



**Disciples
Making Disciples**

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Wait upon the Lord

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7 Aug 2022

Wis 18:6-9
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19
Lk 12:32-48

Jesus exhorts his disciples in today's Gospel to be ready for when the Son of Man returns, for the day and time of his coming is not known to us. Joe Tedesco, a lecturer in pastoral liturgy, writes "While we wait for the completion of all things, for the final act in the story of the salvation of all, it can seem dark and even pointless. We are not to succumb to the darkness but remain people of purpose, dressed and ready to respond to Christ at any moment. To have our 'lamps burning' providing light to the places we live." (*Pastoral Liturgy* 52, no. 3, University of Notre Dame, Australia)

Here, we ought to reflect on ourselves. What is our purpose(s) in life? What does having our lamps lit and providing light to those around us look like in our own circumstances? Perhaps we are not beating our employees or getting drunk every night (cf Lk 12:45). However, we should also consider, what are some ways we may be tempted to let our guard down, and how can we overcome that?

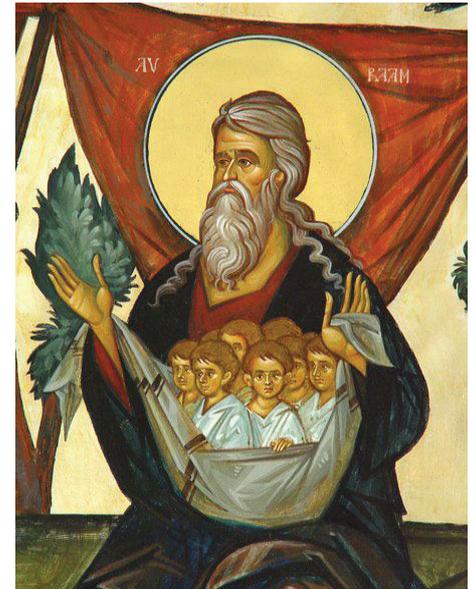
This anticipation and expectation of God's fulfillment of his promise is echoed in the Book of Wisdom which portrays the salvific intention of God in the Exodus event. The First Reading shows the Israelites waiting upon the Lord God. Because of the confidence they had in the Promised Land God said he would give to Abraham (cf 2nd reading,

Gen 12:1), the Israelites heeded Moses' instruction on the Passover sacrifice (cf Wis 18:6, Ex 12:21ff) and offered the Passover in devotion and faith even while still in captivity. "When the time of deliverance came, they were ready...because they trusted the revealed nature of God and because they remained devoted to it, connected to and aware of the nature of God." (Joe Tedesco)

Applying it in our lives, how do we wait upon the Lord? Are we sensitive to his words and his promptings in our everyday experiences? How can we build an awareness of the divine movements within our lives, in our family, community, society, and in the world?

Jesus calls us to be responsible and accountable as he describes what would happen to the servants when the master returns. An overemphasis on the punishment may lead us to be in a heightened state of alarm. Is it as though we have to be in crisis mode all the time, in case God springs up from behind to find fault with us for not performing our best.

Of course, "Jesus does not want alertness to the point of paranoia." Tedesco draws our attention to the preceding verses of today's Gospel. "Luke 12:22-35 is a pericope often titled 'Do not Worry' (NRSV) or 'Dependence on God' (NABRE). It recounts Jesus telling his followers not to worry, using the birds of the air and the flowers in the ground to remind them that God's providential care is woven into creation itself. In simple terms, it is a call to trust God and not (like the Rich Man from last week's Gospel) trust one's own prosperity. It is not panicked or fearful vigilance that Jesus is demanding. It is sweet surrender; a journey of trust being offered."



Faith is the realisation of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen. (Heb 11:1)

We see this relationship of trust being displayed by Abraham the father of faith, as he obeyed his calling, took the risk, and travelled out despite not knowing where he was to go. Indeed, "faith is the realisation of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen." (Heb 11:1)

Once again, we ask ourselves, when has God invited us to deepen the roots of faith and trust within our hearts? What is our response to him today?

