



Disciples
Making Disciples



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God: Micromanager?

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21 Jun 2026

Jer 20:10-13
Rom 5:12-15
Mt 10:26-33

Most of us live as if God cares about our souls but not our schedules; our eternity but not our exposure.

The world has always been difficult for those who speak the truth. Today, our fears are less dramatic, but no less real. We rarely face physical martyrdom, but a quieter social death — reputational risk, exclusion, and misunderstanding. Into this unease, Jesus speaks with unsettling perspective: “Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul” (Mt 10:28). By anchoring our worth in eternity, we are released from exhausting image-management to live in the Father’s attentive care.

The prophet Jeremiah knew this pressure. “All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall” (Jer 20:10). This is the humiliation, betrayal, and isolation of bearing a message others resist — the ancient version of “cancelled”, “unfollowed”, or “ghosted”.

Living our faith publicly today can feel like walking a narrow ledge; one misunderstood post can leave us dismissed or mocked. Under this pressure, two temptations emerge: fear makes us guarded and silent, while pride makes us loud and combative. Both distort our witness.

Jesus offers a different path: “What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight” (Mt 10:27). Discipleship unfolds in two spaces: the hidden place where Christ forms us — in prayer,

Scripture, and the Eucharist — and the public place where that truth is lived. The order is essential. Without a hidden life, our public witness becomes reactive and performative; with it, we gain charity, clarity, and composure to speak truth wisely.

Even then, speaking truth remains costly. Yet Jeremiah’s life does not end in fear; he pivots: “But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero” (Jer 20:11). His confidence shifts from managing outcomes to trusting a presence. Vindication no longer depends on public approval, but on fidelity to his calling.



*“Witness without fear —
God’s care runs deeper
than our anxiety.”*

What Jeremiah experiences externally, St Paul explains internally. He traces our anxiety to the disordered inheritance of original sin (cf. Rom 5:12): the instinct to hide, to protect ourselves, and to secure our identity by managing how we are seen. Yet grace does not merely balance sin; it overwhelms it: “the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall” (Rom 5:15). Where fear constricts, grace expands, freeing us from the imprisonment of self-preservation. We are not left to muster courage alone; the surplus of grace displaces the deficiency of fear. Holiness is not a performance we

manage, but a gift we receive and cooperate with — abundant, unearned, and transformative.

That grace has a face, Jesus, who confronts our anxiety with an easily overlooked image: a sparrow falling not “without your Father knowing” (Mt 10:29). But knowing does not mean preventing. The sparrow still falls; the disciple may still suffer. Jesus does not deny opposition — he reframes it. Nothing escapes the Father’s attention. Because he is sovereign, truth carries its own momentum beyond our anxious control.

This is the crucial distinction: God does not control outcomes like a cosmic micromanager; he attends to us individually like a Father. He counts even the hairs on our head (cf. Mt 10:30), not to control, but to assure us that nothing about our lives is insignificant to him. He grants us freedom and walks with us through its consequences — present in the choices and in the cost. Jeremiah himself was never publicly vindicated in his lifetime; yet his fidelity has since become the word of God for every generation. The Father’s care is longer than a single life and deeper than our deepest fear.

How then do we live under his loving gaze?

- **Acknowledge fears:** Like Jeremiah, do not allow anxiety to dictate behaviour.
- **Lean on grace, not perfection:** No need for polished words or flawless timing; God works through incomplete offerings.
- **Abandon outcome-management:** Keep fidelity to the truth; leave the outcome to God.

Fear does not have the final word. Nor does reputation. Only fidelity remains — held not under a micromanager’s watch, but in the hands of a Father who sees perfectly, accompanies faithfully, and redeems completely.

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

CHARISMATIC

The next Charismatic Prayer Meeting will be on **Mon 22 Jun, 8pm** at Hosea room. (Parish Centre, level 2). There will be Praise and Worship followed by Mass celebrated by Fr Edward Lim. We will proceed to JP11 hall after Mass for a potluck fellowship. All are welcome!

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 Centre, Level 2)
Register: <https://tinyurl.com/SFXLISS2026>



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)

Start Date: Tue 30 Jun **Time:** Every Tuesday, 8pm - 10pm
Venue: JP11 Hall (Parsonage, Level 1)
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 RC1Y journey to explore the deeper questions of life.

New RC1Y Journey (16 to 23 years old)

'Come & See' Info Session: Sun 12 Jul

Time: Every Sunday, 10.30am - 12.30pm
Venue: Isaiah Room (Parish Centre, Level 2)
Register: tinyurl.com/sfxrciy2026
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 (Started 17 Jun)
Time: 8 - 10pm
Venue: JP11 Hall
Q&A Chat Link: https://chat.whatsapp.com/IQAfVik2VSwIMLtlOUYpVI?mode=gi_t



PIETA MAY PRAYER SESSION

We invite any parent who has lost a child (regardless of age and no matter how recent or long ago) to meet every fourth Tuesday of the month to pray and support each other.

