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Making Disciples**



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## God of the Living, not the Dead

32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
6 Nov 2022

2 Mac 7:1-2, 9-14  
2 Th 2:16-3:5  
Lk 20:27-38

This Sunday's gospel text is rich material for eschatological reflection.

The first theme is on the resurrection. Responding to the Sadducees' challenge of the resurrection, Jesus responds by referring to Exodus 3:2-6, when Moses heard the following words from the burning bush, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." In the next line, Jesus concludes his counterargument: God is not God "of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive."

In other words, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are living persons for God. Hence, just as God is not bound by the earthly law of death, so is one resurrected from the dead not bound by the Levirate law of marriage.

Ultimately, the resurrection of Christ is God's final word on the issue. However, in this narrative reported across all three Synoptic gospels, Jesus argues from a textual interpretation of the Old Testament, given that the Sadducees considered themselves experts in Scripture.

The second theme is on marriage. In his response to the Sadducees, Jesus said, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage." Jesus therefore draws a distinction between the life in this age and the next.

As Pope St John Paul II put it in his *Theology of the Body*, "In the future resurrection, human beings, after having reacquired their bodies... in their masculinity and femininity neither marry nor are given in marriage." Referring to the vision of marriage in Genesis in which "a man cleaves to his wife and they become one flesh" (2:24), Pope St John Paul II reflected that this "union characteristic of man right from the beginning belongs *exclusively* to this age. Marriage and procreation do not constitute, on the other hand, the eschatological future of man." To understand why, we must examine what life in the next age will be like.

The third theme, therefore, is on the nature of our resurrected bodies. Jesus said, "[Resurrected persons] do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God". The use of the phrase, "children of the resurrection", indicate that resurrected persons will "keep [their] human psychosomatic nature", as Pope St John Paul II said.

In the post-resurrection age, man will therefore be "same as the angels". But this similarity will not be attained by being disincarnated to become purely spiritual beings like the angels. Instead, Pope St John Paul II argues that the resurrection means that man's somatic nature will be spiritualised through a "new submission of the body to the spirit".

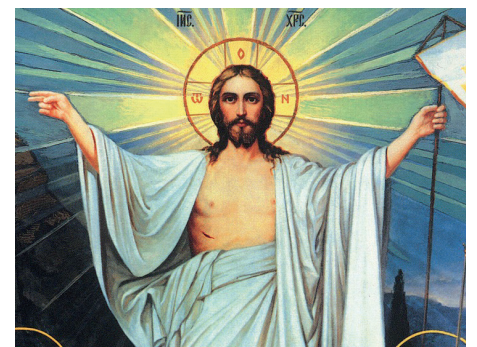
Because of original sin, there is a tension between our bodies and our spirit. Death entails the separation of the soul and the body, the latter of which decays. However, elaborating on the age of resurrection, Pope St John Paul II explained that eschatological man will be free from such opposition, and the resurrected body will return to "perfect unity and harmony" with the spirit. Unlike Plato's dualistic understanding that the soul will be "liberated" from the body, Catholic anthropology asserts that

eschatological perfection lies in the state of man definitely and perfectly "integrated" through a union of the soul and the body.

As Pope St John Paul II put it, "According to Christ's words reported by the synoptic Gospels, the resurrection means not only the recovery of corporeity and the re-establishment of human life in its integrity by means of the union of the body with the soul, but also a completely new state of human life itself."

Such a vision also forms the basis from which we must understand our current physical bodies – which are of the flesh, but also holy in capturing a glimpse of the perfect and resurrected bodies that we will reacquire and integrate with in the next age.

Therefore, even as we live out our earthly lives, let us treat our bodies and those of others with the dignity we deserve, inherent as children of God, and hopefully, of the resurrection as well. And as our bodies age, let us place our faith in Christ and look to the eternal life that awaits us – through him, in him, and with him – in the next age.



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## Announcements

For announcements in the bulletin, send your requests to [mmm@sfxchurch.sg](mailto:mmm@sfxchurch.sg) by the MONDAY before the weekend, 2359hrs

**SCAN QR CODE  
FOR MASS HYMNS**  
[www.sfxchurch.sg/mass](http://www.sfxchurch.sg/mass)



## FAULTY/DAMAGED CHURCH PEWS?

Spot any faulty or damaged pews in church? Scan the QR Code to share with us at [tinyurl.com/SFXFacilitiesReport](https://tinyurl.com/SFXFacilitiesReport)



## ST JEROME LIBRARY- CALL FOR AD-HOC LIBRARIANS

Our parish library is looking for Ad-hoc Librarians who can help with updating book borrowings & returns and adding & tagging of new books into their Librarything system. Training will be provided. If you are able to commit at least 1 hour each month on a **Sunday** anytime from **8am - 1pm**, please come by the library on Sunday or Telegram [@stjeromelibrary](https://t.me/stjeromelibrary) with your name & mobile number.

