



Disciples
Making Disciples



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Lost in Certainty

4th Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday
26 Apr 2026

Acts 2:14, 36-41
1 Pt 2:20-25
Jn 10:1-10

We speak easily of the lost sheep; we rarely consider that we might be one. It is a more uncomfortable thought than it first appears.

Peter's words underscore this reality: "You were straying like sheep — but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls" (1 Pt 2:25). The word "returned" is telling. It assumes drift is possible even among the sincere. We may pray, attend Mass, and believe ourselves faithful, even think we are following Christ — yet be mistaken. What begins quietly within the heart does not remain there.

It soon reveals itself in our relationships. Believers who genuinely desire to be faithful can find themselves in deep conflict — each side convinced it is justified, even believing itself guided by the Spirit, yet sowing discord. The problem is not a lack of sincerity, but sincerity without humility. Left unexamined, it hardens into self-assurance that no longer listens. Conviction, however strong, is not the same as truth.

When being right becomes our identity, we stop following and begin leading ourselves. Perhaps straying today looks less like open rebellion and more like a quiet, confident drift — when we stop truly listening because we think we already know.

Good Shepherd Sunday calls us back to Christ, the one voice that truly leads. But recognising that voice



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requires more than good intentions. Jesus speaks of "thieves and robbers" (Jn 10:1) — voices that scatter rather than gather, persuasive because they sound confident, even virtuous. These voices surround us constantly — through commentary, curated feeds, and those who compress complexity into confidence and make convenience feel like clarity. Yet the loudest voice is often closer than we think: our own — shaped by preference, prejudice, and pride. Quietly, over time, all this noise makes the Shepherd's voice harder and harder to hear.

The starkest reminder of where this leads comes in the First Reading. These were devout believers — convinced they were right in defending God when they rejected Christ. Yet what Peter reveals is devastating: they were profoundly mistaken. "God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ" (Acts 2:36). Their sincerity did not protect them.

Their zeal did not guide them. Only repentance opened the way.

Their response is striking: "What are we to do?" (Acts 2:37). They do not argue; they surrender — cut to the heart, they let truth reach deeper than pride. This is not weakness but breakthrough. It is the moment we stop insisting and begin, at last, to hear.

Jesus says his sheep "know his voice" (Jn 10:4). This knowing is not intellectual but relational — formed in prayer, silence, and honest self-examination. In that stillness, something shifts. We move from asking "Am I right?" to a more searching question: "Am I loving rightly?" This is not a retreat from truth but a deeper entry into it — because love is the atmosphere in which truth can actually be received, and in which we can receive correction without defensiveness and offer it without contempt.

Christ shows us what this looks like. He "suffered for you... did not retaliate... made no threats" (1 Pt 2:21-23). His authority is expressed not through winning but through self-giving — and it is this, not certainty, that draws the lost home. To follow him is to love with humility and patience: to endure misunderstanding without bitterness, to choose unity over vindication. If our convictions lead to division or diminish those with whom we disagree, something has gone wrong — not necessarily in our position, but in our spirit. For it is love, not correctness, that reveals whether we are truly following Christ; without it, even the most impressive convictions amount to nothing (cf. 1 Cor 13:1-3).

The gate is open. The Shepherd is calling — not to self-assurance, but to life, and life in abundance (cf. Jn 10:9-10). The question is not whether we believe in him, but whether we are truly following. And if we have drifted — as the sincere so often do — his voice is still calling us home.

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

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE & LABOUR DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on **Fri 1 May (Labour Day)**. Please note that there will only be one Mass at 9am.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY COLLECTION

All Mass collections on the weekend of 25 & 26 Apr (4th Sunday of Easter) will be set aside for the ongoing formation of our Seminarians and expenses relating to the St Francis Xavier Major Seminary. Please give generously.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

The Lectors Ministry will be serving breakfast this Sunday at JPll Hall. Do drop by for some food and fellowship. Love offerings are welcome.

CHARISMATIC

The next Charismatic Prayer Meeting will be on **Mon 27 Apr, 8pm - 9.30pm** at the Hosea Room (Parish Centre, Level 2). There will be Praise & Worship followed by Holy Mass. All are welcome!

