



Disciples
Making Disciples



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A King Not of This World

Solemnity of Christ the King
23 Nov 2025

2 Sam 5:1-3

Col 1:12-20

Lk 23:35-43

This year marks the centenary of “*Quas Primas*”, the encyclical issued by Pope Pius XI which established the liturgical Feast of Christ the King to remind the Church of Christ’s universal sovereignty. It was also an attempt to counter the rising tide of secularism and political attempts by some countries to push religion out of public life. The Feast of Christ the King was instituted to reiterate that Christ, as the ultimate true king, is the real answer to the world’s many problems.

This theme of Christ’s sovereignty across today’s readings seem to systematically reverse conventional notions of kingship. We see in the First Reading, the anointing of King David. His military power and leadership have made their mark and the Lord has also declared him as ‘shepherd and leader of Israel.’ (2 Sam 5:2). The marks of earthly kingship – reputation, status, power and honour are so evident here.

St Paul, in writing to the Colossians in the Second Reading, develops an understanding of the kind of power Christ wields. Instead of political might, Christ’s power and authority are found in his very own nature and essence. Christ is described as the “image of the unseen God” (Col 1:15), existing before all creation. As the first-born of all creation, his authority is not derived



“Today, you will be with me in paradise.”

from his lineage; instead he is simply the head of the Church which is his body. Jesus our King is presented here as the cosmic Christ, the invisible force that actually holds the universe together and not a power accorded by man.

Luke’s all-too-familiar gospel has lost its shock value for most of us. Here we see how every notion of power attached to earthly kingdoms is turned on its head at the crucifixion of Christ. From various accounts, we know the cross became Jesus’ throne, and that his crown was fashioned from thorns. He was not robed in finery but stripped of his garments, made fun of by being cloaked in purple, the colour of royalty. There were no armies waiting on hand to do his bidding; instead he was mobbed by a crowd that jeered at him as “King of the Jews”. (Lk 23:38). Their taunts “He saved others, let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One” (Lk 23:35), and “If you are King of the Jews, save yourself” (Lk 23:37) were calculated to challenge his identity and mock his authority.

Amidst the high emotions and violence, a gentle light shines on the scene in the tender and moving dialogue between the repentant thief and Jesus. The former humbly asks for a place in Jesus’ kingdom

and hears our Lord’s unhesitating and beautiful promise of paradise. We contemplate here in Jesus, a king who is not overwhelmed by the world. He stands his ground and uses his power — not to save himself but others instead, even as he nears his own end. By his death on the cross, Jesus marks his kingship as one of forgiveness, mercy, hope and sacrificial love (agape). The world today may look on Calvary as a place of failure, shame and defeat, but in truth the Cross is the throne of Jesus. “Greater love than this no man has, that a man lay down his life for his friends.” (Jn 15:13). As sovereign king, Jesus models for us the ultimate example of greatness in love. He is a true leader and king, exercising his authority in humble service of others, sacrificing himself in death to win new life in eternity.

As we approach the year end, it is a good time for some soul searching. What kind of kings — wealth, power, popularity etc — have I served this year? With whom does my allegiance lie? Have I used my talents with generosity even when sacrifice was involved? Does my worship of God go beyond lip service and token acts of charity? Let us pray for the grace and desire to truly allow Jesus to reign as king of our own lives now, even as we await his second coming.

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.



CATECHISM SCHEDULE NOTICE

The last session for L6 to L9 will be on 23 Nov. There will be a break from 30 Nov onwards, and sessions will resume on 11 Jan 2026.

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!

CHARISMATIC

The next Charismatic Prayer Meeting is on **Mon 24 Nov, 8pm - 9.30pm** at the **Auditorium (Parish Centre Level 3)**. There will be Praise & Worship followed by Mass celebrated by Fr Edward Lim. Birthday blessings, wedding anniversary blessings and fellowship follows. All are welcome!

