



# *St. Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish Jakarta*

## *Monthly Bulletin - August 2025*

### **Prayer Life**

*Beloved Sisters and Brothers,*

Prayer is a central practice in religions and cultures around the world, with diverse forms and expressions. The Abrahamic religions - Christianity, Islam and Judaism - all emphasize prayer as a way to relate with the Almighty. Buddhism, Hinduism and Taoism incorporate prayer or prayer-like practices, such as meditation and chanting, into their spiritual paths.

Although there are so many writings and sharing about prayer, we can never exhaust the treasury of prayer. Prayer is unconditional way of relating with God. It is not optional. We can never be finished thinking, writing and singing about it. There are many communities and schools of prayer. Among the religious communities that dedicate their lives and commitments to prayer are the contemplatives. As Christians we cannot live our faith, we cannot grow in faith without prayer. We also pray in all occasions and for all



needs. We have our own experience of what prayer means to each of us. Through prayer we connect with the living God in a deeply personal encounter. It becomes the source of experience of Jesus as the Risen Lord.

Prayer is therefore foundational in living our faith and is essential to our life of discipleship. Prayer is all of life. Paul Evdokimov (1901-1970) remarks: *"It is not enough to possess prayer. We must become prayer – prayer incarnate. It is not enough to have moments of praise; our whole life, every act and every gesture, even a smile, must become a hymn of adoration, an offering, a prayer. We must offer not what we have but what we are."*

St Paul urges the Christians to *"pray without ceasing"* (1 Thess. 5:17) and to *"be constant in prayer"* (Rom. 12:12). He not only demands unceasing and constant prayer, but he practices it himself. To the Thessalonians: *"We constantly thank God for you"*

(1 Thess. 2:13) and to Timothy: *"I remember you constantly in my prayers"* (2 Tim. 1:3).



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As God's faithful people we do pray, even we do it daily and often. The problem is how to pray with depth! Praying without ceasing and constantly in the midst of our heavy and busy life places great demands on us. Sometimes we also hear complaints for not being heard although we already prayed many times or we have visited many Marian shrines or did many pilgrimages. We may complain that praying does not make sense and so going to Church every Sunday as well. We may say and complain: *"I have gone to Church for thirty years now and heard something like 3,000 sermons. But throughout my life, I can't remember any single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the priests are wasting theirs too by praying and urging people to pray."* Without arguing so much we can respond: *"I have been married for thirty years now. During that time my wife cooked 32,000 meals. But throughout my life, I cannot recall what the menu was for a single one of those meals. But I do know this; they all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me those meals, I would be dead today."*



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So, praying constantly and fervently, persistently and humbly makes sense. It nourishes our personal relationship with God and strengthens our relationship with others. By praying we acknowledge our littleness and humility before the Almighty God. We acknowledge our daily needs to God and ask for his favors. By praying we are challenged to be concerned with the needs of others, such as to share our bread with the hungry, to forgive one another, and to seek God's glory rather than our own. By praying we open our hands to receive God's blessings. By praying we discern what is good and bad, what is God's will and what is not. By praying we are liberated from life burdens and we are given new nourishment and energy to move forward.

In prayer, we do not expect God to answer us in the way we want but in the way God wants, because He knows what is best for us. Our prayer does not change God. By praying we should be changed to his image and likeness.

**Fr. John Mangkey, MSC**

## PRAYER FOR INDONESIA

Commemorating Indonesia's 80th Independence Day

As we celebrate on 17 Aug 2025, the 80th anniversary of Indonesia's independence, we give thanks to God for the journey of our beloved nation. We remember the sacrifices, dedication, and contributions of generations past and present—leaders, workers, and citizens from all walks of life—who have built



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this country with love and perseverance. Let us now offer this prayer for our nation:

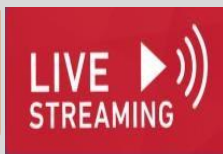
*Heavenly Father, we thank You for 80 years of Indonesia’s independence—a journey blessed by Your grace and the tireless efforts of so many. We are grateful for the unity in our diversity, and for the values of Pancasila that guide us.*

*Bless our leaders and our people. Protect our land from harm and division. Strengthen us to always uphold peace, justice, and respect for one another. May Indonesia continue to flourish as a nation rich in culture, strong in faith, and united in spirit. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.*

Let us dedicate this month of August to pray for our beloved Indonesia—may unity, peace, and justice continue to flourish in every corner of our land.



