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SIMPLICITY AND MODERATION: SEEKING FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Fr. Noel Villafuerte SDB

We live in a city where almost everything is available. For many of us, especially those who are economically comfortable, middle class or above, and for our expatriate parishioners, Jakarta offers an abundance of choices: restaurants, shopping malls, online stores, travel, entertainment, gadgets, fashion and countless conveniences. None of these things is wrong in itself. The question is: **How much is enough?**

Jesus gives us a very simple but demanding principle: **“Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides.”** (Mt 6:33)

Jesus is not telling us to reject material things or to live irresponsibly. He is inviting us to put things in their proper place. The Kingdom of God must come first. **Material possessions are gifts to be used, not masters to be served.**

SIMPLICITY IS A SPIRITUAL CHOICE

To live simply does not necessarily mean living poorly. It means learning to distinguish between **what we need** and **what we merely want**, between what genuinely enriches our lives and what simply adds to our consumption. Modern consumer culture constantly tells us that we need something more: a newer phone, a bigger house, another holiday, another purchase, another experience. We can easily become accustomed to a lifestyle in which **“enough” is never enough**.



Christian simplicity invites us to step back and ask: Do I really need this? Could I use what I already have? Could this money be better used to help someone else? This is not about guilt. It is about freedom. The more we learn to live with moderation, the less we become controlled by our possessions. We discover that **happiness does not come from continually acquiring more, but from gratitude, relationships, generosity, service and communion with God**.

MODERATION ALSO CARES FOR CREATION



Our choices also have consequences beyond ourselves. Every product we buy requires energy and natural resources. **Every unnecessary purchase can contribute to waste.** Excessive consumption places greater pressure on forests, water, land, energy and the climate.

Catholic teaching reminds us that creation is not simply a warehouse of resources for human consumption. The world is God's gift, entrusted to us to cultivate and care for. **Pope Francis**, particularly in **Laudato Si'**, calls us to an “ecological conversion”: *to recognize that our way of living affects both the poor and the natural world*.

Therefore, simplicity and moderation are not merely personal virtues. They can become an expression of love of neighbour and care for creation. We can begin with small things: **reducing food waste, avoiding unnecessary purchases, using reusable items, limiting disposable plastics, repairing rather than immediately replacing, sharing what we have, and choosing quality and durability over constant consumption**.

A PARISH THAT LEARNS TO SHARE

Our parish can also become a place where this spirit is cultivated. Parish programs of charity, social outreach, visiting the sick and elderly, assistance to families in need, and activities that bring us into contact with people whose circumstances are very different from ours help us to see beyond our own comfortable surroundings.

Formation programs, Bible-sharing groups, retreats and recollections can likewise help us examine our priorities: **What occupies my heart? What do I consider essential? Where does God fit into my decisions about money, possessions and time?**

Even parish celebrations can reflect this spirit. We can celebrate joyfully without unnecessary extravagance, being attentive to food waste and disposable materials, and remembering that what we save can become something we share with others. Perhaps the challenge is not simply to ask, “Can I afford this?” but also, “Do I really need this?” And beyond that: **“Could what I have be a gift to someone else?”**

SEEKING FIRST THE KINGDOM

Simplicity ultimately brings us back to the Gospel. Jesus tells us not to be consumed by anxiety about what we will eat, drink or wear. **“Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.”**

When the Kingdom becomes our priority, our relationship with material things changes. We can enjoy God's gifts without becoming attached to them. We can have without possessing excessively, **consume without wasting, and receive without forgetting those who have less.**

A simple life is not an impoverished life. It is a life that has learned what truly matters.

And perhaps that is the invitation for our parish community: **not to have less simply for the sake of having less, but to live with enough freedom, gratitude and moderation that we have more room for God, more room for others, and more care for the beautiful world entrusted to us.** ☺





A SHEPHERD'S FAREWELL: Thank you, Fr. Moko

by Ivan Abraham

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want" — Psalm 23:1

September was a month of thanksgiving, gratitude and farewell for the St. Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish Jakarta (STPCICP) as the parish community gathered to bid a heartfelt farewell to its Parish Priest, **Fr. Benedictus Bambang Triatmoko, S.J. (Fr. Moko)**, and to give thanks for his 13 years of pastoral service and presence among us.

Three farewell Masses were arranged to allow the different communities of STPCICP to come together: at **Canisius Chapel on Sunday, 6 September**, at **St. Theresia Church on Saturday, 12 September**, and finally at **St. Theresia Church on Sunday, 13 September**. Each celebration was an opportunity for parishioners to express their gratitude and to accompany Fr. Moko as he prepared to continue his priestly journey wherever the Lord would call him next.



An Evening of Gratitude and Memories

Following the 3.30 p.m. Mass at St. Theresia on **Saturday, 12 September**, a small and intimate farewell gathering was organized. Several priests, Parish Council members and representatives from the various ministries of STPCICP gathered for the occasion.

