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Disciples *Making Disciples*

From Mountain to Mission

2nd Sunday of Lent
1 Mar 2026

Gen 12:1-4
2 Tim 1:8-10
Mt 17:1-9

In a world that seeks “highs”, even in faith, we can slip into this mindset of treating prayers and devotions as ways to feel good rather than be transformed.

The Transfiguration confronts this tendency. When Peter sees Christ in glory, his instinct is to stay and “make three tents” (Mt 17:4). Faced with divine beauty, he tries to preserve the moment and avoids what lies ahead.

Yet, the glory on the mountain is not meant to be kept — it is meant to be carried.

We, too, experience moments of consolation in deep prayers and spiritual highs in retreats. These are real gifts. We are not wrong to desire them — we are being drawn. But they are not the destination. Faith must move us beyond comfort into witness (cf. CCC 1816). The Transfiguration is not an escape from suffering, but a preparation for discipleship.

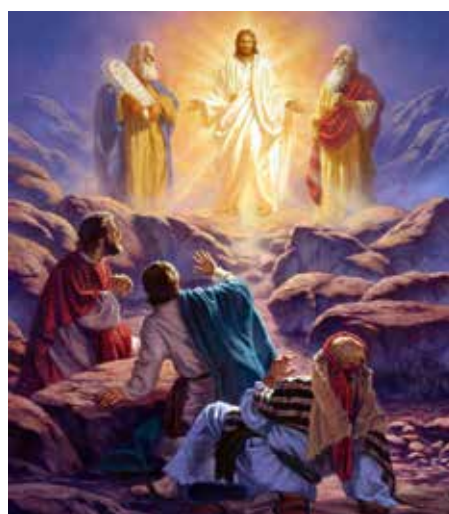
The readings for the Second Sunday of Lent reveal a pattern that shapes every Christian: promise, trial, and glory. Abram is called to leave his country and security, trusting in God’s word. The disciples are led up a high mountain and shown Christ’s glory. In both, God calls, reveals, and then sends forth. The movement is clear: no revelation without mission, no glory without the Cross.

Moses and Elijah appear beside Jesus, pointing to his coming Passion. In their own lives, both remained

faithful amid rejection and hardship. Now, standing in glory, they testify that fidelity leads to fulfilment. Their presence is reassurance that we do not struggle alone — the saints intercede and accompany us.

More deeply, they reveal that all of salvation history converges in Christ. The Law and the Prophets give way to the Son. As Moses led Israel through the Red Sea, Jesus leads humanity out of sin and death. Elijah’s assumption into heaven prefigures the Resurrection. Together, they reveal that the Cross is not a tragic detour, but the path through which God’s plan is fulfilled.

Then comes the cloud — a sign of God’s active yet mysterious presence. From it, the Father gently corrects Peter: “This is my Son, the beloved ... Listen to him” (Mt 17:5). The command is simple but demanding. Listen when life is peaceful — but also when it is not. Listen when clarity comes — but also when confusion reigns. Listen when prayers console — but also when they feel dry. For when fear overwhelms the disciples,



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and they fall to the ground, Christ draws near and says, “[D]o not be afraid” (Mt 17:7). The same assurance is given to us.

St Paul reminds Timothy that grace enables us to “bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News” (2 Tim 1:8). Grace does not remove the Cross — it transforms it. What once seemed burdensome becomes purposeful; what once seemed meaningless becomes redemptive.

Placed at the heart of Lent, the Transfiguration reveals the deeper reality of our journey. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we ascend the mountain — not to escape the world, but to see it as God does. These practices strip away illusion, humble our pride, and purify our love. Trials are no longer punishments, but purification. Struggles become places where grace is at work.

We are being prepared — not for comfort but for mission.

This Lent, the question is not whether we have encountered God, but whether we are willing to follow where he leads. What “tents” have we built — spaces of control or comfort? What must we release to move forward?

Like Abram, we are called to step out without full clarity. Like the disciples, we are asked to descend the mountain and walk toward the Cross. The Mass becomes our mountain of encounter. We do not remain; we are sent.

And this is our hope: the glory we glimpse is not an illusion. It is a promise.

The Transfiguration assures us that the Cross is not the final word — Easter is. Abram did not know where he was going. The disciples did not yet understand the Cross. Yet they walked forward in trust. So can we — to bring others to Christ.

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.



2ND COLLECTION FOR THE GENERAL MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS OF THE CHURCH

There will be a second collection this week and all funds raised will go towards the general maintenance and operations of our church. If you would like to donate digitally, please PayNow to our **UEN T08CC4033J** and indicate in the reference 'Maintenance'. Please give generously.

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL (SSVP) COLLECTION

With your kind donations last weekend, SSVP was able to raise **\$513,355.60** for Friends In Need. We thank you for your generosity and continued support of our activities.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

The Communion Ministers Ministry will be serving breakfast this Sunday at JP II Hall. Do drop by for some food and fellowship. Love offerings are welcome!

