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**Disciples**  
*Making Disciples*

## Marital Indissolubility – A Pathway to Divine Love

27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
3 Oct 2021

Gen 2:18 – 24  
Hebr 2:9 – 11  
Mk 10:2 – 16

“Each marriage is a kind of ‘salvation history’, which from fragile beginnings...grows over time into something precious and enduring... the greatest mission of two people in love is to help one another become, respectively, more a man and more a woman...helping a person to shape his or her own identity...Love is thus a kind of craftsmanship.” (Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia*, “Love in the Family” 221)

Today’s first reading takes us to the very beginning of this “salvation history by marriage.” God creates Eve from Adam to be his “helpmate” in his solitude (Gen 2:18). Created from Adam’s side, from one of his ribs and “enclosed...in [his] flesh”, God’s gift of Eve elicits ecstasy from Adam, “This at last is bone from my bones and flesh from my flesh!” (Gen 2:23) They are now an indissoluble “one body” (Gen 2:24). By their union, they imitate in the flesh God’s generosity and fecundity (CCC 2335).

Marriage is “salvation history” in that family life brings God’s personal love for man into clear view. This bliss rings out in today’s responsorial psalm as the Psalmist acknowledges domestic flourishing to be contingent on God: “O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of

your hands you shall eat...be happy and prosper. Your wife like a fruitful vine...your children like shoots of the olive, around your table.”

Sadly, over 7,000 couples each year have lost this blessedness in seeking divorce or annulment. The Catechism sees this rupture as arising from sin – “domination, infidelity, jealousy...conflicts...lust.” (CCC 1607) Our Holy Father suggests humility and patience in challenging times, “Once it becomes apparent that the reality is more limited and challenging than one imagined, the solution is not to think quickly and irresponsibly about separation, but to come to the sober realization that married life is a process of growth, in which each spouse is God’s means of helping the other to mature.”

This maturing by patiently enduring familial trials and by “following Christ, renouncing themselves, and taking up their crosses” (CCC 1615) contributes to the holiness of the couple. It garners the priceless reward of being “transfigured” in divine love - God’s deepest purpose for marriage as Venerable Fulton Sheen explained in his book, *“Three To Get Married”*:

“All love is a flight towards immortality. There is a suggestion of Divine Love in every form of erotic love...Sex is only the self-starter on the motor of the family... The begetting of children enlarges the field of service and loving sacrifice... In a well-regulated moral heart, as time goes on, the erotic love diminishes and the religious love increases...the love of God increases...not in the sense that husband and wife love one another less, but that they love God more... There are few things more beautiful in life than to see that deep passion of man for woman, which begot children, transfigured into that deeper passion for the Spirit of God.”

*Eros* – the love between a man and a woman has today been “impoverished” by being reduced to pure “sex” (Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, *Deus Caritas Est*, “On Christian Love”,<sup>5</sup>) In the Song of Songs, Hosea and Ezekiel, true love is depicted as both *eros* and *agape* – it is both a seeking, possessive love and a love that pours itself out for the beloved to raise him up: “God’s passionate love for his people—for humanity—is at the same time a forgiving love. It is so great that it turns God against himself, his love against his justice... so great is God’s love for man that by becoming man he follows him even into death...” (*DCE* 10)

In today’s gospel, Jesus affirmed the divine origin and the indissolubility of marriage: “...from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave his father and mother, and the two become one body...what God has united, man must not divide.” (Mk 10:6-9) Let us remember that Christ became man, suffered and died for us because true love is an *eros* that is *agape* – it clings on to the loved one and suffers to perfect the beloved.