Date and Time: Tue 23 Jun 2026, 7.30pm to 9.15pm
Venue: Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre
(2 Highland Road, unit LG-01, Singapore 549102)
ENQUIRIES: pieta.singapore@gmail.com or visit <https://pieta.familylife.sg>

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR YOU!

As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him. *PSALM 103:13*

This weekend, we give thanks to God for all fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, spiritual fathers, and father figures in our lives.

Special Father's Day snack packs will be available after Masses at the Foyer and outside JP11 Hall. Take home a pack of nuts as a treat for your father. You can pen a heartfelt note of gratitude and appreciation. Love offerings are welcome!

DAD'S ARMY & FRIENDS
will be serving breakfast
this Sunday at JP11 Hall. Do drop by for some food and fellowship. Love offerings are welcome!

ON SUNDAY
Join us at JP11 Hall for a **SPECIAL FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION**

SONG DEDICATIONS

DAD JOKES & RIDDLES

EXHIBITION ON FATHERLY SAINTS

SSVP COLLECTION

With your kind donations last weekend, SSVP was able to raise **\$10,245.25** for Friends In Need. We thank you for your generosity and continued support of our activities.

INTERCESSORY

Come storm heaven with us in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on **Mon 22 Jun, 8pm - 9.30pm** at Mount Tabor Adoration Room.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

A transformative Weekend experience for married couples who want to get more out of their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together.

2026 Stay-In Weekends:

Jul 3-5 Aug 28-30
Oct 2-4 Nov 6-8 Dec 4-6

Secure your Weekend:

www.wmesg.org/Weekend_Reg

DEI VERBUM (DOGMATIC CONSTITUTION ON DIVINE REVELATION) - EXHIBITION ON POPE LEO'S CATECHESIS ON THE 16 DOCUMENTS OF VATICAN COUNCIL II

How often have we looked at ourselves in the mirror and feel exhausted with "keeping up appearances"? Societal expectations are that we should all be self-sufficient but we actually yearn for support, understanding and love. In his 2nd catechesis on God's revelation of Himself to humanity, Pope Leo XIV reminds us that we are all created in the image and likeness of God (cf Gen 1:27) and Jesus was sent into the world to restore this likeness of perfect love or charity which had been wounded by sin.

Come by the exhibition outside JPIL Hall to read more of Pope Leo's catechesis. While there, look into the mirror and be reminded once more that we have all become "sons and daughters in the Son" through our Baptism. Take a bookmark home with you and note down your Baptism date on it – be sure to make it a day of celebration every year for your very first moment of Holy Communion with God! For He is a Father who supports, understands and loves us all (cf Rom 8:31-32)!



THE SPIRITUAL ROOTS OF LAUDATO SI'

As Christians, we have a moral responsibility to be stewards of creation. To help us appreciate the interconnectedness of all things, live out integral ecology, and deepen our ecological conversion, we can contemplate the life of St Francis. This event explores its roots in Franciscan Spirituality. Join Friar Derrick Yap, OFM as he shares about *Laudato Si'*, the Canticum of Creatures, and the Franciscan Roots of *Laudato Si'*.



Date: Sat 18 Jul
Time: 9.30am – 12.30pm
Venue: Caritas Agape Village MPH, Level 1
Register: bit.ly/RootsofLS
Enquiries: Email Caritas Singapore at careforcreation@caritas-singapore.org

FINDING PEACE IN A STRESSED-OUT WORLD

Are you a parent concerned about your teen's wellbeing, a young adult facing life's pressures, or an adult juggling work and family responsibilities?

Join Rev. Prof. Wenceslao Vial, physician, surgeon, priest and professor, as he explores how mental health and spiritual wellbeing work together. Discover the roots of stress, practical ways to build resilience and emotional balance, and how to move beyond coping towards flourishing.

Date: Fri 10 Jul 2026 **Time:** 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Venue: St Joseph's Institution International, High School Assembly Hall
Fee: Love offering **Register:** familylife.sg/findingpeace



MY PERSONAL COMPASS: CHRISTIAN MORALITY BY FR DAVID GARCIA, OP

Does God exist? Why does evil exist? Does morality come from God? Do Christians have a separate ethical system? Why do we pray? After introducing the foundation of morality early this year, My Personal Compass now returns to explore the relationship between morality and grace. Join us to find out whether non-Christians and you should have different morals!

