



Disciples *Making Disciples*



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Jesus our teacher - not society

7th Sunday of Easter
World Social Communication Sunday
29 May 2022

Ac 7:55-60
Rev 22:12-14,16-17,20
Jn 17:20-26

Human unity is fleeting and fragile. An unkind word, a wrong step or a disagreement can easily lead to estrangement and separation, often for a lifetime.

In the Gospel, Jesus offers a model for lasting unity and salvation for man. His intercessory prayer for his future Church calls for unity of his disciples. This unity is to be a sign of love, not only horizontally among themselves, but also vertically, a sign of God's love for humanity. (Jn 17:21) The love of God overflows to Christians, then to the world.

How? The salvific economy is participatory. We are not called to be just worshippers but followers. Christian discipleship unleashes spiritual powers to live supernaturally. This distinguishes us from the world: *"Through this wordless witness these Christians stir up irresistible questions in the hearts of those who see how they live: Why are they like this? Why do they live in this way? What or who is it that inspires them? Why are they in our midst? Such a witness is already a silent proclamation of the Good News and a very powerful and effective one."* (cf. Pope St. Paul VI, *Evangelii Nuntiandi* 21)

Communion with God draws us into the stream of love, the Holy Spirit, that flows constantly between God the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit draws us to the path of

love, bestowing supernatural gifts to put love into action - wisdom, understanding and counsel to defuse discord; patience to think over difficulties; peace to calmly consider opposing views; self-control to restraint temper and hold back one's tongue ... (CCC 1831-1832)

Mother Teresa of Calcutta exemplifies love. Her selfless dedication to the poorest of the poor restored their dignity and united people to her cause. She shared: *"If you judge people, you have no time to love them ... I have found the paradox, that if you love until it hurts, there can be no more hurt, only more love."* Pope St John Paul II explains: *"Being a person means striving towards self realisation, which can only be achieved 'through a sincere gift of self'."* (cf. *Mulieris Dignitatem* 7) We see in the First Reading, the depth of love in the martyrdom of St Stephen. His plea for forgiveness of his killers echoes that of Jesus on Calvary - an unconditional and sacrificial love that unites and saves. This unity and salvation comes through the Church, as revealed to St. John in the Second Reading: *"The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come.' Let everyone who listens answer, 'Come.' Then let all who are thirsty come: all who want it may have the water of life, and have it free."* (Rev 22:17) The Church is the bride of Christ (Rev 19:7-8). She joins the Spirit in summoning the world to salvation (CCC 2550). This call is strangely attractive because God promises a peace, the world cannot give. (Jn 14:27) Not worldly peace, often procured by violence and unstable, but a spiritual serenity that comforts, regardless of outward circumstances.

"Where are you?" (Gen 3:9) - God's first question in the bible summons



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us too. Do we react adversely to people and situations, allowing our feelings and emotions to rule and judge? Are we tortured by conflicts and separation? Self-absorption divides, love unites. When we are in communion with God, we don't find fault with others - we find fault in self. Our reaction becomes a measure of our pride, envy, anger, ... Experience shows - the greater the vice, the stronger the reaction, the heavier the cross. Seeing God's plan and salvation in all things means every situation, relationship and person are opportunities for purification - our passport to heaven.

Social Communication Sunday reminds us that what happens outside influences us too, particularly social media. Jesus is our teacher, not society. Secularism, relativism, subjectivism, individualism reduce everything to matters of opinion. The denial of objective truths leads to rejection of religions as myths and authorities to be dismissed. A false concept of human autonomy and erroneous conscience *"eventually leads to atheism."* (cf. *John Paul II, Veritatis Splendor* 39) Without God, there is no lasting peace (Jn 14:27) - a man not at peace with himself will not be at peace with his neighbour.

