

St. Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish Jakarta

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FRATERNITY AND SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP IN THE ENCYCLICAL FRATELLI TUTTI

"No one can face life in isolation" (Pope Francis)

Beloved Sisters and Brothers,

The world seems never free from problems and challenges. Life can thus be difficult on both personal and communal levels, even without a pandemic. Therefore, the question of how we can create a better world to live in is perennially pertinent, especially to the Catholic Church that since its inception has engaged in the proclamation of the Gospel. In such spirit of service to the world we need to read Pope Francis's encyclical *Fratelli tutti* (October 2020) that raises the questions about the great ideals and the tangible ways that can help build a more just and fraternal world. The encyclical points out the many distortions of the contemporary era that include the manipulation and deformation of concepts such as democracy, freedom, justice as well as the prevalence of a market logic based on profit and the culture of waste. It thus suggests fraternity and social friendship as the ways toward such a world with the commitment of all segments of our society, including institutions, the economic world, and the international organizations.

Fraternity and social friendship need to reach out to everyone in our society, especially the frail and vulnerable. We are coresponsible in creating a society that can include, integrate, and lift those who have fallen or are suffering, recognizing Christ in the face of every excluded person. Therefore, the Pope invites us to take the role of the Good Samaritan and to become neighbours to others, overcoming prejudices, personal interests, historic and cultural barriers. To play this role, we need to go out of the self and to open to



the other. The Pope reminds us that the spiritual stature of a person's life is always measured by love, which always takes first place, far from all selfishness. Being the Good Samaritan indeed requires "a heart open to the whole world." Of course, forging fraternity and social friendship ultimately demands "a better kind of politics" at the service of the common good and recognizes the importance of people. Such politics, according to the Pope, is cantered on human dignity and not subjected to finance because "the marketplace, by itself, cannot resolve every problem." Only then can we have proper discussion and dialogue about peace, which is intimately connected to truth, justice, and mercy.



It is important to take seriously the Pope's suggestion that the sense of solidarity and of fraternity begins within the family, which is the place where each member learns to support one another. Fostering such important sense must become part of the primary and vital mission of education that runs in each family. It is a call for each one of us to take part in this important mission. Just as God has shown extraordinary solidarity with us in the incarnation, suffering and death of Jesus His Son, we need to do the same to participate in God's plan of salvation for every

single creature in the whole existence. Happy Easter to you all!

Fr. Thomas Hidya Tjaya, S.J.



ANNUAL PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

This season of Lent invites us into a time of discovery and recovery. The real value and meaning of Lent is to be found in spiritual renewal and a fresh commitment to the will of God. Our Parish organized Lenten retreat for 05 weeks on every Saturday through different renowned preachers. The first two retreats sessions were already covered in our last Bulletin and in this Bulletin, we will cover the next three retreat sessions done in the month March. Following were the topics covered during our Lenten Retreat / Mission:

- Feb 20, 2021: My Relationship with God by Dr. Fr. Henry D'Souza, SVD, Mumbai, India
- Feb 27, 2021: My Relationship with One Another and in the Family by Dr. Fr. Henry D'Souza, SVD
- March 6, 2021: My Relationship with Nature Fr. Bayu Risanto, SJ, Chicago, USA
- March 13, 2021: My Relationship in the Digital Age Fr. Provincial Benny Juliawan, SJ, Jakarta
- March 20, 2021 : Sharing Session Fr. Bambang Triatmoko, SJ

Here is some of the reflections written by our parishioners:

It was special to reflect on our relationship with one another with our fellow parishioners. We hope this will bring our parish together & allow us to have deeper relationship with God. The power of a community praying & learning togethers is just what we need to understand God's will in this pandemic.

It is blessing that we have the pandemic in this digital age as technology help us to open the church in each house. I hope, with the same technology, we can do our part to be better stewards to our mother earth.

