



Disciples
Making Disciples



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All Are Called

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
9 Jan 2022

Is 40:1-5, 9-11
Tit 2:11-14, 3:4-7
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

At his baptism, Jesus accepts and inaugurates his mission as God's suffering servant, even though he himself had no need to be baptised (CCC438). Jesus consents to baptism in order to "fulfil all righteousness" (Mt 3:15), submitting himself entirely to his Father's will and to associate himself with our humanity. God the Father responds by proclaiming delight in Jesus, the beloved Son of God. God the Holy Spirit, whom Jesus possessed in fullness at his conception, also descends upon Jesus to "rest on him". With this Trinitarian action, the heavens that Adam's sin closed were opened (CCC536).

Ever since the sin of Adam destroyed the communion of man with God, and that of man among themselves, God began his work of salvation to gather his people back to himself (CCC761). First, God chose the race of Israel as a people unto himself and with them he set up a covenant. Through this covenant, and out of the abundance of his love, God taught and prepared his people, making his hidden will known by deeds and words which have an inner unity: the deeds carried out by God throughout salvation history manifest and confirm the teaching and realities signified by Scripture, while Scripture proclaim and clarify the mystery contained in the deeds. (*Lumen Gentium* 9, *Dei Verbum* 2) However, all these things were done as a preparation for the fuller



revelation of Jesus Christ, the Word of God himself made flesh, who, St Paul says in the second reading today, is the grace of God for the salvation of all men, "He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own..." (Tit 2:14) By his Passion, Jesus instituted a new covenant in His Blood, calling together Jew and Gentile to be one people in the Church of Christ, not according to the flesh but in the Spirit.

All men are called to belong to this New Testament people of God which is the Church, and "anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him." (Ac 10:35) Therefore, included in the plan of salvation are, first and foremost, Jews to "whom the testament and promises were given and from whom Christ was born according to the flesh"; Muslims who "professing to hold the faith of Abraham, along with us adore the one and merciful God"; and our Separated Brethren who, "being baptised, are honoured with the name of Christian." (*Lumen Gentium* 15, 16) Lastly, "those who, through no fault of their own, do not know the Gospel of Christ or his Church, but nevertheless seek God with a sincere heart, and moved by grace, try in their actions to do his will as they know it through the dictates

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of their conscience - those too may achieve eternal salvation." (*ibid*, CCC847)

But we, who have been given the grace to be baptised into his "One, Holy and Catholic Church", are incorporated into the body of Christ, sealed with the "indelible spiritual mark" of belonging to Christ (CCC1267, 1272). Through baptism, our whole being has been washed cleansed of sin in the waters of baptism and we have been reborn in the Spirit as adopted children of God. And being children of God, we are co-heirs with Jesus to eternal life with God the Father (cf Rom 8:17).

Jesus willed to be baptised in order to associate himself with our fallen humanity, and in turn he gives us the grace to be baptised into his death and resurrection in order to have a share of his divinity. What a privilege! On this feast day, let us ponder upon the love of God and declare along with St Paul that we have the blessed hope of the coming of our God and Saviour Jesus Christ! When this blessed hope rests in our hearts and mind, we can rejoice and be of good cheer whatever the circumstance and state of life we find ourselves in.

Announcements

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

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

SSVP 2ND COLLECTION

With your kind donations last weekend, SSVP was able to raise **\$4,684.60** for our Friends In Need. We thank you for your generosity and continued support of our activities. For cheque payments or PayNow, pay to:

Society of St Vincent de Paul (SSVP)

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

HOW CAN I PRAY FOR YOU?

Please submit your prayer request to www.sfxchurch.sg/intercessory-prayer. All prayer requests are kept confidential. Join us online every Monday to pray and intercede in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

ZOOM MEETING DETAILS

Date & Time: **Mon 10 Jan, 8pm**
Meeting ID: 861 5125 7252
Password: SFXIP10JAN



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 given referral number upon making payment via PayNow (T08CC4033J).

CATHOLIC 200SG COMMEMORATIVE BOOK

It is available for **\$30** at the Parish Office during office hours, while stocks last! Please bring exact cash amount.

January Mass Bookings

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

Tue 11 Jan, 12pm

3rd booking of all weekday and weekend Masses, usual policy of 1 weekend Mass, and 5 weekday Masses per booking session.

Fully Vaccinated 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 **Choir Entrance**.
- Mass bookings/cancellation may be made **1 hour** before Mass.
- Vaccinated parishioners should refrain from booking unvaccinated Mass slots.

MASSSES FOR FULLY VACCINATED 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**
Pre-Event Testing (PET) results for the unvaccinated will **no longer** be used as a criterion for entry into Vaccinated-Only Masses.

✓ **Children aged 12 years and below**
can participate in 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



From 1 Jan 2022,

1. Pre-Event Testing (PET) results for the unvaccinated will **no longer** be used as a criterion for entry into Vaccinated-Only Masses.
2. Masses for the Unvaccinated will continue for Jan 2022.

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**.

COME, ADORE AND PRAY WITH JESUS

John Paul II Hall is available for silent prayer every **Wednesday** from **7pm to 10.30pm**. No booking is required, but a maximum of 10 people at one time will be allowed. It will be on a first-come, first-served basis. The usual safe distancing measures are applicable.

