unaware of it: 'Christ, who died and was raised up for all, provides man' - each man and every man- 'with the light and the strength to measure up to his supreme calling.'" (*Redemptor Hominis*, "The Redeemer of Man", 14)

The Apostles lived out Jesus' parables of the Sower and the Mustard Seed. They each became the "man" who threw the seeds of FAITH with faith – seeds that have proved their intrinsic power because year after year for over 2000 years, this FAITH continues to attract with the mystery of love Christ poured out from the cross. It is now our turn to scatter these seeds of saving love and apostolic faith that others may also "sprout and grow" in the perfect love of Christ.



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Announcements

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

SSVP 2ND COLLECTION

With your kind donations last weekend, the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SSVP) was able to raise **\$2,773/-** for Friends In Need. We thank you for your generosity and continued support of our activities. For those who would like to donate directly to SSVP, the details are as follows:

Society of St Vincent De Paul (SSVP)
Bank: OCBC
Account No: 686 596 768 001

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confession resumes from **Tue 15th Jun** and will be available via appointment only. You can contact the Parish Office to make an appointment for the following time slots:

Tuesdays & Fridays: 4pm - 6pm
Saturdays: 10am - 12pm

TEMPORARY ONLINE MASS OFFERINGS

Please submit your intentions **ONE WEEK** in advance and wait for the Finance Department to contact you. They will provide you with a "Reference No", MO xxx (eg MO 001). Key in the given referral number upon making payment via PayNow (**T08CC4033J**).

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

Please submit your prayer request to www.sfxchurch.sg/intercessoryprayer. All prayer requests are kept confidential. Join us online on **Fri 18 Jun, 8pm** to pray and intercede for others in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome!

ZOOM MEETING DETAILS

Meeting ID: 861 5125 7252
Password: SFX18JUN



CHARISMATIC

The next Charismatic session via Zoom is on **Mon 14 Jun, 8pm**. There will be praise and worship followed by a talk on 'The Life in The Holy Spirit of St Anthony of Padua' by Fr Joseph Nathan. All are welcome.

ZOOM MEETING DETAILS

Meeting ID: 836 3543 9497
Password: HOLYSPIRIT



JUNE MASS BOOKINGS

[HTTPS://MYCATHOLIC.SG](https://mycatholic.sg)

TUE 15 JUN, 12PM

Booking for a 4th weekend Mass*.

**Weekday Mass bookings for the whole of June are open throughout the month and subject to availability.*

ONLINE MASS BROADCAST

Due to the reduced capacity of 50 persons per Mass, all Mass slots for June have been fully booked. **Do remember to cancel your booking 24 hours in advance if you are unable to attend.** You can tune in to the Archdiocese Daily Mass broadcast via Youtube.com/CatholicsSg

Weekdays: 12noon
Sundays & Public Holidays: 10.30am



MASS COLLECTION

Your continuous generosity and donations will help contribute to our Parish's daily operations. You can make your offerings via the following options:

- 1. PayNow** - Launch the PayNow service on your bank's app or online website. Select "Send via Unique Entity Number (UEN)" and enter "**T08CC4033J**". Proceed to check entity name - Church of St Francis Xavier, then key in amount. Lastly, key in the reference - Mass Collection.
- 2. Cheque** - Payable to 'Church of St Francis Xavier' and write 'Mass Collection' behind the cheque. Mail cheques to **63A Chartwell Drive, Singapore 558758**.

RCIA AND RC1Y 2021/2022: A JOURNEY OF FAITH

Do you know of anyone who is interested in embarking on a journey of faith? Or perhaps someone who has felt a stirring in their heart and is seeking answers to questions, or even peace in their struggles?

We encourage you to reach out to them and invite them to join us in RCIA and RC1Y.

RC1Y journey (13 - 23 years old)

'Come and See' Session

Date: Sun 20 June 2021

Time: 10.15am - 12.30pm

Sessions start: Sun 27 June 2021
Every Sunday, 10.15am - 12.30pm

Venue: JP11 hall

Register: tinyurl.com/sfxrciysignup
or enquire at rciy@sfxchurch.sg

RCIA journey (24 years old and above)

Sessions start: Tue 6 Jul 2021

Every Tue, 8pm - 10pm

Venue: JP11 Hall

Register: tinyurl.com/sfxrciasignup
or enquire at rcia@sfxchurch.sg

SAT 19 JUNE 2021, 8.30PM - 9.30PM

Kopi with Fathers!

**Exclusive call with all Fathers/Godfathers*

Fathers are pivotal in every family. Come join us online with our parish priests to celebrate Father's Day. Hear sharings from other fathers, priests and seminarians as well. A special prayer and blessing will be given to all fathers!



