



**Disciples
Making Disciples**



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Loving the Radical Life

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
28 Jun 2026

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16
Rom 6:3-4, 8-11
Mt 10:37-42

There are two head-turning ideas in today's readings that appear out of this world and impractical. The first from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans says: "when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death." What does it mean to follow Jesus to his grave and how many of us feel this way at Baptism?

The second, from the Gospel according to Matthew, is equally baffling: "Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me... Anyone who finds his life will lose it, anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it" (Mt 10: 37-39). Why is our Lord asking us not to love our parents as much as him, and to not be life-seeking?

These pronouncements seem to go against our sense of who we are, our morality and purpose. Indeed, that might be the very reason Jesus spoke in such an extraordinary way, seeking to overturn our old way of thinking and getting us out of our comfort zone. These two ideas are at the heart of our faith and worth examining closely.

When we are baptised, it is not just an external act performed by a priest to signal the beginning of our Christian life. We are required to undergo a transformation to put an end to our old, sinful life and reject the things of this world, which are almost always sought to satisfy our selfish desires: wealth, honour and power.

"Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it."

MT 10:39



God understands that these changes are difficult to make. They may not be as painful as what Jesus experienced at his scourging and crucifixion, but for many of us, they can be wrenching. Hence, the reference to following Jesus to his grave.

And as triumphant as our Lord was in his Resurrection, so too will we be at ours – that is our reward for living out our baptismal promises till the very end. CCC 1274 says: "Baptism is indeed the seal of eternal life. The faithful Christian who has 'kept the seal' until the end, remaining faithful to the demands of his Baptism, will be able to depart this life 'marked with the

sign of faith', with his baptismal faith, in expectation of the blessed vision of God – the consummation of faith – and in the hope of resurrection."

The power of our Lord's death and resurrection flows through the waters of Baptism by the grace of the Holy Spirit and into us so that all our sins are forgiven and we become a child of God and a member of the Body of Christ.

As for our parents, Jesus is not saying that we should not love them. That would be against all that he stood for. He is asking us to put God at the centre of our life, first and foremost, before everything else. When we love and obey him first, our love for our fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, and all others, will become far greater than before.

To understand this, we need to come to terms with the idea of love itself. What do we mean when we say we love someone? It isn't just an emotional response to those we care about. Though that is part of it, love ultimately comes from God. He is love and the love that we feel for someone, or which we receive from others, is a grace from God that he, in his love for us, has gifted us.

Without God, there would be no love and that is why our love for him has to come first.

This is what our Lord meant about the love for our parents being secondary to his.

Tying these two themes together, the key message is that when we identify ourselves with Christ and allow him to lead us to a new life after Baptism, we enter into a relationship with God based on love that ultimately strengthens our bonds with everyone else. Seen in this light, it isn't such a radical idea after all.

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.



CLERGY RETREAT

From **29 Jun to 3 Jul**, our priests will be away on their annual retreat. Please keep them in your prayers. During this period, Communion services will be held in place of Mass, with Mass resuming on Friday at 8pm.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

All Mass collections for this weekend will be set aside for Peter's Pence. Contributions by the faithful will go toward financing the many activities of charity carried out by the Roman Curia (Vatican departments that support the Pope) on behalf of the Pope. Thank you for your generosity.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Dad's Army & Friends will be serving breakfast this Sunday at JP II Hall. Do drop by for some food and fellowship. Love offerings are welcome!

CATECHISM NOTICE

The last session of Term 2 was on 24 May, followed by the break in June. **Session will resume on 5 Jul.**

INTERCESSORY

Come storm heaven with us in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on **Mon 29 Jun, 8pm - 9.30pm** at Mount Tabor Adoration Room.

FAITH THAT LIVES: NAVIGATING BAPTISM, CULTURE & TRUTH

Organised by LiFE Ministry. What does Baptism really mean for your life today? How do we live our Faith in a world shaped by culture and religion? Come with your questions and leave with deeper conviction.

