



Disciples
Making Disciples



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Rich Harvest, Few Labourers

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
14 Jun 2026

Ex 19: 2-6
Rom 5: 6-11
Mt 9: 36-10:8

The Church has entered Ordinary Time, following the great feasts of Pentecost, the Most Holy Trinity and Corpus Christi, which emphasised the incarnational dimension of our faith, a theme that today's Gospel expands further.

In Mt 9:36, Jesus sees the crowd "harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd." He is moved with compassion, seeing their need for a leader to gather, guide, and protect them, so he exhorts his apostles: "...go to the lost sheep of the House of Israel... proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out devils" (Mt 10:7). This is a moment of commissioning. Jesus' tone is urgent. The multitudes move his heart, and he sends his own to tend to them.

Our modern world has many parallels. Beneath public masks and social media personas, so many are spiritually broken, morally lost, socially displaced, and deeply disenfranchised — not just from the institutional Church but from Christ himself. They distrust people, have no faith in systems, do not feel seen or heard, and carry their sufferings silently. Aside from these spiritual ills, there is also widespread poverty, discrimination, injustices and the list goes on.

These are now the mission fields we are called to enter. When Jesus says, "The harvest is rich but the labourers are few," (Mt 9: 35) he reveals the scale of the need and invites our



*"You received without
charge; give without
charge."*

Mt 10:8

participation. The harvest is his, not ours.

The Gospel brings to mind the Church's Synod on Synodality, which envisions a new way of being Church: walking together in shared mission, embodying a communal and listening approach. One of its express goals is to promote full participation in the life of the Church by encouraging the active involvement of all the baptised. As baptised laity, we are entrusted with this mission. In so doing, we as Church begin to live out our true nature of communion — deeply listening to and responding to one another.

If we shrink back because we feel we are not ready or qualified, consider Jesus' radical choice of disciples: a tax collector, fishermen, even a zealot! He picked out very ordinary people to do his extraordinary work. The Apostles were chosen not for who they were, but for their willingness to continue Jesus' mission under his direction and power. As a synodal Church, are we confident enough

to pursue mission even when we are not perfectly ready? Dare we embrace our mission together, not because we are 'qualified' or 'holy', but because Christ himself entrusted his authority to us? In sending his Apostles out two by two, Jesus reminds us that mission is communal. We do not go out alone, just as we are not saved as isolated individuals. We walk together, discern together, worship together, and work together to announce his kingdom.

Jesus' instructions to the Apostles to not go near the gentiles or enter a Samaritan town seems a little odd at first, and somewhat contradicts the spirit of synodality. Perhaps he is inviting us, who are hesitant, to start with places we find familiar: our families, colleagues, neighbours, and friends. "You may be the only bible a person ever reads" as a common saying goes. That is a startling charge, to think I might be the only one whose actions will mirror the Gospel and bring Jesus' presence to those whose paths I cross.

Have our hearts been closed? Have we practised our faith while standing at a safe distance from suffering humanity, fearing involvement that is inconvenient and demanding of some sacrifice? Who needs our compassion and acts of mercy? An insular, self-absorbed community scandalises the Body of Christ. Let us, as a synodal Church, recommit to walking with all, especially the suffering, marginalised, and spiritually bereft, ensuring no one is left behind. It is one way for us to give without charge, what we have received (cf. Mt 10:8). Only then can we be the Church that makes the proclamation of God's kingdom a reality.

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 Lai Family will be serving breakfast this Sunday at JPll Hall. Do drop by for some food and fellowship. Love offerings are welcome!

CHARISMATIC: PRACTISING GRATITUDE

How do we thank God "always and everywhere"? Come to our upcoming talk to explore how a life of intentional gratitude brings us closer to salvation and transforms our daily perspective. All are welcome!

Date: Mon 15 Jun 2026
Time: 8pm - 9.30pm
Venue: Hosea (Parish Centre, Level 2)

ST JEROME LIBRARY: EXHIBITION ON POPE LEO'S CATECHESIS ON THE 16 DOCUMENTS OF VATICAN COUNCIL II

In his second Catechesis on Dei Verbum (Divine Revelation), titled "Jesus Christ Reveals the Father," Pope Leo highlighted how humanity can now encounter God the Father because baptism enables a person to "[enter] into the Son's relationship with his Father." In baptism, the Holy Spirit makes us "sons in the Son." Come by the exhibition outside JPll Hall today to read more of our Holy Father's catechesis. While there, look into the mirror and see yourself as a "son in the Son." Do collect a bookmark that most expresses your gratitude for God's gift of your baptism into Christ. Write your baptism date on it and make it an anniversary that must be celebrated!

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR (LISS)

Do you want to have a closer relationship with the Holy Spirit? Come and join us to have a fulfilling life in the Spirit where you will understand His love for you. Registration closes on 30 Jun. For further enquiries, please contact charismatic@sfxchurch.sg.

