





Disciples
Making Disciples

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Jesus the Divine Healer

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Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24
2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15
Mk 5:21- 43

The Gospel tells a mutually illuminating story within a story, interwoven chronologically and thematically. Both highlight Jesus' power over physical sickness and death (Mk 5:29, 42) and his favourable response to faith (Mk 5:23, 34, 36; CCC 548, 2616). Both are also linked by the figure 12 years; the duration of the woman's illness (Mk 5:25) and the age of the young girl (Mk 5:42). "12" symbolises perfect governance which Jesus represents, in whom both are restored.

Jesus is accessible wherever he preaches. In the midst of a great crowd, Jairus falls at his feet, begs healing for his dying daughter, and Jesus goes with him (Mk 5:22-24), making time for Jairus to the degree needed. It is not perfunctory. Do we make time for others?

Jesus is touched by many along the way (Mk 5:31). Only the haemorrhaging woman is healed, surreptitiously. Never content with mere physical healing, he pursues the woman until found and blesses her with peace (Mk 5:34), an outcome of forgiveness of sin. Jesus is indomitable and relentless in saving the sinner. The little dying girl can wait. Every lost sheep is precious (Lk 15:1-7). What he begins, he finishes (Ph 1:6). Do we have the same indomitable spirit?

Jesus perceives power flowing out (Mk 5:30); an amazing revelation. He feels every expression of his power;

every healing, every sanctifying grace bestowed, every mercy shown. He is not detached and unfeeling, although unaltered by our actions. Jesus has a personal relationship with everyone. It is unrequited love when his love is not reciprocated. Do we have a personal relationship with Jesus?

Jesus is not omniscient. His human limitation is evident when *"he looked around to see who had [touched him]"* (Mk 5:32). Some Christians think of Jesus as a super human being; a pseudo-man/God. This is Monophysitism, a heresy condemned in the 5th century. A false belief that Jesus had a deified human nature; partly divine, partly and subordinately human. Beware; a desensitised, diluted image of Jesus undermines faith. Jesus' human and divine natures co-exist substantively and in reality, unseparated & unmixed, not merged into a third nature (cf Chalcedonian Creed CCC 467). Jesus is the perfect mediator because he shares our full human nature, in the reality of God himself, and his relationship with God is unique, as he is divine himself. Are we Monophysites?



"Often Jesus asks the sick to believe. He makes use of signs to heal: spittle and the laying on of hands, mud and washing. The sick try to touch him, 'for power came forth from him and healed them all.' And so in the sacraments Christ continues to 'touch' us in order to heal us." (CCC 1504)

Jesus' unflappable statement that *"the child is not dead but sleeping"* (Mk 5:39), draws mockery. The professional mourners are expelled, disallowed from witnessing the miracle. Did Jesus miss a great opportunity for evangelisation? Recall Abraham's reply to the rich man; *"If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead."* (Lk 16:31) **Not even miracles will benefit those indifferent to Scripture.** Are we indifferent to Scripture?

Post-modern worldview presumes death to be the order of nature and therefore from God. The First Reading (Wisdom of Solomon) dispels that notion, reminding us that Creation is ordered towards immortality. Death entered the world through the devil's envy, leading men to sin and death. *"Bodily death, from which man would have been immune had he not sinned is thus 'the last enemy' of man left to be conquered."* (CCC 1008) We need a Saviour to save us from death. Jesus gives us the power of the Resurrection through the Sacraments. *"Often Jesus asks the sick to believe. He makes use of signs to heal: spittle and the laying on of hands, mud and washing. The sick try to touch him, 'for power came forth from him and healed them all.' And so in the sacraments Christ continues to 'touch' us in order to heal us."* (CCC 1504) Do we take the Sacraments seriously?

Like the haemorrhaging woman and Jairus' daughter, we shall suffer, and die. Jesus has not abandoned us. He continues to touch and heal, especially through the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. Ultimately, Jesus heals us from death, through his Resurrection.

Announcements

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

CHURCH MAIN GATE CLOSED FOR RENOVATION WORKS



22 JUN - 1 JUL

Please note that the main gate of the Church at Chartwell Drive is closed for renovation works until **Thu 1 Jul**. During this time, there will be no access for pedestrians and vehicles.

The only access will be by the back gate at Cooling Close. This back entrance will be a two-way avenue, so please avoid parking along this stretch. We apologise for the inconvenience caused. Thank you for your kind understanding.

ANNUAL CLERGY RETREAT

Our priests will be away on retreat from **Mon 28 Jun - Fri 2 Jul**, please keep them in prayer. Masses will be celebrated as usual on Tue & Thu, 6.30pm and Fri 8pm.



PETER'S PENCE COLLECTIONS

All Mass collections for this weekend will be set aside for Peter's Pence 2021. Mass collections received through PayNow, cash or cheques during the week **26 Jun - 2 Jul** will constitute receipts for Peter's Pence.

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**).