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-Venerable Fulton Sheen

## Announcements

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

### SSVP 2ND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection by Society of St Vincent De Paul this weekend to help the poor and needy in monthly rations and other aid programmes. SSVP members will be at the atrium area. Please give generously. If you wish to make a cheque payment or PayNow, it's payable to:

Society of St Vincent de Paul (SSVP)

- OCBC Bank Account No: 686 596 768 001
- PayNow UEN: S61SS0149B

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

It is 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

### HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?



Please submit your prayer request to [www.sfxchurch.sg/intercessoryprayer](http://www.sfxchurch.sg/intercessoryprayer). All prayer requests are kept confidential. Join us online on **Fri 8 Oct, 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: SFXIP8OCT



### TEMPORARY ONLINE MASS OFFERINGS

Please submit your intentions **1 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 reference number when making payment via PayNow (**T08CC4033J**). Your intentions will be offered during our priests' private masses.

## October Mass Bookings

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

### Tue 5 Oct, 12pm

2nd booking for all weekday Masses and one weekend Mass\*

\*Weekday Mass bookings for whole of Oct are open throughout the month and subject to availability with a cap of five weekday Masses per booking.

#### Fully Vaccinated/PET Masses (180pax):

- Fridays: 8pm • Saturdays: 5.30pm
- Sundays: 9am, 1pm

#### Things to note:

- All Masses will be held in the Main Church. Entry for 50 persons Masses will only be via the Plaza.
- Mass bookings/cancellation may be made **1 hour** before Mass.
- Vaccinated parishioners should refrain from booking unvaccinated Mass slots.

### MASSES FOR FULLY VACCINATED/PET INDIVIDUALS:

#### Admission Criteria:

✓ **Fully Vaccinated**  
14 days after 2nd dose of Pfizer/Moderna/WHO EUL vaccines.

✓ **TraceTogether**  
Check in via TraceTogether token/app.

✓ **Pre-Event Testing**  
Taken from MOH-approved test provider. No earlier than 23 hours before Mass.

✓ **Children aged 12 years and below**  
can participate in Pre-Event Testing (PET) or Vaccinated-only Masses. The total number of children allowed is no more than **20%** of worshippers present for the Mass.

✓ **Vaccination Proof**  
ONLY local vaccination certificates or Health Hub vaccination proof are accepted.

✗ **Other Vaccines**  
- Self-test Kit

For more information on the MOH guidelines, visit [www.moh.gov.sg/covid-19/pet](http://www.moh.gov.sg/covid-19/pet)



## 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**.



### ONLINE ROSARY

Come join us as a parish community to pray together at the following timings

#### WEEKDAY DIVINE MERCY & ROSARY

[tinyurl.com/SFXWeekdayRosary](http://tinyurl.com/SFXWeekdayRosary)

**Date & Time:** Mon to Fri, 3pm

Meeting ID: 845 8298 0708

No passcode required

#### ROSARY BY SALT

[tinyurl.com/SFXTueRosary](http://tinyurl.com/SFXTueRosary)

**Date & Time:** Tuesdays, 8.30pm

Meeting ID: 867 1052 4234

Password: 465481

#### EVENING ROSARY DEVOTION

[tinyurl.com/SFXRosaryGrp](http://tinyurl.com/SFXRosaryGrp)

**Date & Time:** Mon, Wed & Sat, 8.30pm

Meeting ID: 984 7131 7782

Password: 172017

#### SUNDAY ROSARY BY LECTORS

[bit.ly/SundayRosary](http://bit.ly/SundayRosary)

**Date & Time:** Sundays, 8.30pm

Meeting ID: 840 7232 7379

Password: 305946

## OCTOBER CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION

The Church is organising a nightly procession within the church grounds in honour of Our Lady from **1st to 31st October**. All SFX registered parishioners are invited to participate in the procession. All you need to do is register with your group (**a minimum of 6 and maximum of 30 persons per session**) on a first-come, first-served basis. For further enquires, please email to [oct2021rosary@gmail.com](mailto:oct2021rosary@gmail.com).

