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**Disciples
Making Disciples**

The Soul's Delightful Guest

Pentecost
8 Jun 2025

Ac 2:1-11
Rom 8:8-17
Jn 14:15-16, 23-26

How can we know that the Holy Spirit dwells in us?

Perhaps the most obvious way is to turn to the Scriptures, through which God reveals truth. Indeed, today's liturgical readings are far from subtle in revealing that the Holy Spirit dwells in us: from the description of the apostles being "filled with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:4) in the First Reading, to St. Paul telling the Romans that "the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you" (Rom 8:11), to Jesus saying to his disciples, "I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you forever" (Jn 14:16).

The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is a profound mystery of faith, a matter of divine revelation and grace, experienced in various ways that may engage our senses and intellect. How then can we observe the fact that the Holy Spirit dwells in us? After all, we cannot see or touch the Holy Spirit, immaterial as he is, nor can we use any scientific methods to detect his presence.

However, what we can recognise and observe are the effects of the Holy Spirit. Although "we do not hear the Spirit himself", we are able to know him "in the movement by



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which he reveals the Word to us and disposes us to welcome him in faith" (CCC 687). This is manifested through the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit - wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord (cf. Is 11:2-3). These gifts come to perfection when we exude "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" (Gal 5:22-23). These gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit are essential for spiritual growth and moral living: "Healing the wounds of sin, the Holy Spirit renews us interiorly through a spiritual transformation" (CCC 1695). The gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit serve as signs of his active presence, guiding and transforming individuals and communities in their faith journey.

In today's Second Reading, St Paul highlights another transformative effect, when he writes that "[e]veryone moved by the Spirit is a son of God" (Rom 8:14). In baptism, we receive new life and become "a temple of the Holy Spirit" and "an adopted son of God" (CCC 1265), and it is the Holy Spirit who "makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!'" (Rom 8:15).

How apt it is that fire is a sign of the Holy Spirit - like the "tongues of fire" that "came to rest on the head" of those present in the room (Acts 2:3).

Fire "symbolises the transforming energy of the Holy Spirit's actions", for the Holy Spirit "transforms what he touches" (CCC 696). In a sense, 'fire' ignites the 'gifts' and cultivates the 'fruits', transforming us not only in name (son) but also in behaviour (likeness). Fire, too, is a symbol of purification. It is used to extract pure gold from gold ore, removing impurities and contaminants. Similarly, the fire of the Holy Spirit "[heals] the wounds of sin" (CCC 1695), purifying us to become more like Christ. By the fire of the Holy Spirit, we receive the grace to become the persons that God created us to be.

St. Catherine of Siena, a lay Dominican mystic and Doctor of the Church, says, "Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire." We, who have been touched and transformed by the fire of the Holy Spirit, are empowered to live sanctified lives and bear much fruit as members of Christ's body. "Thou, the soul's delightful guest!" This line from the Pentecost sequence expresses the joy of one who recognises how great and undeserving this gift of the Holy Spirit is to us. God himself has come to dwell in us, to fill us with his grace and love - this is the greatest cause of our delight!

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

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. For cheque payments or PayNow, pay to:

Society of St Vincent de Paul (SSVP)

- OCBC Bank Account No:
686 596 768 001
- PayNow UEN: **S61SS0149B**

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

The Children's Liturgy Ministry will be serving breakfast this Sunday at JP11 Hall. Do drop by for some food and fellowship.

DADication PRAYER TREE

In anticipation of Father's Day (**Sun 15 Jun**), join us in honouring all father figures (including our priests) in our lives with a gift of prayer. Write down your prayer or thanksgiving on the tags provided (or better still, make your own tag) and hang them on our prayer tree located at Mother Mary's icon. A special blessing for all father figures will take place on the weekend of 14 and 15 Jun.

CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION

Join us for the candlelight rosary procession on **Fri 13 Jun, 6.30pm** in JP11 Hall. The procession will take place within the church grounds. Bring your own waxless candle and join us in prayers as we honour Our Blessed Mother. All are welcome!

INTERCESSORY

Join us on **Mon 9 Jun, 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.

