



# *St. Peter Canisius*

## International Catholic Parish – Jakarta

### OPTION FOR THE POOR

Beloved Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Catholic social teaching principle Option for the Poor and Vulnerable encourages us to imitate Christ's love for the poor by working to create a society where the needs of the poor are always considered first.

Pope Francis recently highlighted this important principle in his homily on April 18 during the Divine Mercy Sunday Mass in the Basilica of Santo Spirito in Sassia, the sanctuary in Rome dedicated to Divine Mercy. “The time has come to eliminate inequalities, to heal the injustice that is undermining the health of the entire human family,” he said.

As pressure builds up in Europe, the United States and other parts of the world to get the economy moving again after the lockdown due to the pandemic, Pope Francis warned against “the risk” of “being struck by an even worse virus” than Covid-19, namely “selfish indifference.” Explaining what he meant by “selfish indifference,” he said, this is “a virus spread by the thought that life is better if it is better for me and that everything will be fine if it is fine for me.

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GEREJA SANTA THERESIA, MENTENG – English Mass - Saturday's : 03:30pm,  
and on Sunday's : 03:00pm & 01<sup>st</sup> Friday : 07:30pm  
ST. CANISIUS COLLEGE (Kolese Kanisius) – Sunday's – 06:00 pm  
ST. STEPHANUS – CILANDAK – Tuesday's 10:00 am & 01<sup>st</sup> Friday – 10:00 am

It begins there and ends up selecting one person over another, discarding the poor and sacrificing those left behind on the altar of progress."

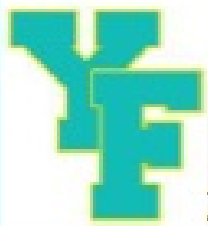
The Church's love for the poor is a part of her constant tradition. This love is inspired by the Gospel of the Beatitudes, of the poverty of Jesus, and of his concern for the poor. Those who are oppressed by poverty are the object of a preferential love on the part of the Church which, since her origin and in spite of the failings of many of her members, has not ceased to work for their relief, defence, and liberation.

The primary purpose of this special commitment to the poor is to enable them to become active participants in the life of society. It is to enable all persons to share in and contribute to the common good. The "option for the poor," therefore, is not an adversarial slogan that pits one group or class against another. Rather it states that the deprivation and powerlessness of the poor wounds the whole community. The extent of their suffering is a measure of how far we are from being a true community of persons. These wounds will be healed only by greater solidarity with the poor and among the poor themselves. (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, [Economic Justice for All](#), no. 88)

The needs of the poor take priority over the desires of the rich; the rights of workers over the maximization of profits; the preservation of the environment over uncontrolled industrial expansion; the production to meet social needs over production for military purposes. (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, [Economic Justice for All](#), no. 94)

As Catholics, we are called to pay special attention to the needs of the poor. We can follow Jesus' example by making a specific effort to defend and promote the dignity of the poor and vulnerable and meet their immediate material needs.

Fr. B.B. Triathmoko, S.J.



## Youth Fellowship for May 2020

Youth Fellowship in Collaboration with YFC

Zoom Online on Saturday, 09 May 2020, from 01:00 – 0230 pm

Topic: "On God's Side Always"

Speaker: Nadya Clara (Psychology Major at University of Indonesia)

Youth Online Bible Study, Topic: Hail Mary, Full of Grace

Date: Friday, 29 May 2020, Time: 0100 – 0230 pm

By: Fr. Adrian Adirejo, OP

For Age 13-18 Years old

RSVP for Zoom code & password : Alfa: 081-29413-8899, Patricia: 0816-802-903, Charina : 0818-0616-2502



### **"Social Mission to support our Neighbors "**

As a solidarity measure with our neighbors, during the fasting month of Ramadan (Ibadah Puasa), STPCICP in collaboration with St. Theresia Parish joined the Social Program initiated by the Archdiocese of Jakarta to provide basic staple food items for the needy families. We plan to support around 250 families under this initiative.

Thanking all the Parishioners for your generous support towards this great initiative. May God continue to bless you abundantly



# Mass Schedule

**MAY - 2020**

**LIVE STREAMING**

For the month of May – 2020, all Sunday Masses will be live streamed on every Saturday at 03:30 pm



***Feast of Ascension of our Lord***, Thursday 21, May 2020 – Live stream Mass at 03:30 pm

To view Live Stream or recorded Mass, please click below:

<http://www.expatcatholicparish.org/>

# COME AND JOIN

our **1<sup>st</sup> ONLINE BIBLE STUDY**



**On : The Parable of The Good Samaritan  
(Luke 10: 25 – 37)**

**Saturday, May 23, 2020**

**13.30 – 15.00**

**by Fr. SYLVESTER ASA C.I.C.M.**

**Please, register to get the link via wa Ivan - 0816-770-942**

