



**Disciples
Making Disciples**



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Moved by Mercy

Divine Mercy Sunday
12 Apr 2026

Acts 2:42-47
1 Pt 1:3-9
Jn 20:19-31

As we continue in the joyous season of Easter, the universal Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday. Pope St John Paul II inaugurated this celebration, preaching that “in the various readings, the liturgy seems to indicate the path of mercy which, while re-establishing the relationship of each person with God, also creates new relations of fraternal solidarity among human beings” (Homily, Canonisation of Sr Mary Faustina Kowalska, 30 April 2000).

The First Reading narrates the events that followed the Resurrection and the beginnings of the early Church. One aspect offered to us is this: mercy grows when it is grounded in prayer, communion, and community. The author of Acts does not embellish what the early Christians did but simply lists their practices. Moving from the drama of Holy Week and the Easter Octave, the sacramental life of the Church may seem to return to ‘normal’, even to the point of mundanity. Yet grace and mercy continue to overflow as “[d]ay by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved” (Acts 2:47). We are thus called to grow as a community rooted in prayer, fraternal love, and works of charity, through which mercy is encountered in a living, growing Church.

The Second Reading reminds us that mercy leads to joy. We may reduce mercy to acquittal from punishment,

rather than the restoration of communion that gives rise to lasting joy. Yet we are told that awaiting our salvation is “a cause of great joy”, as our faith “will have been tested and proved... more precious than gold” (1 Pt 1:6-7). The joy of Easter is born through the Passion of Christ. We are called not to remain in sorrow for our sins, but to rejoice in the mercy given to us through the Resurrection.

As St Faustina writes, “All grace flows from mercy, and the last hour abounds with mercy for us. Let no one doubt concerning the goodness of God; even if a person’s sins were as dark as night, God’s mercy is stronger than our misery” (Diary of St Faustina, 1507). Even amid difficulties, when joy seems distant, we are invited to hold fast to a hope so strong that “without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious it cannot be described” (1 Pt 1:8).

The Gospel, the familiar story of ‘doubting Thomas’, reminds us that mercy comes to us. Because Thomas was absent at the first appearance, Jesus returns and approaches him personally. He invites Thomas to encounter him in the very way he desired. While we might focus on Thomas’ doubt in the face of the impossible, we can also recognise the deeply personal and redemptive encounter offered to one who simply longed to meet the Lord. In a striking way, Thomas’ desire was not merely to see Jesus, but to enter into his wounds — symbolising a longing for deeper communion with Christ, whose wounds are also a source of healing and mercy. In this way, the risen Lord continues to offer these same wounds to us sacramentally, especially in the Eucharist, where mercy is received and not merely remembered.

Mercy is inseparable from the death and Resurrection of Jesus, evoking the image of the Cross. One symbolic understanding sees the vertical axis as representing our relationship with God, and the horizontal axis as representing our relationship with others. In a similar way, Pope St John Paul II taught that “love of God and love of one’s brothers and sisters are inseparable” (same homily). Divine Mercy Sunday, which punctuates our Easter celebration, reminds us that the mercy we receive is both personal and communal. The risen Lord meets each of us intimately, yet he is also present in our shared life of prayer and in the sacraments.



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DIARY OF ST FAUSTINA, 1507

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

SSVP COLLECTION

There will be a second collection by Society of St Vincent De Paul this weekend to help the poor and needy in monthly rations and other aid programmes. Please give generously. For cheque payments or PayNow, pay to:

Society of St Vincent de Paul (SSVP)

• **OCBC Bank Account No:**

686 596 768 001

• **PayNow UEN:** S61SS0149BSFX

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

The Charismatic Prayer Group Ministry will be serving breakfast this Sunday at JPII Hall. Do drop by for some food and fellowship. Love offerings are welcome.

CHARISMATIC

The next Charismatic Prayer Meeting will be on **Mon 13 Apr, 8pm – 9.30pm** at Hosea Room (Parish Centre, Level 2). There will be Praise & Worship followed by Praying Over. All are welcome.

INTERCESSORY

Come storm heaven with us in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on **Mon 13 Apr, 8pm – 9.30pm** at Mount Tabor Adoration Room.

CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION

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

STATIONS OF THE RESURRECTION (OUTDOORS)

The Small Christian Communities (SCC) will be praying the Stations of the Resurrection (Outdoors) on **Wednesdays during Easter** (from Wed 15 Apr) after the evening Mass at about **7pm**. Meet outside JPII Hall. Let us meditate upon the resurrection of Christ and discover the pathway of light that Christ blazes through our lives. All are welcome.

CATECHISM NOTICE

There was a break from Catechism on 5 Apr, Easter Sunday. Session will resume on **12 Apr**.

UPPER ROOM

Come and bask in the presence of our Risen Lord. In this Easter season, we are reminded that our God comes to meet us and renews our strength. The community of In One Spirit (IOS), part of the SFX 1Cor12 Communion of Communities, warmly invites you to our Upper Room Session — a night of prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Bring a friend — all are welcome! Light refreshments will be served after the session. For enquiries, please contact @minitsuui or @JaredStevie on Telegram.

Date & Time : Fri 17 Apr, 8.45pm

Venue : SFX Auditorium (Parish Centre, Level 3)

CATHOLIC PRAYER SOCIETY - LUNCHTIME TALK: LIVING CHRIST'S MISSION AS A PROPHET

Please join Rev Fr Valerian Cheong in a 3-series talk, how ordinary people can live out their prophetic mission in today's world. What does it mean to proclaim God's truth and love through words and actions?

Dates : 20 & 27 Apr and 4 May (Mondays)

Time : 12.30pm – 1.30pm

Venue : ORQ Building, One Raffles Quay Level 49, North Tower, Singapore 048583

Register : <https://bit.ly/47z9hyh>



CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE - SNAPCHATS & TIKTALKS : TUNING IN, REACHING OUT

Ever feel like your child's conversation is limited to "yes," "no," or "fine"? You are not alone! In this session, we will explore the world of today's children through real-life case studies and provide practical tools to tune in, build trust, and respond with empathy instead of frustration.

Dates & Time : Sat 25 Apr, 9.30am – 11.30am

Venue : Church of St. Vincent de Paul

Cost : \$20 per pax | \$35 per couple

Register : familylife.sg/SNT_Reg



CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING BY FR DAVID GARCIA, OP

Faithfulness to the Gospel is more than going to church and being nice. We are called to build God's kingdom and transform our world. Join us at CANA as we explore how the Church's social teaching can help us put our faith to concrete practice in daily life! For enquiries, please email Caritas Singapore at formation.cst@caritas-singapore.org

Dates & Time : 23 Apr – 28 May, 8pm – 9.30pm

Venue : CANA (The Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo St, L2)

Cost : \$50

Register : bit.ly/cstapr26



CHOICE WEEKEND MAY 2026

For all unmarried young adults - single or dating - 18 to 40. Ever wonder why some of your relationships thrive while others struggle? Join Choice for a transformative weekend of self-reflection to uncover the richness or poverty of your relationships – with family and significant people God placed in your life. What is loving vulnerably? Receive authentic sharing from singles, couples and religious voices. Experience how God wants you to deepen and transform your relationships.

Dates : 30 May – 1 Jun

Venue : ME House (Punggol)

Register : <https://bit.ly/choicesg26>





During the Easter Vigil, **24 Elect and 7 Candidates from RCIA and RCIY** were joyfully received into the Church through **Baptism, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist**, which marks the high point of the Catholic Church's liturgical year.

The day began with the Rite of Ephphatha (to "be opened"), led by Father Ben, inviting participants to open their hearts to God's Word. In the evening, they reflected with godparents on their faith journey and the meaning of Baptism. The Vigil commenced with the blessing of the Easter fire and procession of the Paschal Candle, symbolizing Christ's triumph over darkness. Through Scripture readings, the congregation journeyed through salvation history, culminating in the Gloria.

The Elect were baptized, clothed in white, and joined the community in renewing baptismal promises. They were then confirmed and received their First Holy Communion, completing their initiation into the Catholic church.

The celebration concluded with blessings and a warm welcome from the parish community. Let us continue to support our neophytes as they grow in faith, and may their witness inspire us all.

Here are some of the testimonies of our baptised brothers and sisters in Christ.

