



Disciples
Making Disciples



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Come to Me

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5 Jul 2026

Zec 9:9-10
Rom 8:9, 11-13
Mt 11:25-30

Ordinary Time can sound almost plain, as though the Church has stepped away from the great mysteries and returned to routine. Yet there is nothing ordinary about learning the heart of Christ. Today the Church places before us a king, a Spirit, and an invitation. At first, they seem unrelated. But each reveals the same movement of God: he comes without force, works without spectacle, and draws near enough to dwell within us.

In the First Reading, Zechariah calls Jerusalem to rejoice because her king is coming. Yet nothing about this king resembles the rulers people expect. There are no horses, no chariots, no display of military strength. He arrives seated on a donkey. The image is so striking that it almost feels inadequate. It unsettles our notion of power, prestige, and even financial security as our armour against vulnerability. How can a king conquer in this way?

The prophet immediately answers the question. This king does not establish peace after victory. Peace is his victory. Weapons disappear wherever he reigns. The bow of war is banished. His kingdom stretches from sea to sea, not because he has overpowered the nations, but because he comes to reconcile them.

It is tempting to admire such a king from a distance while continuing to live by different instincts ourselves. Yet St Paul suggests that the

kingdom Zechariah describes is meant to take root within us. He speaks of the Spirit dwelling in us, the same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead. The struggle is no longer between nations but within the human person. Every resentment we nurse, every fear we cling to, every appetite that demands to rule us becomes part of this battlefield.

St Paul does not tell us to overcome these struggles through sheer effort. He speaks instead of life in the Spirit. The same God who promises, through Zechariah, to establish a kingdom of peace is already at work within his people, shaping them from the inside. The Spirit is not merely an external guide showing us where to go. He is God's own life at work in us, slowly loosening the grip of whatever keeps us from becoming fully alive. God's answer to the human struggle is therefore not distance but nearness.

The Gospel then reveals why so many fail to recognise Christ although he is near. Jesus blesses the Father for revealing his mysteries not to the learned and the clever but to little children (cf. Mt 11:25). Modern life, by contrast, praises hyper-independence and the self-made intellect, telling us that we are solely responsible for our own enlightenment and success. Here, the obstacle to God is not intelligence, but self-sufficiency. The kingdom cannot be earned or achieved. It can only be received. The childlike heart is not one that knows more, but one that is willing to receive.

Yet self-sufficiency has a way of finding its way back into our lives. In a relentless culture of "hustle" and productivity, we easily tie our identity to our performance. Even

in our spiritual lives, we can begin to measure our relationship with God by what we do for him. Prayer, service, and sacrifice are good and beautiful expressions of faith, but they do not earn God's love. They are a response to a love that has already been given. The danger lies in forgetting that the Christian life begins not with what we offer to God, but with what God offers to us.

The readings remind us that God always takes the initiative. Before we ever reach for him, he has already reached for us. The king comes to his people. The Spirit dwells within them. Christ invites the weary to come to him. Again and again, God draws near. Let us come to him, not to prove our worth, but to receive what only he can give.



***"Come to me,
all you who
labour and are
overburdened,
and I will give
you rest."***

MT 11:28

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

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE GENERAL MAINTENANCE & OPERATION OF THE CHURCH

There will be a second collection this week and all funds will go towards the general maintenance and operation of our parish. If you would like to donate digitally, please make a PayNow transfer to our **UEN T08CC4033J**, and indicate "Maintenance" in the reference field. We thank you for your generosity.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

The L8 Catechetical Ministry will be serving breakfast this Sunday at JP II Hall. Do drop by for some food and fellowship. Love offerings are welcome!

CATECHISM NOTICE

Session will resume on Sun 5 Jul. Please contact your Level Coordinator if you have any questions.

INTERCESSORY

Come storm heaven with us in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on **Mon 6 Jul, 8pm - 9.30pm** at Mount Tabor Adoration Room.

