



Disciples
Making Disciples



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A voice cries out in the wilderness

2nd Sunday of Advent
7 Dec 2025

Is 11:1-10
Rom 15:4-9
Mt 3:1-12

This weekend's readings speak of the coming of Christ who will sift us like wheat and warn us of what may happen if we do not come to the Lord with contrite hearts. Let us take care not to be swept up in worldly preparations for Christmas, focused on material wants, and instead make an account of our souls as we wait to welcome Jesus.

In the First Reading, the prophet Isaiah speaks of the root of Jesse who has the "spirit of wisdom and insight" (Is 11:2), who "does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay" (Is 11:3). The imagery of the root of Jesse is linked to the Kingdom of David, but this kingdom is different — unlike King David, this king is not a king of the sword but of the word, "His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless" (Is 11:4). This passage tells us that a new kingdom will come with a new way of life. The second part of this passage recalls the Garden of Eden, with all of nature in harmony and the new king who will be a "signal to the peoples" (Is 11:10). We must ask ourselves if we truly understand the weight of this prophecy and what it means for our eternity. We know we cannot hide behind the mask we create for ourselves, as the Lord will be able to judge us based on who we truly are. The Lord is calling us to be accountable this Advent and to

put aside the disordered image we have of ourselves and focus instead on how God sees us.

Building on this prophecy, the Second Reading from St Paul shows us how we are to live, with Jesus as our example and role model. How we must be "united in mind and voice" (Rom 15:6), so that we may glorify God with our lives. Here we see the full meaning of the prophecy given in the First Reading, that God's message of hope is for all people, not only Israel. St Paul makes it very clear that all people are to give glory to God. How have we been glorifying God? Have we been loving and merciful towards one another even when things do not go our way?

Finally, in the Gospel of St Matthew, St John the Baptist is baptising in the Jordan and calling the people of Israel to turn away from their lives of sin and repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand. This same kingdom was the one foretold in the First Reading by the prophet Isaiah. The people of Israel knew what kingdom he was referring to and were ready to wash themselves clean and be baptised in the river. We are warned that "the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire" (Mt 3:10). This is not only a warning for the people of that day, but for all of us who have already been baptised. What fruits are we producing in our lives? Can we truly say that we have produced fruits worthy of the kingdom? If we are uncertain as to what is meant by "fruits", we can refer to CCC 1832 — the fruits of the Holy Spirit are "charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, chastity." St John the Baptist explains that he



***"A voice cries out
in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the
Lord, make his paths
straight"***

Mt 3:3

baptises with water to cleanse the people of sin, but Jesus Christ will baptise us with the Holy Spirit, so we may bear these fruits abundantly. Are we prepared to leave behind our sinful past and step into the new kingdom?

In this time of Advent, let us turn from sin and enter the new kingdom. We need not be afraid of relinquishing the desires of this world and reaching for what endures in the next, for Jesus always strengthens us, guides us, and remains close to 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

FAULTY CHURCH PEWS?

Spot any faulty or damaged pews in church? Scan the QR code to share with us at tinyurl.com/SFXFacilityReport.



ADVENT PRAYER TREE

What better gift to give someone in need this Christmas than the gift of intentional prayer? Just as we did last year, think of someone to pray for - either to return to Church or be open to knowing the Lord. The prayer tags will be available for you to write their names and hang the tags on our Advent trees. As a community of faith, we will pray for all throughout Advent.

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!

PARISH T-SHIRT SALE

Purchase your new parish t-shirt this weekend for just \$21 from the Parish Office, while stocks last. Payment can be made via UEN (T08CC4033J). Goods are non-exchangeable and non-refundable.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Join us for a special hour of prayer on **Mon 8 Dec, 12pm** in the Main Church. Come spend this hour in prayer and seek Our Lady's intercession. All are welcome.

CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION

Join us for our monthly candlelight rosary procession on **Sat 13 Dec, 8pm**. Meet us in JPil 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!

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES (SERANGOON DISTRICT)

Tue 9 Dec, 8pm:
Wed 10 Dec, 8pm:
Thu 11 Dec, 8pm:
Fri 12 Dec, 8pm:

Church of The Immaculate Heart of Mary
Church of St Vincent de Paul
Church of St Francis Xavier
Church of the Nativity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Mon 15 Dec, 8.15pm: St Anne's Church
Tue 16 Dec, 8pm: Church of the Transfiguration



GIFT 2025: ADVENT GIFT APPEAL

When we give of ourselves and what we have, our Church becomes alive, strong and fruitful. Catholic Foundation invites you to support the work of several organisations, clergy welfare and the building of the Catholic Hub to build a more vibrant, evangelising and missionary Church. Pick up a GIFT 2025 envelope or visit catholicfoundation.sg/give

COLLECTION OF DONATION CARDS FOR PARISH FUND RAISING WALK FOR THE BUILDING OF THE CHURCH OF ST JUDE THADDAEUS

We wish to thank all parishioners who have participated and supported the Parish Project. Parishioners may return the Donation Cards and the funds solicited at the JPil Hall after Mass next weekend on **13 - 14 Dec 2025**. You may also return to Grace Tan from the Parish Office during office hours. **All Donation Cards are to be returned by Mon 15 Dec 2025**. For all donation related matters, please contact Alfred Goh at 9822 2695.