MODULE 1 OF MY PERSONAL MORAL COMPASS 2022

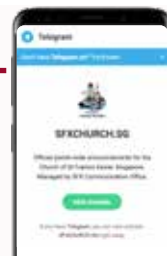
How do we know what is right and wrong? Why does this matter? Join us as we explore moral truths and their impact on our happiness. Module 1 kicks off the 2022 run of My Personal Moral Compass, starting **13 January**. It is held weekly on **Thursdays** over Zoom at **7.30pm** for eight weeks. Register at <https://forms.office.com/r/B23U3uH7yh>. For enquiries, please email Caritas Singapore at mppmc@caritas-singapore.org



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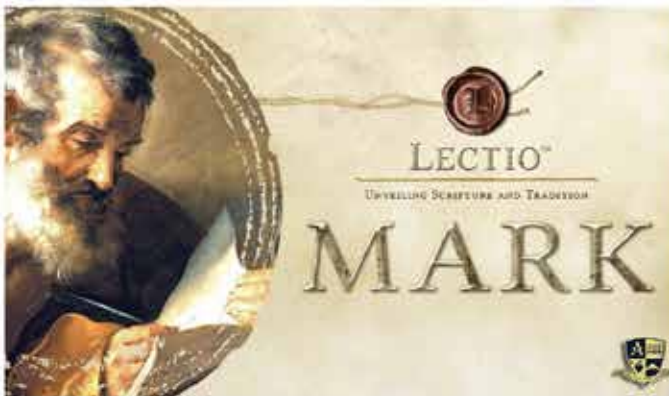
PICK OF THE WEEK

January 9, 2022

WATCH

REBORN - EPISODE 1 A NEW CREATION

This week, as we contemplate Jesus' Baptism, dive into the mystery of the Sacrament of Baptism! Through our Reborn series, you will come to understand the deeper meaning behind your Baptism!



LECTIO: MARK, EPISODE 2: PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

Jesus couldn't have been baptised without a baptiser. Join Dr. Tim Gray as he explains the opening verses of Mark's Gospel that depict the ministry of John the Baptist - the man who would baptise Jesus.

LEARN

LISTEN

CHANGED FOREVER: THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM BY FR. MIKE SCHMITZ

Renowned Catholic speaker and priest, Fr. Mike Schmitz, explores the beautiful gift of the Sacrament of Baptism. In this talk, Fr. Mike provides a wonderful presentation on the waters that give new life!



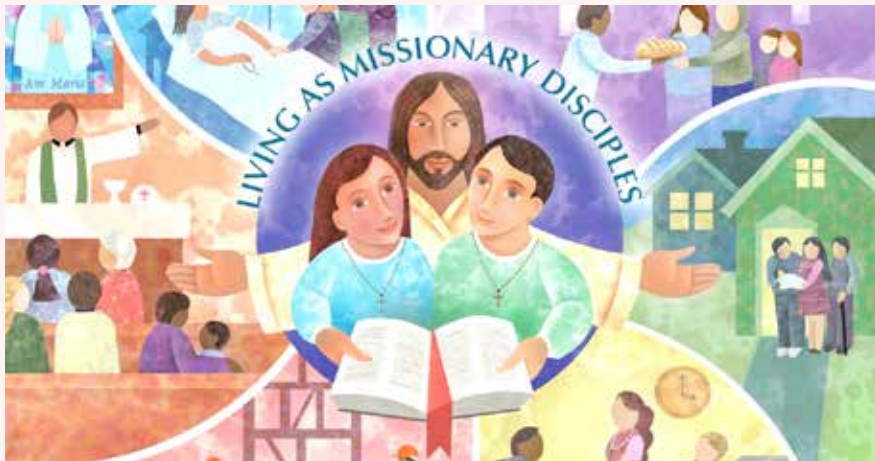
Our parish has a FORMED subscription.
To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.



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

Catechetical Sunday

This Catechetical Sunday, we are commissioning our catechumens at the 9am mass and catechists at the 1pm mass respectively. Let's pray that the Lord's guidance and wisdom will be upon our catechists as they impart the love of God to the children. And for the catechumens to draw closer to the Lord through the learning of his word.



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

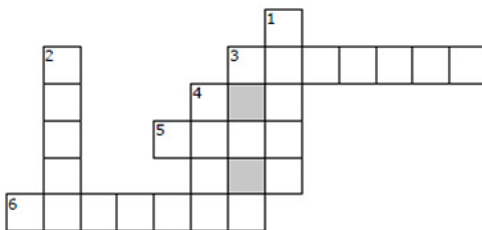
COLUMBARIUM

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



The Baptism of Jesus

One day when the crowds were being baptised, Jesus himself was baptised. Luke 3:21 (NIV)



ACROSS

3. Shoes that are fastened to the foot by straps.
5. The Holy Spirit came down from heaven in the form of a _____.
6. When Jesus prayed, the _____ opened.

DOWN

1. The liquid that John used to baptize people.
2. What was heard when Jesus was baptized.
4. The name of the man who baptized Jesus.

John
dove

voice
sandals

water
heavens

Source: sermons4kids.com

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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