

# St. Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish Jakarta

Monthly Bulletin – May 2023

#### **QUALITY OF LIFE**

"A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10)

#### Beloved Sisters and Brothers,

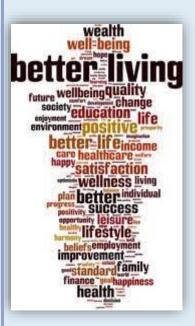
All of us want to live a life of our dream with tons of joy and happiness. We work extremely hard and make every effort to secure its realization. This assumes that our working conditions and society provide and

support a social system that makes possible the attainment of such a dream. We do not want to live in a society where our economic conditions hardly improve regardless of how hard we work. An ideal and just society would ensure that its basic institutions and structures help its members attain the best living conditions possible. Such living conditions continue to be in the making through regulations and policies.

The continuous making of the best living conditions in any society necessarily involves enhancing the quality of life for its members. Everyone may have different understandings and perceptions of their well-being regarding the various aspects of their life depending on factors such as culture, socioeconomic status, and personal values. But



any discourse on the quality of human life must first address the physical aspect of our existence that



includes health and nutrition. When access to healthcare and nutrition is limited, life in general will be difficult. Only with good physical health and nutrition can an individual's quality of life be enhanced. This is the very reason the government and institutions must place people's physical well-being as their priority, especially for the poor and the marginalized. The dignity of the human person, as the Catholic social teaching emphasizes as an integral part of our faith, needs to be secured and enhanced in the care of this important aspect of human life.

Our quality of life, of course, pertains not only to the physical aspect of our well-being, but also the emotional and social ones. The feelings of happiness and contentment are necessary for a life that is worth living. The lack of emotional fulfilment and social connection may cause mental health issues and significantly affect an individual's quality of life. Nowadays the measure of the quality of life also includes an environmental aspect that ensures the individual's sense of safety and easy access to clean water, air, and green

spaces. A poor environment that the individual lives in can significantly impact the overall quality of life.

"One does not live by bread alone," Jesus says, "but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of

God." This statement aptly summarizes the truth that human beings are not merely living beings, but also spiritual ones. The fulfilment of the needs pertaining to the above aspects of the quality of life would not be complete unless the spiritual aspect of human existence is attended. People often still feel empty in their lives despite having all the things any human being can hope for. In our pursuit of worldly goals and necessities, we often forget our true nature as spiritual beings. Jesus came to us precisely to remind us of this beautiful nature that God has given us and to show us how to embrace it to the fullest. Our ministries as participation in the works for God's kingdom must



always be inclusive of the various aspects of the fully human life. Only then can the people we serve, and every single human being live an abundant life as God has planned.

Fr. Thomas Hidya Tjaya, S.J.



#### **ONLINE & OFFLINE MASS SCEHDULE**



ST. PETER CANISIUS INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC PARISH				
CHOIR SCHEDULE FOR MAY 2023 OFFLINE/ONLINE* FROM ST. THERESIA				
DATE	DAY	MASS	TIME	CHOIR
May 6,	Sat	5th Sunday Easter	3:30PM	Eucharistic Sounds Choir
May 7,	Sun	5th Sunday Easter	3.00PM	ELFACS Choir
May 13,	Sat	6th Sunday Easter	3:30PM	Eucharistic Sounds Choir
May 14,	Sun	6th Sunday Easter	3.00PM	The Choir Immortal
May 18,	Thu	Ascension of the Lord	3.00PM	ELFACS Choir
May 20,	Sat	7th Sunday Easter	3.30PM	Eucharistic Sounds Choir
May 21,	Sun	7th Sunday Easter	3:00PM	ELFACS Choir
May 27,	Sat	Pentecost Sunday	3.30PM	Eucharistic Sounds Choir
May 28,	Sun	Pentecost Sunday	3:00PM	The Choir Immortal
CANISIUS CHAPEL				
DATE	DAY	MASS	TIME	CHOIR
May 7,	Sun	5th Sunday Easter	6:00PM	Genesis Choir
May 14,	Sun	6th Sunday Easter	6:00PM	Genesis Choir
May 21,	Sun	7th Sunday Easter	6:00PM	Youth Choir
May 28,	Sun	Pentecost Sunday	6:00PM	Genesis Choir

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



### **CCD CORNER**



**First Holy Communion** is considered one of the holiest and most important occasions in a Roman Catholic person's life. Along with the Sacrament of Baptism, First Holy Communion is one of our three sacraments of initiation. It is through these sacraments of initiation that we become full members of the Church. We receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time during the First Holy Communion. The Holy Eucharist refers to Christ's body, blood, soul, and divinity that are truly present in the consecrated host and wine (now called the Body and Blood of Christ) on the altar. For us as Catholics, there is nothing greater than to receive Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist at Mass.



