



Disciples
Making Disciples



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He lives in and among us

The Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica
9 Nov 2025

Ez 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12
1 Cor 3: 9-11, 16-17
Jn 2:13-22

There is so much to reflect in today's celebration of a church in Rome that it is best to take it from the top, starting with how it began in the fourth century. The Church of St John Lateran is not just any place of worship but serves as the cathedral church of the Pope, and is known as the mother of all the world's churches. It is historically significant because it was one of the earliest places where Christians gathered openly and publicly to worship God.

Every house of God is holy and sacred, and most religions acknowledge this. What is special about our faith is the belief that we are living temples of God and he dwells in us.

Jesus is the foundation stone of the Church and his plan is to make us in communion with one another as part of that temple, united with him. The Word made Flesh wants to dwell not just 'among us' but 'within us'.

This is what St Paul meant in the Second Reading when he said: "Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among us?"

Because God lives in us, our Christian life is one of constant

transformation to get closer to him. This spirit-filled growth is vividly captured in the First Reading when the prophet Ezekiel is brought to the Temple by an angel and sees a vision of water trickling from the eastern side of the building. When he is brought another 500 yards, it becomes a small stream and he is ankle deep in water. Further down the route, it becomes a river over his head and he has to swim through it. Along the way, the water nourishes the desert and brings life to it.

It is an apt image of our Christian life. At baptism, we receive a trickle of water from the true Temple, Jesus, and by the time we are practising Christians we should be fully submerged in the Living Water ready to do his will. Every time we receive communion, it is a rededication of the temple we are, as we literally receive God within us. In this way, we are living stones of the temple.

We are blessed to have a life in



***"Destroy this
sanctuary, and in
three days I will
raise it." (Jn 2: 19)***

which God wants to dwell within us, to strengthen us so we become closer to him. Being a temple of God also means we have to keep it clean and holy. The Gospel reading has Jesus reminding us to 'stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Our Lord was outraged when he found people selling cattle and sheep, and money changers in it. When we are immoral and sinful, we desecrate God's holy place.

God knew how difficult it was for us to keep our temple clean, which is why he sent Jesus to save us from our sinful life... "Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it." He was not referring to a new building but to a new order of worship with his body as the cornerstone of the new Church, united with a community of believers coming together to listen to the Word of God and nourishing themselves with the Body and Blood of Christ.

We live in this wonderful creation conceived by God, as explained by the Church: "What the soul is to the human body, the Holy Spirit is to the Body of Christ, which is the Church." "To this Spirit of Christ, as an invisible principle, is to be ascribed the fact that all the parts of the body are joined one with the other and with their exalted head; for the whole Spirit of Christ is in the head, the whole Spirit is in the body, and the whole Spirit is in each of the members." The Holy Spirit makes the Church "the temple of the living God." (CCC 797)

As we gather today to celebrate the dedication of the Lateran Basilica, let us rededicate the temple that we are to a life with Christ as the cornerstone living within us.

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

ALTAR SERVERS RECRUITMENT

The Altar Servers Society will be commencing the training of new servers. Boys from 8 - 12 years old who are interested in serving the parish in the liturgy are encouraged to be part of this community. Sign up at tinyurl.com/SFXAltarServersRecruitment2025.



SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

The SSVP Ministry will be serving breakfast this Sunday at JPPII Hall. Do drop by for some food and fellowship. Love offerings are welcome.

CHARISMATIC

The next Charismatic Prayer Meeting is on **Mon 10 Nov, 8pm - 9.30pm** at the **Auditorium (Parish Centre Level 3)**. There will be Praise & Worship followed by a talk on 'You are Called'. All are welcome!

INTERCESSORY

Join us on **Mon 10 Nov, 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.

2026 CATHOLIC NEWS DESKTOP CALENDAR SALE

The Catholic News Calendar 2026 is now available! The 2026 edition's theme 'Peace be with you' reflects Pope Leo XIV's first words to the world on his election and invites us to respond to his clarion call for harmony in a troubled world. Drop by the Parish Office to get a copy at **\$10**, while stocks last!

CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION

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

PARISH FUNDRAISING WALK FOR THE BUILDING OF THE CHURCH OF ST JUDE THADDAEUS

Our Parish is organising a 16km walk from Venus Drive Carpark to the site of the future Church of St Jude Thaddaeus in Tengah on **Sat 6 Dec from 6.30am to 1.30pm**.

