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OBITUARY



REV FATHER FRANCIS GERARD JEAN-CLAUDE LOURDES

Born: 18 September 1964

Ordained: 8 July 1994

Departed: 1 September 2024

It is with profound sorrow that we announce the passing of Rev. Fr. Francis Gerard Jean-Claude Lourdes, beloved Parish Administrator of the Chapel of Kristus Aman, Taman Tun Dr Ismail, Kuala Lumpur.

Born on September 18, 1964, Fr. Jean-Claude answered the divine call to the priesthood with a heart full of love and commitment. He began his journey at the Good Shepherd Minor Seminary in Melaka in 1986, where his vocation was nurtured and his spirit refined. His formation continued at the College General Major Seminary in Penang, culminating in his ordination on July 8, 1994, by then Archbishop Anthony Soter Fernandez at the Church of St. Joseph, Sentul, Kuala Lumpur.

From the very beginning of his priestly ministry, Fr. Jean-Claude was known for his humility and dedication. His first assignment was as Assistant Priest at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Kuala Lumpur (1994 - 1997). He then served in various capacities across the Archdiocese of Kuala Lumpur, including roles at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Port Dickson (1997), the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Klang (1997 - 1998), and the Church of Our Lady of Fatima, Banting (1998 - 2002).

In April 2004, Fr. Jean-Claude was appointed Parish Priest at the Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Mentakab, where he shepherded the community with grace and wisdom until 2011. His pastoral journey continued as he served as Assistant Parish Priest at the Church of the Assumption, Petaling Jaya (2011 - 2015) and as Parish Priest at the Church of the Risen Christ, Kuala Lumpur (2015 - 2021). In January 2022, he took on the role of

Parish Administrator at the Chapel of Kristus Aman, Taman Tun Dr Ismail, Kuala Lumpur, where he continued to serve with unwavering devotion until his passing.

Fr. Jean-Claude's commitment to the Church extended beyond his parish work; he pursued further studies in MS Development Communication at the University of the Philippines Los Banos and served as Consultant and Spiritual Director to the Social Communication Ministry in the Archdiocese of Kuala Lumpur from 1998 to 2012.

Fr. Jean-Claude celebrated his Silver Jubilee Sacerdotal Anniversary on July 7, 2019, marking twenty-five years of faithful service to God and the community. His life was a testament to the transformative power of faith, and his legacy of love and service will forever be cherished.

As we mourn his departure, we also celebrate a life that was lived in faithful service to God and His people. Rev. Fr. Jean-Claude Lourdes leaves behind a legacy of compassion, wisdom, and unwavering dedication. May he rest in eternal peace, embraced by the loving arms of the Lord he served so faithfully.

The details of the wake are as follow:

- **2 September 2024 (Monday)** at the Church of Jesus Caritas, Kepong from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm with requiem Mass at 8:00 pm.
- **3 September (Tuesday)**, at the Church of St Joseph, Sentul from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm with requiem Mass at 8:00 pm.

The Funeral Mass will be held on **Wednesday, 4 September 2024 at 10:30 am at the Church of St Joseph, Sentul, Kuala Lumpur and followed by burial at the Holy Family Catholic Cemetery, Jalan Bukit, 43000 Kajang.**

Most Reverend Julian Leow, the Archbishop of Kuala Lumpur, and the clergy of the Archdiocese would like to extend our deepest condolences to the family of the late Rev Fr Jean-Claude Lourdes in this time of loss and are united with them in fraternal prayer and support.

We invite the clergy, religious and faithful to remember Fr Jean-Claude Lourdes in your Masses and prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



**Rev Fr Dr Clarence Devadass
Chancellor
Archdiocese of Kuala Lumpur**