Announcements

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

SCAN QR CODE
FOR MASS HYMNS
www.sfxchurch.sg/mass



ALTAR SERVERS INVESTITURE MASS

Let us pray for the Altar Servers who will be having their investiture on **Sat 4 June, 5.30pm.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Come storm heaven with us in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Date & Time: Mon 30 May, 8pm
Venue: Micah (Parish Centre, Level 2)

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY COLLECTIONS

All Mass collections for this weekend will be set aside for the Archdiocesan Media Apostolate. Mass collections received through PayNow, Cash or cheques during the week **28 May - 3 Jun 2022** will constitute receipts for World Communications Day.

9-DAY NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Join our Charismatic prayer group as we continue to pray the 9-day novena to the Holy Spirit to prepare for Pentecost. **There will be no sessions on Sat 28 and Sun 29 May.**

ZOOM MEETING DETAILS

Date & Time: 24 May - 3 Jun, 8pm
Meeting ID: 818 6998 1266
Password: NOVENA2022
Meeting Link: bit.ly/9DAYSNOVENA

COME AND SERVE: L8 & L9 RETREAT 2022

Come join us on **3 to 5 June** and/or **23 to 26 June** for our non stay-in Catechetical L8 & L9 retreat 2022! We're looking for young adults and youths to help facilitate, aid in logistics or intercede for the participants. In preparation for the camp, we will have sessions to pray, train and prepare our hearts and minds! If this sparks excitement in your heart, don't hesitate to join us today! More details can be found in the sign up link: <http://bit.ly/L8L9Retreat22>



MAIN CHURCH GATE CLOSING HOURS

Please note that the main gate of the Church will be **locked daily from 11pm - 5am.**

UPDATE ON JUNE MASSES

Online Mass bookings are no longer required. Seating capacity for Weekend Masses has been increased to 700 for VDS* Masses and 500 for Non-VDS* Masses.

VDS MASSES (700 PAX):

- Sat 5.30pm, Sun 9am, Sun 11am

NON-VDS MASSES (500 PAX):

- Weekday Masses (EXCEPT SOLEMNITY MASSES)
- Sat 6.30am, Sun 7am, Sun 5.30pm

As per MCCY guidelines, we regret that we may have to refuse entry when the maximum capacity has been reached.

* Vaccination-Differentiated

The Rosary will be prayed 30 mins before all weekday Masses.

MASS TIMINGS

Please note that from June, we will have more weekday masses. The new weekday mass schedule is as follows:

Tues - Sat 6.30am

Mon - Thurs 6.30pm; Fri 8pm

THINGS TO NOTE

- Trace-Together App/token and ID NOT required for Weekday Non-VDS Masses **except Solemnity Masses**
- Trace-Together App/token and ID are required for VDS Masses for Vaccination status verification and headcount
- Mass Entry: Weekday Masses via all doors, Sat 6.30am and Sun 7am Mass via Choir Entrance only; All other Masses via Church Foyer and Choir Entrance

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'. Please write 'Mass Collection' behind the cheque. Mail cheques to **63A Chartwell Drive, Singapore 558758.**

SFX PENTECOST PRAISE & WORSHIP

Come celebrate Pentecost with songs, praise and worship on **Sun 5 Jun at 10.35am**, followed by Mass at 11am, with a special invitation to our recent SFX retreat participants. Let's all come together in this pre-Mass reunion with the Holy Spirit.

MONTFORTIAN EXPERIENCE RETREAT: GENTLENESS OF WISDOM

Life at times can be chaotic and unpredictable, and in these times we might find it hard to be gentle with ourselves and with others. Jesus the eternal and incarnate Wisdom came precisely into this troubled world through the most holy Virgin Mary.

Upon seeing Jesus, St John the Baptist exclaimed, "Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the world." (Jn. 1:29). To captivate our hearts and to take away our sins, Jesus has gathered into his person all that is meek in God and in man, in heaven and on earth (LEW 119).

Come and spend a weekend away to experience "The Gentleness of Wisdom" at Montfort Centre.

