



Disciples
Making Disciples



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Conversion of Heart

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Day of Migrants & Refugees
27 Sep 2026

Ez 18:25-28
Phil 2:1-11
Mt 21:28-32

How often do we compare ourselves with others? In our readings this weekend, the scriptures invite us to reflect on the disposition of our hearts in relation to others as we follow the Lord.

The chief priests and elders in our Gospel were people who followed the law religiously. Yet, Jesus' parable directly calls out the façade of their religiosity in stating that "tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before [them]" (Mt 21:31). In the Second Reading, St. Paul writes that "there must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everyone is to be self-effacing" (Phil 2:4), which suggests that there were instances of Christians claiming to be more religious than others. When we put ourselves on a pedestal of faith, envy starts to grow and the sight of others bearing fruit leads us to think that "what the Lord does is unjust" (Ez 18:25). In this comparison, we might treat tenets of our faith as performance indicators of holiness, where holiness is measured by how many Masses we attend or how many church ministries we serve in.

Another effect of comparison would be to think in the other extreme. Speaking about the tax collectors and prostitutes entering the kingdom of heaven before the chief priests and elders, Pope Francis

warned that "this affirmation must not lead us to think that those who do not follow God's commandments, those who do not follow morality, [...] do well" (Angelus, 27 September 2020). In our frustration that stems from comparison, our criticisms manifest in words that are empty of love, as the Venerable Fulton Sheen wrote, "criticism of others is thus an oblique form of self-commendation" (Seven Words of Jesus and Mary: Lessons from Cana and Calvary).

Instead, what is offered to us as a remedy for comparison is not something that we can do of our own strength, but is given to us by God. St Paul invites us to "be the same as Christ Jesus" who "emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave" (Phil 2:5-7). In accepting this



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invitation to do the same, we make space for God in our lives. The Swiss theologian Hans Urs von Balthasar offers the concepts of the ego-drama and the theo-drama. In the ego-drama, our personal ambitions are elevated, so we become the writer, director, actor, and producer of our own story. The theo-drama is a grand narrative written by God and every person is invited to play a meaningful role in it. By moving from the ego-drama to the theo-drama, we empty ourselves of self-importance and allow space for God to work in our lives.

In the self-emptying, we make space for grace to enter our hearts and lead us to conversion. The prophet Ezekiel draws a comparison between the upright man who commits sin and dies because of the evil he has committed and the sinner who renounces sin and deserves to live (cf. Ez 18:26-28). Conversion of heart is a grace that leads us to an intimate life in Christ, where our self-centeredness dies so that Christ can take his place in our hearts. The process of conversion might be painful and uncomfortable, but we can take comfort and consolation in knowing that the Lord holds us close to his heart. "The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me" (Jn 10:27).

The Litany of Humility, attributed to Rafael Cardinal Merry del Val, could serve as our prayer for the week. As we desire a conversion of heart to be more like Christ, may we also die to ourselves and our desire to take the best seat at the table.

*That others may be loved more than I,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.
That, in the opinion of the world, others
may increase and I may decrease,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*

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.



ALL SOULS' DAY MASS INTENTIONS

In Nov, we remember those who have gone before us, entrusting them to God's mercy.



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

Please note that submissions after the deadline cannot be included as the list needs to be compiled and printed. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

The Society of St Vincent de Paul (SSVP) 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 28 Sep**, 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: Every Monday, from 28 Sep
Time: 8pm – 9.45pm
Venue: Hosea Room (Parish Centre, L2)

CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION

A fun day to celebrate for all children. There will be games, arts and crafts to enjoy. Light snacks will also be available.

Date & Time: Sun 4 Oct, 9.30am - 12.30pm
Venue: Mount Horeb

EXHIBITION ON POPE LEO'S CATECHESSES ON THE 16 DOCUMENTS OF VATICAN COUNCIL II - LUMEN GENTIUM

The living out of our three-fold office as Christ's priest, prophet and king takes place "first and foremost through participation in the offering of the Eucharist." In his 4th Catecheses on *Lumen Gentium*, Pope Leo lists three other ways by which we can be renewed by God's grace and work towards our sanctification (cf. *Lumen Gentium*, 10).

Come by the exhibition outside JPll Hall to learn more about Pope Leo's Catecheses on the 16 Documents of the Second Vatican Council. Complete a wordsearch and bring it to St Jerome Library in exchange for a Catholic-themed bag charm! The library is open on Sundays from 8am to 1pm.

MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY - THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

The tomb was not the end. It was the beginning of everything! When our Lord was taken down from the Cross and laid in the tomb, his mission appeared to end in failure. Yet, from that darkness, glorious light broke through, and he rose victorious. Our world is filled with complicated problems but God offers simple, yet powerful, solutions. Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Join LiFE Ministry for the last session on the Glorious Mysteries, and let your life become evidence of the Resurrection and proof of Pentecost.