“I went through a difficult period in my career — traveling often, away from family, and facing health issues. Leaving that situation left me scarred, but when I began attending church with my wife and son, I experienced a

deep sense of peace that felt like God's invitation. With the support of family and friends, I was inspired to join RCIA.

The RCIA journey helped me heal, understand God's grace, and feel His protection in my struggles. A highlight was the retreat, where I found quiet time to reflect, learn to pray, and read Scripture more deeply. I felt God speaking to me when I opened my heart.

Through RCIA, I've come to see God's blessings in my relationships and His constant presence in both good and difficult times. I now desire a true relationship with Him — seeking His will, not just my own needs — and trusting that He walks with me always.

– Matthew Robin Barry Chan

“When I lost my job, I prayed really hard to secure a job. That was one of the lowest points in my life and career as I have a family to take care of. God has answered some of my prayers — which makes me believe in Him even more. I know never to doubt Him — everything happens for a reason — and my experiences have drawn me closer to Him.

Key moments for me include good sharing by various speakers weekly, which helps me to understand more about God. Another key moment was attending the RCIA retreat as it drew me closer to God and helped me understand Him more.

I feel blessed and happy! Given the chance, I would want to repeat the whole RCIA journey and attend the retreat once again. Other than learning about the faith and about God, I met and made many friends in my RCIA journey.

– Shaun Sebastian Lian



Matthew Robin Barry Chan and family with Fr Ben



Shaun Sebastian Lian (L) and Joseph Jude Peiris (R)



Grace Aveline Martin and Paul Benedick Lau



Isabelle Lim



“My husband Paul and I decided to journey together through RCIA. Like many at a similar stage of life, we faced challenges on several fronts. When we surrendered all that we were going through to God, we felt a deep and unexplainable peace. With that, it became clear to both of us that we were being called to begin this journey of faith. RCIA was the most fitting place for us to start.

God has worked in many ways in my life. Before our baptism and confirmation through RCIA, we did not know how to listen for His voice, recognise His works or fully appreciate the richness of the rituals. Now we do, and as we continue to listen, we grow deeper in our faith and, in turn, come to understand ourselves more.

Through the retreat, we were able to draw closer to Christ, also where I went for my first confession in decades. Understanding the Creed helped us to appreciate the depth and beauty of the Church's teachings and doctrines. The weekly Breaking of the Word, gave a sense of how Christ gathered with His disciples and shared with them. Canteen duty, on the other hand, opened our eyes to service in a different light, and helped us to better appreciate the quiet dedication of the volunteers who serve our community week after week.

We have never looked back since. We pray that more will get to experience the same peace and joy we have found on this journey.

– **Grace Aveline Martin and Paul Benedick Lau**

“My journey began with a desire to know God more deeply. As I reflected, I saw how He had guided me and felt grateful for His works. One challenge was sharing my baptism plans with my parents, but when I did, they were calm and supportive.

I was pregnant throughout RCIA, and I felt my baby grow with me during the sessions. On nights when I was exhausted, I prayed for strength — and God provided. The retreat, just a week before my baby was due, was especially meaningful. During Eucharistic adoration, I asked God about something troubling me, and my baby moved — a clear sign of His presence.

I give thanks to God for welcoming me into His embrace, and for the blessings of family, faith, and His constant guidance.

– **Isabelle Lim**

“My journey to baptism has been deeply personal. Coming from a Buddhist family, faith was always present, but I felt drawn to Christianity over time. It wasn't sudden — rather, a quiet pull that grew in my heart.

One of my biggest challenges was the fear of how my parents might react. Through RCIA, I learned that faith is personal, and I found the courage to trust God's plan. Baptism became for me the beginning of a new chapter rooted in peace, growth, and trust.

I've experienced God's presence through many blessings, especially in my relationship with my partner. His love and guidance reminded me I am never alone. The RCIA retreat was a highlight, where sharing stories and praying together made my faith feel real and connected to the wider community.

This journey has helped me discover God's grace through people, experiences, and quiet reflection. It has deepened my faith and given me the conviction to walk closely with Him.

– **Joseph Jude Peiris**

As we give thanks for God's faithfulness, be encouraged by more inspiring testimonies in next week's Manna.



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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

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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