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God is Love

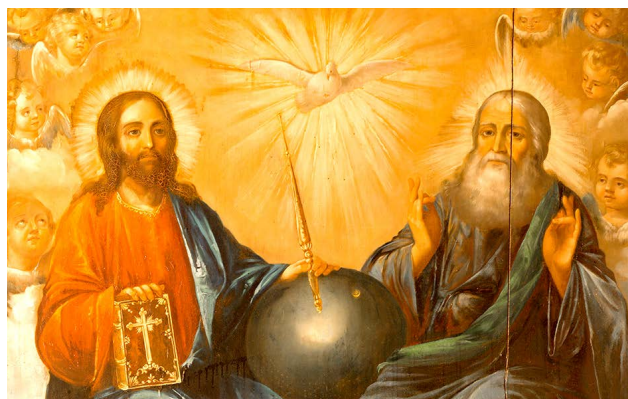
The Most Holy Trinity
4 Jun 2023

Ex 34: 4-6, 8-9
2 Cor 13:11-13
Jn 3:16-18

We are so very familiar with the final line from today's second reading that we could be short-changing ourselves by "half-listening" rather than contemplating.

At the start of every Mass, we make the Sign of the Cross and the priest then greets us with St Paul's blessing from the second letter to the Corinthians, "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all." (2 Cor 13:13) With these words, a sacred presence and a sacred identity is invoked. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal says that "by means of the Greeting [the priest] signifies the presence of the Lord to the assembled community. By this greeting and the people's response, the mystery of the Church gathered together is made manifest." (GIRM 50) We are thus reminded of our union with the Trinity which is God's gift to us when we were baptized "in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Mt 28:19). In the 6th century, Pope Vigilius I pointed out that Christians are baptised in the *name* of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: not in their *names*, for there is only one God, the almighty Father, his only Son and the Holy Spirit: the Most Holy Trinity (cf CCC 233).

The revelation of God's name and the triune love that now encompasses



*"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all."
- 2 Cor 13:13*

us is what we are celebrating in today's Solemnity. Pope Benedict XVI highlighted the centrality of love in today's liturgy, "When one thinks of the Trinity, one usually thinks of the aspect of the mystery: they are Three and they are One, one God in three Persons... [but] today's Liturgy draws our attention not so much to this mystery as to the reality of love that is contained in this first and supreme mystery of our faith." (Homily, 19 June 2011)

In the reading from Exodus, the Pope said God's profound love is revealed in the second giving of the tablets even after "a very serious sin of the people" who made and worshipped a golden calf (Ex 32:4). Through Moses, God revealed his nature as "a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness" (Ex 34:6). In today's gospel, God "completes this revelation" of his overarching love when Jesus tells Nicodemus, "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life." (3:16) The Pope added, "God could come to judge this world... to punish those who work in darkness. Instead, he shows his love for the world and for men and women, despite their sin, and sends what is most precious to him: his Only-

Begotten Son." In Christ's crucifixion, "God's merciful love reaches its highest expression... the three divine Persons are present: the Father, who gives his Only-Begotten Son for the salvation of the world; the Son, who totally fulfils the Father's plan; the Holy Spirit - poured out by Jesus at the moment of his death - who comes to make us participants in divine life..." (ibid)

This gift is what we celebrate at every Mass. Should we not, then, more deeply cherish our life in the Trinity?

One way of remaining in this sacred presence is simply by "[t]he most basic Christian gesture in prayer... the sign of the Cross" (*The Spirit of the Liturgy*, Pope Benedict XVI, p 177): "We connect the sign of the Cross with confession of faith in the triune God - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In this way it becomes a remembrance of Baptism... Whenever we make the sign of the Cross, we accept our Baptism anew; Christ from the Cross draws us...to himself (cf Jn 12:32) and thus into communion with the living God."

May we look with anticipation to being drawn more deeply into the living God every time we sign ourselves in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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 CHURCH PEWS?