CHARITIES WEEK 2026 (28 FEBRUARY – 10 MAY)

Mercy Cannot Wait. Your donation changes lives. This is a call to all of us to respond to Charities Week, our Archdiocesan annual fundraiser where your donation goes directly to support our brothers and sisters who are the poor, elderly, persons with disabilities, migrants and itinerant, youth-at-risk, and many more. Inspired by *Dilexi te* where our Pope Leo XIV reminds us that God's love calls us to respond without delay, we too, need to stand up and be counted through timely acts of compassion and generosity.

Your almsgiving makes a difference – it enables essential programmes and services to reach those who need help most. There are four ways to donate: Drop the Charities Week envelope at our parish, mail it to Caritas Singapore, scan this QR code or visit bit.ly/cw26bulletin. Donations of \$10 and above are eligible for 250% tax deduction.



LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES (SERANGOON DISTRICT)

Tue, 17 Mar, 8pm:	Church of the Transfiguration
Wed, 18 Mar, 8pm:	Church of St Francis Xavier
Thu, 19 Mar, 8pm:	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mon, 23 Mar, 8.15pm:	St. Anne's Church
Tue, 24 Mar, 8pm:	Immaculate Heart of Mary
Wed, 25 Mar, 8pm:	St Vincent de Paul

POV: MEETING JESUS ON CALVARY

He met Jesus on Calvary while pressed into service to help carry the cross

Collect your character card this week and stick it to your A3 card from last week. If you do not have the A3 card, please get one from the booth outside the JP II Hall.

This Friday's Stations of the Cross at 8pm will include an extended reflection from her point-of-view.

May this little activity help you enter into deeper reflection on the Passion in your prayer time and with your friends and family.



CATECHISM NOTICE

There will be a break from Catechism on 15 March. Parents and Guardians, please continue to lead your family and children in prayer, reflection and worship. Session will resume on 22 March.

BAT: THE JEWISH ROOTS OF JESUS' DEATH & RESURRECTION

Join SFX BAT for a Bible study exploring how Jesus fulfilled the Jewish feasts in His passion, death, and resurrection — from the Temple sacrifice and the significance of 3 p.m., to the Sabbath and the dawn of a new creation.

Date: Sun 8 Mar
Time: 9am - 10:30 am
Venue: Jeremiah Room, Parish Centre L2
Q&A Chat: https://chat.whatsapp.com/HsMw6W5k24NDW2UlpYN4p0?mode=gi_t

CARITAS SINGAPORE: CREED ON THE STREET

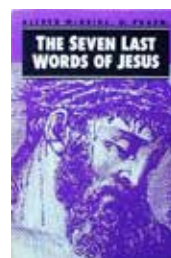
With the Lunar New Year celebrations and the wildly popular trend of blind boxes, we are producing mountains of waste that cannot be reused or recycled. What is the impact on our environment? What is this doing to our soul?

Join the Caritas Young Adults and Dr Maxine Mowe, a biological scientist, for the latest iteration of Creed on the Street as we discuss this multi-faceted issue and what the Church might have to say. Pizza and ice-cream will be provided for dinner!

Date: Wed 18 Mar
Time: 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Venue: CANA The Catholic Centre L3
Sign up now at bit.ly/streetcreed

LENTEN EXHIBITION 2026 BY ST JEROME LIBRARY

This Lent, discover The Seven Last Words of Jesus by Alfred McBride, a moving meditation on Christ's final words on the Cross. Excerpts from the book, together with pictures of related locations, relics and artwork, are on display outside JP II Hall. The exhibition runs now until Holy Week. St Jerome Library is open **Sundays, 8am - 1pm & 4pm - 5.30pm**. View the full catalogue at www.librarything.com/catalog/sfxchurchlibrary



RETRouvaille WEEKENDS

Organised by Retrouvaille Singapore. We invite parishioners who are considering separation, divorce, or are already divorced and hoping to reconcile to register for the Retrouvaille Weekends. This is a stay-in programme for couples designed to help troubled relationships heal and grow again.

Dates: Fri 24 Apr, 8pm to Sun 26 Apr, 6pm
Venue: 201-B Punggol Seventeenth Ave, Singapore 829651
Cost: \$50 per couple
Register: <https://tinyurl.com/retrouvailleapr26>



Rites of Sending and Election



Across the last two weeks, catechumens and candidates from the SFX RCIA and RCIY, together with their godparents, took part in the Rites of Sending and Election on 15 and 21 February respectively.

The Rite of Sending was celebrated during Sunday Mass by Father Ben, marking an important step in the faith journey of catechumens as they prepare to be named among the Elect. During the celebration, godparents affirmed that the catechumens and candidates were ready to be presented to His Eminence William Cardinal Goh.

SFX, together with 16 other parishes, gathered at the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. After being endorsed by their godparents and the community, the catechumens were presented to His Eminence and invited to sign their names in the Book of the Elect. Candidates were also called upon to continue their journey of conversion.

These rites mark a significant milestone on the journey towards Baptism and full initiation into the Church, reflecting the deepening faith and spiritual maturity of our Elect and Candidates. As a parish community, let us continue to uphold them in prayer as they prepare to receive the Sacraments at Easter.

