

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

Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name. Philippians 2:8-9

We have come to Holy Week, the high point of the Church's liturgical year. As we begin this week, we can take inspiration from the woman with the alabaster jar of perfumed oil mentioned in the Gospel. She breaks the jar and pours out all the costly oil over Jesus' head. This astounding action is something to ponder: the oil was worth more than three hundred days' wages. And she simply pours it all out for Jesus, out of love for him. The onlookers and Judas are scandalized, even infuriated with her. The very act of the woman is seen as such shameful waste of resources. Such an extravagant, excessive display! Yes, it is. This is how love acts, not stopping to consider the cost, not looking to save something for self, giving all for the beloved to the point of emptying oneself completely.

This is the very act of what Christ did, in pouring out his life for us on the Cross. St. Paul tells us that Christ, "emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a Cross." The woman with the perfumed oil poured out all her fortune for Christ. He, on the Cross, poured out his very life Blood for us. Surely this was not reasonable. It was not something that the world would ever expect or could ever understand. It was a pure act of total, generous, merciful, self-giving love.

This is the spirit with which we must enter into Holy Week. It is the generous love which pours itself out completely for the sake of the beloved. This is the love which is possible for us only by grace, and only through faith. It is not something that we arrive at by human reasoning. It does not "make sense" from the world's point of view. As the Lord tells us through the prophet Isaiah: "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways" (Is 55:8). We are to let go of our thoughts and our ways, and seek to walk with Jesus this week, as he shows us the thoughts and ways of God, the way of total self-emptying love.

We cannot expect that it will be easy to follow Jesus,

through this week or throughout our lives. In the account of the Passion, we find plenty of examples of those who betray Jesus, attack him, humiliate him, and ultimately put him to death. We also see the weakness of those who deny and abandon him. And we hear the awful cry of Jesus himself from the Cross, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" As our Lord and Master has suffered all these things, we can expect that we also will have to pass through betrayal, humiliation, abandonment and suffering. We will continually be tempted to run away. But let us cling to our Mother Mary, always faithful in her sorrows, asking her to strengthen us to walk in her faith as we follow the footsteps of Jesus this week.

Am I ready to let go of my thoughts, and my ways this week and walk with Jesus in self-emptying love? Do I love, completely, or do I consider the cost and look to save something for myself? Is my love for Jesus strong enough to pass through humiliations, betrayals, abandonment and suffering?

COUNSELLING & INTERCESSORY HELP

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

Contact: 011-10522313 / cdmhelppdesk117@gmail.com

HOPE in the midst of Trials

Nothing compares to the power of praying for the needs of others. Send in your prayer details to either of the 2 prayer group leaders:

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

- **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
DM Chaplet 8.30am		Palm Sunday of the
Mass* 9.00am	SUN	Passion of the Lord
	28 Mar	<i>Is 50: 4-7</i>
Mass 11.00am		<i>Phil 2: 6-11</i>
*Live Streaming of Masses on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/cdmsgarapg/		
Mass* 7.00am	MON	Monday of Holy
	29 Mar	Week
Mass* 7.00am	TUE	Tuesday of Holy
	30 Mar	Week
Mass* 7.00am	WED	Wednesday of
	31 Mar	Holy Week
No Morning Mass		
Mass 5.30pm	THU	Holy Thursday
	01 Apr	
DM Chaplet 8.00pm followed by Mass*		
No Morning Mass		
DM Novena* 3.00pm		
WOTC 5.30pm followed by Service	FRI	Good Friday of the
	02 Apr	Passion of the Lord
WOTC 8.00pm followed by Service*		
No Morning Mass		
DM Novena* 3.00pm		
Mass with Baptism 6.00pm	SAT	Easter Sunday of
	03 Apr	the Resurrection of
Mass* 9.00pm		the Lord
		<i>Easter Sunday of the</i>
DM Novena 8.30am		<i>Lord's Resurrection</i>
Mass* 9.00am	SUN	<i>Ac 10: 34a. 37-43</i>
	04 Apr	<i>Col 3: 1-4 or</i>
Mass 11.00am		<i>(1 Cor 5: 6b-8)</i>
*Live Streaming of Masses on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/cdmsgarapg/		
		<i>Jn 20: 1-9 or</i>
		<i>(Mk 16: 1-7)</i>

REFLECTION MATERIALS

Year of St Joseph

The Year of St Joseph (8 Dec 2020—8 Dec 2021) was decreed by our Holy Father, Pope Francis, to mark the 150th anniversary as Universal Patron Saint of the Church so that "every member of the faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfilment of God's will." Prayers and other resources about St Joseph can be found on the website: <https://cdm.my/year-of-st-joseph>

PARISH/DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mass Registration

A gentle reminder to register for Masses during the Holy Week and Divine Mercy Feast via the links provided by your BEC Leaders. Register only if you are sure/confirm your attendance and please seek assistance if you wish to cancel your registration(s).

Penang Diocesan New Evangelization Commission

Sharing Christ: Go Bear Fruit

A 7-week formation LIVE on Zoom.
 Dates: (Tues) 13 Apr—25 May @ 8.15pm—10.00pm

Psalms: The School of Prayer

Presented by Jeff Cavins, Sarah Christmyer & Dr Tim Gray
 Dates: (Tues) 29 June—Sep 7 @ 8.15pm—10.15pm or
 (Thur) 1 July—Sep 9 @ 9.45pm—11.45pm
 Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/3IVsaMb>

Prayer for Healing Live on Zoom

Dates: 26 Apr, 10 & 24 May @ 8.30pm—10.00pm
 Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/2NSqFlg>
 Enquiries: Jeanne Saw (016-4554597 via Whatsapp)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Parishioners are encouraged to come for confession at least *half an hour* before Mass. For those who are homebound or prefer to make an appointment during weekdays, please contact the Parish Office.

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: divinemerocypg@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*