CATECHISM NOTICE

There will be a break from Catechism on Sun 3 May, as Catechists are encouraged to attend an Office for Catechesis Retreat. **Session will resume on Sun 10 May.**

CTIS: CERTIFICATE IN THEOLOGY 2ND SEMESTER 2026

Application is now open. Registration forms are available from the CTIS Office or you may download them from www.ctis.sg. Closing date is Sat 13 Jun. There will be an Information Night on **Fri 8 May, 8pm** at CTIS. For further enquiries, call 6902 8700.

INTO HIS LIKENESS

Do you desire to go deeper in your relationship with Christ, but feel unsure what steps to take next?

SFX LIFE Ministry brings you a five-part series, "Into His Likeness," presented by Dr Edward Sri. Join us as he aims to help you follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit so that you may intentionally encounter Jesus anew each day and be more disposed to the power of his grace, which moulds and transforms you into a disciple of Christ.

Dates: Fridays (8 May, 15 May, 22 May, 5 Jun, 12 Jun)
Time: 8pm - 10pm
Venue: JPll Hall
Register: Whatsapp Raymond (97529723) or Ignatius (9664 2127)

ST GABRIEL'S FOUNDATION: GROWING IN FAITH, SERVING WITH LOVE

Established over 20 years ago, St Gabriel's Foundation (SGF) continues the mission of the Montfort Brothers of St Gabriel. In the absence of new vocations to the brotherhood, the role of the laity in upholding and promoting Catholic values across our schools has become increasingly important. Their family of schools includes Assumption English School, Assumption Pathway School, Montfort Junior School, Montfort Secondary School, St Gabriel's Primary School, St Gabriel's Secondary School, and Boys' Town.

The SGF Church Outreach 2026 seeks your generous support through donations towards programmes and activities for the students and staff of our Montfortian Gabrielite Education Institutions (MGEI). MGEI students will be present during the Masses this weekend to collect donations using collection bags. Contributions may be made via cash, cheque, or UEN transfer (**200105928G**).

Note: Donations of \$100 and above will be eligible for 250% of tax deduction. Kindly indicate this reference **NRIC (space) HP No (space)**.

MONTFORTIAN EXPERIENCE RECOLLECTION: BEHOLD SERIES

Rooted in the Christian vision of the family as a "domestic church", this recollection series invites you into a deeper awareness of who Mother and Father are to you and the roles they play. To behold is to look in awe and wonder, and recognise and receive these roles as gifts from God. Like a mother who tenderly nurtures and a father who encourages, comforts, and calls forth what is good (cf. 1 Th 2:7-12), reflect on how you have experienced these roles and how you can truly behold them in freedom and have life to the full. All are welcome!

Talks & Dates: Behold Your Mother on Sat 30 May
Behold The Father on Sat 13 Jun
Time: 9.30am - 12.30pm
Venue: Montfort Centre,
624 Upper Bukit Timah Rd, S6782
Contribution Fee: \$40/pax/session (includes lunch after)
Register: www.montfortcentre.org/events-1/behold-2026-05-30-09-30



CHOICE WEEKEND MAY 2026

Ever wonder why some of your relationships thrive while others struggle? If you're an unmarried young adult between the ages of 18 to 40, 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. Receive authentic sharing from singles, couples and religious voices and experience how God wants you to deepen and transform your relationships.

Dates: Sat 30 May to Mon 1 Jun
Venue: ME House (Punggol)
Register: <https://bit.ly/choicesg26>



SSVP YOUTH CAMP 2026

Desiring to serve and bring hope to others? Come and join the Society of St Vincent de Paul's Youth Camp 2026! Seek a heart like Christ in this experiential stay-in youth camp with opportunities to meet with other like-hearted youth and to serve the Lord's beloved.

Dates: Fri 19 Jun, 9am to Sun 21 Jun, 6pm
Venue: Lasalle House (490 East Coast Road)
Camp fee: \$80/youth
Register: bit.ly/ssvpyouthcamp2026
Enquiries: youthexco@ssvpsingapore.org

Listening for the Shepherd in Your Life



Good Shepherd Sunday and the World Day of Prayer for Vocations invite us to reflect on a simple question: **Where is God calling me to love and serve?**

Every Christian has a vocation. It is not limited to the priesthood or religious life. We are all called to holiness, each in our own way of life: marriage, family, work, single life or consecrated life.

The Good Shepherd continues to speak to his people today, often in quiet and ordinary ways.

CALLED BY NAME

"From eternity, God has thought of us and loved us as individuals. Every one of us he called by name... However, only in the unfolding of the history of our lives and its events is the eternal plan of God revealed to each of us... day by day."
 — *Christifideles Laici*, 58

Discernment is the slow discovery of this truth — learning, day by day, how God's loving plan unfolds in the ordinary events of life.