By Bro Donny & Sis Alfa Winarno

Session 4 - Faith in the Digital Age

With Fr Provincial Benny Juliawan, SJ

Fr Benny provided many insights, as always. Key points that particularly resonated: The digital world is here to stay. Laptops, smartphones. We do not need to cast them aside to find discernment in the digital age. We just need to remember to see God everywhere and in everyone. Do not allow technology to dictate our lives. We need to give purpose and meaning to the use of the gadgets in our everyday life, infused and imbued with a Catholic world view.

-By Sis Suyi Kamdani

Amidst the pandemic we are facing, and the restrictions on physical religious congregations, we are still blessed to be able to receive solid and spiritual aid through the online Lenten Retreat provided by our priests. I encourage others to take full advantage of this new means of internet-based religious and faith experiences. It helps me to refocus and deepens my faith and relationship with God. We must also share that faith and become cyber missionaries!

-By Sis Paula Roque

HELP THE VICTIMS OF DISASTER

NTT NEEDS OUR SUPPORT

As you are aware, Tropical Cyclone Seroja has hit several areas in East Nusa Tenggara (NTT) recently. As a result, hundreds of casualties and properties have been severely damaged. Nearly 165 people have died, and several others are missing. As many have lost their houses in the cyclone, they are currently staying in the government set-up refugee camps.

While the Government is doing whatever best possible way to support the people, let us also assist our brothers and sisters who are in urgent need of relief by way of cash or kind, mainly providing tents, blankets, medicines, vitamins, and other essential support. You can also donate in cash or through bank transfer to our parish bank account - **PGDP Internasional Santo Petrus Canisius, Bank Danamon Acc No. 664 177 7773.** Please do not forget to add Rp 66 in the amount for the easy identification, for example if you plan transfer Rp. 100,000, please add Rp. 66 as Rp. 100,066-.

We appreciate your generosity and concern for the needy.







ONLINE AND OFFLINE MASS SCEHDULE



DATE	DAY	MASS	TIME	CHOIR
Apr 11, 2021	Sun	02nd Sun of Easter	3:00 PM	Genesis Choir
Apr 18, 2021	Sun	03rd Sun of Easter	3:00 PM	Rorate Caeli Choir
Apr 25, 2021	Sun	04th Sun of Easter	3:00 PM	Voices of Praise Choir
May 02, 2021	Sun	05th Sun of Easter	3:00 PM	Genesis Choir
May 09, 2021	Sun	06th Sun of Easter	3:00 PM	Cadenza Choir
May 13, 2021	Thu	Ascension of the Lord	3:00 PM	The Choir Immortal
May 16, 2021	Sun	07th Sun of Easter	3:00 PM	Rorate Caeli Choir
May 23, 2021	Thu	Pentecost Sunday	3:00 PM	The Choir Immortal
May 30, 2021	Sun	Holy Trinity Sunday	3:00 PM	Voices of Praise Choir

CCD CORNER

Our CCD students are always encouraged to write on their experience of the CCD classes, here below one of our Confirmation students' reflections on the CCD classes as well the Recollection:



Joining CCD has been so amazing. CCD has taught me a lot of new things about my religion and how I can become a better Catholic. During my confirmation classes I learned about the power of Holy Spirit and how the holy spirit can help to lead a holy life. We were also taught on afterlife and what happens to your soul after your death.



During this class session, we talked about the afterlife and I thought that was an interesting topic. We were all asked what we think happens in the afterlife and I enjoyed listening to what my friends thought. I personally think that you just wake up in a lobby type room with a receptionist that will tell you what to do, where to go etc.

As a part of Confirmation class requirement, we had half day online Recollection on the topic of "Resilience". We talked about how we must stay resilient. We must learn from our mistakes and overcome them. Focus on our strengths more than our weaknesses. All the challenges in life helps us to become stronger and of course, more resilient. Fr. Moko helped us on personal prayers on how we pray reflectively and taught on "The Examen – A Daily Prayer" (St. Ignatius Loyola) reflecting on what you do is a good way to think about everything you have done throughout the day so that you can improve on yourself. To improve on yourself you must learn from all your mistakes and try to be better.

