

# 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**  
**MAY THEME: TOGETHERNESS IN GOOD TIMES AND BAD**

## PARISH PRIEST SPEAKS .....

*"Just as a branch cannot bear fruits on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me." (John 15:4)*

The Easter season liturgy brings us closer to the life of the resurrected Jesus leading us to be always united in Him and He in us. The invitation to all of us is to enter into the true discipleship in the context of community. He reminds the disciples and the church today that He is present in their midst. Our life finds the fullest of meaning when we are able to give ourselves to God and to the world by becoming persons open to His will. Jesus invites the disciples and us to identify ourselves with Him and the mission. In the discourse this week we are given the image of the Vine and the branches. We are prunes, we are to bear fruit to the glory of the Father.

When Christ told the disciples, "Remain in me, as I remain in you," he was teaching them to remain in Love, for He is the incarnate Love of God. Simply to believe that Jesus rose from the dead is not enough. To have faith in Him is also to love Him in whom we believe, and to love others with His love. And love must be put into practice. As St. John tells us, we are to love "not in word or speech but in our action and truth." God's love is revealed fully "in deed and truth" by Jesus Christ. He shows us what perfect love is by offering himself in expiation for our sins.

To love as Christ loves, we must have His love flowing through us, just as the life of a vine flows through all its branches. Jesus uses this very image in today's Gospel: "I am the vine, you are the branches." When we "remain in him," we have the power to love, to be selfless, to consider the needs of others before our own, to choose the best for others. When God's love flows through us, we can sacrifice to help those in need. We can embrace the unembraceable, touch the untouchable and forgive the unforgivable – in imitation of Christ our Lord. When we remain in Him and He remains in us, we "bear much fruit," the fruit of faith and love in action.

Is it easy to love? No. But it is always possible if we are in Christ. We all face times when we feel too drained to love any more, too tired of sacrificing for others, or

simply too weak to go on. What can we do? To remain in the Lord means also to spend time with Him. When we "run out of love," we need time to "recharge" through prayer. Our encounter with the Risen Lord is not a one-time event. Our relationship with Him needs all the attention that all living, growing things need - nourishment, rest, support, pruning, patience. When we spend time with the Lord, we reconnect to the Vine; we open our hearts to be filled with His love, so that we can love others with His love. We relive this event when we spend time with the Lord in prayer and when we practice the commandment of love. We ensure our fruitfulness as branches of the True Vine, and through our acts of love we 'praise the Lord in the assembly of his people.'

*Do we accept and embrace an erring brother or sister who has reconciled with the Lord? Do I allow God's love to flow through me so I can forgive the unforgivable in imitation of Christ? When I "run out of love," do I find time to "recharge" through prayer spending time with the Lord?*

## FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

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

### Mass Intentions Submission Deadline

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

For all Mass Offerings & donations. Please include names of departed souls / thanksgiving / special intentions or donation details (poor, migrants, etc)

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

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

Email your receipt and details to:

[masscdmsgara@gmail.com](mailto:masscdmsgara@gmail.com)

Strictly for fundraising & monthly pledges only.

Contact Rodney (012-4015298) for any clarifications.

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

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

Email your receipt and donation details to:

[divinemerccypg@yahoo.com](mailto:divinemerccypg@yahoo.com)



**CDM compound is a Non Smoking Zone**

## MASS & PRAYER TIMES

MASS & PRAYER TIMES	DAY	DESCRIPTION
<b>DM Chaplet</b> 8.30am Mass * 9.00am	<b>SUN</b> <b>02 May</b>	Fifth Sunday of Easter Ac 9: 26-31 1 Jn 3: 18-24 Jn 15: 1-8

\*Live Streaming of Masses on Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/cdmmsgarapg/>

<i>Lauds</i> 6.30am Mass* 7.00am <b>DM Chaplet</b> 3.00pm	<b>MON</b> <b>03 May</b>	SS. Philip and James, Apostles
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<i>Lauds</i> 6.30am Mass* 7.00am <b>DM Chaplet</b> 3.00pm	<b>TUE</b> <b>04 May</b>	
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<i>Lauds</i> 6.30am Mass* 7.00am <b>DM Chaplet</b> 3.00pm	<b>WED</b> <b>05 May</b>	
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<i>Lauds</i> 6.30am Mass* 7.00am <b>DM Chaplet</b> 3.00pm	<b>THU</b> <b>06 May</b>	
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<i>Lauds</i> 6.30am Mass* 7.00am <b>DM Chaplet</b> 3.00pm	<b>FRI</b> <b>07 May</b>	
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*Lauds* 6.30am  
Mass\* 7.00am

Novena to OMPH 5.15pm Mass 5.30pm	<b>SAT</b> <b>08 May</b>	
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**DM Chaplet** 7.30pm  
Mass (Chinese) 8.00pm

<b>DM Chaplet</b> 8.30am Mass * 9.00am	<b>SUN</b> <b>09 May</b>	Sixth Sunday of Easter Ac 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48 1 Jn 4: 7-10 Jn 15: 9-17
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## REFLECTION MATERIALS

### Daily Reflection on Word of God (Lectio Divina)

<http://cdm.my/bec-reflection/>

### 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 fulfillment 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

### May: Month of the Rosary

Families are encouraged to pray the Rosary together at home or with your BECs.

### T-shirts for Sales

In aid of CDM Community Hall and Free Learning Center. Price: RM25-Adults, RM22-Kid, RM8 delivery fees (WM) Kindly contact:: [cdmshirt.order@gmail.com/](mailto:cdmshirt.order@gmail.com) 012-4288629 (Whatsapp only)

### 24 Hours - Stay In Encounter with Bishop Sebastian

Explore your vocation to Discipleship, Mission and the Priesthood. Open to all men above the age of 18. *Limited to 7 participants.* Meals & Accommodation are provided. Dates/Time : Sat, 29 May (12pm) - Sun, 30 May (12pm) Venue: Stella Maris, Penang Registration/Information: Maryann (016-712 2929)

### RCIA #8 2021-2022

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults will be starting soon. For those interested to know more about the Catholic Faith, please contact Sandra (016-4612934).

### 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)

### Reach Out For Help — Phone Counseling 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 counseling session.

Contact: 011-10522313 / [cdmhelpdesk117@gmail.com](mailto:cdmhelpdesk117@gmail.com)

### Penang Diocesan New Evangelization Commission

#### Prayer for Healing Live on Zoom

Dates: 10 & 24 May @ 8.30pm—10.00pm

Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/2NSqFlq>

#### 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 @ 9.45am—11.45pm

Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/3lVsaMb>

Enquiries: Jeanne J. Saw (016-4554597 via Whatsapp)

- **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**

