

St. Peter Canisius

International Catholic Parish - Jakarta

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SOLIDARITY: WE ARE ONE HUMAN FAMILY

"The first step in the evolution of ethics is a sense of solidarity with other human beings" - (Albert Schweitzer)

Beloved Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The COVID-19 pandemic does not seem to go away anytime soon as new cases continue to rise in many countries. Governments, health scientists, and professionals have tried their best to contain the spread of the coronavirus. We are all in this pandemic together. The current situation has given rise to a strong sense of common humanity and forced us to think and act more globally. With its farreaching effects on various dimensions of human life, this pandemic clearly cannot be strong contained without global cooperation. It becomes clear that without a genuine spirit of human solidarity, we may be very far from returning to safe living conditions.

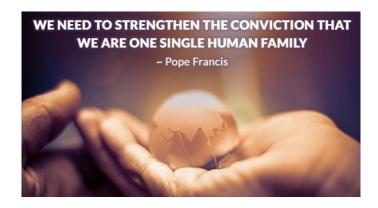


Solidarity
We are one
human family.
We need to
work for peace
and justice
globally

The idea of solidarity stems from the simple recognition that at the root of our existence we are basically individual human beings regardless of our place in the society. Sharing the common humanity, we are fundamentally exposed to all kinds

of experience that are possible for any human being: joy, sadness, fear, anxiety, suffering, illness and death. Whenever we have such experience, we know that we are not alone because it is what it means to be human. Our common experience allows us to reach out to other human beings, particularly those in need. Thus, solidarity highlights our bond as one humanity and our intrinsic nature as social beings. Ethics and the structure of our society, as Albert Schweitzer points out, must then be built upon the very sense of solidarity with other human beings. The principle of the common good reminds us that we are never separated from other human beings and that we are responsible for all.

From the spiritual point of view, solidarity manifests our bond as one human family whom God has created. We may often think of ourselves as individuals that are unique and separate from one another. Such thinking consequently bears upon our general behaviors, which fail to take into account our deep connection with other people. Solidarity and the care for the well-being of other people are fundamentally a reflection of our spiritual relationship with God. As the Scriptures remind us, no one can claim to have loved God without loving their neighbor. The commandments to love God and one's neighbor have been given us as a unity to show their inseparability. Moreover, since God loves us all, our solidarity and care for neighbor must also extend to everyone. Universality is thus a distinctive character of both God's love for us and our love for one another. That is how we may truly become one big family in God's kingdom.



Fr. Thomas Hidya Tjaya, S.J.





YOUTH FELLOWSHIP CORNER

Amid this Pandemic, our parish youth have become more active and involved in many online Youth sessions. Last month the participation crossed more than 100 for the online YF session, this truly shows the interest and keenness of our youth to learn and grow in their faith.

Our Youth coordinators encourage and support our youth to write on their understanding about various monthly Youth sessions. Thus, we want more and more youth to express their viewpoints. This month we publish three of these reflections written by our parish youths......



YF Action Session by Nadia Clara Date: 26 September 2020, Topic:- "Am I Not Your Mother?" - Mama Mary

The lesson behind today's Youth Fellowship revolves around the theme of our Mother Mary's love and power. Despite being Jesus' mother, she is also ours, and can comfort us in the most difficult times. Throughout the world, there have been many accounts of her saving grace and mercy. Her display of undying compassion include bringing believers back from the brink of death, empowering the sorrowful through prayer, rewarding religious services, and most importantly, delivering our petition and faith to her Son. We are not to worship her as God, but to offer our love and praise to her, in order to strengthen our relationship with God. She loves us as she loves Him and knows just how much respect and esteem, she deserves...

By:- Amanda Widjanarko - Grade 07, ACS - Jakarta

This time we learned about Mother Mary and the story of her life and what she means to us, as Catholics. As we all know, Mother Mary is the Mother of Jesus Christ. We often do not pray to her and people usually forget about her part of the story. To know deeper about her, we need to imagine what it was like to be in her position. She went through an incredible journey that God had planned out for her. Think about an angel coming to you, telling you would be the mother of God's son and imagine yourself giving birth to him. Then fast forward to when you are seeing your son being crucified. That would feel like a million swords piercing towards your heart.

When we were a child, there was not much we could do to get what we want. ...