#### Procession Schedule

**Mon and Fri:** 6.30pm - 7.30pm

**Tue, Wed, Thu, Sat, Sun:** 8pm - 9pm

Find out more and register: <https://tinyurl.com/SFXOctProcession2021>



## ARE YOU ON OUR MAILING LIST?

Have you changed your address? Are you new to the parish? Please update your address and any other details with the Parish Office or send an email to [secretariat@sfxchurch.sg](mailto:secretariat@sfxchurch.sg).

## OFFICE FOR THE NEW EVANGELISATION: MISSION RALLY 2021 - GATHER TO IGNITE, SEND FORTH TO SHINE



The Church is missionary by nature and every baptised person has a part to play in this mission. We are called to reflect Christ's light and radiate it to all people! This year, as the Archdiocese celebrates Catholic200SG, this mission becomes more pronounced. Come join us at this rally to be inspired and motivated to take up the work. Find out the opportunities to further the mission and be challenged to shine Christ's light to all parts of this island and beyond. Get ready for this mission!

**Date:** Sat 2 Oct  
**Time:** 9.30am - 12pm  
**For more info and registration, visit** <https://one.org.sg/event/mission-rally/>

## CATHOLIC200SG FESTIVAL



The Catholic200SG Festival will cap the anniversary celebrations. It will be held from **4 - 11 December**. The venue is around the locality of the Cathedral Of The Good Shepherd, where the early Catholics settled and built Churches. More than 100 exciting events await you! For families, there are light shows, concerts, exhibitions and instagrammable artwork to enjoy with your loved ones. To quench our spiritual appetite, there are faith sharings, devotions, masses and confessions every day of the Festival. There are also numerous talks and forums on a range of subjects, from family life to faith and theology; and how the Church is involved in society and evolved over 200 years! These events are available in the Festival app.

Register your interest by scanning the QR code to be updated.



## CHRIST@WORK CONFERENCE

The biennial Christ@Work Conference returns with the theme, IGNITE Faith@Work, which is in line with the spirit of the Catholic200SG celebrations. Archbishop William Goh is the Keynote Speaker and ex-Cabinet Minister George Yeo will give the Afternoon Address. There will be 4 Panel Discussions featuring 16 Speakers. Watch our programme video here: [https://youtu.be/sLNk2Z\\_UsXQ](https://youtu.be/sLNk2Z_UsXQ).

**Date:** Sat 30 Oct  
**Time:** 8.30am - 5.30pm  
**Register:** <https://bit.ly/CBNChristAtWork2021Reg>  
**Find out more at** <https://bit.ly/CBNChristAtWork2021>



## HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS THIS MONTH

### EVANGELISATION: MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

EVANGELISATION:  
We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

### IN THE MONTH OF SEP 2021

#### WEDDINGS

We congratulate the following couples:

1. Andrew Raymond Dominic & Leah Anne Kanagaratnam
2. Chng Kuan Hiong Shawn & Tessa Maria Wan Hui Ting
3. Terence Jude Fernandez & Cecilia Philomena Dass

#### CONDOLENCES

We offer our prayers to the families of the following who have returned to the Lord:

1. Fernandez Leo Nolan
2. Tan Kiang Luan Johnny
3. Paul Kang Boon Heng
4. Perry Evelyn Magdalene

#### BAPTISMS

We welcome the following:

1. Nathan Zachary Yong Kai
2. Toh Hao Chun, Luke
3. Eva Ho Shu En
4. Tan Kiang Luan Johnny
5. Jonas Hung Yu Zhe
6. Paxton Philip Ang Liu
7. Gabriel Doktorian
8. Benedict John Buranatanit

## Praying the Rosary

The Rosary means "crown of roses", a spiritual bouquet given to the Blessed Mother from her children. To recite the Rosary is nothing other than to contemplate with Mary the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love. Through the Rosary, the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer.





