



**Disciples**  
*Making Disciples*



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## Serving the Truth through Christ the King

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus  
Christ, King of the Universe  
21 Nov 2021

**Dan 7:13 – 14**  
**Rev 1:5 – 8**  
**Jn 18:33-37**

Today, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, and as disciples of Christ, we need to contemplate if Christ is indeed sovereign over our lives. What does it mean to say that Christ is sovereign over us? In today's gospel, Jesus links his kingship to being "on the side of truth." Like Christ who came to "bear witness to the truth", we are also called to serve the truth by bearing witness and living out the truth. (Jn 18:37)

Truth isn't the first idea that comes to mind when we think of kingship. Often, we mistakenly associate kingship with power and in turn, with greatness. Do all powerful political leaders exercise greatness? What does greatness really mean? In Matthew's gospel, the mother of the sons of Zebedee approached Jesus, demanding that her two sons sit next to Jesus, one on the right while the other on the left. Jesus said in reply, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink?" (Mt 20:20-28) She wanted her two sons to be great. However, Jesus revealed that "greatness" for him was upholding the truth of his kingship as Lord and creator of the world even to the point of death - to the cup that he was about to drink, the sacrifice of his

blood for the people. Ironically, in the meditation of the third decade of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, the soldiers revealed the truth about great kingship by crowning Jesus with thorns. In other words, for one to be great, he or she must be prepared to suffer greatly for others. A great leader is not one who is powerful only in name but rather one who is willing to lay down his life for others – just as Jesus did for his ignorant and sinful people.

As Christ's disciples, we are all called to deny ourselves, pick up our cross and follow Jesus (cf. Mt 16:24). We are called to follow Jesus in upholding truth. Jesus could have denied his kingship and divinity and saved himself from the cross but he persisted in the truth of his mission



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*St Maximilian Kolbe*

to reveal the extent of God's love for sinful men and to call them to repentance and live in truth. In John 18:38, which is not reflected in today's Gospel, Pilate cynically asked, "What is truth?" For Pilate, there is only one's personal opinion and no such thing as an objective truth. Greek philosophers like Socrates, Plato and Aristotle centuries before Christ have regarded truth as a worthwhile and necessary pursuit for all human beings.

Knowing truth has great implications in life. Great philosopher-saints like St Augustine once shared that human happiness consists in the fruition of truth. St Maximilian Kolbe said "No one in the world can change Truth. What we can do and should do is to seek truth and to serve it when we have found it." The search for truth is hard work. That is why Christ our King and Saviour has given us the Holy Spirit, who is the Spirit of truth, for Christ has promised that "But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming." (Jn 16:13) Let us also not forget here that Jesus is not only the Way, the Life but also the Truth (cf. Jn 14:6) – the full truth of what it means to be human (living for others) and man's ultimate happiness (knowing and loving God) can only be found in Jesus Christ. If we have a deep relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe we can never be satisfied with the world's relativistic "truth". Nourished by the Spirit of Truth and growing in love for Christ, we can certainly follow our King and even suffer for the sake of truth!

## 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, there will be a call for contributions for the GIFT (Giving in Faith & Thankfulness) programme to build a more vibrant, evangelising and missionary Church. Please give generously to support the organisations and projects of the archdiocese by making a monthly giving pledge. You can give via PayNow (UEN: **201231391K**) or drop your contributions into the GIFT donation box. More info at [catholicfoundation.sg](http://catholicfoundation.sg)

### 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**).

### HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

Please submit your prayer request to [www.sfxchurch.sg/intercessory-prayer](http://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](mailto:intercessory@sfxchurch.sg) for more information. All are welcome!

#### ZOOM MEETING DETAILS

Date & Time: Fri 26 Nov, 8pm  
Meeting ID: 861 5125 7252  
Password: SFXIP26NOV



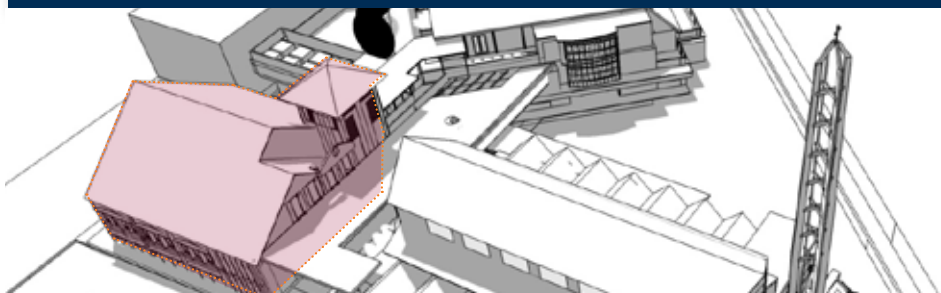
### THE 2022 BIBLE DIARY - 365 DAYS WITH THE LORD

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!



