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Disciples *Making Disciples*



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Arise!!

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
14 Nov 2021

Dan 12:1-3
Hebr 10:11-14, 18
Mk 13:24-32

Our readings this week are full of prophetic symbolism giving an indication of how God powerfully intervenes in history for our justification and sanctification. Through these readings, we are invited to contemplate and celebrate the end of time when the sanctification of God's elect will be complete and all creation will behold the glory of God in a new heavenly Jerusalem.

The gospel today is taken from what is called the Olivet Discourse or "Little Apocalypse", in which Jesus foretells the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple which marked the end of biblical Judaism practiced by the Jews at the time. One interpretation of today's gospel is that Jesus is foretelling the events surrounding his second coming - the world will see Jesus "coming in clouds with great power and glory" (Mk 13:26, cf Acts 1:9-11), to "gather his elect" in the resurrection of the dead and to act as the divine judge on mankind (Jn 5:28-29). Obviously, Jesus' second coming, over 2,000 years after his Ascension, has not occurred yet and therefore, it would be difficult to reconcile this interpretation with Jesus' assertion that "this generation will not pass away before all these things take place." (Mk 13:30) Contemporary listeners of Jesus at the time would clearly understand that the events Jesus is speaking about will take place within their generation (i.e. within about 40 years).

Another interpretation of today's gospel says that Jesus is speaking about his death, Resurrection and Ascension. When Jesus died on the Cross, the sun did stop shining (Lk 23:44); the earthly heaven (Jerusalem Temple) was shaken; and the Temple veil, adorned with stars and constellations was torn from top to bottom (Mt 27:51) - all of which compares well with today's gospel. Furthermore, when Jesus said "then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory" (Mk 13:26), he was using the language of Daniel 7:13 which says "behold, with the clouds of heaven there comes one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him." In this vision of Daniel, whilst the son of man was "coming in the clouds", he was not coming to earth but being presented to the Ancient of Days who is God the Father. So we cannot assume that the phrase "coming in the clouds" mean coming to earth! After the Ascension, with the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the Apostles would be "the angels" (which also mean "messengers") sent out to the four corners of the known world at the time, spreading the Gospel and gathering the new people of God into the new kingdom of heaven on earth which is the Church. Crucially, all these events took place and were completed in the Apostles' lifetimes which is exactly what Jesus said would happen.

The utter destruction of the Temple by the Romans in 70AD marked the end of the transition period between the old covenant and the new. It also signaled the beginning of the end of time, as we enter into the final phase of God's plan which will culminate in the resurrection of the dead, as foretold in our first reading; the renewal of creation; and a new heavenly Jerusalem where Jesus reigns supreme. Jesus refers to the



"...then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory"
Mk 13:26

end of time as "that day or that hour" (Mk 13:32) and tells us clearly that no one but God the Father knows when the end will come. Therefore, those who are influenced by the false teachings of Rapture, must cling on to the truth of Jesus' words. Instead of trying to predict the future we must be watchful and prayerful so that whenever it comes, we will be ready.

In the meantime, Jesus has ascended into the heavenly Jerusalem to offer the perfect sacrifice of himself to God the Father for all eternity. The second reading tells us that in so doing, Jesus has completed what the Mosaic sacrifices could not, which is the forgiveness of sin and the inward transformation of our being, in order to love God and neighbour. And each time we partake of the Eucharist at Mass, we receive "the whole Christ" (CCC 1374) which conforms us to our Maker where we find our ultimate fulfilment.

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, SSVP was able to raise **\$6,135.45** for Friends In Need. We thank you for your generosity and continued support of our activities. If you wish to make a cheque payment or PayNow, it should be payable to:

Society of St Vincent de Paul (SSVP)

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

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**).

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

It is available via appointment only. You may 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/intercessory-prayer. All prayer requests are kept confidential. Join us online to pray and intercede in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. If you are joining us for the first time, please email intercessory@sfxchurch.sg for more information. All are welcome!

ZOOM MEETING DETAILS

Date & Time: Fri 19 Nov, 8pm
Meeting ID: 861 5125 7252
Password: SFXIP19NOV



November Mass Bookings

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

Tue 16 Nov, 12pm

4th booking for remaining weekday and weekend Masses*

**Weekday Mass bookings for whole of Nov 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



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**.

THE ALTAR SERVERS SOCIETY RECRUITMENT

The Altar Servers Society is recruiting. All boys aged 8 and above who are keen to learn more about serving at the Lord's table are welcome. Training will be held every Saturday beginning in December. A hard copy of the registration form can be obtained from the Parish Office. Please submit the completed registration form via tinyurl.com/SFXAltarServersRecruit2022 by **Sun 21 Nov**. For any enquiries, please contact Matthew Chua (8228 6175) or Gerald Lee (8522 7216).

CATHOLIC200SG PRAYER MARATHON WITH SFX

Our parish will be leading an intercessory prayer session on **Mon 15 Nov, 5pm - 6pm** and **9pm - 10pm** on youtube.com/catholicsg. Come join us online in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament as we pray for the 200th anniversary of the Catholic Faith in Singapore. Do invite your family and friends!

ONE: ADVENT REFLECTION E-BOOKLET

The Office for the New Evangelisation has produced a reflection e-booklet to journey with you throughout Advent and Christmas. It is available in English, Chinese and Tamil. The reflection theme for Advent this year is "The Promised Word" and for Christmas is "Word Made Flesh". Download the e-booklet at <https://bit.ly/AdventChristmas2021>.

