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Disciples
Making Disciples

Our King Lives!

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
20 Nov 2022

2 Sam: 5:1-3
Col 1: 12-20
Lk 23: 35-43

Today is the last Sunday of the liturgical year which ends fittingly in the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Pope Pius XI first established this Feast as Christ the King in 1925 and Pope St Paul VI expanded its name to King of the Universe in 1969.

Our Holy Father instituted it in response to the growing secularism and nationalism especially in Europe that threatened world peace and religious practice.

This concern is as relevant today. What does it mean to acknowledge our Lord's kingship?

The second reading makes clear his complete sovereignty over everything.

"He is the image of the unseen God, and the first-born of all creation.

for in him were created
all things in heaven and on earth,
everything visible and everything
invisible...

all things were created through him
and for him." (Col 1: 15-16)

It can be hard to wrap our heads around this all-encompassing God who is everywhere but sometimes also nowhere when we become distracted in our daily struggle amidst the trappings of the modern world. But, in fact, it is precisely because there is so much going on all around us that we need a strong centre to hold on to.

When Jesus is at the centre of our

lives, God is naturally everywhere.

Pope Pius XI in his 1925 encyclical puts it this way:

"He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls..."
(*Quas Primas*, 33)

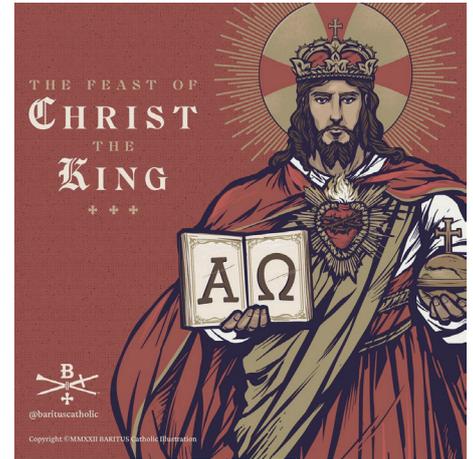
We could say Pope Pius XI is challenging our self-identity and asking us how we see ourselves in the universe that God has created. It is often said that we have many identities - as father, mother, son, daughter, citizen, employer, worker, and so on. They are all valid, and make us who we are. But they can also pull us in different directions and make us lose our way in the world.

With Christ at the centre of our lives we are no longer confused by our multiple identities. When we accept Christ's sovereignty, we identify completely with him first and foremost. In other words, only in Christ is our true identity revealed. Only in Christ do we really know who we are and what we are to do. And only in Christ is there hope that we will achieve our mission and attain eternal salvation.

Next, comes the question of what sort of sovereign is he? The Gospel reading answers this perfectly. When Jesus was being crucified, the thief on the cross next to him repented of his sins, asking,

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." (Lk 23:42)

Jesus replied: "Amen, I say to you. Today you will be with me in Paradise." (Lk 23:43)



"The Lord always grants more, he is so generous, he always gives more than what he has been asked: you ask him to remember you, and he brings you into his kingdom!"
(Pope Francis, 2013)

Image source: @barituscatholic

Our Lord revealed his kingship on the cross, and it is one of love and mercy. No one is beyond his compassion and it is never too late to repent of one's sins.

Pope Francis in his homily in 2013 had a wonderful way of expressing this. "Jesus' promise to the good thief gives us great hope: it tells us that God's grace is always greater than the prayer which sought it. The Lord always grants more, he is so generous, he always gives more than what he has been asked: you ask him to remember you, and he brings you into his kingdom!" (Homily, 24 Nov 2013)

With such a king, how can we not "spurn [our] natural desires" (*Quas Primas*, 33) and respond with his gift of the supernatural desire of faith to identify completely with him?

As the liturgical year comes to an end and we prepare for Advent, let us put Christ at the centre of our lives.

Our King Lives!

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



**FAULTY/DAMAGED
CHURCH PEWS?**

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



GIFT COLLECTION

This weekend, there will be a call for contributions for the GIFT (Giving in Faith & Thankfulness) programme to build a more vibrant, evangelising and missionary Church. Please give generously to support the organisations and projects of the Archdiocese by making a monthly giving pledge. You can give via PayNow (UEN: **201231391K**) or drop your contributions into the GIFT donation box. More info at catholicfoundation.sg.

CHARISMATIC

The next Charismatic Prayer Meeting is on **Mon 21 Nov**. There will be Praise & Worship followed by a talk on "The Holy Spirit". All are welcome!