What was intended to be a simple farewell reception soon became an evening filled with *warmth, memories and emotion*. There were words of appreciation, shared stories, laughter and, inevitably, moments of tears. The gathering reflected the personal bonds that Fr. Moko had developed with the parish community, not simply as its Parish Priest, but as a shepherd who had accompanied people through the many dimensions of their lives and faith.



The Parish Council presented Fr. Moko with a token of appreciation on behalf of the parish. In return, Fr. Moko shared a simple but deeply meaningful request: that everyone sing one of his favorite songs, **“The Lord Is My Shepherd”** by Paul Gurr.

The choice of song seemed to capture the essence of the evening. Its message reminded everyone that ***the journey of a priest is ultimately not about where he chooses to go, but about being ready to follow where the Lord calls***. A shepherd moves when the Shepherd calls, trusting that every step along the way is held within God's providence.

A Final Mass of Thanksgiving

The farewell celebrations reached their culmination on **Sunday, 13 September**, at the 3 pm Mass at St. Theresia Church.

The mass was made even more meaningful by the presence of *nine concelebrants*, including several Jesuit confrères e.g. **Fr. P. Agung Wijayanto**, **Fr. Klaus H. Raditio**, **Fr. James Spillane** from Jogjakarta and **Fr. Dedomus da Gomez**, former Parish Priest of St. Theresia and **Fr. Thomas Hidya Tjaya**. Also joining the celebration were priests from other religious congregations who have faithfully supported STPCICP in its pastoral ministry, representing the *Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC)*, *Congregation of the*

Immaculate Heart of Mary (CICM), Franciscans (OFM), Augustinians (OAD), and Xaverians (SX): **Father Anton Prasetyo Hestasusilo CICM, Father Yosef Tote OFM, Father Jay Amamangpang OAD and Father Gregorius Purba Nagara SX.**

Their presence was a beautiful reminder that STPCICP's journey has never been undertaken alone. The parish has been blessed by the generous collaboration of priests and religious communities who have shared in its Eucharistic celebrations, pastoral ministries, sacramental life and spiritual formation.

The Sunday celebration also marked another important milestone: **the eighth anniversary of STPCICP.** Shortly before the final blessings, the parish community celebrated this anniversary symbolically with the candle blowing of a cake by Fr. Moko. It was a moment of thanksgiving for the parish's eight-year journey and for all those—priests, religious, lay ministers, families and parishioners—whose faith, service and commitment have helped shape the community.

At the conclusion of the Mass came one of the most moving moments of the entire farewell. The congregation stood together and extended their arms in prayer over **Fr. Moko**, as well as **Fr. Agung Wijayanto S.J**, newly appointed as Parish Priest, and **Fr. Klaus Heinrich Raditio S.J**, newly appointed as Assistant Parish Priest.

As the entire congregation prayed for the three priests, **The Choir Immortal** sang the beautiful Aaronic Blessing: **"The Lord bless you and keep you..."**



A Shepherd Who Follows the Call

After the Eucharistic celebration, the parish held a **handover ceremony from Fr. Moko to Fr. Agung**, formally marking the transition of pastoral leadership. The moment was more than an administrative handover. It was a visible expression of the continuity of the Church's mission: *one shepherd entrusted with the care of the community hands that responsibility to another, while the parish continues its journey under the guidance of Christ.*

Following the handover ceremony, parishioners were invited to remain for a simple gathering with Fr. Moko. Some came to receive his blessing; others asked him to pray over them. Many simply wanted a final conversation, to express their thanks or to take a photograph together.

These simple encounters perhaps expressed more than any formal farewell could. For many parishioners, saying goodbye to their Parish Priest meant saying goodbye to someone who had been present during important moments of their lives—someone who had celebrated with them, prayed with them, listened to them, encouraged them and walked with them in faith.

And perhaps this is why “The Lord Is My Shepherd”, the song Fr. Moko had chosen the evening before, continued to resonate so strongly, sung also in his final homily as Parish Priest.

A priest is called to shepherd, but he is also called to follow. His ministry may take him from one community to another, from one assignment to the next, according to God's call. What remains constant is the Shepherd whom he follows and the people entrusted to his care along the way.

As Fr. Moko begins this next chapter of his priestly journey, the STPCICP community sends him forth with gratitude rather than sadness alone; with prayers rather than simply goodbyes; and with the hope that wherever the Lord leads him, he will continue to bring His presence, compassion and joy to those he encounters.

We give thanks for the many ways Fr. Moko has served, guided, celebrated, taught, encouraged and walked alongside the people of STPCICP. We give thanks, too, for the countless quiet moments of pastoral care that may never have been seen by the wider parish, but which have touched individual lives in ways that will remain long after his departure.

Thank you, Fr. Moko, for walking with us. Thank you for shepherding us. Thank you for sharing your priesthood with our community.

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May He shine His face upon you and be gracious to you. And wherever He calls you next, may you continue to walk with confidence, knowing that the Lord is your Shepherd.