UPPER ROOM

Come and bask in the presence of our Lord on **Fri 17 Jul, 8.45pm** at the Auditorium. At this midyear point, let us reignite our love for the Lord who has come to redeem us. The community of In One Spirit (IOS), part of the SFX 1Cor12 Communion of Communities, invites all to our Upper Room Session — a night of prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Bring a friend! Light refreshments will be served after the session. For enquiries, please contact @minitsuii or @JaredStevie on Telegram.

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)

LIFE AFTER DEATH

Join the SFX Biblical Apostolate Team for "Life After Death" – a six-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>



DINING WITH THE STARS

In celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, our grandparents and senior members of the community will be the stars of the evening. Join us for a special celebration with fellowship, entertainment, and a delightful four-course dinner as we honour and appreciate them. Younger family members are invited to serve their grandparents during dinner as a simple gesture of love, gratitude and respect, making this a meaningful evening for families to share together.

Tickets will be available for purchase at the Parish Office after all Masses this weekend. As seating is limited, only 6 pairs of tickets are available for purchase for each Mass, and tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis while stocks last.

Date & Time : Sat 25 Jul, 6.30pm - 9pm
Venue : JP II Hall
Ticket : \$120 per pair

EXHIBITION ON POPE LEO'S CATECHESIS ON THE 16 DOCUMENTS OF VATICAN COUNCIL II

In his third Catechesis on the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation (Dei Verbum), Pope Leo addressed the often mistaken notion that the source of God's Revelation is from Scripture alone. Sacred Tradition, the "teaching, life and worship" of the Church (cf DV 8), is assuredly in God's plan for the transmission of the faith, as our Holy Father pointed out.

Come by the exhibition on the Pope's Catechesis on the 16 Documents of Vatican Council II, held outside the JP II Hall, to find out more. Engage with the exhibition pieces that demonstrate how Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture are intricately interwoven, forming the foundations on which our faith is built!



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. 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 (Renae)



LITTLE SHEPHERDS' SCHOOLHOUSE OPEN HOUSE

Registration Now Open! Join us for our upcoming Open House and discover how we nurture confident, happy learners. Explore our learning environment, meet our educators, and find out more about our curriculum and programmes. Secure your slot today by registering early!

Date & Time: Sat 22 Aug 2026, 9am - 12pm
Register: <https://littleshepherdsschoolhouse.edu.sg/open-house/>

CATHOLIC NURSE 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 & Time : Sun 2 Aug 2026, 5.30pm
Venue : St. Alphonsus Church (Novena)
Register : <https://form.jotform.com/261283129822457>

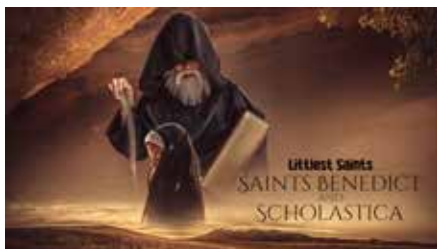
LANDINGS SINGAPORE: HELPING RETURNING CATHOLICS FIND THEIR WAY HOME

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>



Week of 5 July 2026



Sts Benedict and Scholastica

A pair of holy twins, a cave, and a group of naughty monks... this is the story of St Benedict and St Scholastica.

<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/2866076/>

Maria Goretti:

The Story of the Patroness of Modern Youth

Learn more about the holy life and martyrdom of St Maria Goretti in this moving documentary. In particular, the film highlights her ultimate act of love: forgiving her murderer on her deathbed.

<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/588786/>



Saint Maria Goretti: Fourteen Flowers of Pardon

This is the true story of a young virgin's ultimate act of love. On her deathbed, eleven year old Maria Goretti forgave Alessandro Serenelli, the man who mortally stabbed her because she resisted his attempted rape. Alessandro was sentenced to thirty years in prison for murdering Maria, and after eight years in jail, he had no remorse. But he eventually converted after Maria miraculously appeared to him in a dream.

Shot on location in Italy, this moving account takes you on a historic and poignant journey through the life, martyrdom, and canonization of the Roman Catholic Church's youngest saint, Maria Goretti. Maria's life and martyrdom in Italy's Pontine swamps at the beginning of this century comes to life through historic photographs, interviews with her mother, and never seen before film footage of the canonisation ceremony.

