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Making Disciples**

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## Freedom as Obedience & Service

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
26 Jun 2022

1 Kgs 19:16. 19-21  
Gal 5:1. 13-18  
Lk 9:51-62

The Cambridge Dictionary defines freedom as "the condition or right of being able or allowed to do, say, think, etc. whatever you want to, without being controlled or limited." All of us cherish our personal freedoms but many of us also understand that some curbs to our freedom are necessary so that we can live harmoniously with others in a society that reflects human solidarity.

The Catechism affirms that man was created free. Man is a "rational [thinking] being...who can initiate and control his own actions." He is "master over his acts." (CCC1730) However, this gift of freedom from God makes man "a moral subject" - man's actions, "chosen in consequence of a judgement of conscience, can be morally evaluated. They are either good or evil." (CCC1749)

We all know that at the beginning of human history, Adam and Eve deliberately chose to disobey God. The prohibited "fruit" from "the tree of knowledge of good and evil" symbolised the limits of creatureliness that man must accept as he is created by God. Man did not come into existence by himself, he is totally dependent on God for his life. In that very first or original sin, Adam and Eve radically misused their God-given freedom, they "preferred [themselves] to God and by that very act scorned [God]." (CCC 398)

CCC 400 lists the consequences of Adam's sin: "the harmony [from] original justice, is now destroyed... the union of man and woman becomes subject to tensions...lust and domination. Harmony with creation is broken...the consequence [of death] explicitly foretold for this disobedience will come true... *Death makes its entrance into human history.*" (CCC 400)

It is against this historical background of man's fall that we can understand why Jesus, in today's gospel, "**resolutely** took the road for Jerusalem." (Lk 9:51) Jesus was about to enter Jerusalem to accomplish his mission to die on the cross to save us. We reverently acknowledge this great love and mercy of God every Sunday in the creed when we bow and say, "For us men and for our salvation, he *came down from heaven; and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man...*" (CCC 456 - Why Did the Word Become Flesh?) The God whom Adam and Eve had scorned and disobeyed did not come to earth to take revenge on mankind for their rejection and centuries of sin. Rather, Christ became one of us to reconcile us with God, reveal to us God's love, be our model of holiness and make us "partakers of the divine nature." (cf CCC 456-460) That is why Jesus "rebuked" James and John for wanting to call down fire from heaven to burn up the Samaritan village which had refused to receive Jesus. After more than three years of following Jesus every day and seeing his way of compassion, mercy and forgiving love, they were still men of vengeance and violence. At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit transformed them and their hearts burned with zeal and compassion to teach and change a sinful humanity. We have also received the Holy Spirit at our Baptism and Confirmation. In receiving the Holy Spirit, God has freed us from slavery of sin and

we must now live as transformed people "[serving] one another...in works of love." (Gal 5:13)

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI encourages us to pattern our lives of freedom after Christ who "lived [his freedom] as a service...he 'filled' freedom with content, which would otherwise have remained an 'empty' possibility of doing or not doing something...Indeed, who is the freest? Someone who selfishly keeps all possibilities open for fear of losing them, or someone who expends himself 'firmly resolved' to serve and thereby finds himself full of life because of the love he has given and received?" (Angelus, 1 July 2007)

May we always choose to follow Christ, obeying God and **resolutely** loving and serving others that they may see God's love in us as we have seen God's love for us in Christ.



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- Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

## Announcements

For announcements in the bulletin, send your requests to [mmm@sfxchurch.sg](mailto:mmm@sfxchurch.sg) by the MONDAY before the weekend, 2359hrs

SCAN QR CODE  
FOR MASS HYMNS  
[www.sfxchurch.sg/mass](http://www.sfxchurch.sg/mass)



### PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

All Mass collections for this weekend will be set aside for Peter's Pence. Mass collections received through PayNow, Cash or cheques during the week **25 Jun - 1 Jul** will constitute receipts for Peter's Pence.

### ANNUAL CLERGY RETREAT

Our priests will be away on retreat from **Mon 4 Jul - Fri 8 Jul**. Please keep them in prayer. Communion Services will be conducted in their absence. Mass will resume on Friday 8pm.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy will be resuming from **Sun 3 Jul** at the **11am** Mass. We would like to invite children aged 5 and above to come join us at the start of Mass in church.

