

Disciples
Making Disciples

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Called to Be Saints

Solemnity of All Saints
1 Nov 2026

Rev 7:2-4, 9-14
1 Jn 3:1-3
Mt 5:1-12

This weekend's readings for All Saints' Day reminds us what we are made for and who we are called to become. We honour the saints not merely as extraordinary people from the past, but as witnesses to the destiny God desires for us. By his grace, we too are called to holiness and to eternal communion with the Holy Trinity.

In the First Reading, St John sees a countless multitude from every nation standing before God. They have "been through the great persecution" (Rev 7:14); among them are martyrs who surrendered their lives for the faith. Yet their white robes have been washed "in the blood of the Lamb" (Rev 7:14). Their holiness is not a triumph of human effort alone, but the fruit of Christ's saving love. Their witness invites us to say "Yes" to that love, even when discipleship demands sacrifice.

What makes this calling possible? The Second Reading gives us the foundation: we are already "God's children" (1 Jn 3:1). This identity is a gift, not an achievement. Yet our transformation remains unfinished. St John promises that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall "see him as he really is" (1 Jn 3:2). Our hope of seeing God calls us to purify our hearts, allowing his grace to transform us. Holiness is therefore more than becoming better people; it is growing in communion with the God who first loved us. We do not strive to earn God's love, we received it freely when he first loved us.



"Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God"
(Mt 5:8)

If the Second Reading reveals our destiny, the Gospel shows us how to grow. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus proclaims the Beatitudes. They first reveal the heart of Christ himself, whom every saint sought to imitate. Far from being a checklist of virtues, they describe a life transformed by his love. What the world often mistakes for weakness, Jesus calls blessed. In the saints, these words become visible.

St Francis of Assisi reflected "Happy the poor in spirit" (Mt 5:3). By surrendering his wealth and embracing simplicity, he discovered a treasure greater than possessions: dependence on God. What do we still cling to that prevents us from following Christ more freely?

St Padre Pio embodied "Happy the peacemakers" (Mt 5:9) through his ministry of reconciliation, helping penitents return to peace with God even while he endured suffering. Are we helping others find peace with God, or do our words and actions sometimes drive them further away from him?

St Maximilian Kolbe lived "Happy the merciful" (Mt 5:7) when he offered his life in place of another prisoner at Auschwitz. Their witness reminds us that love is not mere sentiment; it asks something of us. Would we choose forgiveness or self-giving, when doing so comes at a personal cost?

Yet holiness also takes shape in ordinary moments. St Thérèse of Lisieux followed her "Little Way", seeking God's will in small, often unnoticed sacrifices. Her single-hearted love reflected "Happy the pure in heart" (Mt 5:8). A smile when patience is tested, a kind word when irritation rises, a simple act offered out of love: these too become paths to holiness (cf. *Story of a Soul*). In a divided world, such choices are anything but insignificant.

What, then, is purity of heart? Not the claim that we never sin, but the desire for an undivided heart that places God above pride, comfort and self-interest. It grows through repentance, prayer and daily cooperation with grace. The Eucharist nourishes us; Reconciliation restores us when we fall. We cannot make ourselves saints, but we can respond to the God who makes us holy.

Let us ask the saints, our sanctified brothers and sisters in Christ, to intercede for us. They followed different paths, but all answered the same call. Their lives now turn the question towards us: are our choices drawing us closer to God, or further away? Sainthood is not someone else's calling. It is ours.

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 weekend and all funds raised will go towards the general maintenance and operation of our Parish. If you would like to donate digitally, please PayNow to our UEN "**T08CC4033J**" and indicate 'Maintenance' in the reference. Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on 8 and 9 Nov (Deepavali). There will be 9am Mass on Mon 9 Nov and no 6.30pm Mass.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

The Biblical Apostolate Team (BAT) Ministry will be serving breakfast this Sunday at JPII Hall. Do drop by for some food and fellowship. Love offerings are welcome!

2027 CATHOLIC NEWS DESKTOP CALENDAR SALE

The Catholic News Calendar 2027 is now available! Drop by the Parish Office to get a copy at **$10**, while stocks last!

PARISH T-SHIRT SALE

Purchase your new parish T-shirt this weekend for just **$21** from the Parish Office and wear it for our upcoming Triduum celebration, while stocks last. Payment is only via UEN (**T08CC4033J**). Goods are non-exchangeable and non-refundable.

CHARISMATIC: LIFE IN THE SPIRIT - GROWTH SERIES

Join us for a session on "Spiritual Warfare" by Fr Karolus Huar on **Mon 2 Nov, 8pm** at the Hosea Room, Parish Centre Level 2. All are welcome!

INTERCESSORY

Come storm heaven with us in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on **Mon 2 Nov, 8pm – 9pm** at Mount Tabor Adoration Room.



Potluck Fellowship After Every Triduum Mass

Bring along a dish on any day of the Triduum (portioned for 4 pax) to share and celebrate as one parish family.

DROP OFF BY
7.30pm · JPII Hall

NOTICE: TEMPORARY BOOM LIFT PLACEMENT AT OPEN CAR PARK

A boom lift will be stationed at the open car park outside the Little Shepherds' Schoolhouse from **2 – 11 Nov** for scheduled works.