"The life of a Christian includes being prepared for 'God's surprises' which can come at any time and in any form. However, the foundation of any preparedness is not fear or alarm. Rather, it is a knowing and trusting that allows one to respond to the untimely, unexpected, and difficult things that come our way."

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

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on **Tue 9 Aug (National Day)**.

FAULTY CHURCH PEWS?

Spot any faulty or damaged pews in church? Scan the QR Code to share with us at tinyurl.com/SFXFacilitiesReport



SSVP 2ND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection by Society of St Vincent De Paul this weekend to help the poor and needy in monthly rations and other aid programmes. SSVP members will be at the atrium area. Please give generously. 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

CHARISMATIC

The next Charismatic Prayer Meeting is on **Mon 8 Aug**. There will be Praise & Worship followed by a talk on 'The Book Of Job'. All are welcome!

Venue: Parish Hall (Parish Centre, Level 3)
Time: 8pm - 10pm

INTERCESSORY

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

Date & Time: Mon 8 Aug, 8pm
Venue: Mount Tabor Adoration Room

CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION IN HONOUR OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER

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

Happy National Day!

Wishing all our parishioners a Happy National Day as we continue to give thanks and pray for our nation!

Happy Sacerdotal Anniversary!

Today we pray in thanksgiving specially for our beloved shepherds - Fr Ben and Fr Garcia who will be celebrating their sacerdotal anniversaries on **Mon 8 Aug**. We thank them for saying "yes" to the Lord and we pray that they will continue to be strengthened in their vocations and be good shepherds after the Lord's heart. May the good Lord bless them abundantly as they continue to serve him and his people with zeal, humility and love!



AUGUST 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.

NATIONAL DAY:

- Tue 9 Aug: 9am only (Non-VDS)

Mass Entry: All doors

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Day of Obligation)

MON 15 AUG:

- 6.30am, 6.30pm (Non-VDS)

Mass Entry: All doors

• 8.30pm (VDS ONLY)

Mass Entry: Choir Entrance and Foyer

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

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**.

VACANCY FOR CATHOLIC AIDS RESPONSE EFFORT (CARE) - PROGRAMME EXECUTIVE

Catholic AIDS Response Effort (CARE), a non-profit organisation in Singapore, is looking for a Programme Executive who can work with people with HIV/AIDS and coordinate the organisation's in-house and external programmes. If you are interested, please submit your resume, supporting documents and your expected salary via email to michael_loh@care.org.sg. Find out more at <https://catholicaidresponseeffort.com>.

Roles

- Programme coordination including volunteer management, advocacy & public education, rehabilitation programmes (eg Dum Spiro Spero) etc.
- Pastoral Care
- Shelter management

Pre-requisites

- A recognised qualification preferably in social work, counselling and/or related fields
- Experience in and/or predilection for working in a care-giving environment
- Good communication skills

VACANCY FOR LITTLE SHEPHERDS' SCHOOLHOUSE - PRESCHOOL EDUCATORS

The Little Shepherd's Schoolhouse is on the lookout for more preschool educators. If you have a background in early childhood education and are passionate about children, please send your resume to lss.recruit@catholicpreschool.edu.sg

CHARIS' OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN FOUNDATION COURSE

The Overseas Humanitarian Foundation Course is a face-to-face learning experience that allows participants to explore their lives' faith journeys and answer the call to be living missionary disciples. The course features key speakers like Rev Fr Colin Tan, SJ, Khoo Peng Beng, and Kenneth Wambeck. It will be held on **20 Aug, 9am - 5pm** at the **Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre**. For more information, scan the QR Code or to register at <https://makehopehappen.charis-singapore.org/Activities/ohfc2>

Overseas Humanitarian Foundation Course

ENCOUNTER - Living As Missionary Disciples

Are you called to be a Catholic Missionary Disciple?

Are you interested in overseas missionary activities or have a special level of compassion for a certain group of people? Join us and discover "what", "why", and "where" your calling may be, to be open and have a courageous heart in becoming a missionary disciple.

