



Disciples
Making Disciples

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Loving the Good Samaritan Lifestyle

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10 Jul 2022

Deut 30:10-14
Col 1:15-20
Lk 10:25-37

The parable of the Good Samaritan that Jesus tells in today's gospel has resounded so powerfully that the word "Samaritan" has entered common usage. It is used of anyone or any organization dedicated to reaching out to the needy without counting the cost.

In Jesus' time, however, the word "Samaritan" had a negative connotation. It referred to the Jews of Northern Israel who had inter-married with the foreigners from the Assyrian invasion. These Samaritan Jews had adopted the idols of their invaders and were thus despised for having abandoned the one true God worshipped in the Jerusalem Temple.

It seems odd therefore that Jesus chose a Samaritan as the hero of this parable. The man who had been mugged and left for dead on the road between Jerusalem and Jericho was ignored by both the priest and the Levite who were supposed to have shown him the charity expected of the true worshipper. Instead, it was the Samaritan, the "idol worshipper", who, "moved with compassion...bandaged [the man's] wounds, pouring oil and wine on them...lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him." (Lk 10:34) Turning back to the lawyer who prompted this parable by asking Jesus who was to be considered a "neighbour," Jesus

elicited from him the response that it was the one who "took pity" on the wounded man that was considered a "neighbour." The lawyer had initially wanted to differentiate between "neighbour" and "non-neighbour" to absolve himself from having to help some categories of people but Jesus' question forced him to re-define the meaning of "neighbour" – one has the duty to be a "neighbour" to everyone or as St John Henry Newman puts it, "God has created [us] to do Him some definite service...[to be] a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons."

Today, it is common to hear people speak of choosing a healthy, fashionista or jet-setting lifestyle. Pope Francis would like us to also have a "Good Samaritan lifestyle": "The Good Samaritan indicates a lifestyle, the center of which is not ourselves, but others, with their difficulties ... I must not categorize others in order to decide who is my neighbour and who is not. It is up to me whether to be a neighbour or not — the decision is mine —... even if they are strangers or perhaps

hostile... Do I make neighbors, or do I just pass by?" (Angelus, July 10, 2016)

This sounds like a very tall order but the first reading says this overarching love is "not beyond [our] strength" (Deut 30:11) because we can be assured that Christ himself, the Word of God, "is very near to [us], [he] is in [our] mouth, and in [our] heart." (Deut 30:14) Jesus has also told us, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." (Jn 6:57) Today's Prayer over the Offerings petitions of our Father that the Eucharist, "when consumed by those who believe...may bring ever greater holiness." This holiness is the bond of communion that Christ has offered us. We, the Church, are his body and he is our head (cf Col 1:18). We can love much because the love of Christ is in us and we are in him.

This Good Samaritan lifestyle of unstinting compassion towards the needy is a lifestyle that Christ has modelled for us. The Church Fathers regarded Jesus himself as the Good Samaritan. By his incarnation, he came down to a humanity left for dead by sin. Christ pours on us "oil and wine" – the Holy Spirit for our sanctification and his Eucharistic body for eternal life. St Ambrose says, "[Jesus], the Good Samaritan, who is the guardian of souls...when He came... [took] upon Himself our infirmities, He became a neighbour by bestowing compassion."

If we desire this Good Samaritan lifestyle, we need to look to Christ, the true Good Samaritan. Rejected, mocked, tortured and crucified – he never once counted the cost because he "took pity" on our woundedness from sin and guilt. At every Mass he continues to pour "oil & wine" on us through the Eucharist - restoring us and giving us eternal life. Thank you Jesus, for being our neighbour, Saviour and friend.



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- Pope Francis

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



PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE & MASS ON PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on **Mon 11 Jul (Hari Raya Haji)**. There will only be one Mass at **9am**.

SSVP COLLECTION

With your kind donations last weekend, SSVP was able to raise **S\$8,181.60** for our Friends-In-Need. We thank you for your generosity and continued support of their activities.

Society of St Vincent de Paul (SSVP)

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

CHARISMATIC

The next Charismatic Prayer Meeting is on **Mon 11 Jul, 8pm** via Zoom. There will be Praise & Worship followed by a talk on 'The Miracle Of Stories' by Leonard Ong. All are welcome!

Meeting ID: 884 2477 8685

Passcode: HOLYSPIRIT

Meeting Link: bit.ly/SFXCPGPNW

TRAFFIC ADVISORIES

FOR VEHICLES ACCESSING BASEMENT CARPARK

The church has installed speed ramps at the entrance and exit points of the basement car park to remind motorists to slow down when driving over the gratings covering the drainage. In addition, rubber dampers have also been installed to reduce noise. Motorists are reminded to slow down when approaching the ramps and all gratings. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!

PARKING ALONG COOLING CLOSE

Vehicle owners are reminded to be considerate towards the neighbouring residents, especially during weekends and ensure your vehicle is not indiscriminately parked. Traffic law enforcement will be carried out against errant motorists.

JULY 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.

NON-VDS MASSES (500 PAX):

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

VDS MASSES (700 PAX):

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

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

* Vaccination-Differentiated

MASS TIMES

Please note that we now have more Weekday Masses. The updated Weekday Mass Schedule is as follows:

Tue - Sat 6.30am

Mon - Thu 6.30pm; Fri 8pm

THINGS TO NOTE

• Trace-Together App/token and ID **NOT REQUIRED** for Weekday & Sat AM Masses except specified Solemnity Masses

• Trace-Together App/token and ID **REQUIRED** for VDS Masses for Vaccination status verification and headcount

• ID **REQUIRED** for Sunday non-VDS Masses for headcount

• Mass Entry: Weekday & Sat AM Masses - all doors; Sun 7am Mass - Choir Entrance only; all other Weekend Masses - Choir Entrance and Foyer

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**.

