



Disciples
Making Disciples



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The Mystery of God's Love

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3 May 2026

Acts 6:1-7
1 Pt 2:4-9
Jn 14:1-12

If you were one of the Apostles with Jesus at the Last Supper and our Lord told you that he would die and leave you soon, what would you want him to say and do?

In your frightened and distressed state, not knowing what might happen next and whether you yourself would also perish, how would you want to be comforted and reassured?

Jesus understood their fears. What he had to say to them would not only assuage their immediate anxieties but also reveal part of his greater plan to save humanity. The words he used, which form today's Gospel reading, are therefore highly significant and deserve our close attention.

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going" (Jn 14:1-4).

His message was simple and direct: trust God, trust me. Do not be afraid, for I shall return to bring you to where God is.

It is not surprising that the Apostles did not fully understand what he

meant. What place was he referring to? Was it somewhere after their death? Which way was he speaking of?

Their lack of understanding was hardly surprising, for they had no clear grasp of Jesus' impending death and resurrection, nor of the plan of salvation that would unfold — one in which they themselves would play a critical role in proclaiming our Lord's word.

Jesus was not yet preparing them for death, but for mission — to build the Church. It would remain a mystery to them until the pieces of the plan were revealed, culminating in Christ's resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit, who would guide them — not into the afterlife, but in continuing his divine work.

Today, we know what they did not, having the benefit of Sacred Scripture and the wisdom and



"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life."
Jn 14:6

scholarship of generations of faithful witnesses. Yet much still remains mysterious. We continue to wrestle with profound questions: the nature of Christ's Incarnation, his Resurrection and Ascension, and the eternal life that has been promised to us.

How, then, do we draw closer to these mysteries? If we were merely material beings, with finite minds driven only by human impulses, we would find it impossible to comprehend such mysteries. But God has made it possible, because he created us in his own image and likeness — even if in a limited way. It is this spiritual dimension within us that enables us to seek and approach the truth.

This capacity is a wonderful gift from God. Yet it is a spirituality that must be strengthened — through faith in Christ, and by freeing ourselves from the constraints and temptations of the material world. When we do, we begin to glimpse the deepest mystery of God's plan: why he would go to such lengths for us, sinful and ungrateful as we so often are.

There can be only one answer: it is because of his infinite goodness and love for us. And because this love is so vast, so beyond our comprehension, God chose to reveal it to us in a way we could understand — through the person of Christ, his Son. In him, we are made "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light" (1 Pt 2:9).

With such a calling, how can we not rejoice as we celebrate the Mass today? For in the Eucharist, Christ is our way. He is our truth. He is our life — and he gives himself 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.



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

There will be a second collection this weekend 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.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

The 1Cor12 Community will be serving breakfast this Sunday at JP11 Hall. Do drop by for some food and fellowship. Love offerings 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.**

PARISH T-SHIRT SALE

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

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.



ASCENSION OF THE LORD (*Day of Obligation*)

Wed 13 May (Vigil): 6.30pm

Thu 14 May: 6.30am, 6.30pm, 8.30pm

MAY - MONTH OF MARY

Come join us to pray the rosary as a parish community to honour our Blessed Mother at the following timings:

- **Weekday Masses:** 30mins before Mass
- **Weekend Masses:** 30mins before Mass

Alternatively, you may join our online Zoom Rosary Sessions:

ROSARY BY Lectors | <https://bit.ly/SundayRosary>

Date & Time: Sundays, 8.30pm

Meeting ID: 681 479 6504

Passcode: Rosary7

WEEKDAY DIVINE MERCY & ROSARY

Date & Time: Weekdays, 3pm

Meeting ID: 845 8298 0708



MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE (9 - 10 MAY)

Come celebrate Mother's day by presenting mini bouquets to your mother, grandmother, godmother, or our Blessed Mother. Flowers will be available for purchase before and after Masses next weekend (9 - 10 May) at the Foyer and outside JP11 Hall. Love Offerings are welcome and appreciated.

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: JP11 Hall

Register: Whatsapp Raymond (97529723) or Ignatius (9664 2127)

ASSISI HOSPICE FUNDRAISING DRIVE: ASSISI FUN DAY 2026

Staff and volunteers from Assisi Hospice are in our Church this weekend, selling carnival coupons outside JP11 Hall for their Assisi Fun Day. The Hospice serves about 3,500 patients yearly, with 70% in need of financial support. Please support this meaningful cause by purchasing coupons or making a donation.

Date: Sun 14 Jun 2026

Time: 10am - 4pm

Venue: St Joseph's Institution International School (SJII)
19 Toa Payoh West Singapore 318876

DIOCESAN VOCATION RETREAT 2026

For young men who feel called to the diocesan priesthood, we encourage them to reach out through the seminary's website or social media channels for more information. Please also save the dates **14 to 16 Aug 2026** for this year's Diocesan Vocation Retreat, registration sign-ups will be given nearing the date. Please continue to keep our 21 seminarians in your prayers. Vocation enquiries: diocesanvocations@catholic.org.sg

69TH BEGINNING EXPERIENCE (BE) WEEKEND

If you are separated, divorced or widowed, you are welcome to attend the 69th Beginning Experience (BE) Weekend. It is a live-in weekend to help single-again persons move on from the darkness of their grief into the light of a new beginning, be healed and be free to love themselves, others and God.