CHARISMATIC

The next Charismatic Prayer Meeting via Zoom is on **Mon 15 Nov, 8pm**. Praise and Worship followed by Bible Sharing facilitated by Andrew Toh. All are welcome.

ZOOM MEETING DETAILS

Meeting ID: 836 3543 9497

Password: HOLYSPIRIT



CHILDREN'S LITURGY: BREAKING OF THE WORD

There will be a new collaboration in 2022 between Children's Liturgy, your catechists and with you as parents journeying with your children from nursery, K1 and K2! We will break the word for the little ones every Sunday so that they will understand better the gospels when they attend the evening mass. Calling all parents who have registered their nursery, K1 and K2 children for catechism classes, if you want to be part of the breaking of the word please register with Children's Liturgy so that we can journey together with you and your children. Call Monica - 9691 0599 or Craig - 9451 8256 now.

LIFE: "ANIMA" - THREE-PART SERIES ON FORMED

Longing for a sense of greater meaning in our lives? Join the LiFE Ministry as we take on a three-part series, titled "Anima" where we are led through an inspiring account of how God's plan for the world gives each of us a great dignity and purpose. This series on FORMED will instigate further meditation on how you can respond to Christ's sacrifice and continue carrying out his mission in his Church. This will be held on **Fridays (12, 19, 26 November)** at **8.30pm** via Zoom. To register, contact Theresa Rezel at 9730 6507.

THE 2022 BIBLE DIARY - 365 DAYS WITH THE LORD

It is available for sale at \$20 by the Daughters of St. Paul. This year's issue has a write up on the Synod which the whole Church is now celebrating. For orders please text 8348 2804. May the Word of God bring you closer to the Lord during this trying time of the pandemic and the coming year!

CATHOLIC200SG

A 200-hour virtual prayer marathon for Catholic200SG will be held from **12 to 20 November 2021**. It will be streamed live on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel. His Grace, Archbishop William Goh, will start off the prayer marathon on **Fri 12 Nov, 9am**, with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and lead the first hour of prayer. Subsequently, there will be hour-long live prayers led by various groups, and Eucharistic Adoration between the prayer sessions.

The daily schedule of prayers are:

9am – 10am: Lauds
11am – 12pm: Holy Spirit Chaplets
1pm – 2pm: Rosary (Foreign Languages)
3pm – 4pm: Divine Mercy
5pm – 6pm: Sacred Chaplets
7pm – 8pm: Vespers/Rosary
9pm – 10pm: Compline



The Prayer Marathon will conclude with the reposing of the Blessed Sacrament by the Archbishop at **5pm** on **Sat 20 Nov**, the Feast of Christ the King. Do join in the Prayer Marathon at the Archdiocesan Youtube channel at www.youtube.com/catholic200sg.

PRAYER MARATHON

The Catholic200SG Festival caps the 200th anniversary celebration of the Catholic Church in Singapore. There are more than a hundred events and activities over an 8-day period, from **4 to 11 Dec 2021** at Mission District. Find out about the individual events by going to [myCatholic.sg](https://mycatholic.sg) and clicking on Catholic200SG Festival logo or banner. All events are open for booking now!

CATHOLIC200SG FESTIVAL

<https://mycatholic.sg/festival>

The Biggest Catholic Event of The Decade Takes Place From Saturday, 4 December to 11 December 2021 in Mission District.

More than 100 Events & Activities to Ignite and Shine with Faith

ARTS	COMMUNITY	TALKS & FORUMS	SPIRITUAL
Exhibitions Luminary Lit Angelico Faithworks Echo From The Past Concerts Chords of Blessings Hymns & Praise 200 Feast of Music Who Are We: Then & Now Nox Gaudii Films Faith Reels	Tours Organ Tour Pilgrim Living Presence of the Past Night Mission Cathedral Heritage Tour Food & Merchandise Missionary Chats Crossings Cafe Book Shop Catholic200SG Station Farm Fables Night Lights Pop-up Art Family Church Build	Organisations Open House Organisation V-Fair Organisation Meet Talks & Forums Family Social Mission Faith & Theology Christian Living Arts & Community Our Archdiocese Non-English	Penitential Rite of Reconciliation Journey of Grace Devotions Gift of Divine Mercy Adoration Mass Concurrent Mass

CATHOLIC200SG FESTIVAL



Looking for more Information?
visit www.sfxchurch.sg

27 NOVEMBER — 3 DECEMBER 2021

Feast Day Fiesta

RETHINK • RECONNECT • RECHARGE

Embracing the theme to rethink, reconnect and recharge, we have lined up a series of events* to mark the patronal feast of St Francis Xavier.

Link up with a friend or family member and sign up for these events. Make it an enjoyable time of prayer and fellowship and an opportunity to reconnect with our parish life.

PILGRIMAGE WALK

Sat 27 Nov, 7am - 5pm

Journeying with others and God through a prayer walk to various Churches in Singapore.

TREASURE HUNT

Sun 28 Nov, 2.30pm - 5.30pm

Discovering the hidden gems in our Church and neighbourhood in a fun way.

ABIDE

Tue 30 Nov, 8pm - 10pm

A night of worship, prayer, adoration and fellowship for youth and young adults.

MARATHON ADORATION

2 Dec, 10pm - 3 Dec, 6pm

1-hour intimate time with Jesus in worship and adoration.

FEAST DAY TRIDUUM

1 - 3 Dec, 8pm - 10pm

Eucharistic Celebration and Collective Discernment Exercise.



To find out more, visit
WWW.SFXCHURCH.SG/FEASTDAY2021

*subject to prevailing MCCY guidelines.

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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