Until we meet again, Fr. Moko. God bless you always. (IAS)



Gratitude for Fr. Moko's Ministry

Fr. Bambang Triatmoko has walk alongside us for the past 13 years, nurtured our faith, baptized our children and grandchildren, prepared our young ones for First Holy Communion and Confirmation, blessed our marriages, anointed and prayed for our sick, and counseled us in times of trial. Over these years, he has become a deeply cherished part of our lives.

Under Fr. Moko's leadership—and with the blessing of **His Eminence Ignatius Cardinal Suharyo, Archbishop of Jakarta**—our community was **officially established in 2018 as a legal entity to become the 67th Parish of the Archdiocese of Jakarta**. And last Tuesday September 8, was our 8th anniversary.

Over these past 13 years, Fr. Moko has grown and expanded our parish ministries to serve the diverse pastoral needs of our international community across all age groups: from young children and youth to young professionals and mature adults—embracing parishioners of every nationality.

As we bid Fr. Moko farewell, we honor him for his 13 grace-filled years of selfless devotion and Christ-like care, as well as his visionary leadership in shepherding our parish.

Fr. Moko, you came into our lives as “a servant of God” and now you leave as “a beloved shepherd of our souls”. You will be deeply missed, and you will always hold a special place in our hearts. And as you embark on your new mission, may God bless you with the same extraordinary grace you have so generously shared with us.

by sis Mimi



ALTAR SERVER WORKSHOP & INSTALLMENT 2026 OF ST PETER CANISIUS INTERNATIONAL PARISH

by: Melissa Abineno

Our annual Altar Servers Workshop 2026 kicked off with having our beloved Parish Priest, **Fr. Moko SJ** sharing his reflection to the candidates on the virtues to be obtained when serving the Lord. Obedience and holiness were among the list of virtues to follow, imitating the brave **St. Tarsisius**, who died while protecting the Body of Christ.



Being obedient does not only mean listening to the senior altar servers. It also means that **altar servers try their best to understand the sequence of the Mass, observe the services which needs to be conducted during Mass and paying attention to details, including the gestures, the prayers and how to conduct yourselves outside of Church.**

Apart from learning about the spirituality of becoming altar servers, the candidates also learned the vessels used around the Altar when serving, practicing the tasks given throughout the Mass and for some of them, that was the best parts of the workshop.

After four weeks of Saturday workshops held during August and September 2026, covering liturgical, spiritual, and practical training, 14 new altar servers were officially installed by **Fr. Klaus, SJ**, on **5 September 2026** during the 3:30 p.m. Mass.



These amazing children have been chosen by the Lord to serve and love Him through their ministries. They will be observing the activities around the Altar for a few weeks, accompanied and monitored by the senior altar servers before they will take on their own tasks. Through these workshops, they are often reminded that to be good altar servers, you must serve often, pay attention, dedicated, humble, be reverent and pray.

Our parish is blessed to have them and we wish them the best on their new journey as altar servers, the closest servers to the priest and to Jesus Christ residing inside the tabernacle. Thanks be to God!



Welcome our new installed Altar Servers:

1. Andhika Arifin Shelldon
2. Anna Merin Joby
3. Cara Emily Saputra
4. Cayden Ariel Senjaya
5. Clark Jaden Tumbuan-Kwok
6. Emily Kea Anjani Priotomo
7. Filbert Eliseo Suryadinata
8. Gabriel Benevicto Yu Chow
9. Jonathan Paul Kristanto
10. Kenzo Christian Simson
11. Kannon Arfian
12. Marc Denzen Sugiarto
13. Nicholas Daxton Masli
14. Robbert Jan de van Mheen



NATIONAL MONTH of HOLY SCRIPTURES 2026

by Ivan Abraham

1ST BKS N

Our parish began its weekly Bible Study series for the National Month of the Holy Scriptures on **Sunday, 6 September 2026**, led by our parish priest **Fr. Moko, S.J.** The first session reflected on Jesus' Teaching on **True Life through the Beatitudes** in *Matthew 5:1–12*.



In this session, **Fr. Moko** first introduced the Gospel of Matthew within the perspective of the *three Synoptic Gospels*—*Matthew, Mark and Luke*—highlighting how each Gospel presents a distinctive witness to the life and message of Jesus.

Matthew portrays Jesus as the promised Messiah, teacher and new Moses, with particular emphasis on the Kingdom of Heaven, righteousness, discipleship and faithful living.

The reflection then turned to the Beatitudes, in which Jesus radically redefines what it means to be “blessed.” *True blessedness is not found in wealth, comfort, power or popularity, but in a life rooted in God which is a life marked by*

humility, mercy, purity of heart, justice, peacemaking and faithfulness, even when following God becomes difficult.

