



Disciples
Making Disciples

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One Body in Christ

6th Sunday of Easter
25 May 2025

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
Rev 21:10-14, 22-23
Jn 14:23-29

Do we realise how important we are as part of the wider Church? Our readings this weekend guide us through what it means to be a part of the wider Church and what our roles are. The First Reading reveals how the early Church responded to disagreements and arguments. In the letter that accompanied the delegates, the apostles and elders highlighted that some of the members "acted without any authority" (Acts 15:24), which led to them demanding from other members and unsettling their minds (cf. Acts 15:24). As a result, guided by the Holy Spirit, representatives were chosen and sent to set God's people's minds at ease on the right practices as new Christians.

In our Second Reading, we are given a glimpse of the heavenly Church that awaits us. While we may perceive 'Apocalypse' as the end of the world, the Greek origin of the word *apokalypsis* (un-) and *kaluptein* (to cover) actually highlights that what we are reading is an uncovering (or revelation) of what is hidden from our sight. As such, we can read this text not as something that is to come, but what it truly is. What St John sees is that there is no longer a temple or any need for the sun or the moon for the light. Instead, God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple

and it was lit by the radiant glory of God (cf. Rev 21:22-23). This is not a call to remove the physical places of worship, but a call for the centrality of Christ in the Church.

Both readings share a common thread of unity and obedience. The early Church sets an example of disobedience mired by human-centric concerns that cause fractures and disunity, whereas the vision in the Book of Revelations reveals a Church in unity. This echoes the ever-familiar verse "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ" (1 Cor 12:12). As such, we are called to share in the one mission of the Church, which asks us to put aside our own desires and to take on Christ's mission for us.

But what holds the Church together as one, especially when our differences may be more apparent than the similarities? Jesus' words in our Gospel provide the answer: it is that "the Advocate, the Holy Spirit" (Jn 14:26) will bring all of us together as one Church.

We as a Church have witnessed this same spirit in action, as the Cardinals came together to elect Pope Leo XIV as the successor of St Peter. His first words to us as Pope echoed the message of peace that is found in our Gospel: "Peace be with you all!" (First Blessing 'Urbi et Orbi' of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, 8 May 2025). This is a peace that "the world cannot give" (Jn 14:27) and that is the answer to the disunity in our hearts and in our Church.

Now, as we reach the end of the Easter season, we may fall into a state that brings to light our differences,

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disobedience, and conflicts in the Church. In these moments, we are called to look away from ourselves and towards Christ who is first and foremost. All of us have an idea of what Church should be based on our hopes and dreams. On the other hand, we have our own ideas of what the Church is and will be that is shaped by our own experiences. All these, while good and true, should never draw our attention away from Christ at the centre. The Church is alive because we are taught and guided by a living spirit of unity from Christ himself. To close with the words of our Holy Father: "Let us move forward, without fear, together, hand in hand with God and with one another" (First Blessing 'Urbi et Orbi' of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, 8 May 2025).

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

REVERENCE FOR GOD'S HOUSE

Let's do our part and be good stewards of our sacred space and resources. Please refrain from eating in church and remember to dispose of trash properly. Thank you for helping us keep the church clean and conducive for worship!

ASCENSION OF THE LORD (DAY OF OBLIGATION)

- **Wed 28 May (Vigil):** 6.30pm
- **Thu 29 May:** 6.30am, 6.30pm, **8.30pm***

*Please note the correct Mass time is 8.30pm and not 8pm as printed in last week's Manna.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

The Intercessory Ministry will be serving breakfast this Sunday at JPII Hall. Do drop by for some food and fellowship.

CATECHISM NOTICE

The last session for Term 2 is on 25 May. Sessions resume on 29 Jun for Term 3.

CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION

Come join us for the candlelight rosary procession on **Sat 31 May (Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary), 8pm at JPII Hall**. The procession will take place within the church grounds. Bring your waxless candle and join us in prayer as we honour our Blessed Mother. All are welcome!

CHARISMATIC

The next Charismatic Prayer Meeting is on **Mon 26 May, 8pm - 9.30pm** at the **Auditorium**. There will be Praise & Worship followed by Holy Mass celebrated by Fr Edward Lim. All are welcome!

INTERCESSORY

Join us on **Mon 26 May, 8pm** at the Mount Tabor Adoration Room, where we will pray together in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Submit your prayer requests at www.sfxchurch.sg/intercessory-prayer. All prayer requests will be kept confidential.



FR EDWARD'S 42ND SACERDOTAL ANNIVERSARY (27 MAY)

We thank God for Fr Edward's 42 years of priesthood. Let us pray that the Lord continues to bless him with grace, peace, and many more fruitful years of service.