JULY MASS BOOKINGS

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

Please note that from July 2021, we will be introducing the following:

- A cap of **five weekday Masses per booking**.
- Mass booking/cancellation will be **3 hours** before Mass. Do remember to cancel your booking if you are unable to attend.
- Masses for up to **180 persons** on **stipulated Saturdays 5.30pm** (*subject to individuals who have either completed the full vaccination regimen* or undergone approved Pre-Event Testing (PET)***). More details below:

Tue 29 Jun, 12pm

Booking for a 1st weekend Mass and all weekday Masses in July*

**subject to availability.*

Additional Mass at JPII Hall

Hari Raya Haji: Tue 20 Jul, 9am (no evening mass)

PILOT TRIAL MASSES FOR UP TO 180 PERSONS (MAIN CHURCH):

Trial Masses in July for up to 180 persons will be held on the following **Saturdays at 5.30pm:**

- **Sat 17 Jul:** 100 persons
- **Sat 24 Jul:** 100 persons
- **Sat 31 Jul:** 180 persons

Please note the following:

1. Individuals must undergo **PET*** or have completed **both doses of the Covid-19 vaccinations****
2. **Test results from self-test kits will not be accepted.**
3. A negative PET result is only valid for **24 hours** – that is from the time an individual registers at the testing premises for the test.
4. Parishioners are to ensure that the result of the test is valid until the end of the Mass that he/she is attending.
5. **All PETs must be done by individuals on their own before they attend Mass.**
 - Parishioners will need to have a test report showing they are Covid-free from an approved MoH service provider taken less than 24 hours from end of Mass time.

** Under MOH guidelines, accepted PETs are the approved Covid-19 Antigen Rapid Test (ART) or the Polymerase Chain Reaction Test (PCR) which must be administered by an approved test provider.*

*** Persons are deemed to have completed their Covid-19 vaccinations only 14 days after they received their second dose. THE VACCINATIONS REFER ONLY TO PFIZER OR MODERNA JABS. Sinovac vaccine is currently not under the MOH's list of vaccines recognised for exemption from pre-event testing. Those who have completed the (full) vaccination regimens will be required to show proof via their Trace Together token or app.*

Failing the above criteria, parishioners will be turned away from these Masses. For more information, please visit www.catholic.sg/resumption-of-mass32 or more details on PET at www.moh.gov.sg/covid-19/pet

MASSSES FOR UP TO 50 PERSONS (JPII HALL)

All Masses aside from the three stipulated Saturday evening Masses mentioned above, will be capped at 50 persons.

- Pre-event testing is not required.
- All parishioners are welcome for these Masses, regardless of vaccination status.
- For persons who have not been vaccinated, including families with young children, you are encouraged to continue to attend Masses under this category.

Things to note for ALL Masses:

- Do stay at home if you are unwell or at high risk.
- Registration starts **50 minutes** before Mass and ends **10 minutes** after Mass begins.
- Bring along your photo identification card for MARS booking verification.
- A no-show for Masses that have been booked is being tracked in the system.

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**.

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 2 Jul, 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: SFX2JUL



ONLINE MASS BROADCAST

Due to the reduced capacity of 50 persons per Mass, you can tune in to the Archdiocese Daily Mass broadcast via [Youtube.com/CatholicsSg](https://www.youtube.com/CatholicsSg)

Weekdays: 12noon
Sundays & Public Holidays:
10.30am



CARITAS: MY PERSONAL MORAL COMPASS (ONLINE MODULE 4)

What sexual behaviours does the Church consider immoral? Is premarital sex permissible? Should homosexuals be able to marry? Why is there a great discrepancy between traditional Christian morality and contemporary culture on sexuality? Can the Church impose its views on society at large? Who decides? Let us explore these questions and much more in the next module of My Personal Moral Compass (MPMC) by Fr David Garcia!



Dates: Thursdays from
1 Jul to 19 Aug

Time: 7.30pm

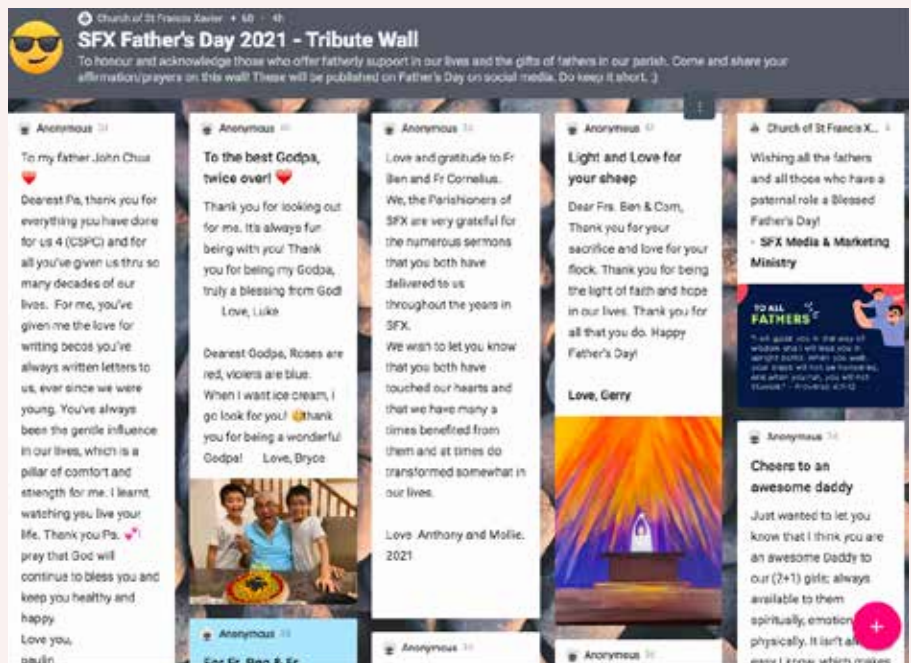
Register: <https://bit.ly/2RYKMjT>

Kopi with Fathers!