This movie is not rated, but was created with an adult audience in mind. It may contain violence indicative of the life and times of the saint or character portrayed. We would recommend Parental Guidance and that parents preview it before watching with children.

<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/582313/>



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION
FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

FOR RESPECT FOR HUMAN LIFE

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God.

IN THE MONTH OF JUNE 2026

WEDDINGS

We congratulate the following couple:

1. Timothy Wong Wei Hao and Andrea Jacinta Cher Shu Qing

CONDOLENCES

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

1. Margaret Tan Choon Hoe
2. Granville Joaquim Grosse
3. Anna Chong Siew Heng
4. Augustine Long Chay Kang

BAPTISMS

We welcome the following:

1. Hailey Natalia Abraham
2. Miriam Lim Ting Yu
3. Lim Ruo Xuan Juliette
4. Lily Mae Dominic
5. Tan Shi Yuan, Matthias
6. Levi Angsari
7. Raphael Theodore Bueckle
8. Joshua Liu Hao Yi
9. Lea Marie Ng En Xin
10. Joshua Ezriel Lim Yong Le
11. Zoey Renee Foo Rui En





Discover the meaning behind the sacred objects and symbols in our church.



Did you know?

The **tabernacle** is where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved after Mass. Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist.

Why do we genuflect?

We **genuflect** before the tabernacle as a sign of reverence and faith in Jesus' real presence before entering their pew.



Word Meaning

"Tabernacle" comes from the Latin '*Tabernaculum*', which means "**dwelling place.**" Christ continues to dwell among his people.

This Week's Invitation

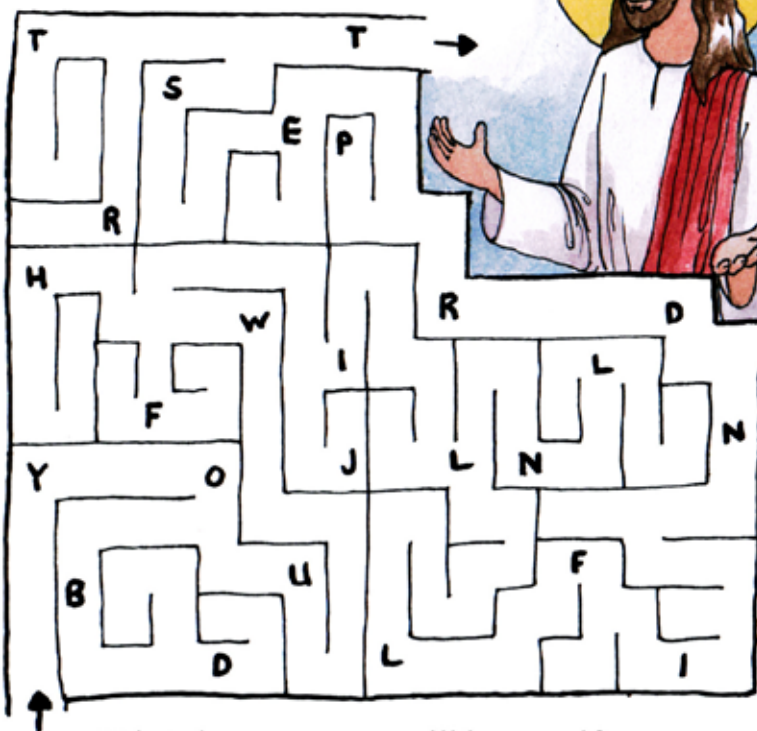
Before Mass begins, pause for a moment and greet Jesus present in the tabernacle with a **prayer of gratitude.**



A simple prayer: "Lord, thank you for being with us."



"Come to Me, all you who labour and are burdened..."



What does Jesus say will happen if you go to Him when you're tired and worn out? First find your way through the maze and then use the words from that path to fill in the blanks.

Answer to maze on front: You will find rest.

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

ANOIDTING 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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