INTERCESSORY

Join us on **Mon 24 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.

PIETA NOVEMBER 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 for parents 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 25 Nov, 7.30pm - 9.15pm**. If you wish to join, please email directly to pieta.singapore@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

PARISH T-SHIRT SALE

Purchase your new parish T-shirt this weekend for just **\$21 at the booth outside JPll Hall / Foyer** and wear it for our upcoming Triduum celebration, while stocks last. Payment is only via UEN (**T08CC4033J**). Collection of the merchandise will be at Mt Horeb. Goods are non-exchangeable and non-refundable.

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

Parishioners are invited to help raise funds by picking-up a Donation Card after Mass at the entrance of JPll Hall. We are encouraged to be part of the church building project by helping to seek donations and/or being donors. You may make direct donations via PayNow to UEN **T08CC4033J**. Kindly indicate St Jude Thaddaeus in the 'Add a Message' or 'Remarks' field. For donation related matters, please contact Alfred at 9822 2695.

Last Preparatory Walk:

Track 15 (Mandai Lake Road) to Hillview MRT Station (13 km)

Date: Sat 29 Nov 2025 **Time:** 7.30am - 12pm

Meeting Point: Upper Thomson MRT Station (Exit 4)

SFX CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 2025

COME JOIN US! We welcome all children up to the age of 12, and their parents as well, to be a part of this year's Pageant at SFX! The Pageant will take place on **Wed 24 Dec, 5.30pm** (reporting time, **5pm**). Christmas Eve Mass will follow at **6pm**. The Pageant will be a collaboration between the Children's Liturgy Ministry and the Genesis Family Choir (Sun, 5.30pm).



REHEARSAL DATES:

Tue 16 Dec, 7.30pm - 9pm

Thu 18 Dec, 7.30pm - 9pm

Sun 21 Dec, 2pm - 4pm

Tue 23 Dec, 7.30pm - 9pm

Sign up by scanning the QR Code; and get in touch with Aloysius (9452 0065) or Melissa (9793 6438) if you have any questions!



CHILDREN'S LITURGY: ADVENT CAMP

Join the Children's Liturgy Ministry for a joyful day of celebration as we anticipate the birth of Jesus! Our theme, "Jesus is the Reason", will be brought to life through a vibrant afternoon of singing, dancing, art-making and storytelling. Come and be part of this special preparation for the coming of our Lord as we explore the true meaning of the season together. For further enquiries, contact Edwin at 9694 7654.



Date: Sat 13 Dec **Time:** 12pm - 4.30pm **Venue:** JPll Hall

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/CLAdventCamp2025>

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

Food will be served after the Feast Day Mass and all Sunday morning 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 JPll Hall by 7.30pm.



CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY CENTRE (CSC): BREATHE RETREAT

Looking for spiritual renewal? The Catholic Spirituality Centre (CSC) will be conducting the third run of the Breathe Retreat, a stay-in Catholic encounter retreat for young people aged 16 to 30, happening from 4 to 7 Dec (Thu – Sun).

Rooted in Psalm 51:12 — “Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit” — the retreat offers a sacred space for youth and young adults to step away from the busyness of life, encounter Christ anew, and be renewed in joy and purpose.

Come and be renewed in God's love!

Register at bit.ly/Breathe03

BREATHE
RETREAT #3

FOR YOUTHS & YOUNG ADULTS (16 - 30)

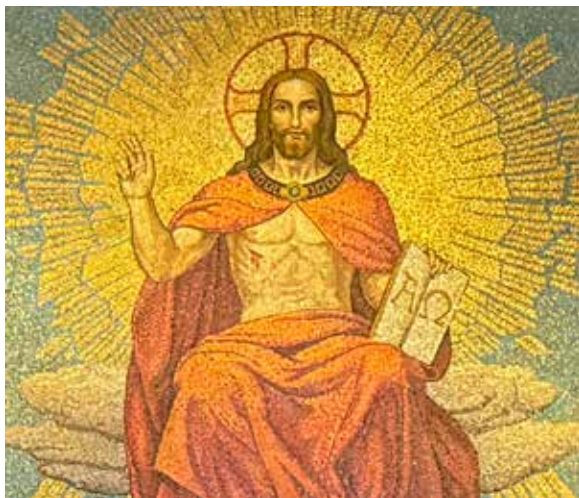
Dryness ends where His love begins — let Him renew you today.