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

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

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

Date: Mon 21 Nov 2022
Time: 8pm - 9.30pm
Venue: Mount Tabor Adoration Room

BAT: ADVENT TALKS (ZOOM)

The Bible Apostolate Team (BAT) will be offering a 2-part series of talks on the Jewish Roots of Advent, based on the work of Dr Brant Pitre. Part 1 on **Fri 25 Nov, 8 - 9.30pm** will be based on the Mass readings for the 1st and 2nd Sundays of Advent while Part 2 on **Fri 9 Dec, 8 - 9.30pm** will be based on the Mass readings for the 3rd and 4th Sundays of Advent. Do join us via this Zoom link <https://bit.ly/BATadvent2022>.



CHRISTMAS CARD MAILING LIST

Have you changed your address? Are you new to the parish? Never received an SFX Christmas Card? Please update your address and any other details with the Parish Office or send an email to secretariat@sfxchurch.sg.



PARISH T-SHIRT SALE

The parish t-shirt is on sale for **\$10!** Featuring a slim-fit design, it is cool and comfortable and made from high quality cotton that won't shrink or fade. Hurry down to the booth outside JPll Hall after Mass, while stocks last!

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT RECRUITMENT



The Children's Liturgy Ministry will be organising this year's Christmas Pageant. We are looking for children up to primary three to be involved. Scan the QR code to register. If you have any questions, please contact Lynnette at 9690 0750.

Practices will be from **7.30pm to 10pm** on

- **Wed 14 Dec**
- **Tue 20 Dec**
- **Fri 23 Dec** (Full Dress Rehearsal)



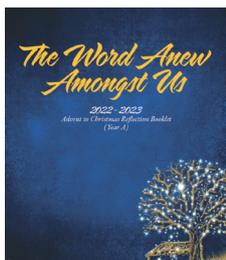
EVANGELISTIC PILGRIMAGE WALK

Take a slow walk from parish to parish or brisk walk your way to evangelise. Come join your fellow parishioners on **Sat 26 Nov** from **7am to 5pm**. With a choice of 14 routes, register now at tinyurl.com/SFXPilgrimageWalk2022. For more information, check out the video at tinyurl.com/SFXWalk2022InfoVideo or post your questions on <https://padlet.com/rodericktheseira/auspsk1rmbpgxexn>



Drivers are urgently required to transport pilgrims to and from churches. Please register at tinyurl.com/2022WalkVolunteerDrivers.

OFFICE FOR THE NEW EVANGELISATION (ONE): ADVENT TO CHRISTMAS REFLECTION BOOKLET



Make this Advent season a time of deep reflection. Download the Advent to Christmas Reflection Booklet today, and gather with family and friends as we prepare to receive the wonderful "Gift" of our Father.

Scan the QR Code or download the booklet at <https://one.org.sg/resource/2022-2023-advent-to-christmas-reflection-booklet/>.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT BY SFX YOUTH CHOIR

Attention Choral Music Lovers: Our SFX Youth Choir will be staging our Christmas Concert in December. Booking of tickets is through 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



REGISTRATION FOR 2023 CATECHISM

Registration for children from **K1 to L1 in 2023** will be online via myCatholic.sg/Catechism. Parents must create an account for the child and login into the child's account to register for catechism. The child's baptism certificate must be uploaded at the time of registration. **Registration closes on 31 Dec 2022.**

For other levels, please email catechism@sfxchurch.sg for the registration process. For further enquiries, please contact 9749 1635 (Dan Lai).

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER (ME) WEEKEND

Log in the dates **2 to 4 Dec** if you want to Restore, Rekindle and Renew your marriage at the ME Weekend!

Pope Francis in Amoris Laetitia, no. 218, 221 said: "Marriage is a project to be worked on together and a process of growth."

Good marriages can always be made better! To deepen your couple relationship, do sign up for a Marriage Encounter Weekend by contacting Joe & Reenie at 9670-5390 or email at mewkend@gmail.com. Learn more: <https://wwmesg.org/>

PIETA SINGAPORE: NOV MONTHLY SESSION (ZOOM)

PIETA is a support group for bereaved parents who have united in faith to seek God's comfort, wisdom and hope. The session, run by bereaved parents, meets monthly to pray, reflect and break open the WORD OF GOD. We invite any parent who has lost a child (regardless of age and no matter how recent or long ago) to unite with us in faith. Our next session on **Tue 22 Nov 2022** will be on zoom and will be from **7.30pm to 9pm**. If you wish to join us, please email pieta.singapore@gmail.com for details.

