



Disciples
Making Disciples



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Heaven and the Narrow Gate

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
26 Nov 2023

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28
Mt 25:31-46

The Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ marks the end of another liturgical year. Throughout the Liturgical Year, the Church has filled the calendar with scripture readings that teach us and celebrate the sacred mysteries of the birth, life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus the Christ, Son of God. They are mysteries not in the sense of something to be solved but to be contemplated upon in order to draw closer to God who is the source and completion of our true happiness. And we crown the Liturgical Year by contemplating the mystery of Christ as King of the Universe and what it means for us as we move inexorably to our physical death.

In reciting the Creed at Mass, we affirm our belief that Jesus rose from the dead, ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God, from whence he will come to judge the living and the dead. Christ died and lived again, that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living (Rom 14:9). In his humanity, Christ's ascension signifies his participation in the life, power and authority of God over heaven and earth. By taking his seat at the right hand of God, he who exists as Son of God before all ages, of one being with the Father, inaugurates

the Kingdom of the Messiah, fulfilling the prophet Daniel's vision of the Son of man being given "dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed." (Dan 7:14, CCC664, 668)

Christ is indeed the King of the Universe and as such, is also Lord of eternal life. By virtue of his voluntary redemptive death on the Cross in utter obedience to God, Christ has "full right to pass definitive judgement on the works and hearts of men." (CCC679) How will we be judged as worthy or unworthy of eternal life? We get a glimpse of the judgement criteria from our Gospel reading today. We will not be judged solely by how fervently we say we have faith in Christ, even though faith is indeed necessary if we are to please God (cf Heb 11:6). Nor will we be judged purely by how religious we are in cultic worship in Church or how involved we are in church activities (cf Mt 7:21-23). According to Jesus, we will be judged by our works of charity and mercy towards the poor, the sick, the marginalised and the oppressed. Our good works or lack thereof, manifested or absent in how we act towards our fellow men, especially those who are poorer off compared to ourselves, will determine our entry into heaven or hell.

The good news is that we are free to make a choice for heaven or hell. "God predestines no one to go to hell; for this, a wilful turning away from God (a mortal sin) is necessary and persistence in it until the end."

(CCC1037) In choosing to do good to others, we choose heaven; to love God in our neighbour. It is all too easy to ignore the plight of our neighbour and therefore "the gate is wide and the way is easy, that leads to destruction." (Mt 7:13) It is a more difficult choice to carry out acts of charity towards our neighbour and to "strive to enter by the narrow door" (Lk 13:24) by choosing to love God.

The best news is that God is the true shepherd and does not want "any to perish, but that all should reach repentance." (2 Pt 3:9) And in his mercy, he has given us the grace of the Sacraments to help us on our journey towards and through the "narrow door". Baptism incorporates us into his kingdom; the Eucharist is our spiritual food that strengthens us against evil and sin for the journey; and the Sacrament of Reconciliation restores us to friendship with God when we fail in our obedience of faith.

Therefore, for those whose faith is in Jesus Christ, we can be fully alive with the hope of resurrection to eternal life with God, if we act out our love of God and neighbour and persevere till the end.



Christ is indeed King of the Universe... Lord of eternal life.

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



INTERCESSORY

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

Date: Mon 27 Nov
Time: 8pm - 9.30pm
Venue: Mount Tabor Adoration Rm

CHARISMATIC

The next Charismatic Prayer session is on **Mon 27 Nov**. There will be Praise & Worship followed by Holy Mass celebrated by Fr Edward Lim. All are welcome!

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

FEAST OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER (DEC 3): CRUCIFIX CRAB PLUSHIE GIVEAWAY



As part of our Feast Day celebrations on 3 December, 30 Crucifix Crab plushies will be given away in a colouring, drawing and quiz activity open to children 12 years and below.

Come by St Jerome Library to pick up the official entry form this weekend. Please submit your entries by **26 Nov** to St Jerome Library. St Jerome Library is open **Sundays 8am - 1pm**.

ONE: ADVENT TO CHRISTMAS REFLECTION BOOKLET

This Advent and Christmas season, let us delve deeper into the Word of God as we prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and help us contemplate the wonder of his Incarnation.

Download the Advent to Christmas 2023-24 Reflection Booklet by scanning the QR code or visit bit.ly/ONE-AdventChristmas-2023.



FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS 2023

Disciples making Disciples

We are excited to announce the upcoming celebrations of our 64th Anniversary Triduum and Feast Day, with this year's theme being "Disciples Making Disciples." Join us for a time of adoration, reflection, Mass and fellowship as we honour this milestone in our parish's journey.