Dates: 4 - 7 Dec 2025, Stay-in
Registration: 15 Sep - 1 Dec
Fee: S\$174 (incl. GST)

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Themes for the Solemnity of Christ the King Year C



The Solemnity of Christ the King reminds us that Jesus is our true King. His kingdom is different from earthly kingdoms because it is built on love, mercy, and sacrifice.

Jesus as King: Jesus is not a king who rules with power and force. He leads with love, humility, and service.

God's Kingdom is Eternal: Earthly rulers come and go, but Jesus' kingdom will never end. His rule is one of peace and justice.

Salvation Through Jesus: The second reading reminds us that Jesus rescues us from sin. He brings us into his kingdom and makes us part of his family.

Mercy and Forgiveness: Jesus forgives the criminal on the cross. His kingdom is open to all who turn to him with faith.

Humility and Suffering: Jesus does not save himself from the cross. His suffering shows that true kingship is about sacrifice, not power.

Faith in Jesus: The good thief believed in Jesus even when others mocked him. His faith brought him the promise of eternal life.

“In Him, we have the assurance of always being able to find the lodestar towards which we can direct our seemingly chaotic lives...”

POPE LEO XIV

This perspective reinforces the idea that Christ's kingship is not only about authority but also about providing hope and direction in a troubled world.

SO HOW DO YOU CELEBRATE THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING?

“A few years ago, in his homily on the Feast of Christ the King, Fr. Ben described the throne of our Lord as the cross. The only true King who would choose the shameful, cruel cross as a throne. I found that powerful and empowering at the same time. Since then, especially on this feast, I make it an intentional point to ponder deeply on King Jesus' humility, His sacrifice, His utter selflessness for humanity, His eternal love for us. It always reminds me what true leadership and kingship mean.”

— Susanah Cheok, SFX Parishioner

“To be honest, for many years, this Feast day was not very significant for me. It was only when I had kids in catechism that it meant ‘last day of cat sessions’! So for me now Feast of Christ the King has always been FREEDOM!” — Parent, SFX Parishioner

“For a few years after my baptism, the Feast of Christ the King didn't mean anything to me; just another Sunday. After I became involved in RCIA/RCIY, the Feast of Christ the King marks the end of the Liturgical year, with the 1st Sunday of Advent being the start of a New Liturgical Year. We do not have any special celebration for this day, but this day reminds me of where Jesus is in my life as my KING of Kings and LORD of Lords.

— Mark Tay, SFX Parishioner



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Visit www.sfxchurch.sg

HIGHLIGHTS FROM *Fr. Shawn Wong's Thanksgiving Mass*

Fr. Shawn Wong celebrated Thanksgiving Mass at our parish on 15 Nov 2025. Ordained on 17 May 2025, he returned to our parish that nurtured his vocation. A true son of our parish, we give thanks for Fr. Shawn's beautiful story of faith, gratitude, and trust in God's providence, as he has journeyed from SFX altar server to missionary priest. Now serving with the Institute for World Evangelization (ICPE Mission) in Malta, Fr Shawn is part of an international Catholic community dedicated to forming missionary disciples and transforming lives through the joy of the Gospel. Fr Shawn encourages us to always "Trust in the Lord because the Lord really has a plan for each one of us. Sometimes that plan may not be in accordance with what we think the Lord wants for us...discern and let him show us the way and have the courage to take that leap of faith".



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 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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