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Making Disciples



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The Risen Lord Walks With Us

3rd Sunday of Easter
19 Apr 2026

Acts 2:14, 22-33
1 Pt 1:17-21
Lk 24:13-35

The Emmaus story is one we know too well. The two disciples, their hearts shattered by the death of their beloved Messiah, had lost all hope and were returning from Jerusalem, leaving the ruins of their dreams behind, still trying to make sense of their loss.

Many of us, too, have been on a similar road, or know someone who has experienced irreversible disruption in their lives. Our Emmaus moment happens when a marriage fails, when we receive news of an unexpected redundancy, when we are embroiled in bitter domestic conflicts or the severing of family ties, when a terminal illness strikes, or when a child declares he is disillusioned with the Church and no longer believes in God.

When we encounter such crises, our faith can be shaken and tested, especially when desperate prayers to God seem to fall on deaf ears, leaving us disillusioned and destabilising our faith. Dislocations in life can blind and deafen us spiritually — we become swallowed up in our most pressing concerns and forget the many times in the past when God has delivered us. It becomes difficult to see beyond our immediate circumstances.

This Gospel account provides a model for accompanying another

in crisis and loss. The risen Jesus shows us how to begin simply by offering our presence. We listen with our whole being, attentive to the other's story. As we listen, we hold them in prayer and remain attentive to the Lord's prompt about what to offer — but only after listening. Opening ourselves to another's pain incarnates God's presence to a distressed brother or sister. It takes intentionality, loving interest, and interior stability to hold space for another. We are there to receive, not to judge, advise, or solve problems — often there are no easy answers. We can share our own faith perspective and offer to pray; that itself goes a long way.

We notice that after listening to Cleopas and his companion, Jesus opens the Scriptures, explaining that the cross was necessary as the means by which God restores mankind, bringing forgiveness and hope to a broken world. Our vocation is similar — in accompanying another, we are called to be instruments through whom God helps them see how their own story is caught up in his larger story. When seen through the lens of our Risen Lord's grace and mercy, we begin to glimpse the hope that lies beyond the present darkness in which they find themselves.

Often, when we bring our struggles to the Lord, we carry with us the answer we hope to receive. But Jesus never promised to take our troubles away — instead, he calls us to take up our cross and follow him. He does not appear in glory saying, "I have fixed everything." Rather, he meets us in prayer and enters the mess of our lives to walk with us. He hears our sorrows, but also prompts us with questions and opens our minds to new perspectives — through the scriptures, the sacraments, and the actions of others. In such moments, we come to see that prayer does

not force God's hand but changes us instead, giving us hope of resurrection even within our own tomb experiences.

As the faithful who have been nourished by the Bread of Life, how do we become bread broken for those in need? We can make the Lord present in practical ways — helping with groceries or errands for someone who is ill, putting out feelers for job opportunities, or connecting a grieving family with support ministries. By becoming bread in these simple ways, we encourage those who are struggling to move forward into an uncertain future — not as victims, but with renewed hope that the risen Lord is present and walks with them on their journeys. And that gives them the courage to press on, trusting that new possibilities await within God's greater plan of salvation.



"[They] recognised him at the breaking of bread" (Lk 24:35).

Announcements

For announcements in the bulletin, send your requests to mmm@sfxchurch.sg by the MONDAY before the weekend, 2359hrs



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GIFT COLLECTION

This weekend, there will be a collection for Catholic Foundation's GIFT (Giving in Faith & Thankfulness) programme. GIFT is a regular giving programme to rally support for and fund the Archdiocese's organisations and initiatives for youth, evangelisation, catechesis, formation, and others. Please drop your contributions or GIFT envelopes into the collection box. Do consider signing up for a regular pledge, as it is the most reliable way of supporting the Church. Visit catholicfoundation.sg to contribute online or find out more.

SSVP COLLECTION

With your kind donations last weekend, SSVP was able to raise **\$S12,362.50** for Friends In Need. We thank you for your generosity and continued support of our activities.

CHARISMATIC

The next Charismatic Prayer Meeting will be on **Mon 20 Apr, 8pm - 9.30pm** at the Hosea room (Parish Centre, Level 2). There will be Praise & Worship followed by a talk 'Worship as a way of life'. All are welcome!