Fundraising

We are all encouraged to be part of the church building project by being donors. We hope to raise \$100,000 through sponsorship of parishioners participating in the walk. You may make direct donations via PayNow to UEN **T08CC4033J**. Kindly indicate St Jude Thaddaeus in the 'Add a message' or 'Remarks' field.

REGISTRATION

Parishioners under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Registration closes on **Thu 13 Nov**. For more details, please scan the QR code.



3rd Preparatory Walk: Pierce Reservoir Round (10 km)

Date: Sat 15 Nov 2025

Time: 8 am - 12pm

Meeting Point: Drop-off Shelter, Venus Drive Carpark

ST AUGUSTINE MUSIC MINISTRY FUNDRAISING CONCERT: FIND US READY, LORD. A CHRISTMAS OF HOPE

Join us for an evening of song and Christmas cheer as we await the coming of our Lord. All proceeds will go towards the Church of St Jude Thaddaeus building fund. For further enquiries, please email samm@sfxchurch.sg. Book your tickets now!

Date & Time : Sat 20 Dec, 7.30pm
Venue : SFX Auditorium (Parish Centre, Level 3)
Cost : \$30/ticket
Register : tinyurl.com/SAMMChristmasConcert2025



2026 CATECHISM REGISTRATION

You can now register your child born between 2019 to 2020 for the K2 and L1 catechism sessions. Scan the QR code to complete the registration form on myCatholicSG, and upload your child's Baptism Certificate. Parents are expected to be present as catechists to journey along with their children. **Registration closes on Fri 19 Dec 2025**. 2026 catechism sessions are held on Sundays, 3pm - 4.30pm. For further enquiries, please email catechism@sfxchurch.sg or contact Dan Lai (9749 1635).



Reunite - TRIDUUM & FEAST DAY 2025

Wed 26 Nov, 8pm
Celebrant: Fr Terence Kesavan

Thu 27 Nov, 8pm
Celebrant: Fr Bartolo Maria

Fri 28 Nov, 8pm
Celebrant: Fr Jude David

Please note that there will be no 6.30pm Mass on 26 & 27 Nov



Feast Day Mass (Sat, 29 Nov, 5.30pm)

Celebrant: Cardinal William Goh

Dinner will be served after the Feast Day Mass. There will be breakfast after the 7am and 9am; and lunch after the 11am Sunday Masses.

Bring a Dish, share the Joy:

This year, our Triduum refreshment will be a potluck-style fellowship. Bring along a dish on any day of the Triduum (portioned for 4 pax) to share and celebrate being reunited as one parish family! Please drop off your dish at JPPII Hall by 7.30pm.



UNDERSTANDING GOD'S PLAN FOR LOVE, BUILDING FAMILIES & FERTILITY

We (married couple) do not want to have more children. Why can't my spouse and I use contraceptives? What is God's plan for my fertility? Why can't we (married couple) have children? Why is chastity important for all?



Date: Sat 22 Nov
Time: 1.30pm - 5pm
Venue : SFX Auditorium (Parish Centre, Level 3)
Target audience: Young adults, dating couples, and married couples
Love Offering: \$5/person (to cover the cost of tea break and utilities)
Register : <https://tinyurl.com/FertilityTalk2025>

Come and discover the answers to these questions and more, from this event organised by the SFX Family Apostolate of the Catechetical Ministry, and the Natural Family Planning (NFP) community of the Archdiocese, presented by Fr David Garcia, OP. It will be followed by Q&A with a panel.

Level 9 teens serve the poor: a dream two years in the making

What began as a simple dream from one or two of our L9 catechists, and shared by our L9 teens, finally came to life after nearly two years of praying, planning, and persevering!



In the early hours of the morning, 32 teens set their alarms long before dawn, sacrificing sleep to prep meals in the kitchen. Later that day, they fanned out across Singapore to deliver food — and warm smiles — to those in need. All these were made possible by 13 generous parents who volunteered their cars (and their Sunday!) to ferry the teens on their routes. Faith in action, from kitchen to kerbside!

The result? Full hearts, fuller tummies, and a powerful lesson in Christian charity lived out together. Thank you to our catechists, teens, and parents for showing what love-in-action looks like. This is the Gospel on wheels.