By:- Stella Atmadja - Grade 07, ACS - Jakarta

YF Youth Fellowship Session by Frater John Paul CSE., Date: 12 September 2020, Topic:- "The Prayer That Works"

In this YF session, we learned about the proper way to pray to God and about the false God, Baal. Elijah was a great prophet of Israel and was made in the image of God. Baal is a false god of wealth, pleasure, power and honor while God is a God of love and salvation for all mankind and he is the one true God. This is why the priest in the story didn't make it. He worshipped the wrong God. Elijah's prayer worked because he was worshipping the right God, the one true God. His prayer also had the right purpose and the right attitude of humility and trust, what God expects from us. His relationship with God was also the right one.

By:- Steve Francis, Grade 07, ACS - Jakarta

VIRTUAL FAITH FORUM

By Fr. Ramon Nadres Ph. D

Date: 19 September 2020

Topic: The Biblical Theology of Human Body



As a human being God create us in his own image (Imago Dei). This body that are given to us by God was not meant to just live in the world, but to transform itself and to become holy just like God. In the Theology of the Body series Pope John Paul II does an exegesis of the phrases in the beginning used by Jesus Christ to describe fidelity and exclusivity in marriage which is stated in the Matthew chapter 19.

Pope Benedict XVI talks about the exclusivity of marriage in Deus Caritas Est (God is Love). There are three types of love which is Agape or highest unselfish love, Philia which is the love between friends, and Eros which resembles what is known to be romantic or intimate love. In Deus Caritas Est Pope Benedict XVI stated that our love towards God supposed to be Agape and Eros, because our love towards God should be exclusive and above all else.

When we are talking about our body and love, John Paul II once said that our body tell us story about true and exclusive love. Marriage and true love cannot be defined by bodily use of sexuality alone, the sexuality act is a necessary part of marriage and it is a gift from God to married couple, but true love primarily involve the soul. In that sense it is important for us to not make use of our sexuality and to conserve our body to our true love.

By:- Gabriel Damar Wibawa Setianto – Student, Faculty of Medicine University of Airlangga - Surabaya

YOUR KIND CONTRIBUTION MATTERS

As Pandemic continues to affect us and no collections are done during the online Mass, we urge the parishioners to support generously. You can use the QR code to pay through **Gopay, OVO** or direct transfer to the bank account

Below is the account number for receiving offering and gifts for Mass intentions. Please note for Mass intentions kindly add Rp. 1 (one) 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. 100.001,- Thank you and God bless you and your family for your continuous support





OCTOBER – MONTH OF HOLY ROSARY



"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers." - Pope Saint Pius X

By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to a certain devotion. The month of October is dedicated to the **Holy Rosary**, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. October includes **the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7).** The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the Rosary together as one Family.

St. John Paul II in one of his first general audience as Pope in 1978 called the Rosary a "marvelous prayer" — marvelous in its simplicity and in its depth, and I think both of those attributes make it the perfect prayer for families. The Rosary is simple enough so that even young children can follow along, and perhaps even join in. And it's deep enough so that it offers endless opportunities for spiritual growth to all of us.

During this pandemic as we are not able to meet and pray together as one parish family, we have initiated online holy Rosary for the entire month of October. All parishioners are encouraged to join **the daily 0900 pm online Rosary** and request our Mother to intercede for all of us to get over this pandemic

CHILDREN FAITH FORMATION





Many parents find it challenging to build faith and to bring their children closer to God. One of the explanations for this challenge is that "we are not speaking to the kids in their own language and we do not think the way kids think and therefore we do not really understand what they want..." This pandemic has forced us to change our mind-set to go beyond the physical classroom teaching and to explore different ways. In other words, this pandemic was also an OPPORTUNITY, which led us to introduce a digital methodology of teaching religion in a structured way.

It was a daunting task, at first, we had to build confidence in our teachers. A process of re-education, adaptation and reception had to take place, and it did not happen overnight. We are happy to see it working. We engaged with the young parents and their kids with this tech-savvy approach, which gave us the confidence to introduce an online game-based faith formation app called God's Park for children (Grades 1-6) in their faith formation. After over a month in the online classes, kids have been enjoying their CCD faith journey, combined with self-learning.

With this new approach using God's Park, we hope our children will continue their faith formation year after year, building on their faith for a smooth transition to Confirmation Class (Grade 7).



ANNOUNCEMENTS



OCTOBER



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

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

http://wwe.expatcatholicparish.org/





Youths and Young Adults, if you feel you do not have an answer for your questions, we are here to help you and guide you

Please feel free to ask your questions/doubts by sending an email to

connected@expatcatholicparish.org







ONLINE SESSION
WITH
FR. NIKOLAS
KRISTIYANTO, SJ

SATURDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2020 1:00 — 2:30 PM

