

St. Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish Jakarta

Monthly Bulletin - June 2023

RESPECT FOR THE INDIVIDUAL'S RIGHT

"To deny people their human rights is to challenge their very humanity" (Nelson Mandela)

Beloved Sisters and Brothers,

One of the unique features of our human civilization is our ability to live by 'lofty ideas' or 'grand narratives.' By these terms I mean the stories that bind us together and give meaning to our existence. Family, religion, and nation are among the narratives we live by that are meaningful to us. We do not see 'family' as such,

but rather parents, spouse, and children. Yet, the idea of a 'family' is necessary to bind us together as a unit. Likewise, the idea of a 'nation' brings us together in a much larger dimension as a shared identity, even though we never see a nation, only real people of flesh and blood. The historian Yuval Noah Harari points out that the utterly unique feature of human language is not its ability to transmit information about real objects such as people or lions, but rather about things that do not exist at all. Only Sapiens like us, he argues, can talk about all kinds of entities that they have never seen, touched, or smelled. Even though these entities such as religion and nation do not exist the way we humans exist, we



often attach much greater importance and deeper meaning to them than to real and concrete people. Throughout history human beings have killed each other (yes, real people) in the defence of the abstract entities.



Given our propensity to favour lofty ideas, we often fail to pay attention to the real people who concretely make up our society and nation. This failure manifests in our neglect of their necessary well-being and inalienable rights as individual human beings. The poor and marginalized become easy targets for unscrupulous politicians who seek to win elections. Even the fundamental right to live their life as they see fit often gets trampled upon in the political theatre that favours the wealthy and privileged. Though formally claiming to promote freedom and equality, the government and relevant institutions may fail to protect and respect the rights of the people under their care.

It is important, therefore, to constantly return to the most concrete fabric of our society, namely, the people. We build societies for them, and they are ultimately the most meaningful entities in the world. God has

beautifully created human beings like us as guardians of the earth on a common spiritual journey. But we often turn this mission into a competition for greater power and inevitably treat fellow pilgrims as collateral.

The call to respect for the individual's rights is made to remind us of the dignity of every human being as God's creation who shares the same spiritual journey. Every one of us thus must have equal opportunities to succeed and live properly as human beings. Putting up ourselves above others and denying their fundamental rights is a strong indication that we have forgotten the real purpose of life.

Given the forgetful nature of human beings, it is profoundly important that the respect for the individual's rights be enshrined in the legal system. Laws are designed and enacted to protect the rights of individuals and ensure their



fair treatment. Through the legal system those whose rights have been violated may seek justice, and the violators are held accountable for their actions. No less important is education about the importance of respecting the rights of every human being through school curriculum and public awareness campaigns. The promotion of a culture of tolerance and acceptance is equally crucial especially in the situation that involves the denial of the individual's rights. Our stand for diversity and inclusion speaks much more loudly there as the concern for such rights becomes concrete. Only by respecting and protecting the individual's rights can our family and nation become stronger, and our religious practices more meaningful.

Fr. Thomas Hidya Tjaya, S.J.



ONLINE & OFFLINE MASS SCEHDULE



ST. PETER CANISIUS INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC PARISH CHOIR SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2023 OFFLINE/ONLINE FROM ST. THERESIA				
DATE	DAY	MASS	TIME	CHOIR
Jun 3,	Sat	Most Holy Trinity	3:30PM	ELFACS Choir
Jun 4,	Sun	Most Holy Trinity	3.00PM	ELFACS Choir
Jun 10,	Sat	Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ	3:30PM	Eucharistic Sounds Choir
Jun 11,	Sun	Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ	3.00PM	The Choir Immortal
Jun 17,	Sat	11th Sunday Ordinary Time	3:30PM	Eucharistic Sounds Choir
Jun 18,	Sun	11th Sunday Ordinary Time	3.00PM	ELFACS Choir
Jun 24,	Sat	12th Sunday Ordinary Time	3:30PM	Eucharistic Sounds Choir
Jun 25,	Sun	12th Sunday Ordinary Time	3.00PM	The Choir Immortal
CANISIUS CHAPEL				
DATE	DAY	MASS	TIME	CHOIR
Jun 4,	Sun	Most Holy Trinity	6:00PM	Genesis Choir
Jun 11,	Sun	Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ	6:00PM	Genesis Choir
Jun 18,	Sun	11th Sunday Ordinary Time	6:00PM	Youth Choir
Jun 25,	Sun	12th Sunday Ordinary Time	6:00PM	Genesis Choir

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



YOUTH FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES



Topic: "Life with Social Media"

Speaker: Bro Kefas Raditya, S.J.

