

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
 MARCH THEME: IGNITING EQUALITY

PARISH PRIEST SPEAKS

God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ. Ephesians 2:4-5

In the passage of the Gospel this week, Jesus summarizes the saving action of God in the incarnation and the motivation for that action. Jesus says that God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. The passage tells us what is known as the most profound summary of God's love that God loved the world so much that he gave his only son for our sake that we may have life in him. It is personal and most profound gift because it is God's Son who is given to the world. This gift in effect begins God's judgment of the world. However, that judgment will be the result of the choices made by the people. Those who accept and believe in Jesus will be saved and those who do not will perish.

In these words of the Gospel, Jesus is portrayed as the light that came into darkness. All those who do wrong deliberately hate the light and choose darkness. A person who lives by truth and integrity is not afraid of the light. Such a person has nothing to hide, nothing to be ashamed of. Some people condemn themselves by turning away from the light. The invitation is for us to choose to live in the light or to remain in darkness. Jesus is the Light and the Way. He is the only Truth. He is the only Life.

During this time of Lent, let us review our hearts to determine where we stand. Are we walking in the Light of God or are we walking in the darkness? Are we walking partially in the Light and partially in the darkness? Our eternal life and salvation depend entirely on our living faith that calls us to look up to Jesus on the Holy Cross. Our salvation and eternal happiness require that we give ourselves entirely to Christ, having both feet in the Light. God has compassion on his people and does not want any of us to be lost. If we have not been completely faithful to the Light of Christ or if we have not properly moved along our spiritual journey, let us sincerely repent and look for forgiveness. He is the giver of light and he will give it to us whenever we ask for this light. John says that all those who do wrong deliberately

hate the light and choose darkness. A person who lives by truth and integrity is not afraid of the light. Such a person has nothing to hide, nothing to be ashamed of. Our frequenting of the sacraments during the Lenten season will help us to sincerely follow God's love in our life. As we approach close to the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, the Living Bread, we ask the grace so that we may have the inner joy and peace of Christ in our hearts. We are constantly reminded that all our goodness is God's gift to us and is nothing for us to boast about. Our goodness, such as it is, is his goodness shining through us.

In my humiliations, do I realize that I have been unfaithful to God and have turned my back on Him? Am I rejoicing that I find my joy in God's merciful love towards me? Do I ponder on the truth that God's infinite love for me is the very heart of Christianity?

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

Weekday mass offerings: least 48 hours in advance.
 Weekend mass offerings: before 12pm Wednesdays.

Bank details for mass offerings & pledges.

Include names of departed souls/thanksgiving/special intentions or reference number & month on pledge envelope.

Bank Acc: **Maybank # 5073 9410 1643**

Acc. Name: **Church of Divine Mercy**

Email your receipt and mass offering details to:

masscdmsgara@gmail.com

Bank details for fundraising donations & Lenten 2021

Bank Acc: **Maybank # 5073 9410 1910**

Acc. Name: **Church of Divine Mercy**

Email your receipt and to: divinemercyppg@yahoo.com

~ 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

MASS & PRAYER TIMES	DAY	DESCRIPTION
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LIVE streaming

DM Chaplet 8.30am
 Mass 9.00am
 Mass 11.00am

SUN
 14 Mar

Fourth Sunday of Lent
 2 Chr 36: 14-16, 19-23
 Eph 2: 4-10
 Jn 3: 14-21

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

LIVE streaming

Mass 7.00am

MON
 15 Mar

LIVE streaming

Mass 7.00am

TUE
 16 Mar

LIVE streaming

Mass 7.00am

WED
 17 Mar

LIVE streaming

Mass 7.00am

THU
 18 Mar

LIVE streaming

Way of the Cross followed by Mass 7.30pm

FRI
 19 Mar

St Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

LIVE streaming

Mass 7.00am

SAT
 20 Mar

Novena to OMPH 5.15pm

Mass 5.30pm

Live Streaming

DM Chaplet 8.30am
 Mass 9.00am
 Mass 11.00am

SUN
 21 Mar

Fifth Sunday of Lent
 Jer 31: 31-34
 Hebr 5: 7-9
 Jn 12: 20-33

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LENT REFLECTION MATERIALS

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

Lent Reflections Online

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

- 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**

PARISH/DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sacerdotal Ordination

With heartfelt gratitude, we praise & thank God for the gift of vocation as we congratulate *Rev. Deacon Konstend Gnanapragasam* on his sacerdotal ordination on **Fri 19 Mar @ 8.00pm at the Minor Basilica of St Anne, BM.**

Live-streamed at: youtube.com/PgDioceseLive

The Basin & The Towel

Fr Michael Raymond OFM Cap will be leading a Parish Lenten Retreat for all parishioners to prepare for the Holy Week on **Sat 20 Mar @ 9.30am—11.30am.** Physical seats are limited to 200pax and the retreat will be live-streamed online* as well.

Registration link: <https://bit.ly/2Orggxl>

*FB Live: <https://www.facebook.com/cdmgarap/>

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Parishioners are encouraged to come for confession at least *half an hour* before Mass especially during this Lent season.

Public Mass is now open to all with registration required for Saturday evenings (5.15pm) & Sunday mornings (8.30am & 11.00am) and Way of the Cross on Fridays. Please contact your BEC Leaders for the registration link (updated weekly) or further information.

HOPE in the midst of Trials

Nothing compares to the power of praying for the needs of others. We are here as a church to pray for you. Send in your prayer details with your name (state if you prefer to be anonymous) and short description of your prayer needs to either the 2 prayer group leaders:

- ◆ Divine Mercy Apostolate Group
 Petrina Tan (+6016-4821894)
- ◆ Intercessory Prayer
 Adeline Sum (+6012-4316238)

LENTEN CAMPAIGN 2021

#IGNITEHOPE in ourselves and our community during this season of Lent. Donations in cash/kind can be made in person at the Parish Office or online (reference: "Lenten 2021"):

- ◆ Little Sisters of the Poor
- ◆ Persatuan Syukur Penyayang
- ◆ Persatuan Kebajikan Warga Emas Harmoni
- ◆ Persatuan Kebajikan Kanak-kanak OKU
- ◆ Penang General Hospital
- ◆ Migrants & Poor