The participants were invited to see the Beatitudes not simply as ideals to admire, but as a new way of seeing and living life in the present. The session concluded with a practical invitation to live the Beatitudes during the coming week: **to approach God with humility, accompany others in their suffering, take steps toward reconciliation, and choose what is right even when no one is watching.**

Through group sharing and discussion, participants were encouraged to choose one Beatitude, ask God for the grace to live it, and identify one concrete step through which Christ's mercy, justice and peace could become visible in their daily lives. (IAS)



NATIONAL MONTH of HOLY SCRIPTURES 2026

by Yosefa Dian

2ND BKS

During the second session of the National Bible Month (Bulan Kitab Suci Nasional/ BKS) held on **September 13, 2026**, **Fr. Bernardus Dirgaprimawan SJ (Fr. Dirga)** invited us to explore the true meaning of discipleship in the Gospel of Matthew. Being a disciple of Jesus is not merely about following Him from a distance, but an active invitation to walk in closer intimacy with Him (following Jesus more closely). In Matthew's Gospel, discipleship demands a concrete response: **a willingness to deny oneself, the courage to take up one's cross, and wholehearted obedience to God's guidance at every step of life.**

This theological core resonated deeply through Father Dirga's personal testimony on the virtue of obedience. He shared his journey of being sent to Rome, Italy, to pursue higher studies and the challenges of completing his thesis while living far away from his parents and familiar surroundings. Being in a foreign land brought significant struggles, yet through steadfast faith and obedience to God's will, he persevered and fulfilled his mission.

His story touched and strengthened me in a profoundly personal way. Amidst my own ongoing struggles and responsibilities including my academic journey and personal growth—his witness served as a timely reminder. **Obedience does not mean the absence of hardship; rather, it is the courage to keep moving forward because we trust the One who called us.** It challenged me to look beyond the weight of my current burdens and consciously invite God into every stage of the process.

As the saying goes, **"The path is hard because the calling is higher"**. A difficult journey exists not to break us, but because



God is preparing us for a higher purpose. We often measure our worth against the expectations and judgments of others, forgetting that you are more than what people think, because **you are wonderfully made** (cf. Psalm 139:14). Our identity as disciples rests on the truth that God has intentionally crafted our lives with purpose.

Through this BKS reflection, I feel renewed inspiration to fulfill all my academic obligations and daily responsibilities with excellence. Following Jesus more closely means entrusting the entire journey both the triumphs and the trials into His hands, while continuing to walk forward in obedience, faithfulness, and joy. ☺

NATIONAL MONTH of HOLY SCRIPTURES 2026

by *Benedicta Stella Fortunae*

3rd BKS

On **20 September**, our parish continued celebrating BKS (National Holy Scripture Month) with the theme for Week 3, **"The Word: Unifier in an Era of Division."** This week was special for us because, for the first time, our parish invited a religious sister, **Sr. Virginia Adnan**, to facilitate our Bible study.



Sr. Virginia brought a warm and gentle presence to the session. Rather than simply explaining the Scriptures to us, she patiently guided us to read, reflect, and look more deeply at our own lives through the Word of God. We reflected on *Ephesians 2:12–19*, which speaks about **Christ breaking down the barriers that divide people and bringing us together in peace**.

As I listened and reflected, I began thinking about the walls I sometimes build between myself and others. Not all walls are obvious. Sometimes they are built quietly, brick by brick through disappointment, misunderstandings, hurt feelings, differences in opinion, things left unsaid, or simply because we are afraid of being hurt again. Sometimes distancing ourselves feels easier. We tell ourselves, "I just want to protect my peace."

But I began asking myself: **What am I really protecting behind that wall?**

“Even when a relationship remains difficult or a situation cannot immediately be resolved, Christ can still become the peace within us

Perhaps sometimes I am protecting my feelings. But perhaps there are also things I do not want to admit such as my pride, my desire to be right, or my reluctance to forgive. The reflection reminded me that Jesus Himself is our peace. This is different from simply asking Jesus to give us peaceful circumstances. Even when a relationship remains difficult or a situation cannot immediately be resolved, Christ can still become the peace within us.

That also changed how I see reconciliation. **Reconciliation does not mean pretending that we were never hurt.** It does not mean ignoring what happened or forcing ourselves to become close to someone again.





Sometimes reconciliation begins much more quietly: *by allowing God to soften our hearts, by praying for someone who has hurt us, by choosing not to judge, or by becoming willing to listen.* I was especially touched by the thought that Christ can become the meeting place between two people. **When we cannot find the right words, perhaps we can begin by bringing that person to God in prayer.**

And maybe the question is not only, "Who do I need to reconcile with?" but also: "What wall have I built, and what is God asking me to do with it?" I may not be able to take down the whole wall at once.