RCIA/RCIY 2022/2023 - THE JOURNEY OF FAITH

Do you know of anyone who is interested in embarking on a journey of faith? Or perhaps someone who has felt a stirring in their heart and is seeking answers to questions, or even peace in their struggles? We encourage you to reach out to them and invite them to join us in RCIA and RCIY.

New RCIA Journey (24 years old and above)

Date: Tue 5 Jul 2022

Time: 8pm - 10pm

Venue: JPII Hall (Parsonage, Level 1)

Register: tinyurl.com/sfxrciasignup

For enquires: 9827 6893 (Lloyd)/
8112 8041 (Grace)



New RCIY Journey (13 - 23 years old)

Date: Sun 3 Jul 2022

Time: 10.30am - 12.30pm

Venue: Jeremiah
(Parish Centre, Level 2)

Register: tinyurl.com/SFX-RCIY-2022-23

For enquires: 9002 9977 (Angela)/
9675 5698 (Corinne)



For 2022 RCIA/Y Journey testimonials, visit <https://tinyurl.com/sfxrciy22testimonials>

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Centre Admin Executive
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LITTLE SHEPHERDS' SCHOOLHOUSE
Catholic Preschool Education (Singapore) Ltd.

CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION IN HONOUR OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER

Come meet us on **Wed 13 Jul, 7.45pm** at **JPII Hall** for the **8pm** rosary procession within the church grounds. You may bring your own waxless candle.

SFX 1COR12 ABIDE - NIGHT OF ADORATION & PRAYER

Come and spend some time with Jesus for a night of worship, preaching and adoration, as well as with fellow young people seeking the Lord! We are blessed to have Edwyn De Souza as our preacher for the night. Bring a friend and sign up now!

Date: Fri 22 Jul 2022

Time: 8pm - 10pm

Venue: SFX Parish Hall
(Parish Centre, Level 3)

Register: bit.ly/1cor12abide



THE MASS EXPLAINED

Come join us for a 2-part series of talks by Rev Fr JJ Fenelon on the liturgical celebration. Love offerings are welcome! Organized by the Lectors Ministry.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING BY REV FR DAVID GARCIA, O.P.

What does it mean when the Church says work has dignity? Why is it a problem when managers micromanage their staff? Why do persons with and without intellectual disabilities have equal dignity? What is the problem with both capitalism and communism? What is our duty to the poor and the environment? Why does the Church prefer democracy? What does the Church have to say about world peace? Jesus challenges us in the gospel to interpret the signs of the times. Come and turn to the Church's social teachings so we can obtain the tools to think about the social issues of our time! For enquiries, please email Caritas Singapore at mPMC@caritas-singapore.org

Date: Tue 19 Jul - 23 Aug 2022 (5 weeks)

Time: 8pm - 10pm

Register: <https://forms.office.com/r/4mCLjP7D8w>



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PICK OF THE WEEK

July 10, 2022

WATCH

THE AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE SHOW WITH DR. TIM GRAY - GUEST DR. MICHAEL BARBER

How do we respond when we are asked, "Are you saved?" In this episode of the Augustine Institute Show, Drs. Tim Gray and Michael Barber discuss what salvation means, and how faith and works aid us in our journey. To learn more, check out Dr. Barber's book, *Salvation: What Every Catholic Should Know!*



LISTEN

TRUTH TO INSPIRE: ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, otherwise known as the "Lily of the Mohawks," became our first Native American Saint after her canonization in 2012. During her life, young Kateri suffered much ridicule due to her counter-cultural decision to remain a virgin out of love for Christ. As we celebrate Kateri's feast day today, enjoy this short audio book that describes Kateri's journey to Our Lord within the context of her native tribe.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Lily of the Mohawks



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

Disciples Cleaning the House of God

Giving thanks to God and the generosity of nearly 50 volunteers for stepping forward to clean our Parish Hall, Parish Centre Meeting Rooms and the JPll Hall! Let us continue to keep our church premises clean for everyone to come and worship God!



Looking for more Information?
visit www.sfxchurch.sg

MASS TIMES

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon - Thu:
6.30pm

Tue - 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

CONFESSION

Fri:
4pm - 6pm

Sat:
10am - 12pm

OPENING HOURS

MAIN GATE

Mon - Sun:
5am - 11pm

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

COLUMBARIUM

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

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

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.

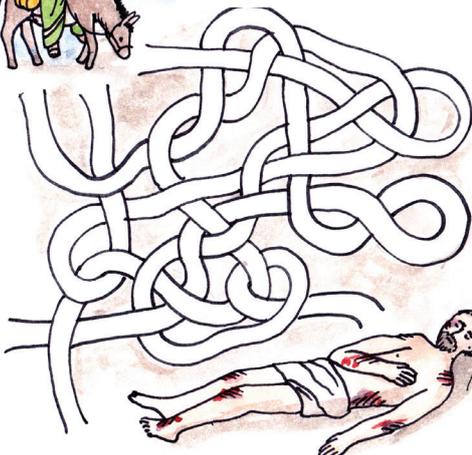


Mini MANNA



Which of the three paths would the good Samaritan take? Find out which one leads to the man who was robbed.

Luke 10:25-37



Jesus told the Parable of the Good Samaritan to show the people what it means to love your neighbour after someone asked Him "Who is my neighbour?"

Extracted from
<https://thekidsbulletin.com/>

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