KEY SPEAKERS

-  Rev Fr Colin Tan, SJ
General Director of Charities / Parish Priest of the Church of Saint Ignatius
-  Khoo Peng Beng
Director of Catholic Architectural Guild (CAG)
-  Kenneth Wambeck
Board Member of A Call to Share (ACTS)

COURSE DETAILS

- 📅 Saturday, 20 Aug 2022
- 🕒 9AM - 5PM
- 📍 Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre
- 💖 Love Offering of S\$10 (Lunch is Provided)

Find out more:



<https://bit.ly/CHARISOHFC2>



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

IN THE MONTH OF JULY 2022

WEDDINGS

We congratulate the following couple:

1. Didi Hilmi Bin Budhy Retno & Eliza Liaw

CONDOLENCES

We offer our prayers to the families of the following who have returned to the Lord:

1. Dolly Wong Oi Thai
2. Thomas Tan How Say

BAPTISMS

We welcome the following:

1. Edgar Henry Yeo Gong Yi

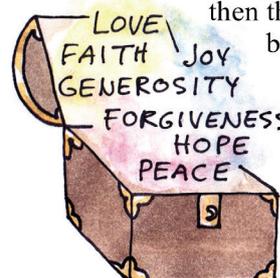
What is Your Treasure?

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus talks about being ready for when He comes again. He reminds us that having nice things here on earth does not help us get into Heaven.

Jesus said "Where your treasure is there will your heart be also." He means that the things that are important to you show what it is that you love. If money or food or nice clothes are the most important things in your life then it shows that you love them more than you should. But if being kind and helpful to others and loving God are more important to you than having nice things, then you have a good treasure stored up for Heaven.



When we die everything we have will be gone. All that we will have to show to Jesus are the things that are in our hearts. If you only loved having nice stuff then the treasure box of your heart will be empty. If you loved God and others and were faithful to God then your treasure will still be full. So fill your heart with treasure that will last forever!



Answer to Math Treasure Puzzle:
1. where 2.your 3.treasure 4.is 5.there 6.will 7.your heart 9.be 10.also





The Story of St Dominic

DOMINIC DE GUZMAN WAS BORN IN SPAIN IN 1170. BEFORE HE WAS BORN HIS MOTHER HAD A DREAM OF A DOG WITH A TORCH IN ITS MOUTH.

DOMINIC LOVED STUDYING ABOUT GOD, BUT ONE TIME HE SOLD HIS RARE BOOKS TO HELP THE POOR!

How can you sell these?!

The people are starving.

HE BECAME AN AUGUSTINIAN PRIEST AND LIVED IN A MONASTERY FOR 9 YEARS.

God would not become a man! Physical things are evil!

WHEN HE WAS TRAVELING HE MET MANY HERETICS WHO SAID JESUS WASN'T GOD.

HE GOT PERMISSION FROM THE POPE TO PREACH TO THEM, AND DID MANY SACRIFICES.

TRAVELING AROUND ITALY, FRANCE AND SPAIN, DOMINIC STARTED MANY HOUSES OF PREACHING PRIESTS.

This will be a good house for the fathers.

Father Dominic, we want to follow what you are doing.

DOMINIC LOVED OUR LADY AND THE ROSARY. HE BEGAN CONVENTS FOR WOMEN WHO CAME BACK TO THE FAITH WHO WOULD TEACH IT TO THE CHILDREN.

DOMINIC WORKED HARD AND SACRIFICED MUCH TO BRING THE HERETICS BACK TO THE TRUTH. HE ATE ONLY BREAD AND SOUP, SLEPT ON THE FLOOR AND WENT EVERYWHERE ON FOOT. THE DREAM THAT HIS MOTHER HAD REPRESENTED THE LIGHT OF TRUTH THAT DOMINIC WOULD BRING TO THE WORLD.

Math Treasure Puzzle

What did Jesus tell the Apostles about their treasures? Do the math and use the answer above each word to find out where it fits.

$1+1=$ your
 $4+5=$ be
 $2+3=$ there
 $8-4=$ is
 $5-2=$ treasure
 $9-2=$ your
 $6+4=$ also
 $10-9=$ where
 $8-2=$ will
 $7+1=$ heart

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9
10		

Source: The Kids' Bulletin

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)

*For Vaccinated Only

MASS ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

9am

CONFESSION

Contact Parish Office to make an appointment.

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.



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