



Disciples
Making Disciples



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Is Your Vineyard Fruitful?

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4 Oct 2026

Is 5:1-7
Phil 4:6-9
Mt 21:33-43

This Sunday's Gospel uses the familiar image of a vineyard, a typical symbol for God's people and for Israel, to teach us valuable lessons about fruitfulness and stewardship. The parable tells of a landowner who planted a vineyard and leased it out, but only after preparing it well. He fenced it, dug a winepress and built a tower — work undertaken to protect it from external threats and ensure a good harvest. All the tenants had to do was look after the vines well, that they might bear sweet fruit for him as payment come vintage time.

Alas, this did not happen. The servants sent by the landowner to collect the produce were killed, not once but even on a second dispatch. When the landowner sent his son, expecting a different reception, the son was killed as the tenants plotted for his inheritance. They were intent on claiming for themselves what rightfully belonged to another, and with violent means to boot.

This parable and the questions it provokes are like a mirror held before us, prompting a stock-take of our lives. God in his generosity has given us the precious gift of faith at our baptism, which began a lifelong relationship with him.

We received instruction in the faith, enjoy easy, regular access to the Sacraments and benefit from

the support of the wider Church in innumerable ways through the many seasons of our lives. At Confirmation, we were conferred the gifts of the Holy Spirit and charged with using them for the spreading of the gospel. In this sense, we have each been given a vineyard. God desires for us to tend it well, to bear rich fruit as our offering back to him, like the tenants in the parable.

Our vineyard encompasses all that makes up our life — our relationships, vocations, professional commitments, decisions, priorities, choices, hopes and dreams. Tending to these carefully will yield good, sweet fruit which indicate the presence of God's kingdom: love, justice, mercy, joy, peace, truth and so much more — everything that Christ himself brings to us. These fruits are not feel-good abstract virtues but lived realities in the vineyards of our lives.

Conversely, neglecting our spiritual life, misusing our God-given gifts only for selfish gain instead of building up God's kingdom, or abusing creation, will lead to us being excluded from God's kingdom. This was the warning given to the Pharisees and chief priests of Jesus' time, who were incensed at his parable, which was both prophecy and warning directed at them.

The question of Christian stewardship is one we will each be called to account for on the final day of reckoning. Our lives will be judged not by our temporal successes and achievements but by the spiritual fruits we bear. The tenants had wanted to keep the vineyard for themselves but eventually lost everything. Ultimately the vineyard and everything in it belonged to the landowner. In the same vein, our lives belong to God. The tenants provided only the labour. None of our tools — our talents and successes — belong

to us. They come from God and are his. He has the absolute right to expect us to use them, not only for our own needs, but for the good and salvation of those around us.

The recent passing of the Redemptorist priest Fr Simon Pereira brought forth an outpouring of grief but also endless accolades and grateful thanksgiving for his tireless ministry. The fruits of his life were evident from the countless faithful he had touched by his preaching and ministering.

What sort of steward are we with all the gifts entrusted to us by God? Jesus' warning to the unrepentant Jews that the "kingdom of God will be taken away from you" (Mt 21:43) is a serious reminder not to take our faith or God's mercy for granted. Faith is to be lived out and shared. In the end, what everyone desires to hear when we face God is him saying, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; enter into the joy of your master" (Mt 25:23).



***"The kingdom of God
will be taken from
you. It will be given
to a people who will
produce its fruit."***

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.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

It is available via appointment only. You may contact the Parish Office to make an appointment at the following time slots:

- **Fridays:** 4pm – 6pm
- **Saturdays:** 10am – 12pm

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

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

INTERCESSORY

Come storm heaven with us in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on **Mon 5 Oct**, 8pm – 9.30pm at Mount Tabor Adoration Room.