Wed 29 NOV

TRIDUUM DAY 1

Heart of the Disciple

Eucharistic Adoration: 7.30pm (Led by 1Cor12)
Mass: 8pm (Mass Celebrant: Fr Samuel Lim)

Thur 30 NOV

TRIDUUM DAY 2

Formation of the Disciple

Eucharistic Adoration: 7.30pm (Led by 1Cor12)
Mass: 8pm (Mass Celebrant: Fr Terence Kesavan)

Fri 1 DEC

TRIDUUM DAY 3

Reaching out as a Disciple

Eucharistic Adoration: 7.30pm (Led by 1Cor12)
Mass: 8pm (Mass Celebrant: Fr Jude David)

Please note that there will be no 6.30pm Masses from Wed 29 Nov - Fri 1 Dec.

Sat 2 DEC

FEAST DAY

Mass: 5.30pm

Mass Celebrant:

HE Cardinal William Goh



Dinner will be served after the Feast Day Mass.

Light refreshments will be provided after the Triduum Masses.
Celebration meals will be provided after the morning Masses on Sun 3 Dec.

SFX CHRISTMAS PAGEANT RECRUITMENT

The Children's Liturgy Ministry is calling upon both the young and the young-at-heart to take part in this beautiful celebration. Our enchanting Christmas Eve Pageant will unfold on **Sun 24 Dec** at **8.30pm**. Let us all come together to make this Christmas truly magical! Scan the QR Code or sign up at tinyurl.com/SFXPageant2023.



Practices will be on **11 Dec, 13 Dec, 18 Dec and 20 Dec (Full Dress Rehearsal)** from **8pm to 10pm**. For enquiries, please contact Cathie at 9846 1199.

THE EMMANUEL EXPERIENCE: CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Join us for "The Emmanuel Experience" at the Auditorium this Christmas Season! Our Music Ministry will be staging 2 performances of Christmas carols. Bring a non-Christian friend and let them experience the joy and wonder of Christmas through music. Don't miss this opportunity to spread the message of love and hope. For further enquiries, please contact the Parish Office to find out more.

Sat 16 Dec, 7.30pm:
**Emmanuel: Come
Let us Worship**
by St Augustine Music Ministry



tinyurl.com/SammChristmasConcert

Sat 23 Dec, 8pm:
Enter His Presence
by the SFX Youth Choir



tinyurl.com/SFXYCConcert2023

PREGNANCY CRISIS & SUPPORT: OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FEAST DAY MASS

We invite all parishioners to join us at the Church of Sts Peter and Paul to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The celebration will begin with reciting the pro-life rosary at 5.15pm, followed by the Eucharistic Celebration at 6pm. There will be a healing prayer and blessing of pregnant women after Mass. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!

Date: Tue 12 Dec
Time: 6pm
Venue: Church of Sts Peter and Paul

"Each child has a place in God's heart from all eternity; once he or she is conceived, the Creator's eternal dream comes true." - Amoris Laetitia, Pope Francis

Prepare yourself for a Holy Advent with these three steps!



Many of us spend time preparing for Lent—deciding what we’re going “to give up” and so on. Advent deserves the same deliberation!

What is Advent, you may ask? Well, Advent is primarily a time to prepare for the remembrance of Jesus’ birth. It is a time to clear away the sin and attachments that crowd out Christ, and make room in our hearts for the infant Jesus.

Here are three simple ways we can prepare ourselves for a holy Advent:

1 Ask God to help you draw near to him.

The more we yearn for Christ in Advent, the closer we come to a real celebration of Christmas.

Deep down inside, we know that we have a chance for transformation during Advent - but we often forget to ask for it in prayer. Let us ask God to help us prepare our hearts for his coming and to aid us in having a good and holy Advent.



2 Begin to practice silence.

Be intentional about cultivating silence! Practice that essential silence now, if only for a few moments each day, perhaps adding one or two minutes everyday through the season of Advent. During this busy time of year, remind ourselves of our need for silence if we wish to hear what God has to say. Nothing will make us discover God better than his silence inscribed in the centre of our being.



3 Prepare for a good confession.

The Church calls us to repentance during Advent, making it an important time to go to confession. Prepare yourself for the Sacrament now. Without proper preparation, we can miss those sins and imperfections that we should bring to our Lord or we can rush through the Sacrament.



Prayer for Advent

Lord, as I embrace this Advent Season, please open my eyes to see the great value and blessing of your Incarnation. Help me to discover your hidden presence in this world and within my own soul. I desire to see, understand and experience the profound effects that your Incarnation has on my life and I desire to receive those effects more fully this Advent. May I become a sanctuary in which you dwell so that I, like your dear Mother, may bring your presence into the world. My loving Jesus, I choose you, this Advent, as my King and my God. I abandon myself to you and seek to put all my trust in your tender care. Draw me close to you and free me from my sin so that I may love you with a pure and holy heart. Amen!





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Feast of Christ the King November 26th, 2023



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What does God say about His people in the first reading?
Use the code to find out some of what He said.

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Answer: (left to right) Top: I MYSELF WILL PASTURE THEM

Source: thekidsbulletin.com

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

Closed on Public Holidays
after 9am Mass

BACK GATE

Mon - Sun:
5am - 1am

Closed on Public Holidays
after 9am Mass

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

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 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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