## ONLINE & OFFLINE MASS



### ST. PETER CANISIUS INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC PARISH CHOIR SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 2025 FROM ST. THERESIA CHURCH Sat 3:30pm (Offline) & Sun 3:00pm (Online)

DATE	DAY	MASS	TIME	CHOIR
Aug 2	Sat	18th Sunday Ordinary Time	3:30PM	Eucharistic Sounds Choir
Aug 3	Sun	18th Sunday Ordinary Time	3:00PM	ELFACS Choir
Aug 9	Sat	19th Sunday Ordinary Time	3:30PM	Eucharistic Sounds Choir
Aug 10	Sun	19th Sunday Ordinary Time	3:00PM	The Choir Immortal
Aug 16	Sat	20th Sunday Ordinary Time	3:30PM	Eucharistic Sounds Choir
Aug 17	Sun	20th Sunday Ordinary Time	3:00PM	ELFACS Choir
Aug 23	Sat	21st Sunday Ordinary Time	3:30PM	Eucharistic Sounds Choir
Aug 24	Sun	21st Sunday Ordinary Time	3:00PM	The Choir Immortal
Aug 30	Sat	22nd Sunday Ordinary Time	3:30PM	Eucharistic Sounds Choir
Aug 31	Sun	22nd Sunday Ordinary Time	3:00PM	ELFACS Choir

### CANISIUS CHAPEL- SUNDAY AT 6:00PM

DATE	DAY	MASS	TIME	CHOIR
Aug 3	Sun	18th Sunday Ordinary Time	6:00PM	CFJ Choir
Aug 10	Sun	19th Sunday Ordinary Time	6:00PM	Genesis Choir
Aug 17	Sun	20th Sunday Ordinary Time	6:00PM	Genesis Choir
Aug 24	Sun	21st Sunday Ordinary Time	6:00PM	Genesis Choir
Aug 31	Sun	22nd Sunday Ordinary Time	6:00PM	Genesis Choir

*Note: \*Online Mass is only on every Sunday 03:00 pm from St. Theresia Church.*



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# MOVIE NIGHTS & DISCUSSIONS



## Summer Movie Night Series with Fr. James Spillane, S.J.

Dates: July 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Movies: *The Emperor's Club* and *A Man for All Seasons*

Fr. James Spillane, S.J., along with Sis. Melissa, graciously hosted two enriching movie nights that brought together both new and familiar faces in our community. Held over two consecutive Saturdays, the events featured the screenings of *The Emperor's Club* and *A Man for All Seasons*—two films that sparked deep reflection and meaningful conversation.

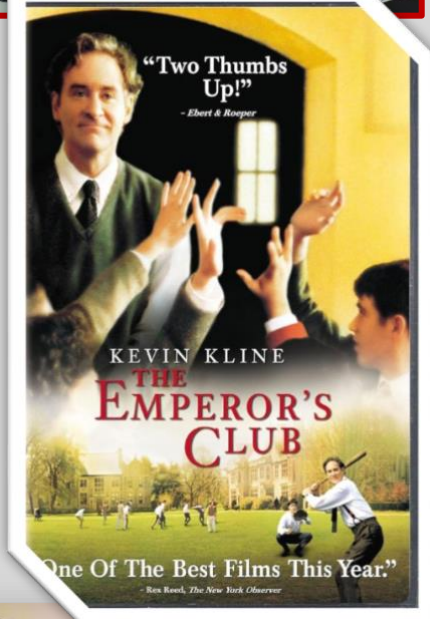
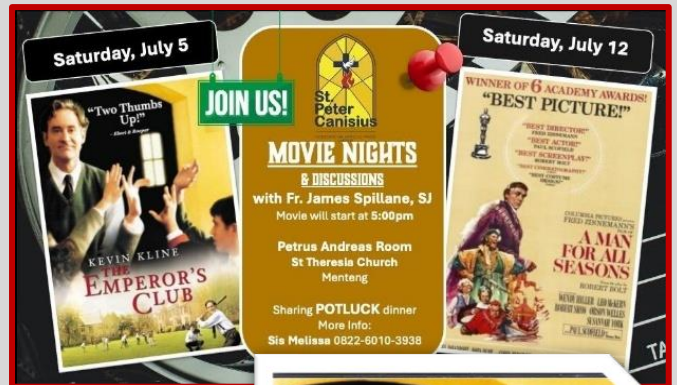
We began each evening with a generous potluck, where attendees brought a delightful variety of dishes, snacks, and drinks to share. The warmth of the gathering was felt not only through the food but also in the spirit of fellowship and open dialogue.