PARISH T-SHIRT SALE

Purchase your new parish T-shirt this weekend for just **\$21** from the Parish Office during office hours, while stocks last. Payment is via cash or UEN (**T08CC4033J**) with reference 'Tshirt'. Goods are non-exchangeable and non-refundable.

STATIONS OF THE RESURRECTION (OUTDOORS)

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

PIETA: APRIL PRAYER SESSION

A support group for bereaved parents who have united in faith to seek God's comfort, wisdom and hope. The monthly session, run by bereaved parents, is for prayer, reflection and the breaking open of the WORD OF GOD. Any parent who has lost a child (regardless of age and no matter how recent or long ago) is invited to the sessions to journey together in faith.

Date & Time: Tue 28 Apr, 7.30pm – 9.15pm
Venue: Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre
(2 Highland Road, unit LG-01, Singapore 549102)
Enquiries: pieta.singapore@gmail.com or visit pieta.familylife.sg

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 (Thursdays), 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>



OYP: SEEDS OF GROWTH

A-Levels and IB students — we've got exciting news! Seeds of Growth is back, and we want YOU there. This Easter season, take a little break from the grind, and come experience the joy of being fully alive in Christ. Happening over 2 Saturdays, there will be worship, prayer, faith formation sessions, and fellowship. (Lunch included!)

Dates & Time: 25 Apr & 2 May (Saturdays), 10am – 1pm
Venue: L8, Catholic Centre (55 Waterloo Street)
Register: tinyurl.com/OYPSOG26



A MARRIAGE LIFELINE

Retrouvaille is an international programme that came to Singapore in 1993. The programme aims to help troubled couples mend their relationships. If you are considering separation, divorce, or are already divorced and want to get back together, Retrouvaille may just be what you need as a couple. The Retrouvaille Weekend starts on Friday 8pm and finishes on Sunday 6pm. This is a Couple stay-in weekend.

Dates: 24 – 26 Apr 2026 / 25 – 27 Sep 2026
Venue: ME House, 201-B Punggol Seventeenth Avenue, Singapore 829651
Register: bit.ly/RetroWE2026



CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP CENTRE: DIFFICULT LEADERSHIP CONVERSATIONS LIFELINE

Conversations are at the core of leadership. For Catholic leaders, how can we create safe spaces for authentic conversations to take place? How can we hold each other accountable for our shared mission or conduct difficult conversations when needed? How do we reach better alignment among ourselves? These critical areas of conversation will be covered in this half-day workshop.

Date & Time: Sat 29 Aug, 9.30am - 3.30pm
Venue: Agape Village
Cost: \$200 per pax
Register: <https://bit.ly/clc-dlc>



CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP CENTRE: 'AT THE FEET OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD' RETREAT (FGS)

As leaders and parents, we may be so used to tending to those under our care that we may not look into our own spiritual and emotional well-being. Might we have any childhood trauma or past hurts that continues to affect our behaviour today and result in wounding those we lead? A semi-silent retreat to allow Jesus, our Good Shepherd, to tend to you and heal and restore your soul. Includes inner healing prayers and one-to-one spiritual direction.

Dates: Sat 20 Jun, 9am - Sun 21 Jun, 5pm
Venue: Punggol Retreat Centre
Cost: \$380 per pax
Register: <https://bit.ly/fgsretreat>



New Life in Christ Neophytes Testimonies (Part II)

Following last week's reflection on the Easter Vigil, we continue to share the testimonies of our neophytes as they recount their journeys of faith and encounter with God.



Elizabeth Anne Eu

“Growing up, I was exposed to the Catholic faith through school and friends. It was familiar and comforting, but remained in the background rather than a personal commitment.

A turning point came when my second child was born prematurely at 30 weeks. It was a difficult time — I had just started a new job and did not qualify for maternity leave. For over two months, I juggled work and daily visits to the NICU. At first, I felt anger towards God and struggled to understand why this had happened.

Over time, however, my perspective changed. I began to see how

circumstances had aligned to protect both of us. What I once saw as misfortune, I gradually recognised as grace. It was during this period that my relationship with God began to take root.

I had never seriously considered baptism until I met and married my husband, a Catholic. Witnessing the baptism of my two sons stirred a desire in me to grow in faith — not only for myself, but so I could be a good role model for them.

