



**Disciples**  
*Making Disciples*



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## Holiness is Infectious

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17 Oct 2021

Isa 53:10-11  
Hebr 4:14-16  
Mk 10:35-45

Pope St Paul VI reminds us that "[the Church] exists in order to evangelise." (*Evangelii Nuntiandi* 14) The "indignance" of the other disciples to James and John's desire for power in today's gospel shows us that this is not the way to witness for Christ. Rather, Mary is the supreme role model. Her life of poverty, meekness, charity, acceptance of suffering and persecution, the desire for justice and peace, is the path of discipleship taught by Jesus to his apostles (cf Mk 10). Pope Francis affirms: "She chose the unknowns of the journey over the comfort of her daily routines, the weariness of travel over the peace and quiet of home; the risk of a faith that makes our lives a loving gift to others over a placid piety." In living out the beatitudes, Mary testifies that the kingdom of God has arrived.

In the Gospel, Jesus clarifies that Christian discipleship is modelled on humility and service (Mk 10:45; CCC 1551). Mary exhibits another quality that is hard to attain - holiness. Pope St. John Paul II says that holiness "must be called a fundamental presupposition and an irreplaceable condition for everyone in fulfilling the mission of salvation within the Church." (*Christifideles Laici* 17). Mary follows the Exodus blueprint, given by God to Moses to form Israel into a holy nation: obey the 10 commandments, do God's will, live and worship liturgically. Alignment of will, mind, heart and soul make life God-centred. But blind practice does not engender holiness: Jesus calls the Pharisees a "brood of vipers" and "evil" (Mt 12:34). Mary is set apart by prayerfulness &

communion with the Holy Spirit. Her "pondering" (Lk 2:19, 51) is a form of prayer; a relentless contemplative discernment of the will and mystery of God, in the midst of daily routines, attentive to the counsel of the Holy Spirit, in the solitude of the heart. What can we learn from Mary's holiness?



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St. Louis de Montfort

**Humility:** Imagine being told you have been chosen to be the mother of God! Mary keeps it to herself & St. Joseph. Humility has no ambition to seek anything for itself, unlike James' and John's ambition for prestige. Our discipleship should not be self-indulgent, but giving.

**Faith above reason:** Mary is Faith-driven. God can surmount every obstacle to motherhood, including the infertility of Elizabeth and her own virginity (CCC 269, 273). She does not have to fully comprehend to believe. Trust in divine providence brings joy, peace and fruitfulness. Paranoia with certitude and perfection is tiring, stressful and counter-productive. We should be led by the Holy Spirit. Without God, we labour in vain (Ps 127).

**Selfless and generous:** She visits and helps Elizabeth in her pregnancy till full term. Considering Mary's own pregnancy; travelling 80 miles through treacherous desert is utter selflessness. A channel of grace, she triggers Jesus' first miracle at Cana and saves the wedding couple from humiliation. Being Jesus' disciples require us to touch lives; not merely preach and teach, touch and go, but lived & charitable.

**Fortitude and courage:** She endures the pall of death - by stoning for "infidelity", exile in Egypt to escape King Herod and Jesus' crucifixion. With God, Mary faces trials and tribulations with confidence. We should have God as our shield (Gen 15:1), unwavering in difficulties.

We should emulate the holiness of Mary; disciple *par excellence*, spouse of the Holy Spirit, mother of Christ, channel of grace, the Church's Mother and model (cf *Redemptoris Missio* 92). But stopping at emulation is like eating starter and skipping main course and dessert. Mary pleads our cause as the most powerful Queen, most merciful and loving mother. "Consecration to Jesus through Mary is the surest, easiest, shortest, and the most perfect means to becoming a saint!" (St. Louis de Montfort). When we consecrate ourselves to Jesus through Mary, "we are following Christ's own example — he first entrusted himself to Mary at the Annunciation and then throughout the Hidden Life ... He's bringing us closer to himself by giving us to the one who is closest to him, the same one who directs everything to him, 'Do whatever he tells you.'" (33 Days to Morning Glory, Father Michael Gaitley).

O Immaculate Mother, we consecrate ourselves to you!

## Announcements

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

### GIFT COLLECTION

This weekend is the collection for the GIFT (Giving in Faith and Thankfulness). Scan the QR code or visit <https://youtu.be/EhySg--k9vI> to watch how your contributions fund archdiocesan organisations, projects and initiatives that help build a more vibrant, evangelising and missionary Church. Please give regularly via PayNow to **201231391K** (include name and mobile no. or email) and pledge at [catholicfoundation.sg/give](https://catholicfoundation.sg/give)



### 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 22 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: SFXIP22OCT



### TEMPORARY ONLINE MASS OFFERINGS

Please submit your intention **1 WEEK** in advance. The Finance Department will then provide you with a "Reference No", MO xxx (eg MO 001). Key in the given referral number when making payment via PayNow (**T08CC4033J**).