*The Emperor's Club* offered a powerful exploration of character, honesty, and integrity within the context of education and leadership. In contrast, *A Man for All Seasons* presented a compelling portrait of Sir Thomas More and his unwavering moral conviction. Both films highlighted the importance of staying true to one's values, standing firm in the face of challenges, and the inner strength it takes to live with integrity.

Following each screening, we were divided into small groups for a guided discussion. These conversations allowed us to reflect on what moved us, the emotional journeys we experienced, and the characters who stood out, both positively and negatively. Each group then selected a representative to share their thoughts with the larger group, enriching the experience with diverse insights and perspectives.

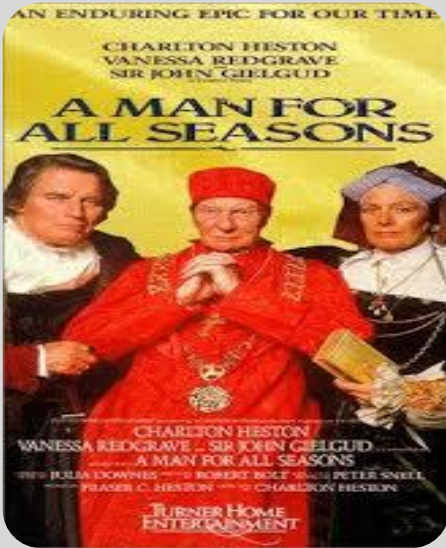
These movie nights were more than just entertainment—they became a platform for introspection, dialogue, and learning. They reminded us of the relevance of these timeless values in our daily lives and offered us a space to connect, listen, and grow as a community. We are grateful for this meaningful experience and look forward to more such gatherings in the future.

By Jovita Sonia D'souza



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## Summer Movie Night Series: "A Man for All Seasons"

Hello, I'm Jill!

On 12 July, I joined our Parish Movie Night hosted by Fr. James Spillane, SJ. There were two amazing films that we watched, but I will share about "A Man for All Seasons".

"A Man for All Seasons" is a powerful exploration of integrity & conscience. St. Thomas More's unwavering commitment to his faith & principles, even in the face of overwhelming pressure and ultimate sacrifice, serves as a timeless reminder of the importance of standing by one's convictions.

The film portrays the complexities of human relationships, particularly the nuanced dynamic between St. Thomas More and King Henry VIII. You can truly feel the tension between personal conviction and worldly power, making for a thought-provoking and awesome watching

experience.

St. Thomas More's famous line, **"I'd give the Devil benefit of law, for mine own safety's sake,"** highlights his commitment to upholding the his faith, even when it's difficult. This quote showcases his strong moral compass and willingness to protect the rights of all individuals, regardless of their beliefs. The movie raises essential questions about the nature of loyalty, obedience, and moral courage!

Personally, when I watched this movie, I was thinking about what I'd do to if I was in St. Thomas More's shoes. Would I follow the King's orders to save my life, or would I stay committed to my faith as a devout Catholic to save my soul? I was definitely confused, because if I were St. Thomas More, I'd be absolutely terrified. But even so, I was absolutely astounded by the fact that, no matter how much pressure St. Thomas More was under, he never had a single doubt at all in his mind that he was going to keep his faith, and stand up for what he believes in.