Dates & Time: Fri 3 Jun, 7pm - Sun 5 Jun, 1pm

Venue: Montfort Centre (624 Upper Bukit Timah Rd, Singapore 678212)

Register: www.montfortcentre.org/events-1/gentleness-of-wisdom-2022



OYP: KICKSTART 2022

Entering university this year? The Office for Young People invites you to Kickstart, a stay-in retreat of prayer and fellowship, to get in touch with the university communities and Kickstart your university life with a solid foundation, Christ our Lord! Kickstart is open to all freshmen entering local autonomous and private universities, as well as universities in Europe, UK, Australia, and US.

Dates & Time: Sat 18 June, 10am - Sun 19 Jun, 6pm
Venue: Office for Young People (2 Lor Low Koon, Singapore 536449)
Cost: \$15
Register: www.tinyurl.com/OYPkickstart22

**10TH WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES (WMOF)**

This year, the Catholic Church celebrates the 10th World Meeting of Families, originally instituted by Saint John Paul II in 1994. Pope Francis calls for a multi-centred celebration, where all are invited to participate in the celebrations in Rome, right in our local Diocese. For more information, visit www.familylife.sg/WMOF

Dates & Time: Sat 25 Jun, 9.30am – Sun 26 Jun, 12.30pm
Venue: St. Joseph's Institution (38 Malcolm Road, Singapore 308274)
Register: bit.ly/WMOF_SG

**SUNDAY ROSARY @ THE GROTTO - LED BY THE LECTORS**

In celebration of Marian month, join the Lectors Ministry for community Rosary this **Sun 29 May, 8.30pm** at Mother Mary's Grotto. All your family members, friends, community and ministry members are also invited to join us face to face in praying for conversion, peace and the needs of the world.

Please arrive early as we will begin promptly. Spread the word!
Please note: Lectors' Sunday Rosary resumes on Zoom from June onwards.

World Communications Day 2022



LISTEN!

After the message of 2021, centered on going and seeing, in his new Message for World Communications Day 2022, Pope Francis asks the world of communication to relearn to listen.

The pandemic has affected and wounded everyone, and everyone needs to be heard and comforted. Listening is also fundamental for good information. The search for truth begins with listening. And so does witnessing through the means of social communication. Every dialogue, every relationship begins with listening. For this reason, in order to grow, even professionally, as communicators, we need to relearn to listen a lot.

Jesus himself asks us to pay attention to how we listen (c.f. LK 8:18). To be able to truly listen, requires courage and a free and open heart, without prejudice.

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Listening corresponds to the humble style of God. It is the action that allows God to reveal himself as the One who, by speaking, creates man and woman in his image, and by listening recognises them as his partners in dialogue.

Pope Francis
“Listening with the ear of the heart”

2022

At this time when the whole Church is invited to listen in order to learn to be a Synodal Church, we are all invited to rediscover listening as essential for good communication.

THE WILD GOOSE: GOD'S LOVE POURED OUT

During the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we remember a fundamental pillar of our Faith: "God is love" (1 Jn 4:8). This simple statement is the beginning and the ending of our pilgrimage of Faith. In this episode of The Wild Goose, join Fr. Dave Pivonka as he illuminates God's eternal pouring out of Love.



To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.



Luke 24:46-53

Jesus disappeared into a cloud forty days after He rose from the dead. Where did He go?

Colour in the spaces with crosses (+) to find out!

Source: <https://thekidsbulletin.com/>



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

MASS TIMINGS

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue & Thu:
6.30pm

Wed & Sat:
6.30am

Fri:
8pm

WEEKEND MASSES

Sat:
5.30pm*

Sun: 7am, 9am*,
11am*, 5.30pm
(There is currently no
Confession before Mass)

***MASS ON PUBLIC
HOLIDAYS**
9am

***For Vaccinated Only**

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

Mon - Sun:
7am - 11pm
Closed on Public Holidays

LIBRARY

Closed until further notice

COLUMBARIUM

Mon to Sat:
10am - 6pm
Closed on Sundays and Public Holidays.

ANOIDTING 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

Spiritual preparation is held on the last Friday of every odd month. Baptism is held on the first Sunday of the following month. For registration, please refer to our website.



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 two weeks in advance of your intended date. Please write the names clearly, and in block letters.



VOLUNTEER & SHARE YOUR GIFTS!

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