Perhaps I can only remove one brick. One prayer. One act of forgiveness. One honest conversation. One decision to stop carrying an old hurt. ☺

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NATIONAL MONTH of HOLY SCRIPTURES 2026

by Yosefa Dian

4th BKS

During the fourth BKS session on **September 27, 2026**, Fr. Anton Prasetyo Hestasusilo, CICM addressed a reality many of us face daily: **anxiety and restlessness. Anxiety is real, but feeling overwhelmed is not a sign of weak faith.**



Scripture shows that even great figures suffered intense distress. The Prophet Elijah prayed to die out of fear and exhaustion (1 Kings 19:4), and Jesus Himself experienced deep anguish in the Garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22:44). These examples remind us **that anxiety is a natural human emotion, not a spiritual failure.**

However, we must not let anxiety become an excuse to lose our faith. Important step toward peace is learning to name our feelings is acknowledging our discomfort instead of hiding it.

Furthermore, handling anxiety requires a balanced approach: we must complement our prayers with practical action. Praying through our distress goes hand in hand with taking care of our mental and physical well-being. By naming our struggles, grounding ourselves in God's Word, and balancing prayer with proactive steps, we can navigate life's uncertainties with hope and trust.☺



More Than Just English: Walking with LP4Y

by *Benedicta Stella Fortunae*

When we first started our English sessions with the young people from **Life Project 4 Youth (LP4Y)**, the idea seemed quite simple: ***come together, practise English, and hopefully help them feel more confident.***

From June until August 2026, 12 volunteers of YAP (Young Adult Professionals) held four sessions with the LP4Y youths in Cilincing, North Jakarta. But after those four gatherings, we realised that **we received just as much as we gave.**

Every time we arrived, the youths were excited to see us. There was something very encouraging about seeing them ready to learn, even when they were unsure of what to say or afraid of making mistakes. And that was perhaps the biggest thing we discovered together: **many of the youths already have some English. What they need most is the confidence to use it.**

So we played games. We talked in small groups. We did mock-interviews. We asked about their dream jobs. We encouraged them to speak, even when their sentences were not perfect. Slowly, they started opening up.

The youths themselves told us that they wanted *more opportunities* to speak English and have small-group conversations. That was wonderful to hear not because it meant our sessions were perfect, but because it meant they were willing to keep trying.



For us as volunteers, the experience was also deeply personal.

One of our volunteers shared that his first visit was a blessing because **it made him realise how much he has to be grateful for and encouraged him to give more.**

Another volunteer was struck by the way these young people continue preparing for their future despite the difficulties they face.

There were also moments that simply made us smile. We might come prepared with activities and lesson plans, but **sometimes the most meaningful moments happened when we were simply sitting together, talking, laughing, and getting to know each other.**

Perhaps that is what made these sessions special.

We were not simply teaching English. We were meeting people.

We were reminded that everyone has dreams. Everyone wants to have a future they can be proud of. And sometimes, what someone needs is not a perfect lesson, but someone who believes that they can do it.

And as we look beyond LP4Y, we are reminded that this spirit of accompaniment can reach even further.

Maybe this is what being a community is about. Not having all the answers. Not always knowing exactly what to do. But simply being willing to show up, listen, share what we have, and walk together.

For all sessions from June until August 2026, we came to teach English. **We left with new friends, new perspectives, and a little more gratitude for the blessings we often take for granted.**

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sometimes, what someone needs is not a perfect lesson, but someone who believes that they can do it.

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And perhaps that is the beautiful surprise of serving others:

We go thinking that we are giving, and somehow, we come home having received so much more.

Special thanks to **Father Klaus, Sis Widya,** and **Bro Donny** for all your help, guidance, and support throughout the program.

And a big kudos to our wonderful YAPpies volunteers for making it all happen: **Paul, Laikah, Jacek, Dianne, Steffen, Nicholas Brasali, David, Nicholaus, Yosefa Dian, Widya, Christian, Patricia, and Bene.** ☺



Myanmar Fellowship Gathering at Koose Hermanum

by Bro Laurence Kham Hnmi, SJ

On **August 30, 2026**, the **Myanmar Catholic Community** in Indonesia gathered at Kolesse Hermanum in Jakarta for a day of prayer, reflection, and solidarity. Brought together by diverse life circumstances, Myanmar Catholics residing across Jakarta and neighbouring regions came together to foster deeper bonds and establish a network of mutual spiritual accompaniment. For a community living far from home, this inaugural gathering was not merely a scheduled event, but a sacred sanctuary of comfort, faith, and renewal.

The gathering started with the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**, offering participants a quiet space to lay down their personal burdens and prepare their hearts for the Eucharistic celebration.



The Holy Mass was celebrated in the *Burmese language*, presided over by three Jesuit priests from the Myanmar Mission. The congregation of 42 participants was a rich tapestry of the community: **Romo Setyo Wibowo, SJ** (*Rector of Kolesse Hermanum*) and **Romo Agung, SJ** (*Parish Priest of St. Peter Canisius International Parish*), **Jesuit Scholastics** from Myanmar residing in Kolesse Hermanum, **Students** from Myanmar studying in Indonesia, displaced persons and refugees from Myanmar, alongside representatives from the **Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS)** and friends from St. Peter Canisius International Parish.