Date & Time: 17 Jul & 24 Jul, 8pm - 10pm
Venue : JP II Hall
Register : 9752 9723 (Raymond) / 9664 2127 (Ignatius)

CHARISMATIC

The next Charismatic Prayer Meeting will be on **Mon 29 Jun, 8pm** at Hosea Room (Parish Centre, level 2). There will be Praise and Worship followed by LISS Empowerment by Edwyn De souza. 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 Center, Level 2)
Register : <https://tinyurl.com/SFXLISS2026>



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
Time : Every Sunday, 10.30am - 12.30pm
Venue : Isaiah Room (Parish Centre, Level 2)
Register : tinyurl.com/sfxrciy2026
Enquiries : 8352 2377 (Joshua) / 9060 4326 (Rena)



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 : JP II Hall (Parsonage, Level 1)
Enquiries : 9626 5960 (Angela) / 9478 6570 (Kathleen)



LIFE AFTER DEATH

Join the SFX Biblical Apostolate Team for "Life After Death" — a 6-session series of talks based on the work of Dr Brant Pitre. Explore what Scripture reveals about eternal life, resurrection, and the hope that awaits us.

Date : Sundays, starting 12 Jul 2026 (6 sessions)
Time : 9am - 10.30am
Venue : Jeremiah Room (Parish Centre, Level 2)
Join Chat : <https://tinyurl.com/2026LifeAfterDeath>



BE ENCOURAGED: WEEKEND RETREAT

This is for parents and friends of loved ones who are same-sex attracted or who identify themselves as LGBTQ. They will have time with the Lord in this retreat to reflect on the Church's invitation to support and accompany their loved ones.

Date & Time : 3-5 Jul 2026, 7pm (Fri) - 3pm (Sun)
SD : Fr Adrian Danker
Venue : Lifesprings Canossian Spirituality Centre
Register : <https://tinyurl.com/BEWK2026>



SOUL REST: 'COME AWAY...AND REST AWHILE'

This Day of Recollection is for Catholics who are same-sex attracted or who identify as LGBTQ. It is an invitation to pause at mid-year with Jesus, to look back on the first half of 2026 as well as to look ahead towards the second half of the year.

Date & Time: 18 Jul 2026, 9am - 5pm
SD : Fr Adrian Danker
Venue : Monfort Centre
Register : tinyurl.com/CourageDoR2026



LANDINGS SINGAPORE: HELPING RETURNING CATHOLICS FIND THEIR WAY HOME

Feeling distant from your faith? You're not alone. Come home to peace, purpose, and community. Landings Singapore invites you to a safe, non-judgmental 10-week journey to explore your questions, rediscover the sacraments, and find belonging. No pressure, just open hearts and open doors. Your journey home starts here.

Dates : Mondays, 12 Aug (first session on Wednesday due to Public holiday) to 19 Oct 2026
Venue : Church of the Holy Spirit or Church of Queen of Peace
Register : <https://www.landings.org.sg>



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.wwmesg.org/Weekend_Reg

POPE LEO'S 2ND CATECHESIS ON DIVINE REVELATION (DEI VERBUM) - JESUS CHRIST REVEALS THE FATHER

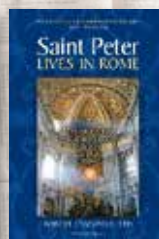
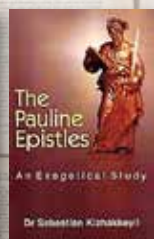
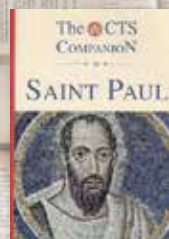
Many people maintain that human beings cannot know anything about God and that one only sees God after death for judgement. Christians differ from this viewpoint. Christians proclaim that in Jesus Christ, humanity has seen the mercy and love of God the Father. In his second catechesis on Divine Revelation, Pope Leo reminds us of God's closeness to us in Jesus, "Jesus reveals God to us with his own true and integral humanity: 'To see Jesus is to see His Father' (Jn 14:9)."



Come by the exhibition on Pope Leo's Catechesis on the 16 Documents of Vatican Council II outside JP II Hall and understand better the great significance of the Incarnation.

St Jerome Library

Recommended Readings for the Solemnity of Sts Peter and Paul



St Peter and St Paul were martyred under Emperor Nero between AD 64-68—Peter by crucifixion and Paul by beheading. The Church honours them together on 29 June, describing their witness as sharing in "one crown." They are celebrated for their zeal in proclaiming that through Jesus Christ, God became man to save humanity and bring us back to Him.

As the Liturgy says, "Peter, foremost in confessing the faith, and Paul, its outstanding preacher," each helped gather the one family of Christ.

As we approach this Solemnity on June 29th, let us be renewed in courage and zeal to share Christ with others as both Sts Peter and Paul did. Find out more about their lives and their writings from these books from **St Jerome Library (open Sundays 8am - 1pm; 4-5.30pm)**.