HOW DO YOU BEGIN TO DISCERN YOUR VOCATION?



Pay attention to your life with God:

- Where do I experience lasting peace?
- What draws me closer to God or pulls me away from him?
- When do I feel most alive and true to myself in Christ?
- What desires or thoughts keep returning in prayer?

God rarely reveals everything at once. Instead, he leads step by step, helping us notice patterns over time.

WHAT MIGHT GOD BE INVITING YOU TO NOTICE?



- A growing desire to serve others
- A deeper call to prayer and relationship with him
- A restlessness that does not fade
- Moments of peace when imagining a certain way of life

These may be gentle signs of his invitation.

A simple shift in perspective.
 Instead of only asking, "What is my vocation?"
 Ask also, "**Lord, how are you already guiding my life right now?**"

Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd,
 you call each of us by name.

Open our hearts
 to recognise your voice
 and give us the courage
 to follow you faithfully.

Amen

TRY THESE THIS WEEK

Spend 5 minutes each day
 in silence with God

Reflect on "Where did I
 notice God today?"

Bring your desires
 and questions
 honestly before him

Turn to page 4 to read Br Sean's vocation story and how he continues to discern God's call in his journey.

Called to Joy, Sent to Serve

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we are invited to listen for the Lord's call. Through the experiences of seminarian Br Sean Yeo — from serving the vulnerable to encountering diverse communities — we see how God reveals himself in every person. His journey is a testament to faith, humility, and the quiet work of grace.

Many parishioners have been noticing your warm smile greeting them every weekend. What's behind that constant joy?

My smile has been a constant mention by parishioners. From a small boy asking rather perplexedly, "How do you keep smiling all the time?" to others remarking, "Every time we see you it feels like we are forced to be joyful! Your joy must surely come from your vocation." I certainly hope that is true, because if it is, then I'm in the right place.

But of course I don't smile 24/7, I'm not a model for Darlie! Some days I'm tired, other days I'm more energised. But I believe the face of the Lord is that of joy, and if people come to church seeking him, the least I can do is reflect a bit of that.

At times it can feel a little awkward when people pass by without a response, but 99.5% of you lovely people in SFX have been smiling back and reciprocating my greetings. Your smile also means a lot to me, it fuels my energy to smile at the next person :)



Where do you see God's presence in your vocation?

Surely, I see God's presence in the people of God. The formation journey has brought me to many places I would never have imagined – from living in a nursing home, to sleeping alongside rough sleepers, and experiencing life with indigenous communities deep in the interiors of Sarawak. Some semblance of God's image and likeness can be found in every individual, no matter how different or difficult the person is.

St Paul's call to become "all things to all men" resonates deeply with me. Despite differences in generation, culture, and even religion, every encounter is an invitation for me to be adaptable like Jesus in his ministry. No one was too low or too high for him to meet, and he always adjusted how he spoke and related to people depending on where he was and who he was with.

Hence, I try to take every experience as a learning opportunity. What little I can give may be significant to others, and what little I learn today, however mundane, may in time become a great help in future ministry.

What challenges do you face and how do you overcome them?

For a calling so noble and sacred, and filled with great responsibilities and challenges, I often experience a deep sense of inadequacy and unworthiness. Many parishioners have shared with me that eight years of seminary formation seem like a long time. Yet, for me, it never feels quite enough to be fully prepared for the priesthood. Jesus' words, "Apart from me, you can do nothing," and St Paul's reminder that "my power is made perfect in weakness," continue to anchor me in humility and trust. Despite my limitations, God has gently affirmed his presence throughout my journey in ways I could not have anticipated. This weekend, I will be sharing my vocation story and some of these providential moments at the end of Mass, so I hope to see you there!

Interested in learning more about vocations?

Representatives from different vocations will be sharing their stories at the pulpit after Mass at the following times:

Verbum Dei Missionary: Saturday 5.30pm Mass

Order of Carmelites Discalced, OCD: Sunday 9am Mass

Diocesan Priesthood: Sunday Masses at 7am, 11am & 5.30pm

If you feel drawn to learn more, do take this opportunity to speak with them after Mass. For further enquiries on the diocesan priesthood, please visit <http://seminary.catholic.sg/>.



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

Sun:
8am - 1pm,
4pm - 5pm

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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