



Disciples
Making Disciples



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For Our Hope is in the Lord

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
13 Jul 2025

Deut 30:10-14
Col 1:15-20
Lk 10:25-37

Today's Gospel recounts the parable of the good Samaritan. A common reflection on the parable is that it invites us, like the good Samaritan, to serve, help and care for the downtrodden, the overlooked and those in need. This is indeed the call that Christ extends to each of us as Christians.

However, perhaps today the Lord invites us into a slightly deeper reflection on this parable and on our own lives.

Before Jesus tells the parable of the good Samaritan, he engages in a conversation with a lawyer who is trying to test him. In their exchange, Jesus affirms "[w]hat is written in the law" – that to inherit eternal life, "[y]ou must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself" (Lk 10:26-27).

What is striking here is that the call to be like the good Samaritan is not just a call to kindness – it is a call to fulfil "what is written in the law". In loving and serving the downtrodden and those in need, we not only love our neighbour as ourselves, but also reflect the love that we have for the Lord. As St John writes: "If anyone says, 'I love God,' and hates

his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen" (1 Jn 4:20).

The call of today's Gospel is not simply to "be nice" or "help out", but to love others with the same love that the Lord has shown towards us. This is a deep, self-sacrificing, patient love – one that bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things (cf. 1 Cor 13: 4-7).

The Samaritan's act in today's parable is no small feat. The road from Jerusalem to Jericho was notorious for rough, barren and rocky terrain spanning over approximately 15 miles; as a result of this, travellers on this route were vulnerable targets to bandits. By extending aid to the wounded man, the Samaritan placed himself at

significant risk to his own life and limb during an already perilous journey. He didn't just offer quick aid – he gave his time, his safety, his money (approximately two days' wages) to care for the man, and even committed to cover future expenses for his continued care.

Seen in this way, the call of today's Gospel is for our love to go far beyond what is convenient and easily within our means – to meet people at their place of need, and to give of ourselves out of love for God and his people, even at significant cost and risk to ourselves.

This can feel overwhelming, especially when we are already burdened with our own challenges and crosses that we ourselves have to bear and overcome. It is thus not unexpected that many of us feel disheartened and see the demands of the faith as something out of reach and unattainable.

But the Lord today invites us to hope in him. He reminds us that we need not fear failure, because his abundant grace and mercy are sufficient. As Moses declares in today's first reading: "[T]his Law... is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach... No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance" (Deut 30:11-14).

As we begin this new week, let us strive to love as the Lord has loved us – with our whole heart, soul and strength – in spite of the discomfort and hardship that may follow. And let us place our hope in the Lord, through whom all things are possible and in whom all perfection is found.



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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.



NOTICE FOR BASEMENT CHAPEL/ COLUMBARIUM VISITORS

Please be advised that the basement chapel/columbarium is reserved for Catechetical sessions **every Sunday from 3pm to 4.30pm**. We kindly request that parishioners plan their visits before or after this scheduled time to minimise disruptions. If visiting during the Catechetical session, we appreciate your consideration for the children's formation activities taking place. Thank you for your understanding.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Friends of SFX will be serving breakfast this Sunday at JP11 Hall. Do drop by for some food and fellowship.

CHARISMATIC

The next Charismatic Prayer Meeting is on **Mon 14 Jul, 8pm - 9.30pm** at the **Auditorium**. There will be Praise & Worship followed by a talk on 'Communication to Love' by Fr Henry Siew. All are welcome!

INTERCESSORY

Join us on **Mon 14 Jul, 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.



CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION

Join us for the candlelight rosary procession on **Sun 13 Jul, 8pm**. Meet in **JP11 Hall**. The procession will take place within the church grounds. Bring your own waxless candle and join us in prayer as we honour our Blessed Mother. All are welcome!

SACERDOTAL ORDINATION OF DEACON TIMOTHY SOO



PLEASE NOTE:

- All are welcome to attend the Mass of Ordination and the lunch reception that follows.
- Church doors will open at 8.30am.
- On-site parking is limited to guests with issued parking decals.
- Parishioners are encouraged not to drive. If necessary, kindly park only at designated public lots.

Let us keep Deacon Timothy in prayer as he prepares for his sacerdotal ordination.

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: Fri 25 Jul – Sun 27 Jul

Fee: \$50

Venue: SFX Auditorium (Parish Centre, Level 3)

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

OFFICE FOR THE NEW EVANGELISATION (ONE): SACRED SPACES

Discover Sacred Spaces, a new video series from ONE. Learn how your home can become a holy place of hospitality, refuge, and formation. God is present everywhere, not just in churches. All online videos and accompanying e-booklet will be available from Sat 12 Jul onwards, at bit.ly/SacredSpacesHomes.