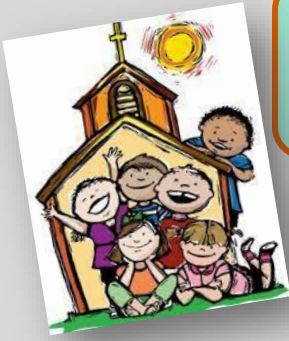


I think that St. Thomas More truly is "A Man for All Seasons", because even to this day, we can still take an example from this man from the 16th century. In this day and age, our world experiences many problems regarding integrity, morals, and standing up for what's right, whether it's in a religious, political, or social situation. All of us can benefit from having morals & faith like St. Thomas More.



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# CCD CLASSES FOR CHILDREN



## Catechism Classes (CCD) Registration for 2025–2026


We are pleased to announce the registration for our Catechism (CCD) classes for the 2025–2026 batch. These classes are an important part of our children's faith journey, helping them grow in their understanding of the Catholic faith and prepare for the Sacraments.

CCD classes are open for all grade levels, including First Holy Communion (Year 1 & 2) and Confirmation. We invite all parents to register their children and support their spiritual formation through this program.

**Registration** for CCD classes will commence in **August** and classes will start on **Saturday, 6 September 25**, at Bellarminus School 1.00pm – 2.30pm. Students will proceed to join our Saturday 3.30pm Mass at St. Theresia Church after class. In the case of Confirmation students, there will be monthly Youth Mass at Canisius Chapel, Sunday 6pm (schedule will be advised in advance).

Registration will be online, via our Parish website. FHC is a 2-year program at our Parish - if you are entering your 2nd year of FHC, please consult your CCD group coordinator directly (you do not need to re-register).

Parents should complete and submit their registration by 31 August 25 (last date for online submission). Physical classes will commence on 06 September 2025 at Bellarminus School, details will be advised in advance.



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CCD CLASSES**

REGISTRATION PERIOD: AUGUST 01 – 31, 2025

CCD CLASSES COMMENCE ON 6TH SEP 25 INCLUDING FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (FHC) YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 (FOR BAPTISED CHILDREN);  
CONFIRMATION (FOR AGES 12+ WHO HAVE RECEIVED FHC)

CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT ST. BELLARMINUS SCHOOL (BESIDE ST. THERESIA CHURCH)

ONLINE REGISTRATION VIA OUR PARISH WEBSITE:  
[WWW.EXPATCATHOLICPARISH.ORG](http://WWW.EXPATCATHOLICPARISH.ORG)  
FOR CLARIFICATION CONTACT:  
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EMAIL: [CCD.THERESIA@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CCD.THERESIA@GMAIL.COM)



When you register, you will need to refer to your child's baptism certificate for relevant details. Please ask your CCD group coordinator about payment of registration fee and CCD book.

As this is online registration, please seek support if you need from the parish office or your CCD group coordinator.

### For more information contact CCD:

CCD General Coordinator: Suyi Kamdani: [ccdjakarta@gmail.com](mailto:ccdjakarta@gmail.com) or Theresia CCD group Coordinator: Tjitra: [ccd.theresia@gmail.com](mailto:ccd.theresia@gmail.com)

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# Altar Server Ministry



## Honouring Our Young Servants of the Lord

*2025 Altar Servers Appreciation Dinner*

Today, where youth are constantly pulled in many directions, it is truly heartening to witness the dedication of our altar servers—young individuals who willingly devote their time and talents to serve the Lord. Their presence at the altar is not only an act of service but also a powerful witness of faith and commitment.

As a gesture of gratitude for their faithful service, last Saturday, 26 July 2025, the altar servers of our Parish came together for our **2025 Altar Servers Appreciation Dinner**.



It was a simple but meaningful evening filled with laughter, good food, and a blessed dinner. It was a chance to relax, enjoy each other's presence, and recognize the dedication of everyone who serves at the altar. The food was genuinely good, the atmosphere was warm, and the night was really fun. About 26 of us gathered together with **Fr. Moko**, our dear parish priest. He prayed and blessed each of us to be always strong in our faith and surely, we were strengthened as we sang together the hymn **"Be Not Afraid."**

The evening became challenging when we had to answer questions through the **biblical/liturgical quiz** prepared by **Jill and Sis. Melissa**. Those who were able to answer got a chocolate treat—yeay!