Looking for more Information?  
visit [www.sfxchurch.sg](http://www.sfxchurch.sg)

## The 15 Promises of the Rosary

# The 15 PROMISES of the VIRGIN MARY

FOR THOSE WHO PRAY THE ROSARY



- Whoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the rosary, shall receive signal graces.
- I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the rosary.
- The rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell, it will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.
- It will cause virtue and good works to flourish. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.
- The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the rosary shall not perish.
- Whoever shall recite the rosary devoutly, shall never be conquered by misfortune.
- Whoever shall have a true devotion for the rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.
- Those who are faithful to recite the rosary shall have, during their life and at their death, the light of God.
- I shall deliver from purgatory those who have been devoted to the rosary.
- The faithful children of the rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in heaven.
- You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the rosary.
- All those who propagate the holy rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.
- All the advocates of the rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of death.
- All who recite the rosary are my sons, and brothers of my only son Jesus Christ.
- Devotion of my rosary is a great sign of predestination.

Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary, pray for us

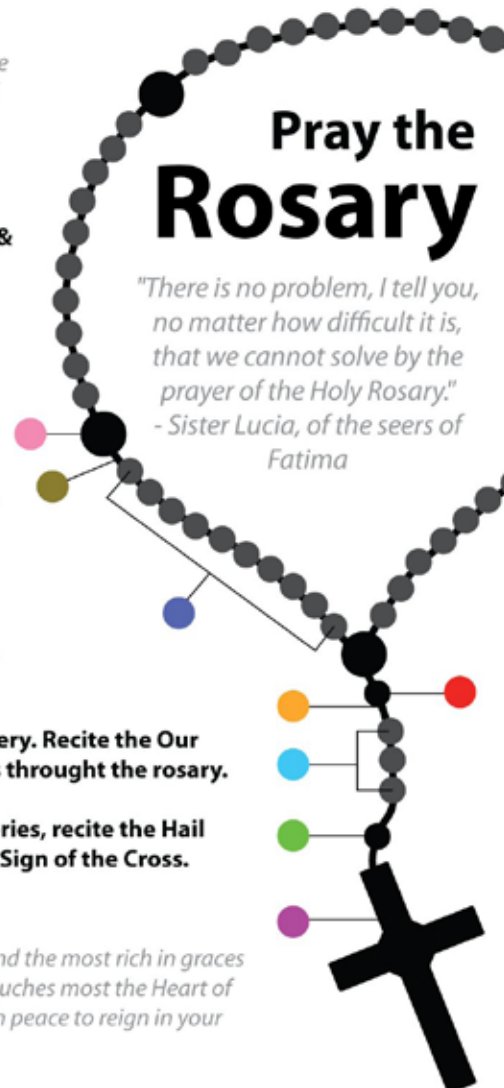


## How to Pray the Rosary

"No prayer is more meritorious for the soul and more glorious for Jesus and Mary than a well recited Rosary."  
- Saint Louis de Montfort

- Make the Sign of the Cross & recite the Apostles' Creed.
- Recite the Our Father.
- Recite three Hail Marys.
- Recite the Glory Be.
- Announce the first mystery and recite the Our Father.
- Recite ten Hail Marys.
- Recite the Glory Be and the Fatima Prayer.
- Announce the second mystery. Recite the Our Father and repeat the steps through the rosary.
- After completing the mysteries, recite the Hail Holy Queen & end with the Sign of the Cross.

"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God... and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary."  
- Pope Saint Pius X



# Pray the Rosary

"There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot solve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary."  
- Sister Lucia, of the seers of Fatima

### Mass Timings

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue & Thu:  
6.30pm

Fri:  
8pm\*

#### WEEKEND MASSES

Sat Sunset  
5.30pm\*

Sun: 9am\*, 11am,  
1pm\*, 5.30pm  
(There is currently  
no Confession  
before Mass)

\*Fully vaccinated/PET Mass

#### MASS ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

9am

#### 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 one week in advance of your intended date. Please write the names clearly, and in block letters.

### VOLUNTEER & SHARE YOUR GIFTS!

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