



Disciples
Making Disciples



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In But Not of the World

7th Sunday of Easter
World Social
Communications Sunday
17 May 2026

Acts 1:12-14
1 Pt 4:13-16
Jn 17:1-11

This Sunday marks the 60th World Day of Social Communications. Every year, the pope offers a theme for reflection, and this year's — "Preserving Human Voices and Faces" — speaks directly to our age. The Church echoes concerns over Artificial Intelligence (AI): its potential to diminish the human voice, erode personal agency in communication and creativity, and weaken our capacity for critical thinking. In a world increasingly shaped by algorithms, many of us feel the tension of navigating social media and digital spaces that now dominate daily life.

Yet within this same digital landscape, a hopeful movement is emerging. In recent years, Christian content creators have multiplied online. As users engage with such content, algorithms begin to amplify it — sometimes to the extent that one's digital feed becomes a steady stream of faith-filled messages. At the same time, the Church has witnessed a steady increase in baptisms worldwide. In Singapore, about 1,200 catechumens and candidates entered the Church this Easter — the largest group in a decade. These signs suggest that even within the noise of the digital world, many — especially the young — are encountering Christ and rediscovering faith.

It is into this world that today's Gospel speaks. Jesus offers what scholars call his High Priestly Prayer. On the eve of his Passion, he entrusts his disciples to the Father, asking that they be protected and consecrated as they remain in the world to spread the Good News. Though he is leaving them, he does not abandon them; instead, he prays for their unity, their fidelity and their witness.

Jesus' prayer over his disciples extends to us. Like the first disciples, we are sent into the world — but not to be shaped by it. The "world" now includes the digital sphere. Today's new wave of Christian content creators have, in many respects, taken up the apostolic mission in this online domain, proclaiming the Gospel across boundaries once unimaginable. Their witness challenges us to ask: do our lives similarly glorify God?

The digital age places more resources at our disposal — to learn the faith and to share it. Yet it also carries a subtle cost: the risk of disconnection from real relationships and embodied community. The challenge is not whether we are present online, but how. Do we use these platforms as instruments of truth and evangelisation, or do we allow them to shape us according to worldly values of convenience, efficiency, entertainment and the like?

The First Reading offers a model of faith to emulate. The disciples gather in the upper room, united in prayer with Mary. Their witness is not solitary or digital — it is communal, embodied and rooted in shared life. This is a timely reminder, especially after the Covid years, when many grew accustomed to practising faith at a distance. While online Masses served a need, they also

revealed a deeper truth: without real community and sacramental life, faith can quietly fade. We are called not only to engage the digital world wisely, but to build and remain within authentic Christian communities. It is in these spaces — rooted in Christ through shared lives, prayers and the sacraments — that we find strength to endure suffering and remain faithful, as St Peter reminds us in the Second Reading.

On this World Day of Social Communications, we are invited to examine our habits. Have we been absorbed by the virtual world, or are we using it as a tool to bring God's message of hope, love and truth. For those of us who are "chronically online", is Christ the foundation guiding our online posts and interactions?

As we navigate this digital age, we hold fast to the assurance of Christ's prayer. We are in the world, but not of it — sent forth, yet sustained by God. May we learn to use every means available, including the digital, to glorify him, while never losing sight of the deeper communion we are called to live: one that is communal and shared.



"We must build communities that counter the digital world's pull towards loneliness, isolation and sin."

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.



WORLD SOCIAL COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY COLLECTION

All Mass collections on the weekend of **16 and 17 May** (7th Sunday of Easter) will be set aside for the Archdiocesan Media Apostolate. Please give generously.

GIFT COLLECTION

This weekend, being the 3rd weekend of the month, there will be a 2nd 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.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

The Small Christian Community (SCC) will be serving breakfast this Sunday at JPII Hall. Do drop by for some food and fellowship. Love offerings are welcome!

OUTREACH FOR SECONDARY 4/5 STUDENTS

Calling all Sec 4/5 students! Come find out what Jesus has in store for you this holiday season. There'll be prayer and fellowship, so come and find rest in Jesus amidst the busy season!



Date & Time: Wed 17 Jun, 2 - 5pm
Venue: Catholic Centre, Level 8 (55 Waterloo Street S187954)
Register: tinyurl.com/SecOutreach26Ju

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Feeling tired, overwhelmed, or in need of strength and direction? Come and experience the power of the Holy Spirit in your daily life. Join us for the 9-day Novena to the Holy Spirit from **15 - 23 May**, held from **8pm - 8.45pm (Saturday to Thursday)** and **9pm - 9.45pm (Friday)** at Jeremiah Room (Parish Centre, Level 2). Organised by the Charismatic Prayer Group in collaboration with the Intercessory Prayer Group and SMK Choir.

16 May (Day 2): Gift of Fear
17 May (Day 3): Gift of Piety
18 May (Day 4): Gift of Fortitude
19 May (Day 5): Gift of Knowledge
20 May (Day 6): Gift of Understanding

21 May (Day 7): Gift of Counsel
22 May (Day 8): Gift of Wisdom
23 May (Day 9): Gift of Fruit of the Holy Spirit

JESUS AND THE JEWISH ROOTS OF MARY

Presented by the SFX Biblical Apostolate Team. Why do Catholics call Mary sinless, or believe she was assumed into heaven? Is venerating her idolatry? This talk uses three Old Testament images to explain: Mary as the New Eve, the New Ark of the Covenant and the Queen Mother — unlocking Catholic beliefs about Mary and her unique role in salvation.