## SSVP 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.

### 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 7 Nov**. There will be Praise & Worship followed by Praying Over. All are welcome!

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

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER

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

**Date:** Mon 7 Nov 2022  
**Time:** 8pm - 9.30pm  
**Venue:** Mount Tabor Adoration Room

## 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**.

## CATHOLIC NEWS DESKTOP CALENDAR 2023

Catholic News Calendar 2023 is now available! The theme for 2023's calendar is "Persevere in Prayer with the Universal Church". Each month is paired with a prayer related to a special day in the Universal Church calendar (e.g. January - World Day of Prayer for Peace). May this rich spiritual resource help you and your loved ones to persist in prayer in the new year! Drop by the Parish Office to get a copy at \$8, while stocks last! Please bring the exact cash amount.

## MASS FOR THE SICK WITH ANOINTING

In conjunction with our Parish Feast day, we invite all who are unwell to this special Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing. Come experience the special grace on the Christian "experiencing the difficulties inherent in the condition of grave illness or old age" (CCC 1527). Mass will be on **Sun 27 Nov** from **2pm - 4.30pm**, and confession will be from 1pm. Family and friends are also welcome to join in this special Eucharistic Celebration as we give support to them as a loving and prayerful community. Sign up at [tinyurl.com/MFTS2022](https://tinyurl.com/MFTS2022) by **Sun 20 Nov**.



**[LAST CALL]** Volunteers are needed to provide transportation to and from church, and serve refreshments after Mass. If you are keen to do so, please register at [tinyurl.com/MFTS2022Volunteers](https://tinyurl.com/MFTS2022Volunteers) by **Sun 6 Nov**.



For further enquires, you may contact 9622 0212 (Long) or 9099 0200 (Grace).

## SFX EVANGELISATION PILGRIMAGE WALK

In conjunction with our Parish Feast day, come join us for an evangelisation walking pilgrimage to various Catholic Churches across Singapore. Don't miss out on this opportunity to get some exercise and spiritual growth all in one go. Scan the QR code to find out more information. Registration closes on **Sun 20 Nov**. For further enquiries, you may contact 8138 3611 (Roderick).

**Date:** Sat 26 Nov 2022  
**Time:** 7am - 5pm  
**Register:** [tinyurl.com/SFXPilgrimageWalk2022](https://tinyurl.com/SFXPilgrimageWalk2022)



## CHRISTMAS CHOIR CONCERT BY SFX YOUTH CHOIR

Attention Choral Music Lovers: Our SFX Youth Choir will be staging our Christmas Concert in December. Booking of tickets via the QR code. You can also purchase them at the Parish Office.

**Date & Time:** Sat 17 Dec, 8pm  
**Venue:** SFX Auditorium  
**Cost:** \$20  
**Register:** [tinyurl.com/SFXYouthChoirTickets2022](https://tinyurl.com/SFXYouthChoirTickets2022)



## SFX 1COR12 ABIDE - NIGHT OF ADORATION & PRAYER

Come and spend some time with Jesus for a night of worship, input by Br Joseph D Cruz and adoration, as well as with fellow young people seeking the Lord. Bring a friend and sign up now!

**Date:** Tue 29 Nov, 8pm  
**Venue:** SFX Auditorium  
**Register:**  
<https://bit.ly/1cor12abide>



## CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF SINGAPORE (CTIS): REGISTRATION FOR FIRST SEMESTER 2023



The Catholic Theological Institute of Singapore caters to students who wish to deepen their knowledge of the Christian faith within the context of the Church and the world of today. **Come visit our booth outside JPil Hall on Sun 6 Nov after 9am, 11am and 5.30pm Masses to find out more.**

## KCBC'S FIRST EVER CHRISTMAS MARKET

Come, experience and see a wide variety of nativity sets, gifts, decorations and limited editions at the Multi-Purpose Hall (Level 1) at the Church of the Holy Family on (Sundays) Nov 13, 20 & 27 and Dec 4, 11 & 18 (10am - 7pm) and on Saturdays Nov 19 & 26 and Dec 10 & 17 (8.30am to 7pm).