PARISH RECOLLECTION

In our busy lives, it's easy to lose sight of our connection with God. God's question - "Where are you?" - offers a gentle invitation to pause, reflect and re-centre ourselves on him. Join Deacon Sherman Kuek for a reflection on the Luminous Mysteries, exploring what these mysteries reveal about our Catholic life and find rest in the Lord. **Registration closes on Sun 13 Jul.**

Dates: 25 - 27 Jul

Venue: SFX Auditorium (Parish Centre, Level 3)

Fee: \$50

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/SFXPR25>

9-DAY NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

The novena to the Holy Spirit holds great significance as it commemorates the first novena. Before ascending to Heaven, Jesus instructed Our Lady and his disciples to return to Jerusalem, pray, and wait for the promise of the Father.

Join us for a 9-day novena to the Holy Spirit, led by the Charismatic Prayer Group as we prepare for Pentecost. All are welcome!

Day	Date & Time	Theme
Day 1	Fri 30 May, 9pm	Gift of Holy Spirit
Day 2	Sat 31 May, 8pm	Fear
Day 3	Sun 1 Jun, 8pm	Piety
Day 4	Mon 2 Jun, 8pm	Fortitude
Day 5	Tue 3 Jun, 8pm	Knowledge
Day 6	Wed 4 Jun, 8pm	Understanding
Day 7	Thu 5 Jun, 8pm	Counsel
Day 8	Fri 6 Jun, 9pm	Wisdom
Day 9	Sat 7 Jun, 8pm	Fruit of the Holy Spirit

Zoom URL: bit.ly/sfxcpgnovenatoHS2025

Meeting ID: 834 0691 5398

Password: HolySpirit

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS/YOUTH 2025 - 2026

Do you have family/friends who may be interested in the Catholic faith or are seeking answers to the stirrings in their hearts? Invite them to the RCIA/RCIY journey to explore the deeper questions of life. Registration forms are available on our website or can be obtained from the Parish Office.

New RCIY Journey (15 - 23 years old)

Sessions begin: Sat 28 Jun 2025

Time: 3pm - 5pm

Venue: Isaiah room (Parish Centre, Level 2)

Register: tinyurl.com/SFXRCIY2025

For enquiries: 9118 2922 (Nicholas) / 9060 4326 (Renae) or email rciy@sfxchurch.sg

New RCIA Journey (24 years old and above)

Sessions begin: Tue 1 Jul 2025

Time: 8pm - 10pm

Venue: JPII Hall (Parsonage, Level 1)

For enquiries: 9626 5960 (Angela) or email rcia@sfxchurch.sg

ACTS SINGAPORE: YEAR-END MISSION TRIPS

ACTS Singapore (A Call To Share) will be organising six mission trips to Cambodia and the Philippines. Please note that it is compulsory to attend the Mission Awareness session before your mission participation is confirmed. Registrations are open online from **24 May - 22 Jun**. For more details, visit the booth outside JPII Hall this weekend to find out more or visit acts-singapore.com.



Mission	Dates
Manila - Philippines	29 Nov - 6 Dec
Kompong Thom - Cambodia	29 Nov - 6 Dec
Phnom Penh (Teuk Thla) - Cambodia	29 Nov - 6 Dec
Phnom Penh (Tuol Kork) - Cambodia	29 Nov - 6 Dec
Battambang - Cambodia	6 Dec - 13 Dec
Ta'Om - Cambodia	7 Dec - 13 Dec

CATHOLIC NEWS

HABEMUS PAPAM! A bumper 32-page issue this week with a special Pope Leo XIV cover is here! See pictures of the conclave and what the Pope did in his first week as Vicar of Christ. Grab your copy today!

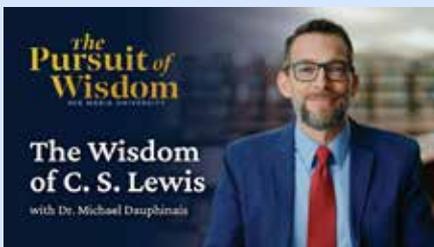
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PICKS OF THE WEEK



Radiating Joy: The Michelle Duppong Story

In 2014, Michelle was unexpectedly diagnosed with cancer while serving as the Director of Adult Faith Formation for the Diocese of Bismarck. Before that, Duppong had served as a FOCUS missionary for six years. She battled the disease with perseverance and a docile spirit until December 25, 2015, when she passed away at the age of 31. On November 1st, 2022, Bishop David Kagan celebrated the Opening Mass for the Cause of her Canonisation.