**108** enthusiastic faith-filled children from our parish welcomed Jesus by receiving their First Holy Communion during the Mass on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Congratulations to students and parents. Big thanks to all the CCD teachers, CCD Coordinators, Volunteers and Church staff and to St Theresia Church for their continued support











# **May Month of Mary**

The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love

May Month of Mary



which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the Month of May, no. 1).

Wherever there is faith there is the example of Mary because she lived by faith as the Scriptures remind us....

If then, piety is the virtue which binds us to the sources of all life, to God, to our parents, to the Church, to Christ, certainly Christian piety binds us, in grateful love, to Mary — or our acceptance of Christ and of the mystery of our kinship with Him is imperfect, partial, and unfulfilled. — Cardinal John Wright

Mother Mary Pray for us. Come and join our daily 0900pm online Rosary for the entire month of May.



# **YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

On the evening of Holy Thursday, 6 April 2023, the STPCICP's Young Adult Professionals embarked on a beautiful journey to visit five churches in Jakarta. After 2 years of the pandemic, we were thrilled to be able to finally come together in-person to observe this tradition this year. Seven Churches Visitation is a Catholic tradition to visit several churches, traditionally seven, to pray before the Blessed Sacrament in each church.

We began our Seven Churches Visitation by attending the Mass in the Vatican Embassy and it was followed by the procession of the Blessed Sacrament. Afterwards, we started our recitation of the Holy Rosary, the Sorrowful Mystery as we visit the different churches. We recited the first mystery at the Vatican Embassy and then proceeded to St Mary's Cathedral (Jakarta Cathedral), where we continued with the second mystery.

Our next stops were Canisius Chapel and St. Ignatius Church, where we recited the third and fourth mysteries respectively. The atmosphere was solemn and peaceful as we adore the Blessed Sacrament exposed in the churches. Our final stop was back in St. Theresia Church, where we completed with the fifth mystery. We felt a deep sense of gratitude and fulfilment as we concluded this spiritual journey.

The Seven Churches Visitation is a beautiful way to reflect on the sacrifice of Jesus and prepare for the Easter celebration. It was heartening to have the community come together to participate in this activity. We hope to continue this tradition in the years to come and deepen our faith as a community.

\*\*By Ivan & Eunice\*\*

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# **Parish Volunteers Fellowship**

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.

Fellowship builds unity. The church is called to be united. Unity is having everything in common and being of the same mind. Paul wrote in Ephesians 4 saying, "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace" (vs. 3). If the Lord is that interested in the unity of the church, then we should be interested in it as well. We are called to "keep" or "maintain" the unity of the church.

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, but during the pandemic we were not able to come together and organize the fellowship. This year we are back again with our fellowship dinner for our volunteers who serve the parish and our community in different forms. A Fellowship dinner was organized on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2023 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.

Church School SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT CHURCH ACTIVITIES Church Sports

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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<u>SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS</u>

Send text to 08118039728; format:

Name (or Anonymous): Parish of origin, City: Intention:

ATTENTION: PLEASE SEND BY SATURDAY EVENING AT THE LATEST

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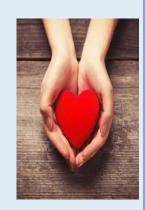
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#### Parish Activities in the month of April

#### **Holy Hour on Maundy Thursday**

The tradition of the Holy Hour devotion dates back to 1673 CE, when Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque stated that she had a vision of Jesus in which she was instructed to spend an hour every Thursday night to meditate on the suffering of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. This year too our Parish continued the tradition, and we prayed the hourly prayers on Holy Thursday, starting from 0800pm in the night until Friday, 0200 am. Different communities joined to stay awake and pray with Jesus at the garden of Gethsemane.



# Novena to THE DIVINE MERCY FRI 7 APRIL to SAT 15 APRIL 09:00 PM Join us on: Meeting ID: 853 6115 5143 Passcode: trustinyou

#### Novena to The Divine Mercy

As a tradition of our parish, every year we pray the Divine Mercy Novena for Nine days.

The Divine Mercy novena is prayed between Good Friday and the Sunday of Divine Mercy, which is the Sunday following Easter.

Jesus' mercy is in abundance, it is just that we need to seek his mercy, the moment we seek his mercy, it flows like gush of water.

When He sees our failings, He is FULL OF COMPASSION. HE SHOWS US THE MERCY THAT "ENDURES FOREVER" (Psalm 118:2)

May the Love and Mercy of our dear Jesus be with us. Jesus, I

Trust in You

#### Novena to St. Peregrine

We continued for the third year Novena to St. Peregrine the patron saint for persons suffering from cancer, AIDS, and other life-threatening illnesses. These 09 days, we prayed for anyone who is suffering from cancer and any other life-threatening illness in our families, known circle or anyone who needs our prayers. We know and believe that St. Peregrine will surely pray for everyone who needs his prayers.

Many who have reposed their faith in him and prayed have got miraculously healed. We uplift all the cancer AIDS and other life-threatening illness patients to St. Peregrine to pray for them.

St. Peregrine pray for us.