Date: Every Monday, 6 Jul to 21 Sep 2026
Time: 8pm - 9.45pm
Venue: Hosea (Parish Center, Level 2)
Register: <https://tinyurl.com/SFXLISS2026>



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS 2026/27

Are you or someone you know is 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: JPll Hall (Parsonage, Level 1)
For enquiries: 9626 5960 (Angela) / 9478 6570 (Kathleen)

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR YOUTH 2026/28

Do you have family members or friends aged 16 to 23 who are curious about the Catholic faith or searching for deeper meaning in life? Invite them to the RCiY journey to explore the deeper questions of life.

New RCiY Journey (16 to 23 years old)
'Come & See' Info Session: Sun 12 Jul
Date & Time: Every Sunday, 10.30am - 12.30pm
Venue: Isaiah Room (Parish Centre, Level 2)
Register: tinyurl.com/sfxrciy2026
For enquiries: 8352 2377 (Joshua) / 9060 4326 (Renae)



FULFILLED (PART 1) - UNCOVERING THE BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS OF CATHOLICISM

Ever wondered why Catholic traditions look the way they do? "Fulfilled" traces the beautiful connections between the Old and New Testaments — revealing how Jesus fulfilled God's ancient plan. Join SFXBAT for Part 1 - a 7-session in-person Bible study exploring the Tabernacle's links to the liturgy, priesthood, baptism and more.

Dates: Every Wednesday, starting 17 Jun (7 Sessions)
Time: 8 - 10pm
Venue: JPll Hall
Q&A Chat Link: https://chat.whatsapp.com/IQAFvik2VSwIMLtlOUYpVI?mode=gi_t



MEANINGFUL FAMILY CONNECTIONS WORKSHOP

Join us for a meaningful afternoon of bonding, storytelling and fun at Meaningful Family Connections. Strengthen your relationship with your child or grandchild through guided activities designed to build communication, emotional awareness and appreciation for one another. From hands-on activities to shared storytelling, this session creates space for deeper connection in a joyful and supportive setting. Limited slots available.

Date: Sat 27 Jun 2026
Time: 2.30pm - 5pm
Venue: Church of Immaculate Heart of Mary
Register: <https://tinyurl.com/MeaningfulFamilyConnection2026>



L8 Retreat 2026

From 30 May to 1 June 2026, 130 participants from Church of St Bernadette, Church of Risen Christ and our SFX parish teens gathered in the SFX Auditorium for the L8 Retreat 2026. Centred on the theme of "Our Father", the retreat was an opportunity for these 14-year-olds to deepen their relationship with God and discover their identity as His beloved children.

The 3-day and 2-night retreat was filled with engaging sessions of worship, games and prayers. One of the retreat highlights was the wet games held at Basement 2 of our car park, where the sounds of laughter and excitement echoed through the air.

Through eight bite-sized sessions, the participants journeyed through the prayer that Jesus taught us — the Our Father. Each session unpacked a different part of the Lord's prayer, helping the teens to discover God as their loving Father and their identity as a child of God.



The retreat also included prayer ministry sessions, where each participant was personally invited to participate in community prayers. During these moments, the teens brought before God their concerns, challenges in school, struggles in friendships and personal hurts, entrusting them to His loving care.

Throughout the retreat, the planning committee and 75 service team members upheld the participants in prayer, hoping that each young person would encounter our living Father in a personal and meaningful way. It is our prayer that the graces received during these three days will continue to bear fruit and have a lasting impact on their faith journey. Here are some testimonies from the participants:

The retreat allowed me to explore and deepen my relationship with God and spend quality time with my batchmates – we really got to know each other better!

– Keira



I was initially hesitant to attend the retreat because I would be away from the comforts of life. I ended up enjoying the retreat as I got to spend more time with God and learn more about Him. The facilitators were very nice and encouraging, helping us to connect with each other. The highlight of the retreat was the Prayer Ministry, as I felt happy knowing that God always loves us even in our wrongdoings. Thanks to the retreat team who definitely put in a lot of effort to prepare the retreat for us.

– Joshua Kaw



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I was reluctant to attend this year's retreat as it lasted for a longer duration compared to last year's. I am so happy that I attended as the retreat has made several impacts in my life – my perspective changed and my doubts have been cleared – I now feel closer to God, knowing that I can always turn to Him no matter what.

– Ashley Ann Francis

This L8 retreat was a great opportunity to bond with my church community. I learned to open my heart to God and how to express my faith in God to others. Every session was thoughtfully prepared and gave participants the opportunity to grow in both faith and knowledge. Through Confession and Prayer Ministry, I surrendered myself to God and received God's blessings. This retreat is a turning point for me – I hope that those who attend future L8 retreats will experience God's love and blessings as I have.

– Cara Lim



Some of the activities, such as Confession and the Prayer Ministry session, were especially meaningful and I am now closer to God.

– Matthew Yap

I gained a deeper understanding of trusting God and relying on Him during difficult times. By listening to others share their testimonies and challenges, I learnt that God is always there to guide and support us. The highlight for me was saying grace in front of everyone – which pushed me out of my comfort zone and showed me that with God on my side, I am capable of doing things even when I feel nervous. I am thankful for this retreat experience, and this has made me want to give back by becoming a facilitator in the future.

– Akaash Xavier

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

ANOIDING 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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