SFX Father's Day Zoom Celebration

Over the weekend, 45 participants came together with our parish priests on Zoom to celebrate Father's Day. Wives, children and godchildren penned their wishes on our virtual Padlet wall to affirm their husbands, fathers, godfathers and our spiritual fathers.

"It was an enriching session hearing the sharings from our dear priests (our spiritual fathers) and fellow dads. It reminded us of our importance and relevance in the spiritual health of our family members. I think collectively, we recognised how pride and ego have served us ill in this journey of fatherhood. May we humble ourselves to rely on the strength and grace of God as we move forward." — **Dan Lai, father of 3**



Tribute Wall filled with well-wishes for Father's Day

"It was refreshing to hear varied views on what it means to be a father, and in particular, a Catholic one. The demands of being a worthy example has certainly evolved from generation to generation, outgrowing the stereotypes. But they also prove that while we may differ and even disagree on the best ways to raise our children, the mounting challenges continue to serve as inspiration, helping us broaden our embrace of this precious responsibility that God has blessed us with, if we choose to see it as such." — **Don Mendoza, father of 2**

"I was very edified by the turnout of fathers, young and old - it showed me that there are Catholic men who truly desire to be fathers after the heart of God! Hearing their sharing also humbled me and allowed me to reflect on how grateful I am for my own father - I am who I am today because of him. I left with a newfound appreciation of the fatherhood of God which all men are invited to participate in. We are not alone in this journey, because we have God, our spiritual and biological fathers, and each other!" — **Br Timothy Soo, Seminarian**

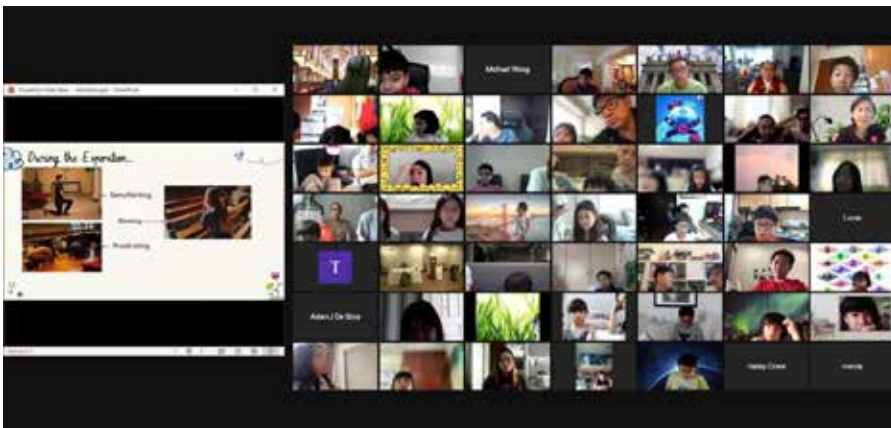


First Holy Communion Retreat for L3s

Over 45 children attended the First Holy Communion Recollection retreat held on 19 June, via Zoom with their parents and godparents. It was a faith-filled time as they reflected on the Gospel (John 6:51-58) and listened to a talk about the origins of Corpus Christi and the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, followed by Adoration.

"The session was so meaningful for us. We got to know more about adoration now" — **Conny**, Patricia Carmel's mother

"It was very fun and interesting. Especially the kahoot game on the origins of Corpus Christi. I love everything!" — **Jace**



Recollection Retreat over Zoom

"The retreat was well organised, thanks for the team and your effort to make it happen under this circumstance." — **Mandy**, Phil's mother

"I learnt more about the meaning of the Eucharist and I also felt peace during Adoration." — **Phil**

"It would be nice to do the retreat in church. The Eucharistic Adoration was reflective. The monstrance looked like a bright shining sun." — **Joshua**

A CALL TO TEACH IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Attention all MOE educators! If you are interested in answering the call to teach in a Catholic School, or if you want to receive news and resources about Catholic education, join the mailing list and fill up the form accessible via the QR code. The Archdiocesan Commission for Catholic Schools (ACCS) has compiled a list of vacancies in our Catholic schools in 2022. ACCS will email you the instructions to access this list.



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

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

Tue & Fri: 4pm - 6pm
Sat: 10am - 12pm

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

Mon to Sat:
10am - 12pm, 2pm - 4pm
Booking via
<https://tinyurl.com/SFXColumbarium>

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.

VOLUNTEER & SHARE YOUR GIFTS!

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