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**. 2026 catechism sessions are held on **Sundays, 3pm - 4.30pm**. For further enquiries, please email catechism@sfxchurch.sg or contact Dan Lai (9749 1635).



CHILDREN'S LITURGY: ADVENT CAMP

Join the Children's Liturgy Ministry on **Sat 13 Dec, 12pm - 4.30pm** at the JPil Hall 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. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/CLAdventCamp2025>

ST FRANCIS XAVIER YOUTH CHOIR: CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

Celebrate the joy of the season with us on **Fri 19 Dec, 7pm** at MyVillage (1 Maju Ave, Singapore 556679)! Come soak in the Christmas spirit through beautiful carols performed by the St Francis Xavier Youth Choir. Bring your family and friends and share the warmth and hope of Christmas together!

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 on **Sat 20 Dec, 7.30pm** at the SFX Auditorium. Tickets are \$30 each, and all proceeds go towards the Church of St Jude Thaddaeus Building Fund. For enquiries, email samm@sfxchurch.sg. Book your tickets now: tinyurl.com/SAMMChristmasConcert2025



SFX CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT RECRUITMENT

We welcome all children up to the age of 12, and their parents as well, to be a part of this year's Christmas Pageant! The Pageant will take place on **Wed 24 Dec, 5.30pm**, followed by Christmas Eve Mass at 6pm. The Pageant is a collaboration between the Children's Liturgy Ministry and the Genesis Family Choir (Sun 5.30pm). Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/SFXmasCLPageant25>

LITTLE SHEPHERDS' SCHOOLHOUSE (LSS): PRESCHOOL TEACHERS RECRUITMENT

LSS @ SFX is hiring dedicated preschool teachers with the required early childhood certification. We seek passionate educators who can create nurturing, engaging learning environments for young children. Interested applicants should submit their detailed resumes to lss.recruit@catholicpreschool.edu.sg for our consideration. Join us in shaping confident lifelong learners.

REUNITE!

66th Feast Day Celebration

Our parish marked its 66th anniversary with a four-day celebration of faith and community on the theme "Reunite", culminating on 29 Nov with an evening Mass presided over by William Cardinal Goh.



At the Triduum from 26 - 28 Nov, the parish welcomed its former sons, Fathers Terence Kesavan, Bartolo Maria OCD, and Jude David. At the Feast Day Mass, Cardinal Goh spoke on the paradox of discipleship, where all are called to simultaneously be shepherds and disciples. Reflecting on the parish tagline "Disciples making disciples," he emphasised the faithful's vocation to accompany each other on the faith journey, cultivating a spirit of listening that honours the Church's inherently synodal nature.



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF DEC

FOR CHRISTIANS IN AREAS OF CONFLICT

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

IN THE MONTH OF NOV 2025

WEDDINGS

We congratulate the following couples:

1. Marcus Yeong Jian Xiong & Joelle Chee Wei Xuan
2. Wong Liang Jie & Glenda Marie Conejero Satuio
3. Ho Han & Tan Zhi Yi, Joan
4. Henrique De Almeida Cabral & Natalie Lee Minle
5. Wang Chan Yong, Bryan & Cherylene Chin Jun Ting

CONDOLENCES

We offer our prayers for the family of the following who have returned to the Lord:

1. Fernandez Joy B Nee de Souza



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A potluck fellowship followed each Triduum evening where parishioners could break bread together and strengthen the bonds of community, reflecting the parish's broader vision to re-unite, re-ignite, and re-commit.

Susanah Cheok from Lectors and Intercessory Prayer Ministry, said she was inspired to go beyond her comfort zone and make new friends at the parish reunion after someone remarked that greater year-round hospitality across ministries might



encourage more parishioners to reunite in celebration. "I joined a group of unfamiliar women at the final fellowship evening, and what followed was unexpectedly delightful – sparking conversation and authentic warmth among strangers. The Trinity, the First Community, was truly present, extending communion beyond the Eucharist itself," she said.

Elaine Tsui from 1Cor12 agreed with what Fr Jude said in his homily – that parish life can be difficult and it is much easier to walk away than to remain. "But remaining is what truly decides everything in our lives: 'Fall in love, stay in love, and that decision to remain will decide everything'", she said.



Advent: A Season of Hope

WEEK 2 - EMBRACING THE GIFT OF PEACE



The second week of Advent represents Peace, reminding us of the calm and healing Christ offers to our hearts. In the midst of our busyness, we are invited to welcome this peace and let it shape the way we live and love. Small gestures of kindness, forgiveness, and patience can make us instruments of peace in our homes and communities.

This week, let us pause, breathe, and ask: How can I be a peacemaker in my home, workplace, and parish? Even small acts — a listening ear, a kind word, a gesture of compassion — reflect the peace Christ brings into the world. Advent's peace is not passive; it is active, intentional, and deeply restorative.

May this second week of Advent guide us closer to the quiet, steady presence of Christ in our hearts and in our world.



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 - 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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