ACMI: ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR MIGRANTS

Prepare your hearts for this Christmas season. Get together for a day of games, a Christmas lunch, reflection, and fun activities to discover strength and courage through Jesus' migrant story. Conducted by Friar Derrick Yap and Friar Francisco Jude, OFM, the session is themed "CRAZY about Christmas: Falling in love with baby Jesus AGAIN". Registration closes on **1 Dec 2022**.

Date: Sun 4 Dec 2022

Time: 10am - 4pm

Venue: Catholic Spirituality Centre
(1261 Upper Serangoon Road, Singapore 534796)

Register: <https://bit.ly/3tc9BaY%3E>



Save the Date

CHRISTMAS FIESTA

A GIFT GIVEN, A GIFT SHARED

We're bringing back your favourite event of the year - CHRISTmas Fiesta! Themed "A Gift Given, A Gift Shared", join us for a night of fun, food and fellowship. There's something for everyone so mark your calendars and bring along your family and friends. All are welcome!

Date: Fri 30 Dec 2022
Time: 6.30pm - 10pm

TRIDUUM & FEAST DAY 2022

GO FORTH!

Join us for our 63rd Anniversary Triduum and Feast Day Celebrations! This year, Jesus is calling us to 'Go Forth' together as he leads us as our Shepherd. We continue to envision a vibrant parish community filled with disciples of Christ. As part of our Feast Day Celebrations, we also welcome our former shepherds back to SFX to celebrate our Triduum Masses. **Please note that there will be no 6.30pm Masses from Wed 30 Nov - Fri 2 Dec.**



FEED

TRIDUUM DAY 1
WED 30 NOV

P&W 8pm
Mass 8.30pm
Celebrant: Fr John Sim
Fellowship 9.30pm

HEAL

TRIDUUM DAY 2
THU 1 DEC

P&W 8pm
Mass 8.30pm
Celebrant: Fr Peter Tan
Fellowship 9.30pm

WITNESS

TRIDUUM DAY 3
FRI 2 DEC

P&W 8pm
Mass 8.30pm
Celebrant: Fr Brian D'Souza
Fellowship 9.30pm

FEAST DAY

SAT 3 DEC

Mass 5.30pm
Celebrant: Fr Benedict Chng
Fellowship 6.30pm

SUNDAY MASSES

SUN 4 DEC

7am, 9am, 11am*, 5.30pm
**Celebrant: *His Eminence
William Cardinal Goh**



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

FEAST DAY

Celebrations



We have lined up a series of events from **Sat 26 Nov to Sun 4 Dec** to celebrate the patronal feast of St Francis Xavier. Come join us for a time of prayer and fellowship with our parish community. All are welcome!

SAT
26
NOV

Evangelistic Pilgrimage Walk

Time: 7am - 5pm
Register: tinyurl.com/SFXPilgrimageWalk2022



SUN
27
NOV

Mass for the Elderly and Sick with Anointing

Time: 2pm - 4pm
Venue: Main Church
Register: tinyurl.com/MFTS2022



TUE
29
NOV

Abide – an evening of worship and adoration with Br Joseph D Cruz for youth

Time: 8pm - 10pm
Venue: SFX Auditorium (Parish Centre, Level 3)
Register: <https://bit.ly/1cor12abide>



FRI
2
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to
3
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SAT

Overnight Eucharistic Silent Adoration

Date & Time: Fri 2 Dec, 11pm - Sat 3 Dec, 4pm
Venue: Mount Tabor Adoration Room
Capacity: 15 pax/hour
Register: <https://tinyurl.com/overnightado>



SUN
4
DEC

Treasure Hunt for Families

Time: 1.30pm - 5pm
Register: <https://tinyurl.com/SFXTreasureHunt>



MASS TIMES	OPENING HOURS
WEEKDAY MASSES Mon - Thu: 6.30pm Tue - Sat: 6.30am Fri: 8pm	MAIN GATE Mon - Sun: 5am - 11pm PARISH OFFICE Mon - Sat: 9.30am - 6.30pm Sun: 8.30am - 1pm <i>Closed on Public Holidays</i>
WEEKEND MASSES Sat: 5.30pm Sun: 7am, 9am, 11am, 5.30pm <i>(There is currently no Confession before Mass)</i>	ADORATION ROOM Mon - Sun: 7am - 11pm <i>Closed on Public Holidays</i>
MASS ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 9am CONFESSION <i>Contact Parish Office to make an appointment.</i> Fri: 4pm - 6pm Sat: 10am - 12pm	LIBRARY Sun: 8am - 1pm COLUMBARIUM Mon to Sat: 10am - 6pm <i>Closed on Sundays and Public Holidays.</i> 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.



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