JOIN US ON ZOOM

<https://tinyurl.com/SFXFathersDay2021>



NOVENA YOUTH RALLY

This year, the annual Novena Youth Rally 2021 will be held online for the first time on the evening of **Fri 18 June, 7pm - 10pm!** With the theme of Level Up, we hope to power up our faith in this difficult time through an exciting line up of music, arts and knowledge. We have a host of fun activities lined up such as crafting your own rosary, learning to draw a caricature, panel discussions, and praise and worship through a Battle of the Bands! Check out www.novenayouthrally.com for more details.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: MAKE YOUR MARRIAGE A PRIORITY!

Marriage is a project to be worked on together and a process of growth - Pope Francis (Amoris Laetitia, no. 218, 221). Good marriages can always be made better. To deepen your relationship, sign up for a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Please contact David & Clara @ 9670 5390 or email them at mewkend@gmail.com.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

June 13, 2021

WATCH

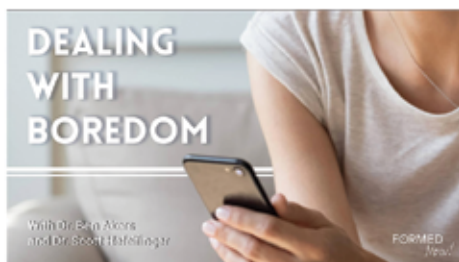
LIGHT OF LOVE

When most of us think about religious life, we might imagine kneeling in a convent or assisting the poor on the streets. While both of these scenes are essential to life as a sister, Light of Love takes a deeper look into understanding the call... the "why" of religious life.



LEARN

FORMED NOW! DEALING WITH BOREDOM



In this episode of FORMED Now, Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Scott Hefelfinger to discuss something that many of us face on a daily basis: boredom. In this conversation, these two teachers reveal how to remedy boredom with wonder.

LISTEN

FAN OR FOLLOWER? YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS BY JEFF CAVINS

In this talk, Jeff Cavins shares how he has come to see that Jesus wants us to surrender every bit of our own comfort to follow Him. We are all fans of Jesus, but how many of us are truly his disciples?



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Mini MANNA



A Kingdom of God Word-Find



"The KINGDOM of GOD is as if a MAN should SCATTER seed upon the GROUND, and should SLEEP and RISE NIGHT and DAY, and the SEED should SPROUT and GROW, he KNOWS not how. The EARTH PRODUCES of itself, first the BLADE, then the ear, then the full GRAIN in the ear. But when the grain is RIPE, at once he puts in the SICKLE, BECAUSE the HARVEST has come."



Find the words
in CAPITALS in
this part of
today's Gospel
reading in the
puzzle.
Use the left-
over letters to
fill in the blanks
at the end.

SSEEDBLADE
LCGODGRIPE
EARTHKNOWS
ETARRISEOI
PTIWINNOHC
UENNIGHTAK
GROUNDRHRL
RESPROUTVE
ODAYAMRTEM
WPRODUCESA
BECAUSESTN

The Church helps our love for God to

Mass Timings

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue & Thu:
6.30pm

Fri:
8pm

WEEKEND MASSES

Sat Sunset:
5.30pm
(There is currently
no Novena at
4.45pm)

Sun: 9am, 11am,
1pm, 5.30pm

MASS ON PUBLIC
HOLIDAYS
9am

SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION
Suspended until
further notice

HOLY HOUR
Suspended until
further notice

Opening Hours

PARISH OFFICE

For pastoral care
services (e.g.
anointing, funerals
etc), you may
contact before
coming at the
following hours.

Mon - Sat:
9.30am - 6.30pm
Sun: 8.30am - 1pm

ADORATION ROOM

Closed until
further notice

LIBRARY

Closed until
further notice

COLUMBARIUM

Suspended until
further notice

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



For more information, please
contact the Parish Office for
Baptism of Infants.

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.

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.

IGNITE TALKS!

7 Thought Provoking Faith Talks to Ignite and Shine with Faith in Singapore

CATHOLIC 2019 SG
SINCE 1823

CATHOLIC RADIO

8pm via Archdiocese YouTube and Facebook

Being CatholicSG: Why Celebrating 200 Years Of Faith During A Pandemic Matters?	27 May 2021 (Thu)	Fr Valerian Cheong
Being Catholic In A Singapore That Is At A Crossroads.	10 Jun 2021 (Thu)	Msgr. John Paul Tan
The Unseen Good - Is The Catholic Church Impactful And Relevant In SG Today?	24 Jun 2021 (Thu)	Fr Adrian Yeo
Raising A Catholic Family In A Changing Singapore	8 Jul 2021 (Thu)	Fr Eugene Vaz
My Parish: Is It Just A Clubhouse Or A Field Hospital?	29 Jul 2021 (Thu)	Fr Henry Siew
How To Follow In The Fearless Example Of Mary In The Lion City	5 Aug 2021 (Thu)	Fr Jovita Ho
How the Youth Can Help To Launch A New Era Of Faith	26 Aug 2021 (Thu)	Fr Jude David

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