



St. Peter Canisius

International Catholic Parish – Jakarta

GOD CREATED MAN AND WOMAN IN HIS IMAGE

"I pray... so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you." (John 17:20-21)

Beloved Sisters and Brothers,

As the coronavirus pandemic is raging in many parts of the world, we find many of our daily activities have been brought to a halt. To prevent its spread, governments have imposed lockdowns, isolation, quarantines, and policies that limit travels and human interaction. Doctors, nurses, and emergency medical workers have worked tirelessly to deal with the pandemic. Scientists and researchers around the globe are racing to develop vaccines and treatments for the virus. Suddenly humanity finds itself working hand in hand for this critical common cause. Indeed, as the progression of the pandemic reveals, it becomes clear that working together as fellow human beings is the only way to protect ourselves, our families, our loved ones, and the whole humanity. This will certainly take extraordinary levels of coordination, trust, cooperation and international partnerships in an interconnected world.

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

When human beings find themselves working together for the cause of humanity, the social categories that usually shape our societies such as gender, race, religion, and other relevant distinction suddenly seem irrelevant. We see ourselves simply as human beings who need to survive and overcome the pandemic.

We find ourselves attacked as one humanity and therefore, try our best to work together to fight the common enemy. This is precisely how God has created us, namely, one humanity: "God created mankind in his image." We show our true nature as the image of God when we bond and work together as one humanity for our common purposes, not for our selfish interests.

Indeed, 'male' and 'female' are specifically mentioned in the book of Genesis as one major social category that represents humanity. Men and women must work together for the betterment of our society. They represent the unity of humankind as God envisioned the purpose of His creation. The common works done for the good of humankind reflect who God truly is, namely, a loving Father. It is such image of God that we, as God's own creation, need to show the world.

Thus, the biblical notion of "God created male and female in His image" does not need to be interpreted narrowly as gender reference, but rather more broadly as a complete unity of humanity. Only when we work together as one humanity will we attain the purpose of God's creation. When men and women work together, or more extensively, one humanity shows collective efforts for global solidarity, the image of God as a loving Father is eminently manifested. The glory of God thus brilliantly shines upon humanity because we show ourselves to be one, just as Jesus and the Father are one.

Fr. Thomas Hidya Tjaya, S.J.



STAY HOME.
STAY SAFE. SAVE LIVES.



ORATIO IMPERATA (COVID-19)

God our Father, we come to you in our need
To ask your protection against the COVID-19
That has claimed lives and affected many.

We pray for your grace
For the people tasked with studying the nature and cause of this
virus and its disease
And of stemming the tide of its transmission.
Guide the hands and minds of medical experts
that they may minister to the sick
With competence and compassion,
And of those governments and private agencies
That must find cure and solution to this pandemic.
We pray for those afflicted, may they be restored to health soon.

Grant us the grace to work for the good of all
and to help those in need.
Grant this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son,
Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

Mother Mary, Help of all Christians, *pray for us.*
St. Raphael the Archangel, *pray for us.*
St. Roch, *pray for us.* St. Sebastian, *pray for us.*
St. Blaise, *pray for us.*
St. Giuseppe Moscati, *pray for us.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit
As it was in the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be World without end. *Amen.*



HOLY WEEK



SCHEDULE

LIVE  
STREAMING



PALM SUNDAY, Saturday 4 April - 03:00pm

HOLY THURSDAY, 9 April - 03:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY, 10 April - 03:00pm

EASTER VIGIL, Saturday 11 April - 03:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY, 12 April - 11:00am

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Reconciliation Service with General Absolution

Live Stream on Wed, 8 April 2020 @ 6:00pm

All of us are called to be reconciled with God. This is the primary purpose of our lives. Let us heed God's call for reconciliation by joining this Reconciliation Service. Given the current situation of the covid-19 outbreak, a general absolution of sins will be given in this service. Upon receiving this absolution, however, all participants of this service still need to go to individual confession when the Situation allows

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