EXAMEN

1. GIVE THANKS.

2. Ask for help.

3. Reflect.

4. Say Sorry.

5. DECIDE.

By: Meher Noronha – (CCD Theresia), Grade 07, GMIS – Jakarta

ALTAR SERVERS - NOBLE ACT OF GIVING

05 LOVES & 02 FISH OUTREACH PROGRAM FOR THE NEEDY

The 5 Loaves & 2 Fish Program initiated by the Altar Servers since Nov 2020 continues to reach out monthly to the needy around us. With the donations given from the altar



servers' allowance, last month we distributed rice to taxi drivers, garbage collectors & the homeless. The smiles on the faces of those needy is a real blessing to our Altar servers and May God open their hearts to contribute much more to bring further smiles to those who are in need.



If you wish to help continue this program, you're welcome to contribute. For more details, please contact Sis Melissa on HP No. +62 822-6010-3938











5 LOAVES and 2 FISH Charity Program

Transfer your gift to:

Bank Danamon – Cabang Usman Harun

PGDP Internasional Santo Petrus Canisius

Acc No. 664 177 7773

"If Jesus can feed 5000 people with five loaves & two fish, imagine how many people we can help"

YOUR KIND CONTRIBUTION MATTERS

As Pandemic continues to affect us and no sign of opening the Church for physical masses, and no direct collections are done during the online Mass, we urge the parishioners to support generously. You can use the

QR code below to pay through **Gopay**, **OVO**, **Dana**, **Shopee**, **T-money** or direct transfer to the bank account - PGDP Internasional Santo Petrus Canisius, Acct No. 664 177 7773, Bank Danamon – Cabang Usman Harun, Jakarta

Below is the QR Code for receiving offering and gifts for Mass intentions. Please note for Mass intentions kindly add Rp. 22 (twenty-two) on the amount transferred. 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

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ONLINE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN MAR 2021

Holy Hour on Maundy Thursday

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. For the first time, our Parish started this tradition, and we had the hourly prayers on Holy Thursday, 0800pm in the night until Friday, 0100 am. We plan to continue this tradition now on a yearly basis.

Novena to St. Joseph

This year 2021 is established as the Year of St. Joseph by Pope Francis. To commemorate this, our parish had the Novena of St Joseph every Wednesday at 9 pm via online for 09 weeks from Wednesday 27 Jan to 24 Mar 2021. Each week was dedicated to different intentions. St. Joseph plays different roles to support the faithful servants and he is also the Patron of Happy Death, Friend in suffering, Patron of families, Patron of workers, Patron of the Church. St. Joseph Pray for us.

Novena to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

It commemorates the joys and sorrows of the Mother of God, her virtues and perfections, her love for God and her Divine Son and her compassionate love for mankind. ... In 1969, Pope Paul VI moved the celebration of the Immaculate Heart of Mary to the Saturday, immediately after the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We had Novena to the Immaculate Heart of Mary starting from Nov 2020 to March 2021.

Way of the Cross in a Time of Pandemic

The Stations of the Cross is a widely practiced devotion, especially during the season of Lent. Unfortunately, gathering for this devotion in our parishes has been disrupted by the need for social distancing during this pandemic, but this did not deter us from this devotion by moving the station of cross to online on every Friday during the season of Lent. All the parishioners devoutly prayed together.

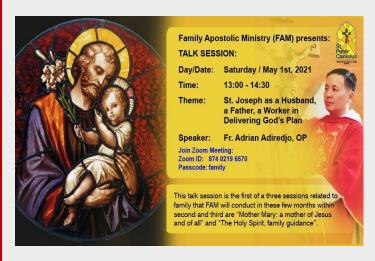
Holy Week Celebration

Unlike last year, this year we celebrated the Holy Week both through online and offline Mass. Even though many parishioners would have loved to attend the offline Mass, but due to restrictions, we had to limit the number of participants. We thank all the Priests, volunteers, servers, ushers for ensuring Holy Week celebrations















SEASON OF FESTIVITY