Start Date: Wed 22 Jul
Time: 8pm - 9.30pm
Venue: Catholic Centre @ Waterloo St (Level 2)
Register: bit.ly/perscomp-jul26 **Fee:** \$50
Enquiries: Email Caritas Singapore at formation.cst@caritas-singapore.org



CATHOLIC NURSES GUILD ANNUAL MASS CELEBRATION

Register now for Nurses' Day Mass 2026. This Mass will include the nurses' pledge and the blessing of hands. A fellowship dinner will follow the celebration at \$18 per person. All proceeds will go towards supporting The Missions of the Catholic Nurses' Guild. Registration closes on 26 Jul.

Date: Sun 2 Aug **Time:** 5.30pm
Venue: St. Alphonsus Church (Novena), 300 Thomson Road, Singapore 307653
Register: <https://form.jotform.com/261283129822457>



WALK WITH CARITAS FAMILY 2026

Walk with Caritas Family 2026 returns for the third year, with registration fees going directly to one of 14 Catholic charities. You'll get a walk bib to personalise – write who or what you're walking for, and champion the cause that matters most to you. The walk is an easy 4km route along scenic Sentosa, with a carnival that awaits at the end, complete with live music, food, booths, and activities for all ages. Come as a family, a community, a Church. Let us walk in faith, and walk as one, for the causes closest to our hearts.



Date: Sat 29 Aug
Time: 8am – 11am
Venue: Palawan Green, Sentosa
Guest-of-Honour: Mr Ong Ye Kung, Minister for Health and Coordinating Minister for Social Policies
Register: bit.ly/wwcf26b

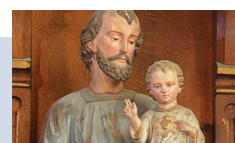
THIS
Father's
 DAY,
 remember to:



Give thanks
 for the fathers and
 mentors who have
 shaped your life.



Pray for
 fathers everywhere,
 particularly those
 facing challenges.



Ask St. Joseph
 to watch over and
 strengthen all fathers
 in our community.

FIVE SAINTS

Dads Can Look to for Fatherly Guidance

As we celebrate Father's Day, we give thanks for the fathers, grandfathers, spiritual fathers and fatherly figures whose love, guidance, and sacrifice enrich our families, communities, and Church. The vocation of fatherhood is a sacred and important one, calling men to lead with faith, wisdom, and selfless devotion. While this responsibility is not without its challenges, fathers can find encouragement and inspiration in the lives of holy men whom the Church holds up as models of virtue and fatherly care. The five men featured in this article exemplify faith-filled fatherhood and offer guidance and inspiration to all who seek to live out this noble calling.

ST JOSEPH

St. Joseph was the earthly father of all earthly fathers. He trusted the angel in his dream when he was told that the child within Mary's womb was conceived of the Holy Spirit, and he went on to raise Jesus as his own. He further trusted the messenger of God when he was alerted of the threat of Herod and didn't hesitate to flee to Egypt in order to protect the Son of God. Everything St. Joseph did, he did in protection of Mary, Jesus, and the ultimate will of God, despite any fear or retribution he faced.



ST JOACHIM

St. Joachim, the husband of St. Anne, father of Mary, and grandfather of Jesus. He is the prime example of those men who long to be a father but may be having struggles, but simply need to trust in the timing of the Lord. Christian tradition remembers Saint Joachim as a generous and faithful man. After forty days of fasting and penance in the desert, angels appeared to him and Saint Anne with joyful news: they would have a daughter. That daughter was Mary, the Blessed Mother.



ST LOUIS MARTIN

To all the fathers out there with daughters that may consider religious life one day, you may want to look to St. Louis Martin. He was not only the father of five nuns, but one of them was a well-known Carmelite nun, St. Thérèse of Lisieux. Before he even committed to married life with Azélie-Marie Guérin, he himself intended to become a monk and enter the Augustinian Great St. Bernard Monastery. His inability to learn Latin stopped him, but God had another way for him to serve the church, through the gifts of his daughters.



POPE ST JOHN PAUL II

Pope St. John Paul II may not have been a father himself, but for more than 25 years, he was the father of the Church as the successor of St. Peter, and not to mention a huge advocate for marriage, family, and children. Throughout his papacy, he demonstrated what it means to show paternal love and unwavering forgiveness to all he met, including his own would-be assassin. Fathers, let him be an example of what it means to show unconditional love to your own children, even when things get tough.



ST JEROME EMILIANI

For those Christian men out there who may not have children of their own but have little ones in their life that they look to as their children, St. Jerome Emiliani is a beautiful example of someone who did, too. The patron of orphans and abandoned children, St. Jerome dedicated a majority of his life to caring for the sick, feeding the hungry, and housing orphans across Italy. Even prior to that, he was supervisor over the education of his nephews.



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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 JP II 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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