

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
FEBRUARY THEME: SOLIDARITY IN DIVERSITY

PARISH PRIEST SPEAKS

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Mark 9:7

The season of Lent is an invitation for us to think and reflect on our journey of life. The Israelites spent forty years in the desert, Elijah forty days to journey to Horeb; and Jesus fasted for forty days in the desert. Lent is a grace filled time to listen to the call from God to a personal and demanding change in the manner we live our Christian life. It is an invitation to enter into his holiness with an attitude of faith and total trust in God. It is here we encounter a God who speaks to us and we are called upon to listen to him and respond to him. As we enter the Second Week of Lent, our task is to continue to examine our hearts and change ourselves in order to be worthy of the glorious life of the resurrection. God tells us that our thoughts are not his thoughts and our ways are not the same to those of His choice.

From the experience of wandering and temptation of the desert we now step to a mountain top. We now move to a higher level of an experience with God. As we continue this journey and find our solitude with God we need to be guided. The theme this week is of the importance of **listening** – especially, listening to God and to his beloved Son. Listening involves more than simply letting the other speak. Listening to the word of God in the fullest sense means making the fulfilment of God's will the top most priority in our life.

We begin the reflection of listening by stepping into the life of Abraham as a model listener. In the reading from Genesis, twice he hears God's call and both times he immediately answers, "Here I am!" When God gives him an instruction, Abraham acts without delay. With faith and trust, he obeys the word of God, surrendering his own plans and preferences. He is even ready to surrender his son, his only one, whom he loves, in obedience to God. Commitment to his will means breaking our own self-will. It can mean surrendering what is most precious to us, even our closest loved ones.

The central challenges of this season are the emotional and spiritual battle involved in obeying the will of God in all things. The process is difficult, but we should not let ourselves be intimidated by it. We are not journeying alone; we are not fighting alone. Jesus has already

gained victory for us through his Death and Resurrection. St. Paul reminds us that we have nothing to fear. "If God is for us, who can be against us?" The Transfiguration experience and encounter tells us to persevere in listening to Jesus and to obey his voice. It reminds us that we journey with the sure hope of a glorious future, and all the sufferings and losses we experience along the way are nothing compared to the glory that is to be revealed. Let us listen to him intently and put his words into practice this Lent. Let us all open ourselves during this Lenten period that we may both experience the love of God in our own lives and help others to know that love too. The invitation is for us to be ready to offer our lives for others in any way that God calls us.

Is Abraham an example of faith and trust in God's will for me no matter the cost? This Lent, am I ready to face the emotional and spiritual battle involving God's will in all things? In all the sufferings that I may experience, will I recall the hope of the glorious future in perseverance?

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

CDM E-Bulletin Subscription: cdbulletin@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

- **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



CDM compound is a **Non Smoking Zone**



MASS & PRAYER TIMES	DAY	DESCRIPTION
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LIVE streaming

DM Chaplet 8.30am **SUN**
 Mass 9.00am **28 Feb**

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

LIVE streaming

Mass 7.00am **MON**
01 Mar

LIVE streaming

Mass 7.00am **TUE**
02 Mar

LIVE streaming

Mass 7.00am **WED**
03 Mar

LIVE streaming

Mass 7.00am **THU**
04 Mar

LIVE streaming

Way of the Cross followed by Mass 7.30pm **FRI**
05 Mar

LIVE streaming

Mass 7.00am **SAT**
06 Mar

LIVE streaming

DM Chaplet 8.30am **SUN**
 Mass 9.00am **07 Mar**

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Second Sunday of Lent
Gen 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
Rom 8: 31b-34
Mk 9: 2-10

Third Sunday of Lent
Ex 20: 1-17
(or 1-3. 7-8. 12-17)
1 Cor 1: 22-25
Jn 2: 13-25

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*

LENT REFLECTION MATERIALS

Lenten Prayer Cards <https://cdm.my/cdm.my/len-2021/>

Lent Reflections Online

<https://www.lentreflections.com/>

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/len/best-lent-ever.html>

PARISH/DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN CAMPAIGN 2021

#IGNITEHOPE in ourselves and our community during this season of Lent. Your generous contributions will be channelled to:

◆ Little Sisters of the Poor

◆ Persatuan Syukur Penyayang

◆ Persatuan Kebajikan Warga Emas Harmoni

◆ Persatuan Kebajikan Kanak-kanak OKU

◆ Penang General Hospital

◆ Migrants & Poor

Donations in cash/kind can be made in person at the Parish Office or online (reference: "**Lenten 2021**"):

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

Acc: **5073 9410 1910**

Blood & Organ Pledge Donation

Date/Time: 13 Mar, Sat @ 8am—1pm.

Venue: St Faustina Hall, CDM

Co-organized by CDM Ministry of the Poor, PPC & BEC, Unit Patologi & Darah and Unit Derma Organ Hospital Pulau Pinang, Kelab Sukan Rekreasi & KEnajikan Wawasan Negeri Pulau Pinang.

Free admission. Open to the public.

Year of St Joseph

Pope Francis has established the year of St Joseph from 8 Dec 2020—8 Dec 2021. In the month of March, we will dedicate our prayers every Wednesday and Sunday to St Joseph as a community in CDM.

Public Mass Suspension is still in effect until further notice Live-streaming of Masses will continue as usual.

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: Joachim (012-477 8319) / Cecilia(012-454 7007)

Reach Out For Help — Phone Counselling Service

For those who are experiencing stress, anxiety and depression due to loss of income and/or lack of support systems brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Contact us to arrange for a personal, and highly confidential counselling session.

Contact: 011-10522313 / cdmhelppdesk117@gmail.com