Week of 6 November 2022

### Blessed Duns Scotus



A Franciscan priest and theologian, Blessed Duns Scotus debated against the Dominicans in the thirteenth century, defending Mary's Immaculate Conception. Filmed in beautiful ancient monastery locations in Europe, Blessed Duns Scotus is revealed as a humble and courageous apostle of the Faith against

the oppressive anti-Catholic government in power.

Scan the QR code or watch it at <https://watch.formed.org/videos/blessed-duns-scotus-defender-of-the-immaculate-conception>



### Can God Heal Human Divisions?



A tragic consequence of sin is human division, something we all face in one way or another. In this video, Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn discuss how we can invite Christ into those situations of brokenness.

Scan the QR code or watch it at <https://watch.formed.org/videos/formed-now-can-god-heal-human-divisions>



### True Worship



Father Michael Schmitz inspires and educates in this Lighthouse Talk about the highest form of worship — the Mass. Through this vibrant presentation, Fr. Mike makes sure that you will have a deeper and more profound experience of the Mass.

Scan the QR code or watch it at <https://watch.formed.org/videos/true-worship-by-fr-mike-schmitz>



## HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

### FOR CHILDREN WHO SUFFER

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

## IN THE MONTH OF OCT 2022

### WEDDINGS

We congratulate the following couples:

1. Boo Han Jie Benjamin Christopher & Cassandra Alicia Sim Hui Theng
2. Gerard Tan Cheung Kit & Amanda Hoo Hui Yi
3. Bryan Lim Zi Kai & Yeo Eu Rae Caitlin
4. Ryan Matthew Goh Wei Wen & Goh Wei En Letitia
5. Ng Jin Yao Xavier & Wang Shi Hui Clara

### CONDOLENCES

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

1. James Wong Fong Kwong
2. Christina Evelyn Tan Joo Lan
3. Damian Low Yew Onn
4. Ronnie Lee Nam San
5. Mary Lim Liew Ean
6. Goh Lee Choo Irene

### BAPTISMS

We welcome the following:

1. Chen Jiahuan Jose
2. Isaac Joseph Lau Tze Siang
3. Norah Rose Pereira
4. Eurielle Chua
5. Luke Chiang Sing Wai
6. Elliott Paul Chee Yuan Ming
7. Valentino Kiyan Kalidasan
8. De Oliveira Shane Paul



## What Will Make us Happy?

In today's Gospel reading, some men ask Jesus about people being married when they are in Heaven. Jesus tells them that in Heaven people are like angels because they can't die anymore, so they can't be married.



When we are small there are things that we like to do, like playing with toys, that we won't like as much when we get bigger. As we get older, different things make us happy, but when we get to Heaven it will be something even better that we will want. Do you know what that is? It's

God! We will realize that what makes us the very happiest is not toys or friends or a husband or wife, but God Himself!

Have you ever had something that you liked and then later you didn't care about it very much? That's the way things go in this life, because everything is only temporary. When we get to Heaven being happy with God will last forever!



Answers to Fill in the Blanks: 1. live 2. bodies 3. Heaven 4. die 5. never  
6. God. LIVING

**Fill in the blanks with the words in the list, and use the letters in squares to fill in the blanks at the bottom.**

1. Jesus rose so that we could  again after we die.
2. God will give us new  in the resurrection.
3. Then we will be in .
4. We will see God after we .
5. Then we will  sin again.
6. We will be happy forever with .

**NEVER  
HEAVEN  
GOD  
BODIES  
DIE  
LIVE**



"He is not God of the dead but God of the \_\_\_\_\_; for all live to him."

1 2 3 4 5 6

### 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

**CONFESSION**  
Contact Parish Office to  
make an appointment.

**Fri:**  
4pm - 6pm

**Sat:**  
10am - 12pm

### OPENING HOURS

#### MAIN GATE

**Mon - Sun:**  
5am - 11pm

#### PARISH OFFICE

**Mon - Sat:**  
9.30am - 6.30pm  
**Sun:** 8.30am - 1pm  
Closed on Public Holidays

#### ADORATION ROOM

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

#### LIBRARY

**Sun:**  
8am - 1pm

#### COLUMBARIUM

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

#### CANTEEN

**Sun:**  
7am - 12pm

### 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/second 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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