The CTS Companion to Saint Paul by J.B. Midgley - an excellent small booklet providing an overview of Paul's life and his radical transformation to being an Apostle to the Gentiles after his encounter with the risen Christ.

The Pauline Epistles: An Exegetical Study by Dr Sebastian Kizhakkeyil - a comprehensively researched study giving useful background to the churches addressed by St Paul in his 13 epistles so that the reader has a better grasp of the issues addressed by Paul in each of his letters.

Saint Peter Lives in Rome: Explaining the Misunderstood Ministry of the Pope by Fr Robert Stackpole - Charismatic Youtube personality and scholar, Fr Robert Stackpole, was an Anglican priest before becoming a Catholic in 1994. He is now Director of the John Paul II Institute of Divine

Mercy in Massachusetts. This book includes an important timeline for our understanding of the primacy of Peter and the Petrine Ministry.

FOR OUR LITTLE ONES:

Saint Paul: The Thirteenth Apostle by Sr Mary Lea Hill - written in a style easy for 8-year olds to be acquainted with St Paul and be inspired by his fervour in following truth.

Peter and the Biggest Birthday: Acts 1:1-2:47 for children by Carol Greene - Who isn't amazed and fascinated by St Peter's masterful recounting of salvation history in the opening chapters of Acts? Author of over 100 books for children, Carol Greene presents Pope Peter's marvellous sermon to the thousands gathered at that first Pentecost in a style that engages the young reader.



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 - Fri:
9.30am - 6.30pm
Sat - 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

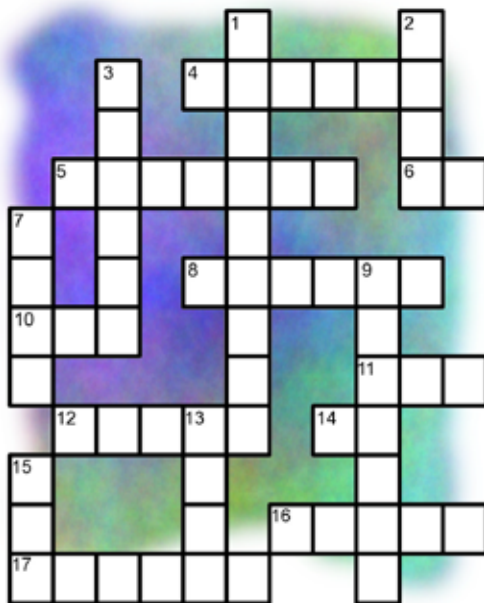
Mass offering envelopes are available outside the Parish Office and outside JPPII Hall. Submit your envelopes at least two weeks in advance of your intended date. Please write the names clearly, and in block letters.



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A Gospel Crossword



Fill in the
missing words in
today's Gospel
reading to find
the answers to
this crossword!

A=Across
D=Down

He who loves
father or
_____ (17A)
more than me is not
worthy of me; and
he who

_____ (16A)
son or daughter

more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not
take his _____ (12A) and follow me is not
_____ (3D) of me. He who finds his life will
_____ (7D) it, and he who loses his life for my
_____ (13D) will find it. "He who receives you receives
_____ (14A), and he who receives me receives _____ (15D)
who _____ (2D) me. He who receives a prophet
because he is a _____ (5A) shall _____ (9D)
a prophet's reward, and he who receives a
_____ (1D) man because he is a righteous man
shall receive a righteous man's _____ (8A). And
whoever gives _____ (6A) one of these _____ (4A)
ones even a _____ (11A) of cold water because he is a
disciple, truly, I _____ (10A) to you, he shall not lose his
reward."

Answers to Crossword: ACROSS: 4 little, 5 prophet, 6 to, 8 reward, 10 say, 11 cup, 12 cross, 14 me, 16 loves, 17 mother. DOWN: 1 righteous, 2 sent, 3 worthy, 7 lose, 9 receive, 13 sake, 15 him

After Mass
we can visit
Grandma.



Good morning,
Jesus!



gave us are 'Love
the Lord your God
with all your heart
and mind and
strength' and 'Love
your neighbour as
yourself.'

How can we keep God first in our
lives? We can start by talking to Him
as soon as we start our day. We
can tell Him we love Him and offer
our day to Him! We also keep God

first by following His laws-making
sure we go to Mass at least every
Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation,
and going to Confession when we
have a serious sin.

The next most
important thing
is loving others.
God wants us to
love and care for
the people He has
put into our lives. First, we must
care for our family that He has
given us and then our friends and
neighbours.

What is the most important thing
for you to do today? How can you
put God first every day this week?