

# CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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 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 .....

### Parish Communities: Agents of Faith, Hope, Love

This weekend we celebrate Catechetical Sunday. The celebration this year will be different from ones in the past, as we continue to face the threat of the Covid-19 pandemic. We will not be able to have the commissioning and commitment ceremony for the catechists of the parish. Regardless of the situation ahead of us or the circumstances that unfolds before us, the mission of the parish continues. Parish programs, meetings as we aware are now mainly held via social media and other online means. As for the Sunday School formation, it is truly an occasion for the parish today as Sunday Catechism classes begins today via the various online platforms.

The theme for this year's Catechetical Sunday is **Parish communities: Agents of Faith, Hope and Love**. The message highlights the significance of belonging to a parish community and how each of us as members of the community respond as agents of Faith, Hope and Love. God never intended for us to live alone. He calls us to share, serve, heal, work, and worship in and with our communities. Captivated by God's mercy, we respond generously to God's call whenever we gather as a community to celebrate the Holy Eucharist and to participate in parish activities. Being an imperfect people, as a community, we too face challenges, constantly struggling with human weaknesses and threatened by opposing forces. Together as a community, we need to build the parish through our words and deeds, because we play a vital role in the task of evangelization.

The fundamental virtues of Faith, Hope and Love are the foundation to every Christian life (1 Corinthians 13:13). As members of the parish community, we should *clothe ourselves in Christ* (Galatian 3:27), *with the virtues of faith and love as a breastplate and our hope of salvation as a helmet* (1 Thessalonians 5:8), so as to glorify God and be in communion with each other. We must humble ourselves to practice and cultivate these virtues in order to bear fruit. We must not be influenced by worldly values which are damaging to the parish

community. To live the virtues of Faith, Hope and Love, we need to imitate Mother Mary and allow the Holy Spirit to make good use of us as instruments of love and peace.

As leaders and members of the parish community, we must uphold these virtues, else we may be consumed with pride, self-righteousness, dissatisfaction, jealousy and become judgmental of others; We may be blinded by our own shortcomings, which may lead to division and intolerance toward each other.

As agents of Faith, Hope and Love, we must not take our role for granted. We should each do our small part and strive to be the "salt of the earth and the light of the world" (Matthew 5:13-16) in our daily life. Let us start by seeing Christ in others, and also by being Christ to them; bringing joy, healing and restoration to all. "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." (Saint Teresa of Calcutta). *And now faith, hope and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love*" (1 Corinthians 13:13).

## FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

### Collections from 1 Nov—31 Dec 2020

Mass intentions: RM 11,310.00  
 Pledges: RM 31,997.00  
 Donations: RM 26,712.00

**CDM E-Bulletin Subscription:** [cdmbulletin@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:masscdmsgara@gmail.com)

MASS & PRAYER TIMES	DAY	DESCRIPTION
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*LIVE streaming*  
**DM Chaplet** 8.30am **SUN**  
 Mass 9.00am **31 Jan**  
 Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time  
*Deut 18: 15-20*  
*1 Cor 7: 32-35*  
*Mk 1: 21b-28*

Live Streaming of Masses on Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/cdmsgarapg/>

*LIVE streaming*  
 Mass 7.00am **MON**  
**01 Feb**

*LIVE streaming*  
 Mass 7.00am **TUE**  
**02 Feb**  
 The Presentation of the Lord

*LIVE streaming*  
 Mass 7.00am **WED**  
**03 Feb**  
 St Blaise, Bishop & Martyr  
 St Ansgar, Bishop

*LIVE streaming*  
 Mass 7.00am **THU**  
**04 Feb**

*LIVE streaming*  
 Mass 7.00am **FRI**  
**05 Feb**  
 St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

### — World Day of Prayer for the Sick —

*LIVE streaming*  
 Rosary followed 10.30am **SAT**  
 by Mass **06 Feb**  
 SS, Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

*LIVE streaming*  
**DM Chaplet** 8.30am **SUN**  
 Mass 9.00am **07 Feb**  
 Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time  
*Job 7: 1-4, 6-7*  
*1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23*  
*Mk 6: 30-34*

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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*



CDM compound is a **Non Smoking Zone**

## PARISH/DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Presentation of the Lord

This year the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, will be celebrated with online Mass on Tue, 2 Feb @ 7am. In keeping with MCO restrictions there is no procession but we will have a symbolic blessing of the candles and also dedicate the Mass for all in consecrated life.

### World Day of Prayer for the Sick

A special online Mass & Blessings will be held on **Sat, 6 Feb @ 10.30am**. Together, we'll pray for all our brothers and sisters who are sick. Submit names to your BEC Leaders or the Parish Office: [divinemerccypg@yahoo.com](mailto:divinemerccypg@yahoo.com)  
**Deadline: Thur, 4 Feb.**

### CATECHISM 2021

Registration is now open for new & returning students from Standard 1 - Form 5 (no pre-school for 2021). Only one form submission is required per family. Classes will begin on **Sun, 31 Jan**.  
 Registration link: <https://forms.gle/qHhLGcjcynK366H18>

### 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. Limited registrations subject to confirmation  
 Registration 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 Tue, 12 Jan public Mass is still suspended. Live-streaming of Masses during weekdays, Saturday and Sunday will continue as usual.

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

- 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