During the homily, **Fr. Thomas** offered a message of hope and resilience, reminding the congregation that the

everyday trials, certainties, and struggles of life away from homeland are the very crosses believers are invited to carry. He invited everyone to move forward courageously alongside Christ, clothed in humility and trust.

Following the Mass, participants gathered in the Ruang Rapat (Meeting Room) of Kolesse Hermanum for a sharing session. To foster mutual understanding, a student from Myanmar delivered a presentation introducing the current context, culture, and reality of Myanmar to the international parish guests, opening up a meaningful dialogue of Q&A.



Fr. Simon delivered encouraging words to the assembly, touching on the heart of the community's shared experience: **"When we struggle alone far away from home, without our families and relatives near us, having a Myanmar Catholic Community like this makes us all feel as though we have found a family once again."** Demonstrating concrete solidarity, friends from the International Parish distributed gifts to both children and adults. The formal session concluded with a shared meal featuring traditional Myanmar dishes; a simple yet profound moment where breaking bread together transformed strangers into companions.



Because this marked the first formal gathering of its kind, the initial moments were met with a gentle unfamiliarity. Yet, as conversation flowed and traditional meals were shared, social barriers dissolved. The atmosphere grew warm with genuine interest, laughter, and empathy.

For refugees and students, who often navigate intense isolation, displacement, and hardship, the day carried profound emotional and spiritual weight: *"I received spiritual strength from participating in this grace-filled Holy Mass, and I was especially happy to meet and connect with fellow Myanmar people. Our Bogor family would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the priests who celebrated the Mass, all the brothers who organized the event so wonderfully, as well as each donor and organization who gave loving gifts."* — A refugee participant from Bogor. One of the participants called Lucia also expressed: *"It was truly a day filled with grace and deep meaning."*

The most enduring fruit of this gathering was the formal establishment of the local Myanmar Catholic Fellowship Jakarta (MCFJ). The hope moving forward is that this community remains vibrant, active, and continuously growing—serving as an anchor for anyone seeking spiritual shelter, guidance, and fellowship in Indonesia.



Deepest gratitude goes out to the priests, organizers, donors, and every attendee who generously offered their time, resources, and prayers to make this day possible. May God continue to bless, protect, and guide this growing family as we walk together in faith. 🙏

PASTORAL SERVICE



Father Klaus' Home Visit & Eucharistic Celebration with Myanmar refugees

On 23 September 2026, St Peter Canisius International Parish in Jakarta celebrated a special Mass for two refugee families from Myanmar. This celebration was a meaningful expression of our parish's commitment to welcoming and accompanying members of the international community, particularly those who are vulnerable, excluded, or marginalized.

October: The month of Holy Rosary



The Rosary is more than a repetition of prayers—it is a journey through the life of Jesus, seen through the loving eyes of His Mother, Mary.

As each bead passes through our fingers, we pause to contemplate His birth, ministry, Passion, death, and Resurrection. With every Hail Mary, we place a little of our lives into Mary's hands—our families, our hopes, our struggles, and the people we love.

The Rosary reminds us that we don't have to carry everything alone. **May every bead remind us: we are never alone, and God is always near.** 🌹

UNBREAKABLE & INSEPERABLE YOUTH BKS

by Elang Prakasa



Our first experience doing a collaborative event with our neighboring parish of **St. Theresia youths** has been nothing short of **EXCITING!** To see so many youths, with a record-breaking 60+ youths in one room, is inspiring to say the least. There were many people coming from all across Jakarta and beyond who came to this event with the zeal of learning and a deep love of the Holy Scripture.

Not only did we get the chance to learn more about the historical translations of the Bible, we get to bond over our struggles with other youths. It is true that we have much more in common than we realize, and that **in God we are Unbreakable & Inseparable!**

We extend a special thanks to **OMK Theresia (St. Theresia Youths)** who have partnered with us in this event. We look forward to many more events moving forward as we extend our hand to work along other parishes, especially as part of the Central Deanery of the Archdiocese of Jakarta. ☺





30TH AUG 2026

GAME JAM IS BAAAAACK!!!!

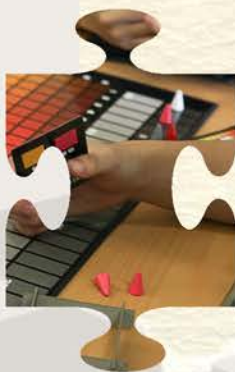
GAME JAM is back! After a long hiatus from the school break, YF is bringing our semi-regular GAME JAM for everyone to join in.

We have just had our biggest turnout yet, with many brothers and sisters from our parish (and Theresia parish) coming in together to make friends and share laughter along the way. We had over 20 people in attendance and over 30 board games to choose from! A lot of us were already patiently waiting by the venue even before our starting time, eager to have a fun time.

We hope that we can continue to hold this GAME JAM more regularly. This depends, of course, on the demand and enthusiasm shown by our community, which has been overwhelmingly positive so far! Check out our Instagram @yf_stpcicp for updates on events.