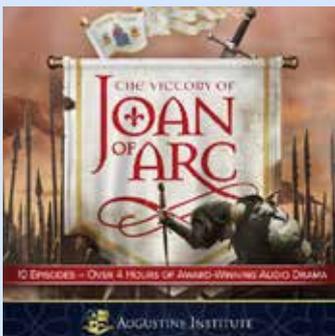
The Wisdom of C.S. Lewis

Join Dr. Michael A. Dauphinais, Ave Maria University's Fr. Matthew Lamb professor of Catholic theology, for an exploration of C.S. Lewis's life and thoughts. With his background from Duke and Notre Dame, and experience hosting "The Catholic Theology Show" podcast, Dr. Dauphinais offers unique insights into how Lewis combined imagination with truth to understand the world, ourselves, and God. After his conversion, Lewis delved into the teachings of the Church Fathers, seeking clarity on theological ideas. Dr. Dauphinais, married for nearly 30 years and a revert to Catholicism, guides us through this journey, showcasing Lewis's wisdom. Gain valuable insights into Lewis's teachings that still resonate and inspire today.



Sermon on the Mount | The Bible Project

The Sermon on the Mount is a collection of Jesus' most famous teachings in the Bible. Watch this series to explore the teachings and themes present throughout this great Sermon.



The Victory of Joan of Arc | Augustine Institute Radio Theater

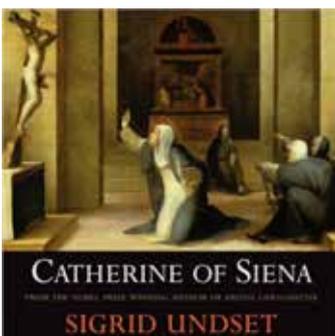
Declared a witch, she became a saint.

Imagine it's 15th-century France. A 17-year-old peasant girl enters the royal courts during one of the longest and bloodiest wars in history. She claims she's been sent by God to fulfill a mission: drive out the English enemy and place the true king of France on the throne.

Meet Joan of Arc. In this powerful movie-of-the-mind audio drama, you'll hear the true story of how she rose from an obscure peasant village to serve God and her country in the most surprising and miraculous ways.

The Church calls her a saint. History calls her a hero.

Listen to The Victory of Joan of Arc on the [Amen App](#).



Catherine of Siena

Sigrid Undset's Catherine of Siena is critically acclaimed as one of the best biographies of this well-known and amazing fourteenth-century saint. Known for her historical fiction, which won her the Nobel Prize for literature in 1928, Undset based this factual work on primary sources, her own experiences living in Italy, and her profound understanding of the human heart. Catherine of Siena was a particular favorite of Undset, who also was a Third Order Dominican. An extraordinarily active, intelligent, and courageous woman, Catherine at an early age devoted herself to the love of God. The intensity of her prayer, sacrifice, and service to the poor won her a reputation for holiness and wisdom, and she was called upon to make peace between warring nobles. Believing that peace in Italy could be achieved only if the Pope, then living in France, returned to Rome, Catherine boldly traveled to Avignon to meet with Pope Gregory XI. With sensitivity to the zealous love of God and man that permeated the life of Saint Catherine, Undset presents a most moving and memorable portrait of one of the greatest women of all time.



Looking for more information?
Visit www.sfxchurch.sg

17 MAY 2025

Ordination of Rev Fr Shawn Wong (ICPE)

A son of the Parish of St Francis Xavier, **Rev Fr Shawn Wong** was ordained as an ICPE Missionary Priest by Archbishop Charles Scicluna at St. John's Co-Cathedral in Malta on 17 May 2025.



The Archbishop of Malta, Charles Scicluna laying his hands on Fr Shawn



Prostrating before the Altar



Anointing of his palms with chrism oil



Presenting the maniturgium (chrism-soaked linen cloth) to his mother

A group of 60 to 70 Singaporeans, including family, friends, and parishioners, travelled to Malta to joyously witness and celebrate Fr. Shawn's ordination. Everyone was beaming with pride on seeing this young man's childhood dream come true. When he was five, Fr. Shawn declared to his mom, Rose, that he wanted to be a priest. Now, three decades later, it has come to fruition by God's design. As Fr. Shawn, 34, begins his ministry in Mqabba, Malta, serving with the Fraternity of ICPE Missionary Priests, let's continue to uplift him in prayer. May God empower him to shine as a beacon of love and hope.



Fr Shawn's father, Dominic, proclaiming the Word of God



Fr Shawn with his parents at the Basilica of St Paul Outside The Walls

Photo: Archdiocese of Malta

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

Sat: 4.20pm - 5.20pm
Sun: 8am - 1pm

COLUMBARIUM

Mon - Fri:
10am - 7.30pm

Sat - Sun:

8.30am - 7.30pm
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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