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



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

It is available via appointment only. You may contact the Parish Office to make an appointment for the following time slots:

Fridays: 4pm - 6pm
Saturdays: 10am - 12pm

SSVP COLLECTION

There will be a second collection by the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SSVP) 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 5 Jun, 8pm** at **SFX Auditorium**. There will be Praise & Worship followed by Praying Over. All are welcome!

PASTORAL ATTACHMENT

Our Seminarian, Br Jordan Steve, will be attached to the parish until the end of June.



Corpus Christi Procession



The Feast of Corpus Christi (Latin for Body of Christ) is a Solemnity celebrating Christ's real presence in the Eucharist. We are called to give public witness of our faith and devotion towards the Eucharist, hopefully attracting people who see the procession to come into closer communion with Christ.

There will be a procession of the Blessed Sacrament during the **5.30pm Mass** on **Sat 10 Jun & Sun 11 Jun**. We will walk around the church compound and end in the Main Church. In case of wet weather, there will only be Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the Main Church.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS/YOUTH

Do you have big questions - about life and its meaning - where and if God fits somewhere? Come discover what the Catholic Church says and offers. RCIA/Y stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults/Youth. As Jesus said "Come and See" in Jn 1:39, we warmly invite all inquirers to come and join us in our journey to explore and deepen our faith! Registration forms are also available on the SFX website and at the Parish Office.

New RCIA Journey (23 years old and above)

Session start: Tue 4 Jul 2023

Time: 8pm - 10pm

Venue: JP11 Hall (Parsonage, Level 1)

Register: tinyurl.com/SFXRCIA2023

For enquiries: 9626 5960 (Angela) / 8112 8041 (Grace)



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New RCII Journey (15 - 23 years old)

Session start: Sun 2 Jul 2023

Time: 10.30am - 12.30pm

Venue: Isaiah room (Parish Centre, Level 2)

Register: tinyurl.com/RCII23

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



SCAN TO
REGISTER

RCII 'Come and See' Session

Date: Sun 25 Jun 2023

Time: 10.30am - 12.30pm

Venue: Isaiah room (Parish Centre, Level 2)

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR 2023 (LISS) - JUMPSTART

Do you desire a new life in the Holy Spirit? Join us in LISS - a series of 10 weekly in-person sessions including live praise and worship, talks and small group discussions. Seats are limited so sign up now!

Dates: 3 Jul - 11 Sep 2023 (Mondays)

Time: 8pm - 10pm

Venue: SFX Auditorium (Parish Centre, Level 3)

Register: tinyurl.com/SFXLISS2023



BAT: THE GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE TIMELINE

Discover the story of salvation history and understand how you fit into God's plan. Journey with BAT through this 24-session study programme to explore all twelve time periods of The Bible Timeline Chart, from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church. We will email the Zoom invites for the study sessions and information regarding the in-person meetings. Find out more and sign up now!

Dates: 21 Jun - 29 Nov (24 Wednesdays)

Time: 8pm - 10pm

Location: Zoom (21 Sessions), SFX (3 sessions)

Register: <https://bit.ly/GBA2023Register>



OYP: KICKSTART UNIVERSITY FRESHMEN RETREAT

Ready to kick off your university life with Christ? There's no better choice as a freshman than to kickstart your uni life with Jesus! Let the Lord be your stronghold as you embark on this exciting and new chapter of your life, where you will be safe and held in His hands! Bring a friend too to embark on this journey together! For any enquiries, please contact Ally via email alysha.oyp@catholic.org.sg or telegram [@allysmawly](https://t.me/allysmawly).