Affected parking spaces, including handicap parking lots, will be temporarily unavailable. Parishioners who drive are advised to plan accordingly, navigate the area with caution, and follow the guidance of wardens on duty. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

2027 CATECHISM REGISTRATION

Scan the QR code to complete the registration form on myCatholicSG, and upload your child's Baptism Certificate. Parents are expected to be present as catechists to journey along with their children. You can now register your child born between 2020 and 2021 for the K2 and L1 Catechism sessions. **Registration closes on Mon 21 Dec 2026**. 2027 Catechism sessions are held on Sundays, 3pm - 4.30pm. For further enquiries, please email catechism@sfxchurch.sg or contact 9749 1635 (Dan Lai).

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. **Return completed forms to the Parish Office by Mon 2 Nov.**

Date & Time: Mon 9 Nov, 11am – 12.30pm (Be seated in church by 10.45am)
Venue : Main Church (63A Chartwell Drive, Singapore 558758)
Enquiries : Melissa (9363 6516)

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

Register : https://tinyurl.com/SFXMFTS2026

ENCOUNTER – DAY OF PRAYER

Come, spend a day of quiet to encounter our living God, who meets us in Sacred Scriptures and also in our daily life experiences. Let us create space in our schedules, our minds and hearts to be encountered by our God. For more information, visit **tinyurl.com/epjan27info**

Date: Sat 16 Jan 2027
Time: 9am – 4.30pm
Venue: San Damiano Franciscan Centre (5 Bukit Batok East Ave 2, Singapore 659918)
Cost: $80 per person
Register: tinyurl.com/epjan27
Email: anchoredinchristsg@gmail.com

EXHIBITION ON POPE LEO'S CATECHESES ON LUMEN GENTIUM - THE VIRGIN MARY, MODEL OF THE CHURCH



In his Catechesis on the last chapter of *Lumen Gentium* titled "*The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God in the Mystery of the Christ and the Church*", Pope Leo focused on Mary as a model of faith and discipleship for all of us, the Church. Christ is "the sole Mediator of salvation" and Mary cooperated in Christ's saving work "by Her obedience, faith, hope and burning charity." In this way, Mary "[gave] back supernatural life to souls." (LG 61). Pope Leo concluded his catechesis with a challenge to us, "Do I look to Mary as a model, an outstanding member and Mother of the Church, and ask Her to help me be a faithful disciple of Her Son?"

Come by the exhibition on Pope Leo's catechesis outside JPII Hall. Complete a simple activity and bring it to St Jerome Library in exchange for a Catholic-themed bag charm! (The library is open Sundays 8am - 1pm).

ARCHDIOCESAN BIBLICAL APOSTOLATE: COUNT IT ALL JOY

St James reminds us to "count it all joy" even in times of suffering. But how can we find joy amidst life's challenges? This talk explores how anchoring ourselves in God's Word can bring strength, hope and lasting joy through difficult times. Dr Mary Healy is a renowned Catholic biblical scholar, bestselling author and international speaker passionate about helping Catholics deepen their love for Scripture and experience the power of the Holy Spirit. She serves at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit and is a member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission and the Dicastery for Divine Worship.

Date: Wed 11 Nov
Time: 7.45pm – 9.45pm
Venue: Church of St Mary of the Angels
Register: bit.ly/2026CountItAllJoy

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The Story of Death Eternal Rest | Episode 1



Where did death come from? What does death mean for the human person? Is it simply just part of life, or is it something else? In this first session, we discuss the story of death and God's response to it: defeating death by dying and rising from the dead.

https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3851306/



Saint Charles Borromeo: The Good Shepherd

As the Cardinal-nephew of Pope Pius IV, Saint Charles Borromeo was one of the wealthiest and most powerful men in all of Rome. Yet he chose the extraordinary challenge of reforming the enormous Archdiocese of Milan over the pampered life of a Renaissance prince, and willingly spent himself in the service of his flock.

https://app.formed.org/app/videos/582682/

An offering from the Augustine Institute

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HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

FOR THE PROPER USE OF WEALTH

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2026

WEDDINGS

We congratulate the following couples:

1. Ling Chun Ang, Norris & Tan Yi Lin, Eleora
2. Lim Wei Sheng, Gabriel & Hailey Gao Xinjuan
3. Darren Ong Wei-Liang & Chia Hong Perng

CONDOLENCES

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

1. Andrew Ang Chuen Seng

INFANT/ADULT BAPTISMS

We welcome the following:

1. Tan Ruize Christopher
2. Emma Shen Jingyi
3. Caelum Wee Jian Lun
4. Megan Heng Hyacinth
5. Noah Leon Basnayake
6. Rylas P Schoni
7. Amelia Tan Ming Yu
8. Bethany Kiara Teoh



https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3835217/

Is Halloween really a pagan holiday — or is it deeply Christian? In this episode of What Catholics Believe, Dr. Ben Akers explains the Catholic roots of Halloween, its connection to All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, and how Catholics can celebrate it faithfully. Discover the history of trick-or-treating, the dangers of the occult, the meaning behind costumes, and even the Catholic perspective on vampires and zombies.

Mini MANNA



Today we celebrate all the people that are in Heaven with God. We call these people 'saints.' They were normal people like us who chose to follow God.

Here are some saints that you can colour. Do you know who they are?

Source: The Kids' Bulletin

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 JPII 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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