**Thank you, St. Peter Canisius, for appreciating our ministry. May we always have the zeal and spirit to serve the Lord on the Altar and everywhere we go.**

*By: Angelique Audrianna Natanielle*



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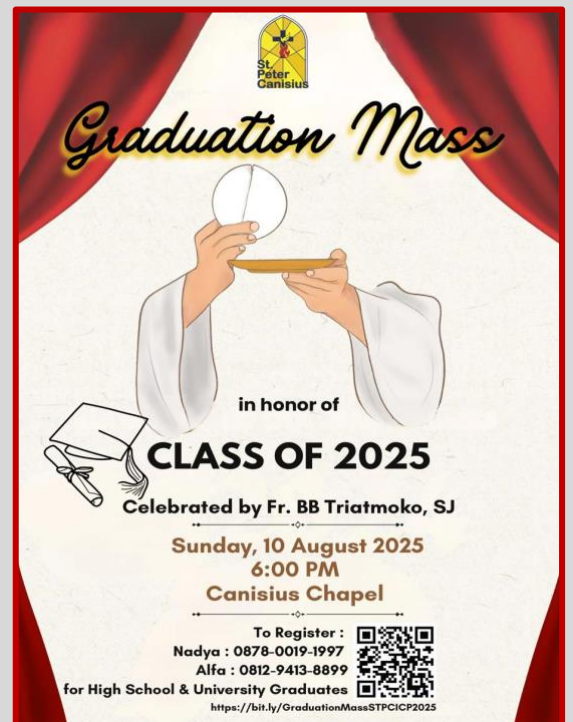
## Special Graduation Mass Invitation

We warmly invite all graduates from our parish—whether from high school, secondary school, or undergraduate programs—to a special Graduation Mass, held in keeping with our parish tradition of honouring and blessing our young achievers.

This meaningful celebration continues our longstanding practice of coming together as a parish family to recognize the dedication and accomplishments of our graduates. Many of them have faithfully served the Church—as Altar Servers, members of the Youth Fellowship, choir singers, and volunteers—often setting aside their study time to contribute wholeheartedly to parish life. Their commitment is deeply appreciated.

The Graduation Mass is a moment of thanksgiving, prayer, and blessing—a time to seek the Lord’s choicest blessings upon their future journey. We pray that each of them continues to shine with the light of Christ and remains actively involved in Church life wherever their path may lead, bringing pride to our parish.

We encourage all graduates to attend this special Mass and receive a blessing as they step into a new chapter of life. Let this cherished tradition be a joyful occasion filled with gratitude, community spirit, and spiritual enrichment.



## Parish Bulletin Survey

### Parish Bulletin Survey – Your Voice Matters!

Dear Parishioners,

For many years, our parish bulletin has been published monthly. Since the pandemic, we’ve transitioned to an e-bulletin, which is shared via WhatsApp groups and published on the parish website.

As we continue to grow and improve, we invite all parishioners to take part in a short survey to help us enhance the Parish Bulletin.

We’d love to know:

- What you enjoy most in the bulletin
- Whether it provides all the information you need
- What else you’d like to see included

Please scan the QR code or the same code is displayed at the church entrance/exit as you leave today to share your feedback. It only takes a few minutes, and your input will truly help us serve you better.



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# PARISH ONLINE PRAYER ACTIVITIES

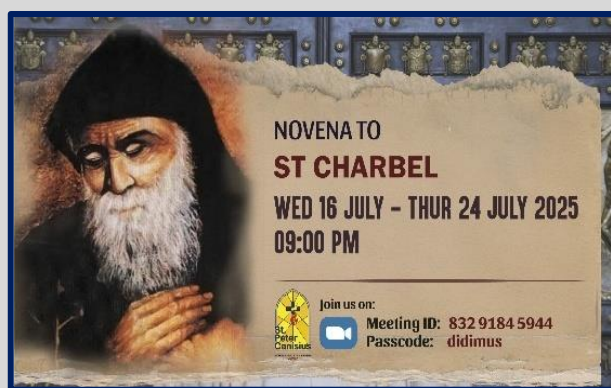
## *Novena to Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati*

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901–1925) was a vibrant young man known for his deep faith, love for the poor, and joyful spirit. Often called the “Man of the Beatitudes,” he found Christ in the Eucharist and in serving others. An inspiration for youth, he reminds us that holiness is possible in everyday life. Let’s pray to him to grow in faith, courage, and compassion like him.