Dates: Fri 23 Jun, 10am - Sat 24 Jun, 7pm

Venue: 2 Lorong Low Koon,
Singapore 536449

Cost: \$21.60 (inclusive of 8% GST)

Register: <http://bit.ly/oyps23>

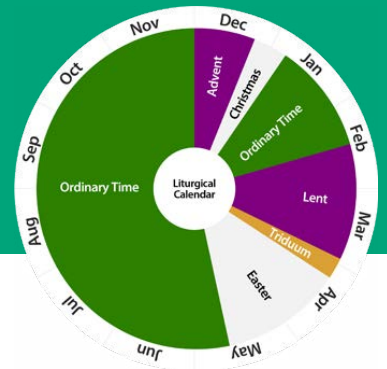


HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

FOR THE ABOLITION OF TORTURE

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

Let's be EXTRAORDINARY during ORDINARY TIME



Ordinary Time occurs between Christmas and Lent and then again between Easter and Advent. Contrary to misconceptions, Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered.

Ordinary Time is when we hear the most about Jesus' everyday life. If we are to model our lives after him, we have to examine what the Bible tells us. While it may be harder to get excited for Mass each week during Ordinary Time, we have to dive into each Mass fully focused if we're to get the same effect that we get for special spiritual seasons.

As you try to enter into every week, challenge yourself to learn something about the Mass. Here are some tips to make Ordinary Time everything but ordinary.

IN THE MONTH OF MAY 2023

WEDDINGS

We congratulate the following couples:

1. Lim Sheng Liang Desmond & Nicole Xin-Yuen Seah
2. Wilfred Tay Wei Jie & Erin Tan Li Ann
3. Austin Ong Wee Kiat & Chua Jie Yee
4. Tay Junhua Eric & Yan Jin

CONDOLENCES

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

1. Peter Nai Peng Ho
2. Joseph De Cruz

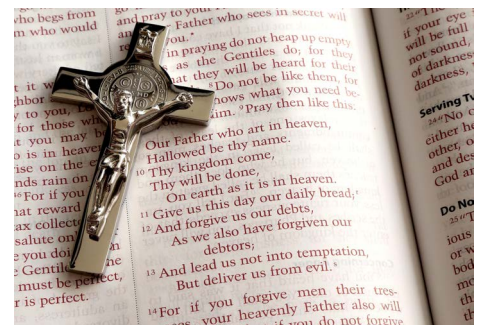
BAPTISMS

We welcome the following:

1. Declan Layne Ambrose

LECTIO DIVINA

Think of a certain phrase or a certain word said during the liturgy and pray about it. It is not going to be easy to do this during the Mass so save the examination for later. In a quiet time, go through the phrase the same way you would with a scripture verse for Lectio Divina.



Another thing we can do is to read the Sunday Scriptures before the Mass begins. If we take time during the week to prepare and read the readings, we will be able to enter in more fully when we are at Mass. Instead of hearing them for the first time during Mass, we will not be surprised by what is said during the readings and can better dive into the Mass.



KEEP DISTRACTIONS AT BAY



When we walk into Mass, be ready for the celebration. Take some time before Mass to put your phone on prayer mode. Less distractions allow our mass experience to be more worthwhile. This makes it easier for you to focus and really make the Mass an experience and not just something we spectate.

BREAK OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE



Try getting out of your comfort zone and go to a different Mass time every week (or you can consider attending Mass at a parish that you have not been to before).

PICK UP A GOOD HABIT AND LOSE A BAD ONE



Ordinary Time is a great time to start new prayer habits. Attempt something you have not done before. Daily Scripture reflections, keeping a journal, going for more frequent trips to confession, reading a spiritual book. On the other hand, you can also try to stop

something that does not bring you closer to God. For example, try to shorten the amount of time you spend on social media.

Ordinary Time might seem repetitive but this is a great time to dive deeper into your spiritual life!



Adapted from <https://lifeteen.com/ordinary-time-pro-tips/>

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

BACK GATE

Mon - Sun:
5am - 1am

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 - Fri:
10am - 6pm
Sat - Sun:
8.30am - 6pm
Closed on 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/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 and outside JP11 Hall. 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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