### DISCIPLES NEEDED TO CLEAN THE HOUSE OF GOD

Come lend a hand to tidy up our church premises. We need all the help we can get. Bring a pail and a rag!

**Date & Time:** Sat 2 Jul, 9am - 1pm  
**Meeting Point:** Grotto

### CATHOLIC PRAYER SOCIETY: WHAT IS MY REAL WORTH?

Join us for a Day of Recollection to rediscover the love of God our Father for us personally. Retreat conducted by Rev Fr Terence Pereira & Eric Lam. Any queries, email [cps.talks@gmail.com](mailto:cps.talks@gmail.com)

**Date & Time:** Sat 2 Jul, 9am - 1pm  
**Venue:** TPI Building, 62 Cecil Street, 6th Floor  
**Cost:** \$20 per person  
**Register:** [tinyurl.com/Realworth](http://tinyurl.com/Realworth)  
*Registration is required and closes on Fri 1 July.*

## UPDATE ON JUNE MASSES

Online Mass bookings are no longer required. Seating capacity for Weekend Masses has been increased to 700 for VDS\* Masses and 500 for Non-VDS\* Masses.

### NON-VDS MASSES (500 PAX):

- Weekday Masses (EXCEPT SPECIFIED SOLEMNITY MASSES)
- Sat 6.30am, Sun 7am, Sun 5.30pm

### VDS MASSES (700 PAX):

- Sat 5.30pm, Sun 9am, Sun 11am

As per MCCY guidelines, we regret that we may have to refuse entry when the maximum capacity has been reached.

\* Vaccination-Differentiated

### MASS TIMINGS

Please note that we now have more Weekday Masses. The updated Weekday Mass Schedule is as follows:

**Tue - Sat** 6.30am  
**Mon - Thu** 6.30pm; **Fri** 8pm

### THINGS TO NOTE

- Trace-Together App/token and ID **NOT REQUIRED** for Weekday & Sat AM Masses except specified Solemnity Masses
- Trace-Together App/token and ID **REQUIRED** for VDS Masses for Vaccination status verification and headcount
- ID **REQUIRED** for Sunday non-VDS Masses for headcount
- Mass Entry: Weekday & Sat AM Masses - all doors; Sun 7am Mass - Choir Entrance only; all other Masses - Choir Entrance and Foyer

### MASS COLLECTION

Your continuous generosity and donations will help contribute to our Parish's daily operations. You can make your offerings via the following options:

1. **PayNow** - Launch the PayNow service on your bank's app or online website. Select "Send via Unique Entity Number (UEN)" and enter "**T08CC4033J**". Proceed to check entity name - **Church of St Francis Xavier**, then key in amount. Lastly, key in the reference - Mass Collection.
2. **Cheque** - Payable to 'Church of St Francis Xavier'. Please write 'Mass Collection' behind the cheque. Mail cheques to **63A Chartwell Drive, Singapore 558758**.

### RCIA/RCIY 2022/2023 - THE JOURNEY OF FAITH

Do you know of anyone who is interested in embarking on a journey of faith? Or perhaps someone who has felt a stirring in their heart and is seeking answers to questions, or even peace in their struggles? We encourage you to reach out to them and invite them to join us in RCIA and RCIY.

#### New RCIA Journey (24 years old and above)

**Date:** Tue 5 Jul 2022  
**Time:** 8pm - 10pm  
**Venue:** JPll Hall (Parsonage, Level 1)  
**Register:** [tinyurl.com/sfxrciasignup](http://tinyurl.com/sfxrciasignup)  
*For enquires: 9827 6893 (Lloyd)/  
8112 8041 (Grace)*



#### New RCIY Journey (13 - 23 years old)

**Date:** Sun 3 Jul 2022  
**Time:** 10.30am - 12.30pm  
**Venue:** Jeremiah  
(Parish Centre, Level 2)  
**Register:** [tinyurl.com/SFX-RCIY-2022-23](http://tinyurl.com/SFX-RCIY-2022-23)  
*For enquires: 9002 9977 (Angela)/  
9675 5698 (Corinne)*



#### RCIY 'Come and See' session,

**Date :** Sun 26 Jun  
**Time :** 10.30am - 12.30pm  
**Venue:** Jeremiah (Parish Centre, Level 2)

For 2022 RCIA/Y Journey testimonials, visit <https://tinyurl.com/sfxrciay22testimonials>

### SURVIVING DIVORCE/SEPARATION: HOPE AND HEALING FOR THE CATHOLIC FAMILY

A 12-week DVD-based programme to support our brothers and sisters who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage, divorce or separation. The video presentations by Catholic priests, theologians and teachers will help you cope during this difficult time and lead you and your family to God's divine mercy and love.