And we're not stopping here. After their O-Levels next year, we are aiming for an overseas mission trip! The dream is to bring this same spirit of service beyond our shores, partnering a local community to learn, serve, and grow in faith together. Stay tuned — missions on the horizon!



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Testimonials

"Though it was not my first time participating in such volunteer work, I had long forgotten the fulfilment and joy the act of service brought to me. Every successful delivery and smile brought to each face made it all worth it. In every interaction, I knew Jesus was with these people in need." – **James Lee, L9 Catechism Teen**

"The experience at Willing Hearts was truly heartwarming. It was uplifting to see teenagers and parents arrive very early in the morning to prepare and deliver meals. A meaningful way to extend the spirit of love and service beyond the Church into the wider community. Kudos to the catechists for organising this". – **Corrine Teng, Mother of Ashley Lim**

"Volunteering at Willing Hearts was a truly humbling and eye-opening experience. At first I was little sceptical in participating, as I thought that some of the elderly would be scary or grouchy. However as I delivered the food to the first house the uncle greeted us warmly and thanked us for delivering the food. I also recall that one of the aunties offered my group and I some much needed apple juice to quench our thirst after a long day of delivering food to the elderly. Through this experience, I realised how even small acts of service can make a big difference in the lives of others." – **Joshua James Tan, L9 Catechism Teen**

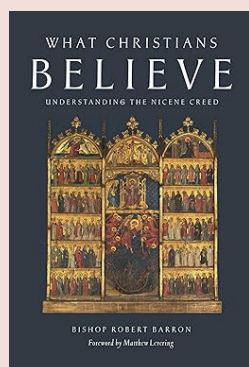
"Serving with Willing Hearts showed me what it means to live out our faith through action. Meeting the people we delivered meals to helped me appreciate the blessings I have and inspired me to continue helping others wherever I can." – **Luke Yeo, L9 Catechism Teen**

"Participating in the food delivery was an eye-opening and meaningful experience, where I helped deliver food to underprivileged families and individuals. Through this, I witnessed how even a simple meal can bring comfort and joy to those in need, reminding me to be more grateful for what I have. The experience deepened my sense of empathy and social responsibility, inspiring me to continue finding ways to give back to the community." – **Bryce Yeo, L9 Catechism Teen**

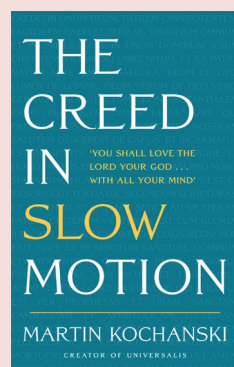
"Spending a day serving with Willing Hearts was truly eye-opening. Working with the delivery team, I brought meals door to door and saw first-hand the different conditions people live in. It helped me understand their situations better and moved me to genuine empathy. Before this, I knew — at least in my head — that there were people in need, but I often pushed that awareness aside. Meeting them changed me. It made the need real, and it stirred a deeper desire to help. I'm grateful for the experience and for what it taught me. I would gladly volunteer again, and I hope to keep serving in whatever small ways I can." – **Nicole Louise Ng, L9 Catechism Teen**

St Jerome Library features Know the 12 Articles of the Creed & how they came about

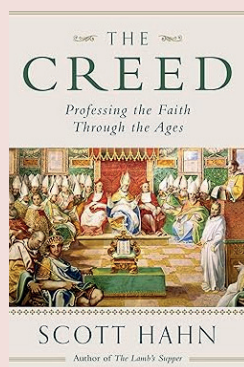
In addition to the exhibition outside JP11 Hall on the 1700th Anniversary of the Ecumenical Council of Nicaea which gave us our Nicene Creed or Profession of Faith, pick up one of these books from St Jerome Library today and be more familiar with how the Creed originated and why further statements about Jesus' divinity were added to the Apostles' Creed (the shorter Creed) at the Nicaea Council in 325AD:



**What Christians Believe:
Understanding the
Nicene Creed by Bishop
Robert Barron.
Published March 3, 2025.**



**The Creed in Slow
Motion: An exploration
of faith, phrase by
phrase, word by word
by Martin Kochanski.
Published 30 Jun. 2022**



**The Creed: Professing
the Faith Through the
Ages by Scott Hahn.
Published May 16,
2016.**



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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 - 11pm

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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