



Disciples
Making Disciples



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Grace—Free, Not Cheap

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
11 Oct 2026

Is 25:6–10
Phil 4:12–14, 19–20
Mt 22:1–14

How often do we postpone an important message, call, or invitation because something else seems more urgent? We can easily treat God the same way. Yet while we delay our response, God has already taken the initiative.

That is the striking contrast in today's readings. Isaiah first gives us the vision of God preparing "a banquet of rich food" for all peoples (Is 25:6)—where death is destroyed and tears wiped away (cf. Is 25:8). Jesus takes up that banquet imagery and deepens it: God prepares a royal wedding feast for his Son. Every detail is lavish, every cost paid—yet the response is an empty room.

When invited, the guests simply ignore his call. One goes off to his farm, another to his business. Others seize the king's servants, mistreat them, and kill them. Their busyness reveals a deeper reality: active refusal of the King. In Jesus' day, a royal invitation was a command, not an option. Ignoring it signalled defiance; attacking messengers was outright treason.

The king responds with judgment, destroying the murderers and burning their town. The violence jars us, but Jesus draws on prophetic imagery rather than giving us a literal picture of God's action. The judgment falls on persistent rebellion, not ordinary distraction. Still, the stakes are unmistakable: God's invitation is gracious, but

never trivial. Our response carries real consequences.

That is why the parable hits home. Most of us would never explicitly reject God; we simply let other priorities crowd him out. Calendars fill, phones demand attention, and work follows us home. We worry about finances, health, family, and retirement while leaving our inner life untended. We can know everything happening worldwide while remaining unaware of what is happening in our own souls. In essence, we let God fit into our lives on our schedule, on our terms, only when convenient.

Yet, God continues to invite. When the original guests refuse, the king sends his servants into the streets to gather everyone, "bad and good alike" (Mt 22:10). Grace is astonishingly generous and wide-reaching.

But the parable warns of a second danger: accepting the invitation without allowing ourselves to be transformed. The guest without a wedding garment shows that entering the hall costs nothing, but entering the feast changes everything. Grace is free, but it is

not cheap. God welcomes us as we are, but does not intend to leave us as we are.

The wedding garment recalls the white robe received at Baptism—the sign of being clothed in Christ, a garment to be brought unstained to the eternal banquet. We cooperate with that baptismal grace by enthroning Christ and putting on his character through daily choices: putting down the phone to listen, forgiving before resentment hardens and choosing integrity over compromise. In this way, Christ takes deeper root in us now. In a sense, the Christian life is an apprenticeship for heaven. The parable is not simply saying, "Come to heaven." It asks whether heaven is beginning in us now.

St Paul shows another aspect of this transformation: learning contentment in every circumstance. "I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich" (Phil 4:12). His peace does not depend on external security because he relies on "the One who gives me strength" (Phil 4:13). While our culture demands more success, comfort, and control, Paul discovered that Christ's lordship is enough.

God has already prepared what truly satisfies. The deeper question is not merely, "Are we too busy for God?" but, "Who is truly king of our lives?" The answer is revealed not by what we say, but by what we are willing to place in his hands.

So this week, surrender one concrete thing to God: an hour that belongs to him, a resentment that keeps you bound to the past or an attachment that quietly rules you. Make the surrender specific, and let it become an act of trust. The King's invitation is gracious, but never trivial—and the smallest sincere surrender can begin to clothe us more fully in Christ.



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but never trivial."*

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.



SSVP COLLECTION

There will be a second collection by SSVP this weekend to help the needy with 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 RCIA Ministry 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 12 Oct**, 8pm – 9.30pm at Mount Tabor Adoration Room.

CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION

Join us for the candlelight rosary procession on **Tue 13 Oct, 8pm**. Meet at the Grotto. The procession will take place within the church grounds. Bring your own waxless candle and join us in prayer as we honour our Blessed Mother. All are welcome!

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 (Fridays)
Time: 8pm – 10pm
Venue: JPll Hall

ALL SOULS' DAY MASS INTENTION SUBMISSION

To offer a Mass for your deceased loved ones, please submit your Mass intentions by **Tue 27 Oct** using the Mass Offering envelopes available outside JPll Hall or submit online at <https://tinyurl.com/SFXMassOfferings>.

As the list needs to be compiled and printed, we're unable to include submissions received after the deadline. Thank you for your understanding.



ALL SAINTS' DAY – 1 NOVEMBER

Come to Mass dressed as your favourite saint! Children and families are invited to celebrate the saints and learn from their example of faith and holiness.

CHARISMATIC: LIFE IN THE SPIRIT – GROWTH SERIES

Have you ever wondered why your faith feels stronger at some times and weaker at others? Or asked yourself how you can grow in trust, especially when life feels uncertain or when you're praying and waiting for God to act? Come and discover what becomes possible when we open ourselves to God's grace and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Join Gerard and Jessica Francisco for Part 3 of our Gifts of the Holy Spirit series, as we explore Faith, Healing and Miracles — and how the Holy Spirit can strengthen and renew our faith in ways we may not expect. All are welcome!

Date: Mon 12 Oct
Time: 8pm – 9.45pm
Venue: Hosea Room
(Parish Centre, L2)

BIBLICAL APOSTOLATE TEAM: FULFILLED - UNCOVERING THE BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS OF CATHOLICISM (PART 2)

Continuing where Part 1 left off, Fulfilled Part 2 journeys into the inner sanctuary of the Old Testament Tabernacle to uncover its hidden connections to the Magisterium, the Eucharist, incense, and Our Lady. Join us as we go deeper into Scripture to discover why the Catholic Church believes and worships the way she does.