Date & Time: Fri 2 Oct, 8pm - 10pm

Venue: JPll Hall

Enquiries: Raymond (9752 9723) or Ignatius (9664 2127)

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

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/2026FulfilledPt2>



CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING BY FR DAVID GARCIA, OP

Faithfulness to the Gospel is more than going to church and being nice. We are called to build God's kingdom and transform our world. Join us as we explore how the Church's social teaching can help us put our faith to concrete practice in daily life! For enquiries, please email Caritas Singapore at formation.cst@caritas-singapore.org

Date: 28 Sep - 26 Oct (Mondays)

Time: 8pm - 9.30pm

Venue: Fr Francisco Maia's Hall,
St Joseph's Church (Victoria Street)

Register: bit.ly/cstsep2026

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 & Time: Sat 10 Oct, 9.30am - 12.30pm

Venue: Online via Zoom

Price: Free admission

Register: tinyurl.com/BRAVE1010



CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY CENTRE: A JOURNEY OF DISCIPLESHIP RETREAT #2

"Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road?" – Luke 24:32

- Grow into an authentic and mature disciple of Christ.
- Discover God's call through Sacred Scripture.
- Discern and reorder your life's priorities to live with greater freedom and joy, and bear lasting fruit.

Conducted by: Msgr Peter Zhang and CSC Retreat Team
Date & Time: Fri 16 Oct – Sun 18 Oct, 8.30am – 6.30pm (Stay-In)
Fee: \$280 (inclusive of 9% gst)
Register: <https://bit.ly/cscjdr2>



AT THE FEET OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD RETREAT

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>



DAY FOR LIFE 2026

Through Day for Life, organised by Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we hope to create a space for the church to re-encounter the Gospel of Life, as Pope St John Paul II calls it. This year, Day for Life will feature keynote speakers sharing about the hope and healing after abortion, the role of men in protecting life and Jesus as the source of all hope. We will also feature testimonies from those who have been personally affected by abortion and the culture of death.

Date:

Sat 31 Oct

Time:

9.30am - 4pm

Venue:

Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, St Gregory's Hall

Cost:

\$13 per ticket (covers bento lunch during the Conference)

Register:

tinyurl.com/dayforlife26



112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees

"Even Just One of These Children"



The 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees invites us to see migration through the eyes of children. Amid displacement, uncertainty and vulnerability, every child carries a unique story, dignity and hope. This year's theme, "Even just one of these children," reminds us of Jesus' words: "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me" (Matthew 18:5). We are called to welcome, protect and care for each child, recognising their dignity and walking with them in solidarity, respect and friendship.

CHILDREN ARE THE MOST VULNERABLE

Millions of children and adolescents are forced to flee because of war, poverty, violence, environmental disasters and other tragedies. They may face separation, loss, trafficking, exploitation, violence and trauma.

EVEN ONE MATTERS

This is not about numbers or statistics. Every child has infinite dignity, is created in God's image (cf. Gen 1:26), and is a presence of the Lord.

WELCOME AND PROTECT

We are called to see each child's story, fears and dreams; protect the rights to life, education and healthy development; and offer protection and welcome in places of transit and destination.

CHURCH: MAKE WELCOME CONCRETE

Welcome should become a stable pastoral practice. Migrant and refugee children should be treated as members of the ecclesial family, with opportunities for encounter, integration, friendship, education and spiritual support.

ALL OF US HAVE A ROLE

Families, communities, faith groups and institutions are called to act. Promote family reunification, prevent separation and trauma, protect children's dignity, and create networks of care across religious and civic communities.

SEE THE PERSON, NOT JUST THE MIGRATION

Shift attention from merely 'managing migration' to protecting human dignity and ensuring coordinated, supportive opportunities for welcome and integration.



Sent Forth

Life in the Spirit Seminar 2026

After 11 meaningful weeks of faith, learning and fellowship, the LISS programme organised by the SFX Charismatic Prayer Group came to a joyful close on 21 September with a Commissioning Mass, followed by a potluck fellowship at JPll Hall.

The programme brought together 26 participants seeking to know Jesus more deeply and grow in faith. Through prayer, teaching and fellowship, they were enriched by the sharing of various speakers and encouraged to open their hearts more fully to the work of the Holy Spirit.

The Commissioning Mass marked not an ending, but a new beginning. Having received and been renewed, the participants were commissioned to go forth, make disciples and bring Christ into their families, communities and everyday lives.

As they continue their journey, we pray that the participants will be empowered by the grace they have received, remain open to the Holy Spirit, and continue to deepen their relationship with Him, allowing His presence to guide and transform their lives.

Testimonies of Encounter

"I received an understanding of the presence of the Holy Spirit. I felt a sense of peace, patience and gratitude." — **Christina Ng**

"It was a night filled with the Holy Spirit. I experienced God's presence in me. The falling tears confirmed His presence. God has prepared a cross and He is leading me to carry it to fulfill His plan in me. Thank you Lord!" — **Dakshika De Alwis**

"A figure in white with outstretched hands, so bright and dazzling. A voice saying, 'I am with you.' I felt so much peace and tears formed in my eyes." — **Diana Wee**

"I felt a fire in my chest, some feeling when I sing in my ear. I felt moved during the song and was able to harmonise with it." — **Marcus Lee Jones**

"Through the period of praying over, there was a sense of peace and rest that I needed especially after the busy few days I had. The Lord really knows how to surprise me in the smallest of ways." — **Renee Seow**

"I felt the Holy Spirit resting on me, his full glory in flames of gold and red. I felt He had cleansed me of my sins, and I want to go on living as a renewed person." — **Steve Ng**

"Sense of peace flowing through me and to claim my 'belovedness'." — **Theresa Ng**



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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

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 JPll 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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