CHARISMATIC: LIFE IN THE SPIRIT – GROWTH SERIES

Come along with your family and friends and continue the journey of growing in faith and discovering the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Come and be enlightened, strengthened and renewed by the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Date: Mon 5 Oct
Time: 8pm – 9.45pm
Venue: Hosea Room
(Parish Centre, L2)

NEIGHBOURHOOD ROSARY WALKS

'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. ... Love your neighbour as yourself.' - Matthew 22:37,39

Ever felt prompted to pray for your neighbours & neighbourhood? In this month of the rosary, why not gather and pray the rosary while taking a walk around your neighbourhood, blessing your neighbours as you go. For more information WhatsApp Beatrice Leong at 9788 1718.

OCTOBER: MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. Join our parish community in praying the Holy Rosary, in-person (30 minutes before weekday Masses) or online (see table below for more details).

WEEKDAY DIVINE MERCY & ROSARY

[Tinyurl.com/SFXWeekdayRosary](https://tinyurl.com/SFXWeekdayRosary)

Date & Time: Mon to Fri, 3pm
Meeting ID: 845 8298 0708
No password required

SUNDAY ROSARY BY LECTORS

bit.ly/SundayRosary

Date & Time: Sundays, 8.30pm
Meeting ID: 840 7232 7379
Password: 305 946 4132

FAITH THAT LIVES WITH FR EDWARD LIM: ENCOUNTERING CHRIST IN THE SACRAMENTS

Is it really Him, or just bread and wine? Why should I confess to a priest when I can talk to God directly? Are "Last Rites" only for the dying, or is there more to it? Come with your questions and join us at LiFE. Mark your calendar for these 2 dates and spend your Friday evening with LiFE and Fr. Edward Lim.

Date: 16 & 23 Oct
Time: 8pm – 10pm
Venue: JPll Hall

MASS AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK & ELDERLY 2026

We invite all who are unwell as well as the elderly to this special Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing. Come receive the "special grace on the Christian experiencing the difficulties inherent in the condition of grave illness or old age" (CCC 1527). Family and friends are also welcome to join in this special Eucharistic celebration. Physical registration forms are available in Church and the Parish Office. Please return completed forms to the Parish Office by Mon 2 Nov.

Programme:

- 9.45am: Registration
- 10am – 11am: Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
- 11am – 12.30pm: Mass and Anointing

Date & Time: Mon 9 Nov, 11am – 12.30pm
(Be seated in church by 10.45am)
Venue: Main Church (63A Chartwell Drive, S 558758)
Enquiries: Melissa (9363 6516)
Register: <https://tinyurl.com/SFXMETS2026>



EXHIBITION ON POPE LEO'S CATECHESSES ON THE 16 DOCUMENTS OF VATICAN COUNCIL II – LUMEN GENTIUM: "ON THE FOUNDATION OF THE APOSTLES. THE CHURCH IN HER HIERARCHICAL DIMENSION"

Continuing on from his catechesis that all who have been baptised now participate in the one priesthood of Christ (LG10), Pope Leo draws attention to the special gift of "sacra potestas" (sacred power) that Christ gave to the men in the Church's hierarchy. He first clarifies that "hierarchy" is not to be understood as a human ordering of authority in our modern sense but refers to the ministerial priesthood which has its "sacred origin" from Christ's call of the Apostles. Christ's gift of the "sacra potestas" is for the "unity, mission and sanctification" of all of us, the baptised. The exhibition on Pope Leo's Catechesis is displayed outside JPll Hall. Come by the exhibition, complete a wordsearch and bring it to St Jerome Library in exchange for a Catholic-themed bag charm! (The library is open **Sundays 8am - 1pm**).

BRAVE – WORK WELL, LIVE WELL

What does it look like to bring our faith into the workplace? This World Mental Health Day, join Clarity and Catholic Business Network for BRAVE: Work Well, Live Well.

Join us to explore what it means to bring our faith into the workplace to create healthier, more compassionate workplace cultures. Hear from our speakers on leading with care and purpose, finding meaning in our work, and supporting one another through the challenges of work and life.