Testimonies:

It felt meaningful that the whole congregation sent us off during the Rite of Sending. There was something really comforting about being supported in that way.

During the Rite of Election, what really touched me was seeing so many parishes coming together. Being surrounded by others who were on similar journeys made me feel less alone. It felt warm and comforting, like being part of a wider community, and that sense of belonging stayed with me. – Winnie Low, Candidate



One of the highlights for me was the sense of validation I received. Being acknowledged by our Cardinal brought a profound sense of being officially chosen and affirmed by God. It made my commitment feel recognized and blessed by the Church.

The most meaningful moment for me was when all the candidates and their godparents stood together before our Cardinal to receive his affirmation that we may proceed toward Confirmation and the Eucharist. Having my godparent standing beside me was a powerful, physical sign of the community that has nurtured me and will continue to support me throughout my faith journey. It reminded me in a profound way that I am not walking this path alone. – Richard Seah, Candidate

Writing my name in the book for Rite of Election is a highlight for me as it signified that I'm being accepted into the Church community. – Jasmine Lee, Elect



**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION
FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH**

FOR DISARMAMENT AND PEACE

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

IN THE MONTH OF FEB 2026

WEDDINGS

We congratulate the following couple:

1. Tan Yong Teck, Willy & Yip Haruhi Cheryl

CONDOLENCES

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

1. Teresa Chew Goey Huah
2. Jude Choo Sin Chow
3. Saw Hooi Bin Anthony
4. Marie Sim Shing Keow
5. Anna Lee Lih Choo

BAPTISMS

We welcome the following:

1. Eu Wen Rui Ethan
2. Michael Yaazhan Shankaran
3. Ng Hao Han Julius Michael
4. Haruki Asher Chia (Sheng Zhe)



It was deeply spiritual and moving. The Rite of Election felt like a sacred moment of transition, allowing me to reflect both on my past and future spiritual journey. I am grateful for the opportunities, including people that I met along the way, which God has provided on this journey.

The placing of our godparent's hand on our shoulder during the rites was a deeply spiritual gesture. It symbolises their support and guidance on this journey.

Seeing the names presented to our Cardinal was moving. Each name represented a person's unique spiritual journey being recognised and blessed by Cardinal. These names came from different parishes and represented the wider spiritual family that we are all part of. It is a very meaningful gesture. – Koh Kai Lin, Elect

Both Rites were deeply humbling and emotional for me as they marked a journey that I chose freely and personally. Everything felt very real and it signified that I am truly ready and sincerely wish to continue this journey toward full communion with the Church.

The most touching moments for me were when my godparent and the Church affirmed that I have been striving to live the Christian life and that I am ready to take this next step. Hearing this affirmation was a deep humbling experience. It reminded me that this journey has not been walked alone, but accompanied by guidance, prayer, and encouragement.

The Rite of Election was truly meaningful to me because it marked a conscious and personal "yes" to God. Writing my name in the book of Elect was not just a symbolic act — it represented my decision to step forward in faith and entrust my life more fully to Him. In that simple gesture, I felt both humbled and grateful to be called by name.

– Brenda Lim, Elect



The Rites of Sending and Election felt like an official welcome into the Catholic faith. After months of learning and growing, it was meaningful to have this journey recognised and celebrated. It felt like the Church was affirming that this step I'm taking is real and intentional. It was also moving to see others from different parishes going through the same journey. Sharing this experience reminded me that faith is not just personal, but communal.



Writing my name in the Book of the Elect was a personal highlight of the Rite of Election. It felt like taking ownership of my faith rather than just observing it. – Elizabeth Eu, Elect

A highlight for me was hearing our Cardinal's homily and seeing so many people from different parishes gathering together and learning more about the faith. – Shaun Lian, Elect

When the catechumens went up and signed their names to become elects, I thought this really symbolised leaving their mark and dedication to this faith materially, and that holds a lot of meaning to me.

Being acknowledged as a candidate by other fellow candidates, catechumens and even confirmed Catholics was a highlight for me - like confirming that I am a part of this big community filled with people chosen by God, and who chose God. We all have our own stories that led us to this faith and I felt that the prayers said for us really connected us deeper to the community. – Annika Ramirez, Candidate

What was special to me was when we were affirmed during the prayers and when we declared that we were committed to the faith. – Evonne Sharis, Candidate

The Rites deepened my sense of calling and I felt encouraged by our community.



A highlight for me was signing my name in the Book of the Elect. It made everything feel real and official as it symbolised my commitment to continue my faith journey.

My name being called at the presentation of catechumens was special to me because I felt truly seen and recognized by the Church that I desire to be part of. It made me feel welcome, and it deepened my sense of belonging. – Vivian Siew, Elect



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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 - Fri:
9.30am - 6.30pm
Sat & Sun:
8.30am - 1pm
Closed on Public Holidays

ADORATION ROOM

Mon - Sun:
7am - 11pm
Closed on Public Holidays

LIBRARY

Sun:
8am - 1pm,
4pm - 5.30pm

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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