Dates: 22 - 24 May 2026
(Friday night through Sunday afternoon)
Venue: Lifesprings Canossian Spirituality Centre
Cost: \$230
Registration: www.besingapore.org/BE_Event



Confirmation Mass – Be Sealed with the Holy Spirit

On 19 April 2026, 55 teens were confirmed by His Eminence, William Cardinal Goh, in a joyful and grace-filled celebration at our parish. Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation marked an important milestone in their journey of faith, as they were sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and strengthened to live as witnesses of Christ.

As these newly confirmed teens continue their journey, let us pray that they may stay engaged in parish life and deepen their commitment as intentional disciples of Christ.

**TESTIMONY FROM CLARICE GLASS**

I'm a cradle Catholic. Growing up, faith has always been a part of my life. I went to a Catholic primary school, went for Mass every Sunday, and attended catechism classes.

One of the most meaningful faith experiences for me was my L9 camp. It made me reflect more deeply on my relationship with God. During that camp, a Bible verse that struck me was Matthew 11:28, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." It gave me a sense of comfort in God, reminding me that I don't only go to Him when I want something, but also that I can simply talk to Him especially in times of stress or struggle.

After the L9 camp, Catechism classes became more meaningful, especially when I could start relating & connecting what I was learning to my own life. The teachings began to make more sense, and I found my faith growing.



I'm very grateful and would like to thank my catechists, Auntie Karen and the youth volunteers who have journeyed with me throughout my faith formation. Their guidance, patience, and dedication have been very encouraging and valuable. Their generosity and willingness to serve have also shown me how much they love God and how encountering God's love inspires people to share it with others.

Moving ahead, I'm looking forward to continuing my faith journey by serving in retreats and getting involved in a ministry. I hope to grow deeper in my faith and, like those who have guided me, be able to support and journey with others as well.

Receiving Confirmation is important to me because it marks a step in taking ownership of my faith. It doesn't mean I have everything figured out, but it does mean I am choosing to continue this journey—to grow in my relationship with God and to live out my faith more intentionally.

TESTIMONY FROM BRAYDEN LUKE MAHEN

Just like every other confirmand, I began attending catechism classes since L1 (Primary 1). I grew up being introverted and shy in volunteering to serve God at that age, like most 7 year olds would be. During L2, my mum encouraged me to be an altar server. Despite my reluctance, I attended a few months of training before beginning to serve Masses. I managed to get through for nearly two years until the time when we moved to another house during L3 period. Although feeling relieved, I did feel a sense of guilt as I knew I had failed to continue serving God and the church. From L4 to L5, COVID struck so it was just zoom classes every now and then.

L7 to L10, was the wake up call for me and for many of us, particularly during the retreats, as I initially was a little hesitant to attend the L7 retreat. My mum shared her experiences and encounters and realised they were similar to mine. I was encouraged by her and came back from the retreat thanking her as I had a really enjoyable time with my friends with the activities and made more friends than I had before.

Then came my second retreat at L8, when I unfortunately fell sick a few days before the retreat and had to miss the first day. I remember



helplessly sitting on my bed and asking the Lord for his strength to immediately heal me as I was really looking forward to attending my second retreat. On the second day, I felt much better and my mum encouraged me to attend the retreat.

At the L9 retreat, I felt extremely touched by the Holy Spirit through many encounters such as prayer sessions and the family gathering on the last night of the retreat.

At the L10 retreat, I became even closer to the Holy Spirit and realised that He works in many ways to answer our prayers.

These retreats really opened my eyes and made me understand the Holy Spirit better, and what our faith is truly all about. I then realised how I wanted to serve God and His church.

From L9 onwards, I began attending the L5 Catechism sessions due to the attachment of our various ministries offered to our batch and was also encouraged by my peers and volunteers to join another ministry being Children's Liturgy. However, the retreats stood out to me the most and inspired me to serve God by helping out with these things be it as a facilitator or a camp IC in the near future.

All these experiences made me realise that there are many ways in serving the Lord and His church.

So my message to my fellow batchmates, this confirmation does not mark the end of our Catholic journey, but rather the beginning of our passion in serving God and the church. 1 Chronicles 28:9 states to "serve Him with a whole heart and a willing mind". We should all be prepared to serve our Lord with an open heart and mind.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to those who have helped me realise this - my family and friends; the church community including the catechists, facilitators, volunteers, and parishioners; Fr. Ben and Fr. Brian..

I would like to end with a phrase, "Let Christ be YOUR light!" Amen. Thank you!