PIETA JULY PRAYER SESSION (ZOOM)

PIETA is a support group for bereaved parents who have united in faith to seek God's comfort, wisdom and hope. A monthly session led by bereaved parents is held 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 is on **Tue 22 Jul, 7.30pm to 9.15pm**. If you wish to join us, please email us directly at pieta.singapore@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

CATHOLIC NURSES' GUILD ANNUAL MASS CELEBRATION

The Catholic Nurses' Guild of Singapore warmly invites all Catholic nurses and healthcare professionals – especially those in medical or caregiving roles – to their Annual Mass and Blessing. Join in for a special evening to give thanks for your invaluable work and receive blessings for your dedicated service. This Mass offers a wonderful opportunity for Guild members and all healthcare professionals to unite in faith and fellowship. A fellowship dinner will follow the Mass, providing a chance to connect and share.



Date: Sun 3 Aug

Time: 5.30 pm

Venue: Church of the Blessed Sacrament

Register: <https://forms.office.com/r/RzPDZtmmc5>

CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE: EMMANUEL - WALKING WITH GOD IN OUR GOLDEN YEARS

Are you approaching retirement or already navigating the joys and challenges of your golden years? Join us for a meaningful time of reflection as we explore how to navigate this stage of life with confidence and clarity. Get practical tips for managing fears of growing old, rediscover our purpose and redefine priorities for a fulfilling journey ahead towards our final destination. All the while drawing encouragement from the truth that we are never alone, Emmanuel – God is with us.

Date: Tue 12 Aug
Time: 4pm - 6pm
Venue: Church of St Bernadette, Multi-Purpose Hall
Fee: \$20 per pax
Register: bit.ly/EWWG_Reg

CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY CENTRE: INTERCESSION RETREAT #10

This is a non-stay-in retreat, conducted by the CSC Retreat Team with Mass Celebrant, Monsignor Peter Zhang. It is a weekend retreat about praying for others, standing in the gap with the power of the Holy Spirit and learning to carry each other's burdens. Intercede using various forms of prayer and lead intercession.

Date: 23 - 24 Aug
Time: 8.30am - 6.30pm
Retreat Fee: \$109 (inclusive of 9% GST)
Registration: <http://bit.ly/cscir10>

SALT Retreat: Pilgrims of Hope in Community

SaLT (Servants at the Lord's Table), a community that aims to reflect Christ's image and light, with a mission of Disciples Making Disciples, has just celebrated its eighth anniversary.

In a recent retreat held at Changi Cove on 27 - 29 Jun, 19 Salters (as they are called), came together to be 'Pilgrims of Hope in Community'. Led by Sr Bubbles from the Cenacle Sisters, the retreat was a reminder of what it means to be disciples in a community, growing in faith together.

Col 3:12-15 sums up what we are called to do: "As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful."



"During the SaLT retreat, I was grateful for the time to be away with the Lord to grow personally and spiritually. There was a sense of timelessness as it was an opportunity to reflect and chill. I also treasured the time to connect and bond with fellow pilgrims or Salters on the same faith journey. It was a nice feeling to belong to a community, as I know I will never be alone on this faith journey with fellow Salters encouraging and affirming each other." **Sandra Lee**

"I went to our SaLT retreat with trepidation of the unknown but asking God to show his plans for our SaLT community. Sr Bubbles led us step by step from an unknown and unsure situation to a safe place where we could take ownership individually for the greater glory of God."

First, we recognised our gifts and shared them with one another. As we shared in our triad group sharing, we were also affirmed in turn.

As everyone comes with their own level of spirituality, we were made aware to give one another space to grow in faith on this journey as pilgrims.

This retreat made evident that there is so much of love and care for one another. We will also remember to show more kindness to each other which gives hope for the future of this community." **Serafin Fernandez**

"In this year's retreat, we went much deeper, and I felt more connected to the theme as Sr Bubbles challenged us to reflect on what our community meant. It became clear that this retreat wasn't just about an individual's personal reflection but a collective one. What struck me most was the focus on kindness



— being kind in our interactions, sharings, and discussions. I found myself questioning my place in this community — whether I'm truly a pilgrim, a sojourner, or just a tourist who comes and goes depending

on my circumstances. It made me realise how fluid my role can be, and how I fluctuate between these identities depending on what's going on in my life. When the concept of MAGIS was introduced, I knew I had to reflect on the call for us to live with greater purpose and to give our best selves for the greater good. It pushed me to think about how I can use my strengths, time, and resources — not just for myself, but to make a bigger impact on others. In that moment, my own MAGIS became clear: to offer my best self to my community, and to bring more love, service, and impact into the world around me.

One of the most emotional parts of the retreat was the 'Iceberg Challenge' which forced us to confront the deeper, often unspoken parts of what went on in the community. It gave us a space to openly share our hurts and unresolved emotions from the past. I felt the weight of the shared vulnerability in the room and how, through this openness, we were able to heal together. In a world that often feels divided, the retreat was a powerful reminder of the importance of kindness, compassion, and support for one another — no judgment, just prayer and presence." **Andrew Toh**



***SaLT comes together to break the Word through prayer, faith reflection and sharing every Thursday. The community was formed on 1 July 2017.**



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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

ANOIDING 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 Mass 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 JPPII 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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