### 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).

## October Mass Bookings

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

### Tue 19 Oct, 12pm

4th and 5th booking for the remaining weekend and weekday Masses\*

*\*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](https://tinyurl.com/SFXWeekdayRosary)

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

Meeting ID: 845 8298 0708

No passcode required

#### EVENING ROSARY DEVOTION

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

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

Meeting ID: 984 7131 7782

Password: 172017

#### ROSARY BY SALT

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

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

Meeting ID: 867 1052 4234

Password: 465481

#### SUNDAY ROSARY BY LECTORS

[bit.ly/SundayRosary](https://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 **1 to 31 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>





## CHARISMATIC

The next Charismatic Prayer Meeting via Zoom is on **Mon 18 Oct, 8pm**. There will be praise and worship followed by a talk on 'Reflections on Hail Mary' by Helen Chong. All are welcome.

### ZOOM MEETING DETAILS

Meeting ID: 836 3543 9497

Password: HOLYSPIRIT



## CATECHISM REGISTRATION

You can now register your child born between 2015 to 2017 for the K1, K2 and L1 Catechism session groups. Scan the QR Code to download and complete the registration form, and submit it together with a scanned copy of your child's baptism certificate to [catechism@sfxchurch.sg](mailto:catechism@sfxchurch.sg). Parents are expected to be present as catechists to journey along with their children. Registration closes on **Sun 14 Nov 2021**.

2022 Catechism sessions are held on Sundays at the following timings:

**K1 - L6: 3pm - 4.30pm**  
**L7 - L10: 2.45pm - 4.30pm**



## Blessed Birthday, Fr Cornelius! (20 Oct)



*Happy blessed birthday, Fr Cornelius. We thank God for giving us a shepherd modelled after his own image. As you celebrate your special day, may God's blessings, grace, favour and guidance continue to be with you!*



## CHARIS HUMANITARIAN MONTH: MAKE HOPE HAPPEN CAMPAIGN

Caritas Humanitarian Aid & Relief Initiatives, Singapore (CHARIS), is making its annual appeal for their Humanitarian Aid Fund that supports the Archdiocese's overseas humanitarian aid and disaster relief efforts. By sharing our blessings, we can unite as the helping hand of the Church, allowing faith and love to be multiplied. Donation envelopes are available outside the Parish Office. Alternatively, you can send a crossed cheque payable to "Humanitarian Aid Fund" with your name and contact information to: CHARIS, #07-02 Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street, Singapore 187954. Please contact CHARIS at 6337 4119 or scan the QR code above to visit their website for further information.



## FRANCISCAN MISSIONARIES OF MARY: PASSION FOR MISSION

The Franciscan Missionary of Mary (FMM) Sisters are holding a religious vocation session on **Sat 23 Oct, 10am-12pm** via Zoom for young women between 18 to 35 years old. This is the last of the "Passion for Mission" series. The session includes a sharing by Sr. Rosalie Ilboudo on her vocation story, and small group sharing amongst participants. There will be opportunities to engage other FMM sisters regarding discernment for religious vocations as well.



Scan the QR code or register at <https://tinyurl.com/passion05>.

## FAMILY LIFE CONFERENCE: THE JOY OF LOVE

*"Families are not a problem; they are first and foremost an opportunity." Amoris Laetitia by Pope Francis*

The Family Conference "Family Life: The Joy of Love" on **5 and 6 November**, is organised by Catholic Family Life with a mission to form, empower and restore individuals, couples and families to flourish in the intimate love of God. The fully virtual conference is made up of 3 parts where professionals, teachers, social workers, any volunteers who work alongside families, as well as parents, will find resources that will support them in their journey to help form, empower and restore families. Find out more about the conference and register via [www.familylife.sg/General\\_Registration](http://www.familylife.sg/General_Registration)

### 5 Nov, 1.30pm - 6.30pm

Part 1: Working with Families  
(for Professionals who work with families)

### 6 Nov, 9am - 12pm

Part 2: Anchoring on our Faith  
(for Parents and families)

### 6 Nov, 2pm - 6pm

Part 3: Building Flourishing Families  
(for Singles, Couples, Parents and families)



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

# Featured on FORMED: Pick of the Week

## THE JEWELER'S SHOP: A MODERN MYSTERY BY POPE JOHN PAUL II

Based on Pope John Paul II's best-selling book, this film tells of the struggles and triumphs in the marriages of three couples. A mysterious Jeweller (Burt Lancaster) acts as a mystical advisor to the couples, encouraging them to keep love at the centre of their lives. Beautifully filmed with an outstanding cast that includes Olivia Hussey and Ben Cross. John Paul II called it "the best possible film based on my play."



## FORMED NOW: ST. LUKE AND THE EUCHARIST

Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn as they dive into the joy of the Eucharist found in the Gospel of St. Luke the Evangelist.



## SAINT JOHN PAUL THE GREAT BY JASON EVERT

Discover the five great loves of Pope Saint John Paul II as Jason Evert, renowned Catholic speaker and author, shares remarkable stories about this saint's life from those who knew him, including bishops, students whom he taught, and Swiss Guards who interacted with him daily. Jason presents a wealth of insights about this holy man who promoted devotion to Divine Mercy and Marian consecration, helped defeat communism in Europe, wrote the Theology of the Body, and embraced young people like no other.



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### 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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