Date: Sat 10 Oct
Time: 9.30am -1pm
Venue: Metro Y Hotel,
The Vine Ballroom
Register: tinyurl.com/BRAVE1010

CARITAS SINGAPORE: YOUNG MISSIONARIES OF HOPE – ONE IN CHRIST, UNITED IN MISSION

What does it mean to be a young missionary? Do we have to travel to distant lands to be one? As the Church celebrates 100 years of World Mission Sunday, join us as we reflect on how we can be young missionary disciples in our own context. Following a keynote speech by Cardinal “Ambo”, Vice-President of The Federation of Asian Bishops’ Conferences, we will be accompanied by Catholics from Myanmar, Cambodia, the Philippines and Malaysia. They will share how they live out the Gospel and find guidance from Catholic Social Teaching in their work as they respond to the call to mission. For enquiries, please email Caritas Singapore at formation.cst@caritas-singapore.org

Date: Sat 17 Oct
Time: 3pm – 5.30pm (Virtual zoom)
Register: bit.ly/unitedinmission



CARITAS SINGAPORE: LEGACY TALK – AGEING GRACEFULLY, LEAVING MEANINGFULLY

Join us for an evening reflection on ageing, legacy, and God’s plan for our lives. Rooted in the Catholic faith, this session will explore the spirituality of growing older and the importance of estate planning as an act of love, responsibility, and stewardship. As we reflect on our faith, loved ones, and the legacy we leave behind, discover how to approach the later stages of life with peace, purpose, and trust in God, and how faithful planning today can become a lasting gift to your community and the causes you cherish.

Date & Time: Sat 23 Oct, 7.15pm – 9.30pm
Venue: Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Register: www.bit.ly/legacyoct2026



Rite of Acceptance

Congratulations to the 38 inquirers and candidates from RCIA and RCIY who underwent the Rite of Acceptance on Sunday 27 September at the 9am mass!

Marking the first major milestone in their journey of faith towards the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation at Easter, this sacred rite takes place when inquirers publicly express their desire to follow Christ, while the candidates take another step towards deepening their faith and embracing the Catholic community.

During the celebration, the inquirers received the sign of the Cross on their ears, eyes, lips, shoulders, hearts, hands and feet, symbolising their readiness to listen to God’s Word, see His presence, proclaim His love, carry their crosses, love with open hearts, serve others and walk faithfully in His ways.

From this moment, the inquirers are formally known as catechumens as they continue their journey of deepening faith. We warmly welcome our catechumens and candidates into the St Francis Xavier (SFX) parish family! As one community united in Christ, let us continue to journey alongside them in prayer, love and encouragement as they grow in faith and prepare to receive the sacraments in celebrating the joy of Easter!



**HOLY FATHER’S PRAYER
 INTENTIONS FOR THE
 MONTH OF OCTOBER**

FOR MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2026

WEDDINGS

We congratulate the following couples:

1. Li Zhengguang, Gregory & Mary Shamini Naidu
2. Goh Wei Ren, Joel & Ong Hui Min
3. Yee Jun Jian, Eugene & Nelyn Ang Jingyi
4. Poh Yi Sheng & Pheodora Acacius Wan Hui En
5. Streit Yannick Theo & Chung Hui San, Kimberley

CONDOLENCES

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

1. Ong Lee Kuan, Michael
2. Michael Lee Tuck On
3. Anastasia Low Siew Choon
4. Yap Geok Wah Rosie
5. Jimmy Lee Puay Eng

Here are some testimonies from our catechumens and candidates:

“The Rite of Acceptance was a deeply moving and overwhelming experience for me. Standing alongside about our brothers and sisters from both the RCIA and RCIY made me realize the grand beauty of the community I am joining. The absolute highlight for me was reflecting on how far I have come after drifting from my earlier Christian years. At one stage during the Rite, I found myself tearing silently in awe of the Holy Spirit. Receiving the Holy Bible from Fr Edward was the perfect gift to anchor my daily prayers as I eagerly look forward to the rest of my journey toward Easter. — James Tan, Candidate