Date: Wednesdays, 14 Oct – 9 Dec (7 Sessions)
Time: 8pm – 10pm
Venue: JPll Hall
Enquiries: <https://tinyurl.com/2026FulfilledPt2>



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>



CHARIS SINGAPORE: APPEAL FOR CHARIS' HUMANITARIAN MONTH

Caritas Humanitarian Aid & Relief Initiatives, Singapore (CHARIS), is making its annual appeal for their Humanitarian Aid Fund which supports the Archdiocese's overseas humanitarian aid and disaster relief efforts. Your small gifts can transform into miraculous impact for our brothers and sisters in need.

Donation envelopes are available in the parish. Alternatively, you can send a crossed cheque payable to “Humanitarian Aid Fund” with your name and contact information to: CHARIS, 55 Waterloo Street, #07-02 Catholic Centre, Singapore 187954. Please contact CHARIS at 6337 4119 or scan the QR code to visit their website for more information.



CATHOLIC AIDS RESPONSE EFFORT: WORLD HOMELESS DAY 2026

In conjunction with World Homeless Day, Catholic AIDS Response Effort (CARE) is raising funds to support people experiencing homelessness and living with HIV. Your donation will help CARE provide shelter, food, practical assistance and holistic care to our beneficiaries as they journey towards stability and independence. We invite you to support this meaningful cause and help us bring hope, dignity and care to those in need. Please support our fundraising campaign or visit <https://bit.ly/CAREWorldHomelessDay26>. Thank you for your generosity.

AT THE FEET OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD RETREAT

A specially commissioned retreat for those carrying inner wounds from broken relationships caused by divorce in the family. Step away from the busyness of life and encounter the healing love of the Good Shepherd. This stay-in retreat invites participants to understand and surrender their inner wounds to Jesus, our Divine Healer, through guided sessions, personal prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, and one-to-one spiritual direction. The Eucharist will be celebrated by Fr Eugene Vaz on both days, with the Sacrament of Reconciliation and spiritual direction available on Sunday.

Date & Time:

Sat 24 Oct, 9am – Sun 25 Oct, 5pm

Venue: SFX Punggol Retreat Centre

Fee: \$390 (inclusive of GST, ensuite accommodation and meals)

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/6aeesct9>

TO GAZE: ST CLARE OF ASSISI

This October, step into the extraordinary life of St Clare of Assisi through TO GAZE, a special theatrical presentation with Sharda Harrison taking on the role of St Clare. Journey with Clare through pivotal moments in her life that reveal her remarkable resilience and determination to embrace poverty, surrender everything to God and depend wholly on His providence. Featuring Fra Rowland Yeo OFM as St Francis, TO GAZE invites us not simply to learn about St Clare, but to encounter her story and discover what her radical trust in God might say to us today.

Date: Fri 16 & Sat 17 Oct

Time: 8.15pm (60 minutes)

Venue: Main Church, St Mary of the Angels

Ticket: <https://bookmyshow.sg/en/events/TOGAZE26>



SAFEGUARDING THE HUMAN PERSON DURING DIGITAL REVOLUTION: A READING GROUP ON MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS WITH FR JEROME LEON, SJ

The world is going through a rapid and massive digital revolution with AI technologies at its forefront, and no one can predict how this will end. Just as Pope Leo XIII took on the Industrial Revolution and started modern Catholic Social Teaching, Pope Leo XIV today is doing the same with his first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*. *Magnifica Humanitas* is an invitation to everyone to safeguard human dignity in this new era. It offers principles for thought, criteria for discernment, and concrete guidelines for action. Come and accept the invitation by reading it together, with Fr Jerome Leon, and learn how to respond to the changing times with faith. For enquiries, please email Caritas Singapore at formation.cst@caritas-singapore.org

Date: 22 Oct - 19 Nov (Every Thursday)

Time: 8pm - 10pm

Venue: Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo St (Lvl 3)

Register: bit.ly/magnifica2026



L3 First Holy Communion Mass

"Receiving my First Holy Communion last week filled my heart with such joy! It felt amazing to share such a holy day with my family and the church. Thank you for all your support and prayers. They helped me feel calm, happy and ready to welcome Jesus, and also let me read the bible steadily in front of the Church." - Joanne Sarah Lobo

"Last week was one of the most exciting days of my life as I received my First Holy Communion. I felt incredibly blessed and happy to take this big step. Thank you to everyone who prayed for me. Your kindness makes me feel so happy to grow up in this church." - Joshua Daniel Lobo

"I felt nervous and excited on my First Holy Communion Day because it was a very special day for me. My favourite part was receiving Jesus for the first time together with my friends. I was very happy that we could share this moment together after preparing for it for so long. I hope to continue growing closer to Jesus every day." - Joseph Chen



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"My First Holy Communion experience was very meaningful because I finally got to receive Jesus. It was both a special and proud moment too because I got to read the second reading." - **Natalie Tan**

"I was nervous before receiving my First Holy Communion but was very happy to have my extended family, godparents and god-siblings pray for me and accompany me on my First Holy Communion journey and during Mass. I was very happy to receive Jesus because He loves me a lot and is there for me when I need Him." - **Gareth Paul Lim**



Joy at Mt. Horeb: SFX Children's Day Celebration!

What a joyful weekend at Mt. Horeb! Our Children's Day celebration brought our children and families together for a day of laughter, creativity and fellowship, with bouncy castles, fun games, sweet treats and craft activities.

From decorating cupcakes to making rosaries, every activity gave our children a chance to play, create and grow together. More than just a day of fun, it was a beautiful reminder that each child is deeply cherished by God and that our faith is nurtured through joyful moments shared as a parish community.

Praise God for the gift of our children and for bringing our families together in faith, love and joy!



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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 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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