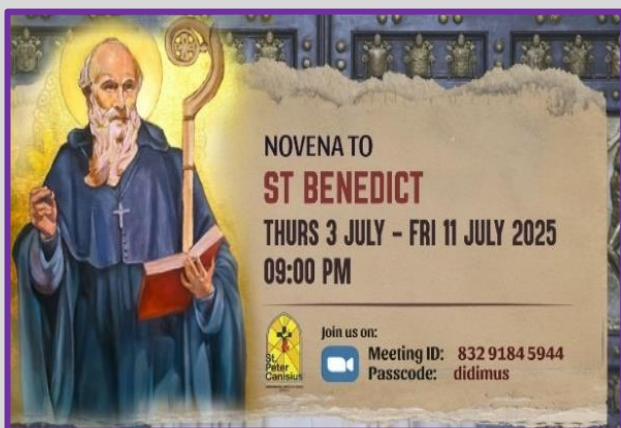
## *Novena To St Charbel*

Last month, during our daily online parish prayers, we prayed a novena to **St. Charbel Makhlof**, the humble and holy monk from Lebanon. Known for his deep silence, devotion, and miraculous intercessions, St. Charbel continues to inspire many around the world. Through the novena, we sought his prayers for healing, inner peace, and a stronger faith in God.



## *Novena To St. Benedict*

Our Parish prayed a novena to **St. Benedict**, the father of Western monasticism and author of the Rule of St. Benedict. His teachings on balance, prayer, work, and community life continue to inspire the modern world, especially in times of chaos and distraction. From St. Benedict, we learn the value of discipline, humility, and seeking God in everyday life. Through his intercession, we prayed for spiritual strength, protection, and a heart anchored in Christ.



## *Prayer with Songs from Taize*

On Saturday, 26 July 2025, a special Prayer with Songs from Taizé was held at Theresia Church to commemorate the 3rd anniversary of PSTz’s service. The evening was filled with meditative chants, silence, and prayer, offering a peaceful and contemplative atmosphere to encounter God more deeply.



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# COME AND JOIN OUR PARISH



Dear Parishioners, inviting all of you to join our different parish initiatives to serve the Lord and the community. Your talents are your blessings from Lord, please use for the benefits of the community. Below are various Parish communities / groups / sections / ministries or activities you can join and contribute in different ways.



One of the aims is to introduce to our wider parishioners; including the newly baptized among us, that we have group/community with specific activities that they may join or be involved in.

At present our Parish has the following communities/groups/sections/ministries or activities:

- Ushers
- Lectors / Youth Lectors
- Choir/ Youth Choir
- Altar Servers
- EMHC - Extraordinary Ministries of Holy Communion
- CCD - Confraternity of Christian Doctrine
- RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
- Komsos – Social Communication
- JFC – Jesus Friend of Children
- YF / YFC – Youth Fellowship / Youth for Christ
- CYS – Catholic Youth Society
- YAPro – Young Adult Professionals
- FAM – Family Apostolic Ministry
- VFF – Virtual Faith Forum
- SMPG – Santa Monica Prayer Group
- LOJF EF – Light of Jesus Family English Feast
- CFC – Couples for Christ
- ONLINE Comm.



The fundamental question many parishioners ask: **How Can I Serve in the Church?**

God has given you special talents and gifts that you can use to support your local congregation, help your community, and serve God's children everywhere. You follow the example of Jesus Christ as you seek to meet individual needs one person at a time. Some of the most important service you will give will be informal, simple acts of kindness and love toward individuals without being asked or assigned to do so. You can help others feel God's love and reach their potential as you share your time, talents, and means to help meet their needs. Part of your personal growth and learning will come as you serve in the Church and help others learn and grow as well. As you get to know others in your local congregation, you will realize that you have much to offer them.