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

THAT EVERYONE MIGHT HAVE FOOD

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.



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 - 5.30pm

COLUMBARIUM

Mon - Fri:
10am - 7.30pm

Sat - Sun:

8.30am - 7.30pm
Closed on Public Holidays

IN THE MONTH OF APR 2026

WEDDINGS

We congratulate the
following couples:

1. Foo Ceqiang, Hubert &
Neo Hui Chin, Michelle
2. Colin Suk Mo Kang &
Samantha Marie Cheng
Tze Ying
3. Christian Anthony
Cabardo Gico & Annalea
Fernandez

CONDOLENCES

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

1. Eugene Lim Tze Yang
2. Francis Ng Liang Kwong
3. Paul Tan Chin Bee
4. Michael Paul

BAPTISMS

We welcome the following:

1. Laura Jia Shiyu
2. Jude Gabriel Sng
3. Olivia Noelle Addison
4. Michael Emmanuel Ang
Yi Ming
5. Cameron Alexander Ang
Zhen Jie
6. Isabella Tan
7. Nathan William Wee
8. Braxton Isaiah Yip En Yi
9. Abraham Lim Koon Yong
10. Sylvia Vivian Siew
11. Jasmine Thérèse
Catherine Lee Cheow
Ching
12. Katrina Brenda Lim
13. Gabriel Ong Chin Har
14. Joseph Jude Peiris
15. Elizabeth Anne Eu Shuwen
16. Geannie Tan
17. Isabelle Lim Niam Chin
18. J'Yi Emma Leaw
19. John Giovanni Angsari
20. Clare Koh Kai Lin
21. Clare Karin Tan Min Joon
22. Thomas Seochan Hwang
23. Casimir Ng Cher

24. Paul Benedick Lau
25. Matthew Robin Chan
26. Shaun Sebastian Lian
Zheng Ran
27. Asher Percival Tung Ting
Rui
28. Vanness Joseph Ho
29. Kaitlyn Cecilia Megan Ng
30. Raymond Seow Lian Chye

Confirmation

1. Bongcodin Evonne
Daphni Mari Sharis
Manulid
2. Annika Dymphna Lauren
Fillon Ramirez
3. Grace Aveline Martin
4. Winnie Gabrielle Low
5. Choo Kai Tang Samuel
Alphonsus
6. Lim Rui En Ashley Thérèse
7. Gabriel Cher Yi Jie
8. Russell Emmanuel Koh
9. Ryan James Kesavan
10. Noel John Cher
11. Tyler Kieran Joseph Lim
12. Hayley Alexa Koh Ruiqi
13. Rikito Ignatius Christian
14. Bryce Michael Yeo Jie Han
15. Luke Martin Yeo Jie Shyun
16. Victoria Celeste Goh
17. Isaac Andrew Ong
18. Portia Alexis Chia Wan
Rong
19. Lo Kai Jie Matthew
Christopher
20. James Samuel Michael
Piontkowski
21. Sophie Asteria Tan
22. Lecia Nadine Koh
23. Peter Raphael Wong
Guan Yang
24. Reyna Elizabeth Marie Ng
25. Samuel Dominic Loo Tee
Hern
26. Clarice Elizabeth Maria
Glass
27. Elisha Cecilia Faith
Shashidaren
28. Maximus Augustine Wong
29. Nadia Junhui Catherine
Moosa
30. Chace Louis Ang
31. Victoria Tay Jia Qi (Zheng
Jiaqi)
32. Grace Victoria Clare Chia
Jing Wen
33. Ng Sze Hwee Adele
34. Nicole Louise Cecilia Ng
Yu Xuan
35. Joan Annabelle Therese
Chua Yi Shuen
36. Timothy Anthony Tan
Ming Xuan
37. Andrea Tan Yu Jie
38. Gwenda Judith Foo Rui
Wen
39. Elizabeth Mae Mahimy
40. Isaac John Paul Goh
Shang Kai
41. Matthew Michael Lam
42. Gabriel Raphael Teoh
43. Isabela Jade Gabrielle D
Penha
44. Thiew Yan Ru Renee
Genevieve
45. Keyon Alexander Chen
Kai Yi
46. Brayden Luke Mahen
47. Amelia Anne Teo Rui En
48. James Finnian Lee
49. Caden Nicholas
Sebastian Pereira
50. Jose Mykheilla C.
Contreras
51. Sean Kiran Pheno
Menon
52. Joshua James Tan
53. Leong Yim Ern Bridget
Anastasia
54. Fabian Isaiah Ho Pei Yong
55. Lucien Jay Teo Ming Yiu
56. Isabella Sophia Maria L.
Galang
57. Joshua Damien Tham
Sheng Wu
58. Ezekiel Tan Yu Yi
59. Rayden Alexander Yves
Soo

Received into Church

1. Richard Seah Ah Choon
2. Benjamin Milton Vandol
Goh

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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