Please contact me: (+62)81513579488 [Elang] on WhatsApp if you want to petition GAME JAM to be a regular event by youths, for everybody!

- Elang Prakasa



MASS Schedule

OCTOBER

27th Sunday Ordinary Time

SAT 03 OCT	03:30 pm	St. Theresia, Menteng	The Choir Immortal
SUN 04 OCT	03:00 pm	St. Theresia, Menteng	The Choir Immortal LIVE STREAMING
	06:00 pm	Canisius Chapel, Menteng	CFJ Choir

28th Sunday Ordinary Time

SAT 11 OCT	03:30 pm	St. Theresia, Menteng	Maria Assumpta Choir
SUN 12 OCT	03:00 pm	St. Theresia, Menteng	Elfacs Choir LIVE STREAMING
	06:00 pm	Canisius Chapel, Menteng	Genesis Choir

29th Sunday Ordinary Time

SAT 17 OCT	03:30 pm	St. Theresia, Menteng	Eucharistic Sounds Choir
SUN 18 OCT	03:00 pm	St. Theresia, Menteng	Elfacs Choir LIVE STREAMING
	06:00 pm	Canisius Chapel, Menteng	YF Choir

30th Sunday Ordinary Time

SAT 24 OCT	03:30 pm	St. Theresia, Menteng	Eucharistic Sounds Choir
SUN 25 OCT	03:00 pm	St. Theresia, Menteng	The Choir Immortal LIVE STREAMING
	06:00 pm	Canisius Chapel, Menteng	Genesis Choir

Solemnity of All Saints

SAT 31 OCT	03:30 pm	St. Theresia, Menteng	Eucharistic Sounds Choir
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NOVEMBER

Solemnity of All Saints

SUN 01 NOV	03:00 pm	St. Theresia, Menteng	The Choir Immortal LIVE STREAMING
	06:00 pm	Canisius Chapel, Menteng	CFJ

32nd Sunday Ordinary Time

SAT 07 NOV	03:30 pm	St. Theresia, Menteng	Eucharistic Sounds Choir
SUN 08 NOV	03:00 pm	St. Theresia, Menteng	Elfacs Choir LIVE STREAMING
	06:00 pm	Canisius Chapel, Menteng	Genesis Choir

Christ the King

SAT 21 NOV	03:30 pm	St. Theresia, Menteng	Eucharistic Sounds Choir
SUN 22 NOV	03:00 pm	St. Theresia, Menteng	The Choir Immortal LIVE STREAMING
	06:00 pm	Canisius Chapel, Menteng	Genesis Choir

1st Sunday Advent

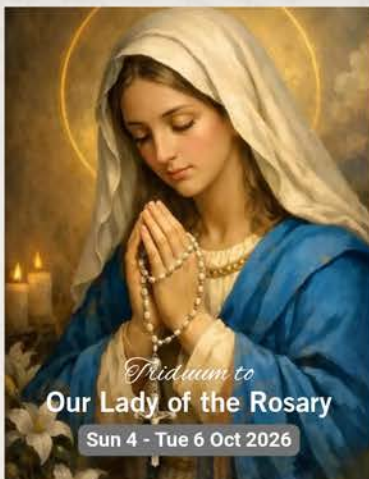
SAT 28 NOV	03:30 pm	St. Theresia, Menteng	Eucharistic Sounds Choir
SUN 29 NOV	03:00 pm	St. Theresia, Menteng	Elfacs Choir LIVE STREAMING
	06:00 pm	Canisius Chapel, Menteng	Genesis Choir



ONLINE PRAYER

This October, make each evening a moment of grace and spiritual renewal. Come, spend a few minutes in prayer, reflection, and draw closer to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

We warmly invite all parishioners and their families to **join our 9:00 PM online prayer** and experience the peace and blessings of praying together as one faith community.

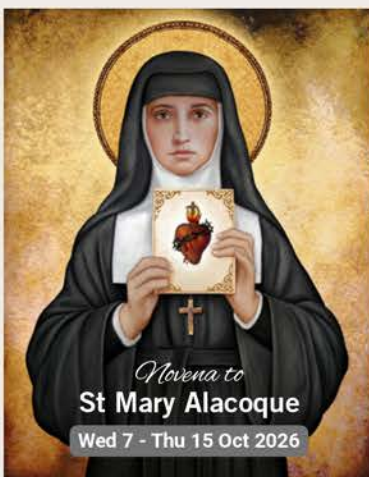


Our Lady of the Rosary

For centuries, Christians have turned to Mary through the Rosary, meditating on the life of Jesus through her eyes. In times of fear and uncertainty, the simple rhythm of the prayers has given countless people a quiet place to turn.

In 1571, Pope St. Pius V called Christians to pray the Rosary as Europe faced the threat of war. After the Christian victory at the Battle of Lepanto, October 7 became associated with Our Lady of the Rosary, and the feast is now celebrated throughout the Church.