Date: Saturday, 17 May 2023

Time: 1:00-2:30pm



Our STPCICP Youth Fellowship conducted Hybrid YF session on "Life with Social Media" on Saturday, 17th May 2023 by Bro. Kefas Raditya S.J. The YF session was thought provoking and he covered on how social media affects our real interaction with others. We encourage many more teens to join the session physically and make new friends.

In this YF's session, I learned a valuable lesson about how social media can hinder our real encounters and interactions with others.

As a teenager growing up in an increasingly digital world, it has never been easier to find solace within the confines of my room where everything I need is on the palm of my hands. I guess a way that you could say it is that my phone has become a form of *utopia*, *a place of escape*.





Bro. Kefas reminded us that this excessive use of phone and social media is something that can hinder my growth as a child of God. This is because, by staying in my room all day, I am distancing myself from the incomparable feeling of being physically, emotionally, and spiritually present with another human.

Social media is good as long as it is used wisely, however social media use can also negatively affect teens, distracting

them, disrupting their sleep, and exposing them to bullying, rumour spreading, unrealistic views of other people's lives and peer pressure.

I reflected a lot on my actions, and I will start prioritising real-life connections. I would be able to cultivate meaningful relationships which would help me truly grow as a child of God.



CCD CORNER



The Sacrament of Confirmation is one of the sacraments of the Church. Together with Baptism and the Eucharist, it constitutes the set of "the sacraments of Christian initiation," that is, sacraments whose reception is necessary for the fullness of the grace we receive in Baptism.

Just as Baptism **gives** new life, Eucharist **nourishes** life, and Reconciliation **restores** life when it is broken, Confirmation **strengthens** that life by the gifts of the Holy Spirit (cf. CCC 1285). It is about strengthening what God has given, and continues to give, to his sons and daughters (cf. CCC 1302-1303).



The Sacrament of Confirmation helps a person remain faithful to his or her baptismal commitment to witness to Christ and to serve others. The gifts of the Holy Spirit associated with Confirmation are strengths (or virtues) that Christian living requires if it is to be fruitful and complete. Thus wisdom, understanding,



knowledge, counsel, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord, are divine aids to Christian living without which fulfilling one's baptismal calling would be far more difficult, if not impossible.

63 confirmands from our parish were sealed with the holy spirit by **Archbishop Piero Pioppo, Apostolic Nuncio** during the Mass on 13th May 2023. Congratulations to all the confirmands and parents.

A Big thanks to all the CCD teachers, CCD Coordinators, Volunteers and Church staff and to St Theresia Church for their continued support























YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

From Struggle to Strength: The Empowerment of the Sisterhood Community Centre

On May 20, 2023, our group embarked on a heartfelt Lenten Charity visit to the Sisterhood Community

Centre (SCC). Founded in 2018 by four remarkable refugee women, SCC operates solely on donations and aims to provide safe haven for women refugees. The centre, located in Jakarta, Indonesia, warmly welcomes women from many countries, such as Afghanistan, Cameroon, Eritrea, Yemen, Iran, Iraq, Palestine, Pakistan, and Somalia. This program was arranged together with JRS (Jesuit Refugee Service).





Upon our arrival, we were greeted by Nimo, one of the co-founders of SCC. Her

unwavering dedication and warm smile instantly reflected the spirit of the community centre. Nimo shared that since its establishment, SCC has successfully reached out to over 1,000 refugee women, offering them support through online platforms and various offline activities

hosted by volunteers at their centre.

The centre serves as a hub for empowerment,

education, and unity among its members. Through skill-building workshops, vocational training, and language classes, SCC equips these resilient women with the tools they need to rebuild their lives and regain their independence.



The visit allowed us to learn more about the women at SCC. Through Nimo, we were able to hear their



stories of courage, resilience, and hope. It was a humbling experience to witness the first-hand impact that the centre has made in their lives. The Sisterhood Community Centre has truly become a lifeline for these women, providing them with a supportive community that understands their struggles and celebrates their triumphs.

In our commitment to supporting the women at SCC, our group donated 200 packs of essential hygiene products. Though it may seem like a small gesture, we understood that any amount of support is appreciated and can make a significant impact in their

lives. If you want to support them, you can do so by different ways, please contact our parish office for more details.

Carol Susanto

Parish Volunteers Fellowship



Fellowship is the relationship that we have with one another as Christians. It is based on the relationship we have with Jesus Christ. When you and I became Christians three relationships changed: Jesus became our Savior; God became our Father; and the church became our family. In other words, believers are now my brothers and sisters in Christ and accepted into the family of God.

God has given us special talents and gifts that we use to support our parish as volunteers and by serving our parish we do the will of God.