**Come Join Us, Let's make use of our talents and time to support our Parish in different ways....**

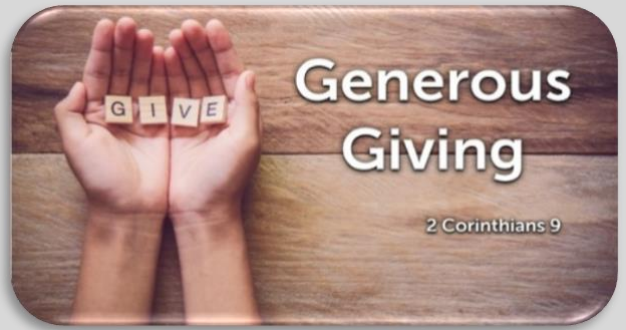


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## CALL FOR GENEROUS

As a vibrant and united community, we have the wonderful opportunity to make a positive impact together through our generosity and support. Our parish thrives on the spirit of compassion and togetherness, and we invite each and every one of you to contribute to the growth and well-being of our spiritual family. Your continued generous contributions have been invaluable, helping our parish flourish and serve the needs of our community.



We sincerely thank you for your wholehearted support. To make giving even more convenient, you can use the QR code below to donate via Gopay, OVO, Dana, Shopee, T-money, or through a direct bank transfer to our account at **PGDP Internasional Santo Petrus Canisius, Bank Danamon, Account No. 664 177 7773**, Branch: Usman Harun, Jakarta.

Here is the QR Code for receiving offering and gifts for Mass intentions. Please end your transfer amount with Rp. 22/= (twenty-two) for Mass intentions. For example, if you wish to give 100K gift for Mass intention, kindly transfer to this parish account number the amount of Rp. 100.022, -.



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Thank you and God bless you and your family for your continuous support.

***For all other Parish operations cost, you can donate any amount to the above-mentioned bank account or by using QR code.***



***We are here to respond should you need any information***

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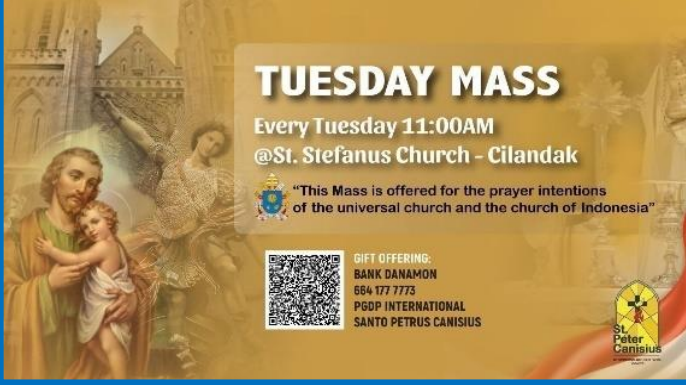
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# UPCOMING EVENTS

**TUESDAY MASS**  
 Every Tuesday 11:00AM  
 @St. Stefanus Church - Cilandak

"This Mass is offered for the prayer intentions of the universal church and the church of Indonesia"

**GIFT OFFERING:**  
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**1st SATURDAY DEVOTION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

SAT 2 AUG 2025  
 9:00 PM

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**NOVENA TO BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS**

MON 4 AUG - TUES 12 AUG 2025  
 09:00 PM


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**DAILY ROSARY/ SCRIPTURAL ROSARY**

MON 4 AUG 2025  
 09:00 PM

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**NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF KNOCK**

WED 13 AUG - THUR 21 AUG 2025  
 09:00 PM

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**DAILY ROSARY/ SCRIPTURAL ROSARY**

FRI 22 AUG - WED 27 AUG 2025  
 09:00 PM

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**NOVENA TO MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA**

THUR 29 AUG - FRI 5 SEPT 2025  
 09:00 PM

Join us on: Meeting ID: 848 1932 7463  
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