But the heart of the Rosary is not the battle or the history. It is Jesus. With every bead, Mary gently leads us back to Him—through His joy, His suffering, His death, and His Resurrection.



St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

In 17th-century France, Margaret Mary Alacoque gave her life to Jesus as a Visitation nun. Through a series of visions, Christ revealed to her His Sacred Heart—burning with love and mercy for all humanity.

He entrusted her with a mission: to help the world know and love His Sacred Heart. Despite difficulties and misunderstanding, Margaret Mary remained faithful to her calling.

With the help of St. Claude de la Colombière, she helped spread devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, including the practice of First Friday devotion.

Today, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque is remembered as **a great apostle of the Sacred Heart**.



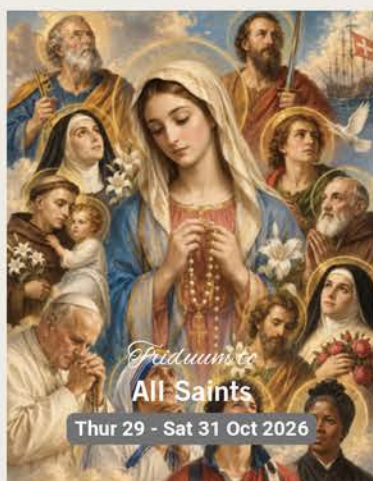
St. Simon & St. Jude

St. Simon the Apostle and St. Jude Thaddeus were two of the Twelve Apostles, chosen by Jesus to carry His Gospel to the world.

Little is known about their lives, but both remained faithful to Christ and courageously preached the Gospel, even when the journey was difficult.

Simon is traditionally depicted with a saw, symbolizing his martyrdom, while Jude is shown with a club and a medallion bearing the image of Jesus.

Celebrated together on October 28.



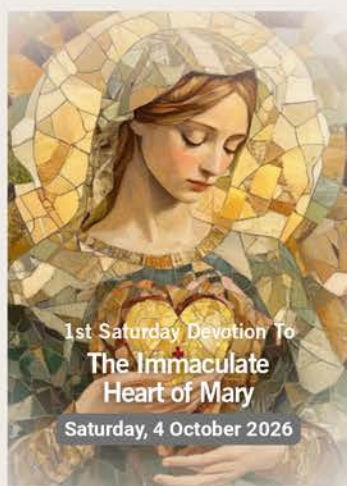
All Saints Day

On All Saints Day, the Church pauses to remember all the saints in Heaven—those we know by name and the countless holy souls whose lives may never have been recorded.

Some were martyrs. Some were missionaries, parents, priests, religious, or ordinary people who quietly chose love, faith, and kindness each day.

They remind us that holiness is not only for the extraordinary. It can begin in the small things we do—with patience, forgiveness, prayer, and love.

Behind every saint is a story of grace, struggle, and a heart that chose God.



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Let's pray together as a family



Meeting ID: **825 3664 5873**
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LET'S GROW IN FAITH AND SERVE!

Ministries of the sections throughout our Parish Structure:

Liturgia:

- Altar Servers
- Choir /Youth Choir
- EMHC – Extraordinary Ministries of Holy Communion
- Lectors/Youth Lectors
- Usher

Kerygma:

- ABC – Ark Bible Club (Sunday School age 4 to 8 years)
- CCD – Children Catechesis for First Holy Communion & Confirmation
- RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (Adult Catechesis)
- CYA – Confirmation Class for Young Adult

Bible Apostolate:

- Faith Forum – Bible Study & Beyond
- Komsos/Media – Spreading the Good News through Media

Koinonia:

- FAM – Family Ministry
- YF – Youth Fellowship (Youth ministry for teenagers)
- YAPro – Young Adult Professionals
- CMM – Chosen Men's Ministry

Diakonia:

- WEX – Social Section (PSE)

Martyria:

- International Relationship & Fellowship
- SOW – Environmental Section (coming soon)

Communities/Group within our Parish are:

- CFC – Couples For Christ
- LM - Legion of Mary
- SMPG – Santa Monica Prayer Group
- LOJF EF
- Online Prayer Community

*Come
join us!*

Let's make use of our
talents and time to
support our Parish in
different ways....



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT



TUESDAY MASS
Every Tuesday 12:00 PM
@St. Stefanus Church - Cilandak

 "This Mass is offered for the prayer intentions of the Universal Church and the Church of Indonesia"

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FIRST FRIDAY MASS
with ADORATION to
the BLESSED SACRAMENT

10:00 AM @St. Stefanus Church, Cilandak
07:30 PM @St. Theresia Church, Menteng

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Our Instagram account has changed

Before: @stpcicp_events

NOW:  @stpetercanisius.jkt

OFFERING

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.

To make giving even more convenient, you can use the QR code to donate via Gopay, OVO, Dana, Shopee or T-money.

For direct bank transfer can be made to

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Bank Danamon,

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Branch: Usman Harun, Jakarta.



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.

We are here to respond should you need any information
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