As a tradition of our parish, we organize fellowship get togethers to our volunteers, in the month of April we organized fellowship dinner for Ushers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers (EMHC). Continuing the fellowship dinner with other parish communities, fellowship dinner was organized for CCD Teachers, Coordinators, Volunteers & Marriage Preparation Facilitators in May at JJ Royal Brasserie, Lotte Shopping Avenue.

We thank all our volunteers for their continuous tireless support for the parish; without them it is not possible for us to have such a wonderful parish community.







COME AND JOIN OUR PARISH INITIATIVES

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
- 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.

Choir

Small
Groups

Church
School
SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT
CHURCH
ACTIVITIES

Youth
Programs

Worship
Services

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....

YOUR KIND CONTRIBUTION MATTERS

We thank all Parishioners for your continued generous contribution for our Parish. You have wholeheartedly supported and helped our parish. It's your generosity keeps us moving and serving the Lord. Our second collection for the parish operational cost has been stopped since Jan 2023, we urge Parishioners to support our parish generously to continue our parish mission. You may use the QR code below to pay through Gopay, OVO, Dana, Shopee, T-money or direct transfer to Bank Account <u>- PGDP Internasional Santo Petrus Canisius, Acct No. 664 177 7773, Bank Danamon</u> – Cabang Usman Harun, Jakarta, or Bank Mandiri Account No. 103.000778611-0



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,- 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 accounts or by using QR code.

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SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS Send text to 08118039728; format: Name (or Anonymous):

Parish of origin, City:

Intention:

ATTENTION: PLEASE SEND BY SATURDAY EVENING AT THE LATEST

CONTACT US:

office@expatcatholicparish.org priest@expatcatholicparish.org Whatsapp: 081 180 EXPAT(39728)

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YOU

Your generosity made a difference



We are here to respond should you need any information

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Parish Activities in the month of May

Novena to Our Lady of Fatima

Our Lady of Fatima is one of the most revered apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Catholic Church!

The feast of Our Lady of Fatima marks the date she first appeared to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal, in 1917. The messages delivered during these apparitions included a call to repentance, prayer, and devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Our Lady of Fatima, Pray for us 🙏 🖤





Novena to The Holy Spirit

Blessed and Happy Feast of Pentecost to you all! May your hearts be filled with 7 gifts and 12 fruits of the Holy Spirit and kindle in you the fire of His love.

It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and other disciples following the Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus Christ

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful! And enkindle in them the fire of Thy love!

Novena to St. Rita Cascia

St. Rita of Cascia was an Italian widow turned
Augustinian nun. After the death of her husband and
sons, she joined the Augustinian nuns. One day, a
wound appeared on her forehead resembling one of
the wounds on Christ's head caused by the crown of
thorns. The wound, which gave off unpleasant smell,
remained on her head except on days when she had to
join pilgrimages. She is the patron of impossible cases.
"Saint of the Impossible" because of her amazing
answers to prayers, as well as the remarkable events
of her own life.























PAUL & ST PETER
THE APOSTLES
27 - 29 JUNE 2023
@ 9:00pm

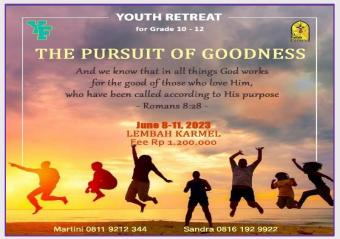


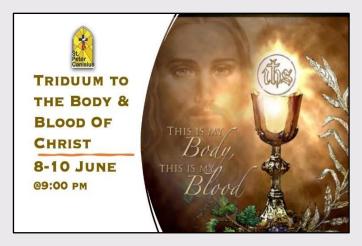


TRIDUUM TO
THE SACRED HEART
OF JESUS,
14 - 16 JUNE 2023
@ 9:00PM



TRIDUUM TO HOLY TRINITY, 1-3 JUNE 2023 @ 9:00PM







June Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

The Sacred Heart of Jesus represents Jesus' divine love for humanity. The Feast of the Sacred Heart is a solemnity in the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar and is celebrated 19 days after Pentecost.

As Pentecost is always celebrated on Sunday, the Feast of the Sacred Heart always falls on a Friday. Jesus Christ appeared to Margaret Mary Alacoque in the 17th century, and this is one of the blessings which he promised to those who practice devotion to his Sacred Heart:

"In the excess of the mercy of my Heart, I promise you that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who will receive Communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they will not die in my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; and my Heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour." This promise led to the pious Roman Catholic practice of making an effort to attend Mass and receive Communion on the first Friday of each month. First Friday of every month is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Sacred Heart of Jesus protect and guard all the faithful.