#### By: Catholic Divorce Support Group (CDSG)

**Dates:** Tue, 5 Jul to 4 Oct 2022  
**Time:** 8pm - 10pm  
**Via:** Online Zoom  
**Contribution:** S\$60 (non-refundable)  
**Register:** <https://bit.ly/SD-register>  
**Contact:** [catholicdivorce.sg@gmail.com](mailto:catholicdivorce.sg@gmail.com)

## HEALING AND FORGIVENESS BY REV FR AUGUSTINE

*"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." - Ephesians 4:32*

Fr Augustine Vallooran, Director of the Divine Retreat Centre in Colombo and an internationally renowned preacher and retreat leader will be celebrating Mass at SFX during his trip to Singapore. SFX is most privileged to have him for just one evening, complete with Mass, worship and healing ministry. All are welcome; no vaccination entry requirements. Capacity capped at 500 persons. Do seize this rare opportunity and mark your diaries.



**Date:** Mon 27 Jun 2022  
**Time:** 8pm - 10pm  
**Venue:** Main Church  
**Capacity:** 500pax

## CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF SINGAPORE (CTIS)

The second semester at CTIS will begin on **Mon 18 Jul**. We welcome registration for those who are interested to pursue the Certificate in Theology at CTIS. For more information on application, visit our website at [ctis.sg](http://ctis.sg) or contact Janice Ng at 6902 8705.

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**Education is not just a process of giving knowledge but a lifelong process**

which creates an understanding of moral and ethical values to guide one's life in the right path.

**ERIC LEONG**  
 Principal of St Joseph's Institution Junior



## PRIMARY ONE REGISTRATION FOR CATHOLIC CHILDREN

### Calling All Catholic Parents

whose children are ready for Primary One

### Primary One Registration Phase 2B

19 - 20 JULY 2022



For information on P1 Registration Phase 2B, please visit:

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/primary/p1-registration/registration-phases-key-dates?pt=2B>

### Catholic Primary Schools in Singapore

Canossa Catholic Primary School  
 CHIJ Primary (Toa Payoh)  
 CHIJ Katong Primary  
 CHIJ Our Lady Queen of Peace  
 CHIJ Our Lady of the Nativity  
 CHIJ Our Lady of Good Counsel  
 CHIJ Kellock

De la Salle School  
 Holy Innocents' Primary School  
 Marymount Convent School  
 Montfort Junior School  
 St Anthony's Canossian Primary School  
 St Anthony's Primary School

St Gabriel's Primary School  
 St Joseph's Institution Junior School  
 St Stephen's School  
 Catholic High School (Full School)  
 CHIJ St Nicholas Girls' (Full School)  
 Maris Stella High School (Full School)

Note: Admission to any school is subject to Ministry of Education guidelines.

### A MESSAGE FROM FR CORNELIUS

## Ciao da Roma

A message from our beloved shepherd, Fr Cornelius to all our SFX parishioners all the way from Rome. As a parish community, we give thanks to God for his sacrifices and love for the parish. Let us continue to pray for him.

Watch the video at [https://youtu.be/\\_kiOnqDobQ8](https://youtu.be/_kiOnqDobQ8)



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# Corpus Christi 2022



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## MASS TIMINGS

### 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

*\*For Vaccinated Only*

### CONFESSION

**Fri:**  
4pm - 6pm

**Sat:**  
10am - 12pm

## OPENING HOURS

### MAIN GATE

**Mon - Sun:**  
5am - 11pm

### PARISH OFFICE

For pastoral care services (e.g. anointing, funerals etc), you may contact before coming at the following hours.

### Mon - Sat:

9.30am - 6.30pm  
**Sun:** 8.30am - 1pm

### ADORATION

**Mon - Sun:**  
7am - 11pm

*Closed on Public Holidays*

### COLUMBARIUM

**Mon to Sat:**  
10am - 6pm

*Closed on Sundays and  
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 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. Submit your envelopes at least two weeks in advance of your intended date. Please write the names clearly, and in block letters.



## VOLUNTEER & SHARE YOUR GIFTS!

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