Date: Sun 24 May
Time: 9am - 10.30am
Venue: Jeremiah Room (Parish Centre, Level 2)
Q&A Chat: https://chat.whatsapp.com/EbA7kt1xvayKbAMUwM8up6?mode=gi_t



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS 2026/27

Are you or is someone you know curious about the Catholic faith? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is beginning a new journey, and all are warmly invited to join. RCIA is a welcoming process for adults who wish to explore the teachings of the Church, deepen their relationship with God, and prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation — Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. Whether you are curious or simply seeking to learn more, this journey is for you. Registration forms are available on our SFX website and at the Parish Office.

New RCIA Journey (24 years old and above)

Session Start: Tue 30 Jun
Time: Every Tuesday, 8pm - 10pm
Venue: JPII Hall (Parsonage, Level 1)
For Enquiries: 9626 5960 (Angela) / 9478 6570 (Kathleen)

MONFORT JUNIOR SCHOOL: OPEN HOUSE

Parents can register your interest online to attend or explore the Montfort Junior School Open House to learn about the school's holistic education and programmes.

OPEN HOUSE DETAILS

Date & Time: Sat 23 May, 9am - 12.30pm
Venue: 52 Hougang Ave 8, Singapore 538786
Register your interest: <http://go.gov.sg/mjsopenhouse2026>



CATHOLIC FOUNDATION: FAMILY MOVIE DATE

Catholic Foundation invites you to its first-ever Family Movie Date over the Father's Day weekend! Enjoy creative activities and watch the animated biblical musical "David" (2025), inspired by the well-loved story of the faith and courage of the shepherd boy. Support the GIFT programme to sustain the mission of the Church, and enjoy a meaningful afternoon with your loved ones.

Date & Time: Fri 19 Jun, 2 - 6pm
Venue: Capital Tower (Level 9, 168 Robinson Rd, S068912)
Tickets: <http://bit.ly/cfmovie2026>



CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER: NAVIGATING SEXUALITY & VALUES WITH YOUR TEEN

This session supports parents who are concerned about the influences shaping their teen's decisions and desire to build trust and deeper connection while guiding their child with care in navigating important conversations on sexuality and values. You will learn simple and relatable language to communicate values with empathy and clarity, and pick up tools to build trust so your teen feels safe approaching you – even on difficult or sensitive topics. Come and learn how to accompany your teen with greater confidence.

Date: Sat 11 Jul
Time: 1.30pm - 4pm
Venue: Church of the Holy Spirit, Auditorium (Level 4)
Fee: \$20 per pax | \$35 for 2 pax
Register: familylife.sg/CTM_A



World Social Communications Sunday

“Preserving human voices and faces”

This weekend, the Church celebrates **World Communications Sunday** — a day that reminds us that communication is more than speaking or posting online. It is about how we connect, listen, encourage and bring Christ to others through our words and actions.

In his message for this year, Pope Leo XIV reflects on the challenges of living in a digital world shaped by technology, social media and artificial intelligence. While these tools can help us communicate quickly, he reminds us not to lose what is most important: our humanity.



Today, we are constantly connected, yet many people still feel unheard, unseen and alone. Words online can easily wound, divide, or spread untruths. We often react before listening and speak before understanding.

As Christians, we are called to communicate differently. Jesus communicated with compassion. He listened to the forgotten, spoke truth with love, and treated every person with dignity. His example teaches us that communication is not only about information — it is about relationship.

This World Communications Sunday, we are invited to reflect:



Do my words bring peace or division?



Am I listening with empathy?



Do I communicate truthfully and responsibly?



Does my online presence reflect Christ?

Prayer for fruitful communication through personal encounter

Lord, teach us to move beyond ourselves,
and to set out in search of truth.

Teach us to go out and see, teach us to listen,
not to entertain prejudices or draw hasty conclusions.

Teach us to go where no one else will go,
to take the time needed to understand,
to pay attention to the essentials,

not to be distracted by the superfluous,
to distinguish deceptive appearances from the truth.

Grant us the grace to recognize your dwelling places in
our world and the honesty needed to tell others what
we have seen.”

(By Pope Francis on 2021 World Communications Day)



Feast of the Ascension
May 14th or May 17th, 2026

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What does today's Psalm say about the Ascension?
Use every other letter from the box of letters above
to fill in the blanks below.

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**Jesus Ascended
into Heaven**



The Ascension is one of the great feasts of the Church. Jesus went up, Body and Soul, into Heaven to be with His Father where He is waiting for all of us. Can you imagine what it was like for the apostles to see their leader and best friend going up to Heaven? It would be pretty amazing, don't you think?



At the same time, doesn't it seem a bit sad that Jesus left? Well, He knew it was time for His disciples to start working on their own. It was kind of like having someone there to help you learn to ride a

bike and then they let you go so you can learn to bike on your own.

But Jesus didn't go away and leave us without any help. Nine days after He went into Heaven

WOW! DID YOU
SEE THAT?

He sent the Holy Spirit, who would help and guide His followers.



YES... WHAT ARE WE
GOING TO DO NOW?



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

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 JP11 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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