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“Today's Rite of Acceptance felt more profound than I expected. When we were presented with the Bible and the Sign of the Cross was traced upon us, marking our transition from inquirers to catechumens, I felt something shift within me. It was a simple moment, yet it carried so much meaning. As the cross was signed upon me, I felt an unexpected sense of lightness, almost as though a heaviness I had been carrying quietly was being lifted. I felt moved and emotional, but also deeply at peace. Perhaps what touched me most was the feeling that I was no longer simply learning about the faith from the outside. I was taking another step towards it, allowing myself to be led and transformed by it. I may not fully understand yet where this journey will take me, but today felt significant. I walked into the Rite carrying a certain weight, and somehow, I walked away feeling lighter. — **Shyna Yang, Catechumen**

“A highlight of the Rite for me was when Father Edward made the sign of the Cross on my forehead. — **May Soh, Catechumen**

“What really stuck with me was the signing of our forehead, eyes, ears, lips and feet from our catechists and sponsors, which really felt like we were not in this journey alone. Getting our Bibles and facing the congregation was also something that stuck with me - really powerful! — **Nicholas Koh, Catechumen**



“Over the years of my work in a Catholic school... I saw the way the faith shapes people. I saw kindness, discipline, mercy, and an inner strength that doesn't depend on circumstances.

I saw a community that affirms one another. And I realised that faith is not just Catholicism and its teachings. I believe in God, in Jesus Christ who died and rose again, in the Holy Spirit, and in the Church. I believe in forgiveness and in eternal life. We are all imperfect, and nobody has all the answers. But I am no longer just asking questions. I am walking forward. I am choosing to follow Christ, to live a life rooted in love and mercy, and to raise my children in this faith. The Rite of Acceptance is a public step in that commitment. I am grateful to be here. I am grateful for this community. And I ask for your prayers as I continue to grow. — **Jesslyn Winata, Catechumen**

“I felt that the Rite was very meaningful. To be accepted by God made me feel happy to be His child. — **Abigail Koh, Catechumen**

“The Rite of Acceptance was alright. A particular highlight for me was when we received our Bibles, each with a note inside from Fr Ben. — **Ong Xin Er, Catechumen**



“After the Rite of Acceptance, I felt honored and blessed - I am now a catechumen. It is our Lord Jesus Christ in Whom I trust, and Who will strengthen me on this RCIA journey leading to my Baptism. — **William Lee, Catechumen**

“My experience of the Rite of Acceptance was deeply peaceful and humbling. What resonated with me most was being called by name before the Church and stepping forward to say, 'Here I am.' After a long journey where I thought I was overcoming challenges by myself, that moment felt like finally opening my heart fully to the Lord. A particular memory that stuck with me was the kindness of the RCIA and the parish communities, their welcome, their prayers and their presence. It showed me that faith is not walked alone, but as one family. The highlight for me was being signed with the Cross. In that moment I felt clearly that it was not I who found Him, but He who had been guiding me all along through the Holy Spirit. I left the Rite with a quiet heart, grateful and at peace, and truly thankful for this journey. — **Keith Wong, Catechumen**

“The Rite of Acceptance was a very fun experience! My whole life, I have seen people go through ceremonies in church but I've never actually been in one of them before! It felt a little messy but I loved every moment of it. A memory that stuck with me was the signing of our senses and receiving our Bibles! — **Michael Gabriel Suhendra, Catechumen**

“It was my first time being so close to the altar! I had always felt that it is a sacred place that I was not supposed to be close to till my baptism. — **Vinnie Ng, Catechumen**

“I felt nervous, but peaceful and grateful. After I left Mass, it suddenly it hit me: I'm on the path now... even as I am still learning, my search now has direction. — **Cheril Rose Buglosa, Candidate**



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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 - 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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