### PARISH OFFICE IS MOVING!

Please note that the Parish Office **WILL BE CLOSED** from **24 - 26 Nov** for relocation to level 2 of the Parsonage.



## December Mass Bookings

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

### Tue 23 Nov, 12pm

Booking of all weekday and weekend Masses. Usual policy of 1 weekend Mass, and 5 weekday Masses per booking session. Will include concurrent Mass for Catholic200SG, and also New Year's Eve Masses.

#### 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)



### PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Booking: **Tue 23 Nov, 12pm**

Limited to one booking for each parishioner on **MyCatholic.sg**. Registration closes 10 minutes after service begins and attendees to stay until the end of service. For 100 pax services, all will need to be vaccinated or take a PET prior to attending the session (*with 20% for children 12 and under*). For 50 pax services, both vaccinated and non-vaccinated persons are welcome.

#### 100 pax:

Mon 13 Dec: 8pm - 9.30pm  
Tue 21 Dec: 8pm - 9.30pm

#### 50 pax:

Wed 15 Dec: 8pm - 9.30pm  
Fri 17 Dec: 4pm - 5.30pm



### CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Booking: **Tue 14 Dec, 12pm**

Parishioners will only be able to book **either** a Christmas Eve or Christmas Day Mass, and not both, to enable as many parishioners to attend. These will not count to parishioners' quota of 1 weekend Mass and 5 weekday Mass bookings for the month.

### CHRISTMAS EVE & DAY MASS TIMINGS

**Christmas Eve Masses (Fri 24 Dec):**

- 50 pax: 4pm, 8pm
- 180 pax: 6pm, 10pm, 12mn

**Christmas Day Masses (Sat 25 Dec):**

- 50 pax: 11am
- 180 pax: 9am, 1pm

**Holy Family Masses (Sun 26 Dec):**

- 50 pax: 11am, 5.30pm
- 180 pax: 9am, 1pm

**New Year's Eve Masses (Fri 31 Dec):**

- 50 pax: 8pm
- 180 pax: 11pm



## ADVENT JOURNEY WITH SFX CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The first Sunday of Advent is on 28 November and we will be making an Advent wreath. Come join us on the SFX YouTube channel on 28 November at 9am and start this activity with us. You may also choose to do it at a leisurely pace during the week.

### Materials that you will need for 28 November:

- Large Paper Plate
- scissors
- glue stick
- double sided tape
- gold glitter glue (optional)
- black marker
- coloured craft paper - 3 shades of green, red, purple, pink white, yellow and orange coloured paper



Other SURPRISES await you so remember to tune in to the SFX YouTube channel from 28 November to 19 December!

P.S. You may post photos of your final product or photos of you and your family participating in our weekly activities on our SFX Palette Wall by using this link <https://tinyurl.com/SFXAdventJourney2021>

## SCHOOL OF WITNESS 2022: ABOUND IN HOPE

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13*

The School of Witness is an eight-week live-in discipleship school\* that aims to provide an environment of faith in which young people can encounter Jesus Christ more deeply and be encouraged to grow in the awareness of who God is and who they are in him. In this ongoing pandemic, we are convicted that we are called to proclaim our confidence in the God of Hope! We can abound in hope because we believe he is still God, he is still good, he is still faithful.

The 2022 School runs from **10 Jan - 5 Mar 2022** and is open to all Catholic young people in the Archdiocese from 18-30 years old. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/sow22>

*\*The School will be run in accordance with COVID-19 guidelines as advised by MCCY. Please note that the School will be run as a fully vaccinated school.*

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY: BREAKING OF THE WORD 2022

There will be a new collaboration in 2022 between Children's Liturgy, the Catechetical Ministry and parents to journey with your children from Nursery, K1 and K2! We will break the word for the little ones every Sunday so that they will better understand the Gospel when they attend the evening Mass. Calling all parents who have registered their children for Nursery, K1 and K2 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.

## THE ALTAR SERVERS SOCIETY RECRUITMENT

The Altar Servers Society is recruiting. All boys aged eight 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. The registration form can be obtained from the Parish Office. Please submit the completed registration form via [tinyurl.com/SFXAltarServersRecruit2022](https://tinyurl.com/SFXAltarServersRecruit2022) by **Sun 21 Nov**. For any enquiries, please contact Matthew Chua (8228 6175) or Gerald Lee (8522 7216).



## 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 cheque to **63A Chartwell Drive, Singapore 558758**.



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visit [www.sfxchurch.sg](http://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 **FULLY SIGNED UP!**

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/](http://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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