CORPUS CHRISTI OUTDOOR PROCESSION

There will be an outdoor procession of the Blessed Sacrament during the **5.30pm Masses on Sat 14 Jun & Sun 15 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 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 (Rena) or email rciy@sfxchurch.sg

New RCIA Journey (24 years old and above)

Sessions begin: Tue 1 Jul 2025

Time: 8pm - 10pm

Venue: JP11 Hall (Parsonage, Level 1)

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

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 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**.

Date: Fri 25 Jul - Sun 27 Jul
Venue: SFX Auditorium (Parish Centre, Level 3)
Cost: \$50
Register: <https://tinyurl.com/SFXPR25>



SYMBOLON: THE FAITH OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Unlock the profound beauty and depth of the Catholic faith with Symbolon: The Faith of the Catholic Church, and delve into Catholicism's rich history, core teachings and spiritual practices.

This series, guided by the Creed, explores everything from the sacraments to inspiring saintly stories, empowering you to understand, live and share your faith confidently. The LiFE ministry will be continuing with the next seven episodes. For further enquiries, contact Brian Rezel (9789 2253) or Monica Yap (9669 6781).

- **4 Jul:** Born of The Virgin Mary
- **11 Jul:** He suffered under Pontius Pilate
- **18 Jul:** I believe in the Holy Spirit
- **15 Aug:** Mary the Mother of God
- **22 Aug:** The Sacraments
- **29 Aug:** The Body and Blood of Christ
- **5 Sep:** Made for Communion

Time: Fridays, 8pm - 9.30pm
Venue: JP11 Hall
Register: <https://tinyurl.com/LiFESymbolon2025>





HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF JUN

THAT THE WORLD MIGHT GROW IN COMPASSION

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

THROWBACK

The Highlights from Paschal Triduum

Maunder Thursday



Good Friday

Easter Vigil



Easter Sunday

Common Mistakes Made By Catholics During Mass

Some of us cradle Catholics may have been wrongly catechised or perhaps we have just inadvertently adopted some wrong habits over the years or we could just be lazy. Whatever the reason, here is a good reminder of what we should (and should not) be doing during Mass.



Sitting before the priest sits

In the Mass, the celebrating priest is the representative of Christ in that Mass and it is inappropriate for the congregants to sit before he does. So take a while and look towards the altar and only sit after he has taken his seat.



Making the Sign of the Cross repeatedly in the Mass

Many Catholics make this mistake very often. Making the Sign of the Cross repeatedly during Mass, especially after receiving Holy Communion, is very wrong. The Sign of the Cross is made at only two parts of the Mass... at the **beginning** and at the **end**.



Genuflecting with the left knee

During the passion of Christ, the Roman soldiers knelt with their left knee to Jesus, but they were actually mocking him. Catholics genuflect, that is kneel with their right knee, as a sign of respect to the Holy Eucharist. So it is reserved for the highest good - the Eucharist in the Tabernacle. Before getting in your pew, if and only if the Tabernacle is visible, genuflect toward it. If its not in view, bow towards the altar. Some Catholics often make the mistake of genuflecting with their left knee, which is totally incorrect.



Meeting the priest for blessing immediately after the Mass

The priest has already pronounced words of blessings in the Mass at the Concluding Rite just before the end of the Mass. So there is no need to meet him and ask for personal blessings after he has recessed out of the Church. But, by all means, do greet him if he is present outside to meet his parishioners.



Leaving the Church before the priest

It is appropriate for you to wait for the priest to completely recess out of the Church before you can follow suit. Don't do the "Judas shuffle". After all, he (Judas) left the Last Supper early. Do observe proper decorum for Mass: leave after the celebrant. As a form of respect for the choir, it would be good to also wait until they have finished the recessional hymn, before leaving.



Standing in the Orans position during the Our Father

We should not do this. Priests will assume the Orans position (hands extended to the side) a few times; it is a posture that indicates that he is praying on our behalf, but not in the way that I pray for you. He's praying on our behalf *in persona Christi capitis*. This is why the rubrics don't allow for deacons to adopt the Orans posture, and its the main reason we shouldn't either.



Not saying "Amen" before receiving Communion

When the priest, deacon or Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) elevates the host or chalice and says, "The Body/Blood of Christ", you should NOT be silent. It is imperative that those who receive can affirm belief in the Real Presence, so do what the Church asks. Say "Amen". Amen? Amen!

Adapted from 10 Things You Might Be Doing Wrong at Mass by David Rummelhoff - epicPew



Looking for more information?
Visit www.sfxchurch.sg

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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