At the start of my RCIA journey, committing to weekly sessions was challenging with two young children. I worried about being away from them, but with my husband's and family's support, we found a routine. What began as guilt slowly became joy in encountering God, and the nine months passed quickly.

Throughout this journey, I have changed. I am less anxious, more joyful, and more aware of the blessings in my life. I have come to see that nothing is coincidental — God has been calling me all along. Baptism felt like a true homecoming, a deep sense of both excitement and peace.

There were many meaningful moments, especially my encounter with God during adoration at the retreat, and receiving my first

Communion. The joy I felt was beyond words — only a simple “yes, finally” in my heart. I am also deeply grateful for the community who journeyed with me, showing me what a loving and welcoming Church looks like. I now look forward to continuing this journey, growing in my understanding of God and deepening my relationship with Him.

“About five or six years ago, I was saved and delivered by Jesus from the sin of breaking His first commandment. Ever since that saving experience, I have never forgotten about how Jesus saved me. However, I did not immediately get baptized as I was not in the right frame of mind or in the right church. Through the promptings of the Holy Spirit and the Pope's visit in 2024, I thought back to the people in my past who made an impression on me. That made me think about getting baptized in the Catholic Church, which is the original Church established by Christ.

God has made me focus less on my career and finding a “good” company, but to put my focus on Him instead, to seek first His kingdom. Now I treat work as just the vocation that God has called me to: to spread his Kingdom to others.

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A key moment for me was when I realized that while I had been praying for my mum to repent and believe in Jesus Christ, I have not been a good representative of Christ in my actions. So I strove to not only be a more present and filial daughter to my mum, but also to behave more like Christ.

I think the RCIA is a good experience for any adult convert, because it really makes you ponder the question of why you want to believe, and outlines the Church's stance and teachings, so that you can see how you align with them before you commit to Jesus in Baptism and Confirmation. At the same time, through this journey and inward reflection, you can also discover unexpected things about yourself with guidance from the Holy Spirit.



Jasmine Thérèse Catherine Lee

“I had been thinking of going for RCIA for some time but did not take the step. Perhaps the time wasn't right then, or I didn't have the courage to acknowledge the call. My 4-year-old son asked me, 'Mummy, are you ready to come with us?' At that moment it felt like God spoke to me through my son, to experience His plan for me, and so I proceeded.

In dire times when I was feeling despair, I committed it to Him. God let me know that He is always there for me, and that He has planned things for me in the most wonderful way where everything would fall nicely into place. I prayed and talked to Him, allowing myself to be open. I had more conversations than I ever knew-whether it was good or bad, I shared them all with Him.

When I shared my experiences with family and friends, they were always supportive. The similar experiences that others in RCIA had in common with me have allowed us to connect almost instantly. It seemed God wanted us to meet because of our life and family encounters. It felt very comforting to go for RCIA sessions weekly not just because of the teachings, but also because of shared experiences with my “batch mates”, which helped to strengthen my commitment.

From the Rite of Acceptance to Election, followed by the Scrutinies, it always felt different yet immersive in the experience that God provided. Going into the font for baptism, I experienced the new life that God has given me. And I know I will continue to experience the good that God has planned for me.



Brenda Katrina Lim

“My journey began 37 years ago. 1989. That was the year my wife, Susana, agreed to go “steady” with me. She is a cradle Catholic and goes to church every Sunday. So, going to church with her formed part of our weekly “dates”. We attended Mass at the Church of the Risen Christ in Toa Payoh. I remember enjoying all the hymns sung by their choir.

Since then, I attended mass every week. First with my girlfriend, then she became my wife, and eventually with our kids. I said grace before meals in our family. Led my 2 boys to give thanks as soon as I woke them up early in the morning for school. I planned which church to attend when our regular timings were affected by other events.

Basically, I was practicing almost everything a Catholic does except for the receiving of Sacraments like Holy Communion and going for Confession.

“Why did you wait so long to join the RCIA journey?”. This is the question many people have asked me in the past 9 months. I offered a few answers but the truth is I am also not very sure.... In the 36 years before I decided to join RCIA last May, my wife has never asked me to do so. This morning, I decided to ask her this same question. “In GOD's time”.



Abraham Lim



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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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