

CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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Parish Office Hours: 9am - 5pm (Tuesday - Friday)
 9am - 1pm (Saturday & Sunday)
Monday Closed

PARISH PRIEST:

Rev. Fr. Michael Raymond OFM.Cap



2021 THEME - HOPE: BELIEVE, LIVE, AND GIVE
JANUARY THEME: THE WORD BECAME FLESH

PARISH PRIEST SPEAKS

We have found the Messiah! John 1:41

The readings this weekend invite us to reflect on the theme of vocation. The very word, **“vocation”** is derived from the Latin **vocare**, “to call.” We are to ponder on two accounts of people being called in the readings; the call of Samuel in the first reading and secondly, the call of the first disciples in the Gospel. In both instances, we note that God is the one who calls; God always takes the initiative. God’s call is personal in nature and he invites every individual to build a close relationship with Him. This decisive action of God is the foundational element of any vocation. Scriptures constantly narrates the many instances of God calling people and demanding a response from him. We have the examples of Abraham, Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah and several other persons who were called by God.

This call from God to holiness is constant in our lives and it requires a response from us. God’s call is a gift, and this call to each and every person demands a response and readiness to work for Him. He has called people to be missionaries, preachers, teachers, ordinary office workers, builders of families, social workers, medical practitioners, nurses and the many persons who could be His instruments of reconciliation, to work as priests and religious.

In order to discern, therefore, we need to have an intimate relationship with the Lord. We need time with him in order to get to know Him and to recognize his voice. The reason why young Samuel did not realize that the Lord was calling him was because “at that time Samuel was not familiar with the Lord, because Lord had not revealed anything to him as yet.” In the case of the two disciples, Jesus invited them to stay with him, to build a familiar relationship with him. Some scholars call this the very first Christian retreat. For us, this intimacy with the Lord grows as we spend time with him in prayer. Regular reading of the Scriptures, frequent attendance at Mass, the reception of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration, occasional recollections and retreats – all these are proven means of deepening our personal relationship with the Lord.

As we continue our relationship with the Lord, an important fruit of intimacy with the Lord is the ability to share His life

with others. In both the first reading and the Gospel, we see others who testify or who help the one whom God is calling. Eli helped Samuel. John the Baptist helped Andrew. Andrew helped Simon Peter. In our human relationships, when we love someone, we want others to know the one whom we love. We are happy to “boast” about our beloved. We are called to do likewise in our relationship with the Lord. As we get to know Him, our hearts are ignited by His love, which bursts forth to others.
Do I acknowledge the hand of God in the vocation that I have chosen? Is my intimacy with the Lord growing daily through the Sacraments and prayer? Does my life witness to others my deep conviction that Jesus Christ is God?



FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

CDM E-Bulletin Subscription: cdmbulletin@gmail.com

Daily Reflection on Word of God (Lectio Divina)
<http://cdm.my/bec-reflection/>

Mass Intentions Submission Deadline (Online)

For weekday mass offerings: least 48 hours in advance.

For weekend mass offerings: before 12pm Wednesdays.

Bank:- **Maybank (Church of Divine Mercy)**

Acc: **5073 9410 1643** (for tithes & pledges; please provide envelope reference number & month)

Acc: **5073 9410 1910** (for other donations; poor, migrants..)

Email your receipt and mass offering details (names of departed souls / thanksgiving / special intentions to: masscdmsgara@gmail.com (effective 24 Jan 2021)



CDM compound is a Non Smoking Zone

MASS & PRAYER TIMES	DAY	DESCRIPTION
<i>LIVE streaming</i>		Second Sunday of Ordinary Time
DM Chaplet 8.30am	SUN	1 Sam 3: 3b-10, 19
Mass 9.00am	17 Jan	1 Cor 6: 13c-15a, 17-20 Jn 1: 35-42
Live Streaming of Masses on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/cdmsgarapg/		
<i>LIVE streaming</i>	MON	
Mass 7.00am	18 Jan	
<i>LIVE streaming</i>	TUE	
Mass 7.00am	19 Jan	
<i>LIVE streaming</i>	WED	St Fabian, Pope & Martyr
Mass 7.00am	20 Jan	St Sebastian, Martyr
<i>LIVE streaming</i>	THU	St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
Mass 7.00am	21 Jan	
<i>LIVE streaming</i>	FRI	St Vincent, Deacon & Martyr
Mass 7.00am	22 Jan	
<i>LIVE streaming</i>	SAT	
Mass 7.00am	23 Jan	
<i>LIVE streaming</i>		Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
DM Chaplet 8.30am	SUN	Jona 3: 1-5
Mass 9.00am	24 Jan	1 Cor 7: 29-31 Mk 1: 14-20
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FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

Bank Account Details

Those who wish to contribute through bank/online transfer, the detail as follows:

Bank: **Maybank**

Acc No.: **507394101643 (Church of Divine Mercy).**

Please pass / email the copy of the bank-in slip to the parish office for receipt issuance.

~ **UPDATE ON FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES** ~

Donations up to 1 Nov: RM1,250.00 (pledges)

Amount remaining to be collected: **RM 8,369,597.00***

*all numbers rounded up to nearest RM

- **STOP & PRAY @ 8.05pm everyday** wherever you are.
- **POST & PRAY** for all intentions on the **Wall of Prayer**.
- **READ & SHARE** the Word of God **daily**

PARISH/DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Servant Leadership Formation

An online formation by Fr Michael Raymond for all BEC Leaders and their assistants and messengers, all Ministry Heads and members.

Date/Time: Sat, 23 Jan @ 9.30am—11am

CHARIS National Online Life in the Spirit Seminar

Open to all Malaysian Catholics 19yr and above, and those going through RCIA. Includes praise & worship, breaking of the Word by anointed speakers, online Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Mass. Participants are expected to watch the Youtube sessions (*Every Wed & Sat from 20 Feb—25 Mar*) & participate in the Zoom group sharings which will be arranged by your group facilitator.

Limited registrations subject to confirmation

Link: <http://bit.ly/CMLSS2021>

Online Formation: The Bible In A Year

If you’ve struggled to read the Bible, sign up for this podcast on Ascension Press by Fr. Mike Schmitz. Each 20 -25 minute episode includes short scripture verses, a short reflection and a guided prayer to help you hear God’s voice in His Word. Won’t you make this effort to grow closer to the One who loves you best!

Link: <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration>

Public Mass Suspension

In line with the MCO announcement on 12 Jan’21, public Mass is still suspended. Live-streaming of Masses during weekdays, Saturday and Sunday will continue as usual.

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/cdmsgarapg>

Marriage Preparation Courses 2021

Catholic Engaged Encounter—English

5-7 Mar @ Stella Maris, Tg Bgh or Online

28-30 May, 27-29 Aug, 19-21 Nov*

*venue to be confirmed

Contact: Nicholas-Christine (017-595 9790) or Bart-Angie (017-590 0978)

Marriage Preparation Weekend—Chinese

20-21 Mar, 10–11 July

Venue: Cathedral of the Holy Spirit

Contact: Joachin (012-477 8319) / Cecilia(012-454 7007)

PARISH MEETINGS (ONLINE)

Parish Liturgical Team (PLT): Thur, 21 Jan @ 8.30pm

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC): Sun, 24 Jan @ 11am

All meetings will be held via Zoom platform