

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

"This is my commandment:

love one another as I love you." (John 15:12)

The command of Jesus to his disciples is simply to "Remain in my love." In the context of his teaching Jesus steps deeper into the teaching by explaining how we are to remain in his love: "If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love." Acting uprightly then, means keeping Christ's commandments. The Lord is not speaking about a burdensome set of moral obligations. He is directing us in his own way, the way of love. When we love God and love our neighbor, we put into practice the covenant that he has made with us – and so we remain in his love.

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you."

Loving one another as he loves us means desiring and working for the salvation of the other. The teachings of the saints reveal to us that to love someone is to will the good of the person loved. The highest good that we can will for anyone is that they enter into the fullness of life in union with God. This is "eternal life"; this is the salvation that Jesus has won for us by becoming an "expiation for our sins." When we will the good of the other, when we desire and work for their salvation, we put ourselves in the realm of God; we participate in the life of God who is Love. This is what it means to "act uprightly." It is the way of life most "acceptable to God" because it is his own way, his own love, at work in us.

In our effort to keep the commandment of loving one another as Christ loves us, it is important that we pay attention to "as he loves us." "As he loves us" is the standard of our love. Our love will only bear fruit if we are united with him, following his way. For this reason, we need to seek him in prayer and allow ourselves to be formed and transformed by him. The *Catechism of the Church* explains the profound link between prayer and love: "Contemplative prayer seeks him 'whom my soul loves.' It is Jesus, and in him, the Father. We seek him, because to desire him is always the beginning of love, and we seek him in that pure faith which causes us to be born of him and to live in him" (CCC 2709). From our union with Love comes forth our love for one another. To draw nearer to the One who is Love draws us into a bond of love with all those whom he loves.

How can this love which the Risen Lord gives us be shared with others? Jesus has many times pointed out to us who the "other" to love is, not with words but with actions. It is

the person I encounter on the street and who, with his face and his story, challenges me; it is the one who, with his very presence, compels me to leave my interests and my certainties behind; it is he who awaits my willingness to listen and to walk a stretch of road together. This is the expression of the face of mercy that is mirrored in our encounter and relationships with others. Openness towards each brother and sister, whoever they may be and whatever their situation, beginning with those who are close to me in the family, in the community, at work, at school.... In this way, if I remain united to Jesus, his love can reach the other and draw him to it, to his friendship.

Am I remaining in the love of Jesus by keeping his commandments? Is it my great desire and will for everyone to enter into the fullness of life in union with God? Do I seek him in that pure faith which causes me to be born of him and to live in him?

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

CDM E-Bulletin Subscription: cdbulletin@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

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:
divinemercyppg@yahoo.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**

MASS & PRAYER TIMES

MASS & PRAYER TIMES	DAY	DESCRIPTION
Rosary 8.30am Mass * 9.00am	SUN 09 May	Sixth Sunday of Easter Ac 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48 1 Jn 4: 7-10 Jn 15: 9-17

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

Lauds 6.30am Mass* 7.00am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	MON 10 May
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Lauds 6.30am Mass* 7.00am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	TUE 11 May
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Lauds 6.30am Mass* 7.00am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	WED 12 May	SS. Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs St Pancras, Martyr
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Lauds 6.30am Mass* 7.00am DM Chaplet 8.00pm Mass 8.30pm	THU 13 May	Ascension of the Lord
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Lauds 6.30am Mass* 7.00am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	FRI 14 May	St Matthias, Apostle,
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Lauds 6.30am Mass* 7.00am Novena to OMPH 5.15pm Mass 5.30pm	SAT 15 May
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Rosary 8.30am Mass * 9.00am	SUN 16 May	Seventh Sunday of Easter Ac 1: 15-17, 20a, 20c-26 1 Jn 4: 11-16 Jn 17: 11b-19
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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

Wishing all mothers a Blessed Mother's Day

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks on this special day for all mothers who so generously & freely give love, comfort & guidance to their children everyday. I ask you, Lord, to give them the grace & strength to carry on in their vocation as mothers. Give them patience & let them see that they are loved, appreciated & respected. I thank you for the sacrifice & self-giving that each mother makes everyday. And I pray You bless & touch them with Your Grace.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

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).

Penang Diocesan New Evangelization Commission

Prayer for Healing Live on Zoom
 Dates: 10 & 24 May @ 8.30pm—10.00pm
 Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/2NSqFlg>

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—11.45am
 Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/3lVsaMb>
 Enquiries: Jeanne J. Saw (016-4554597 via Whatsapp)

Marriage Preparation Courses 2021

Marriage Preparation Weekend—Chinese
 10–11 July
 Venue: Cathedral of the Holy Spirit
 Contact: Joachim (012-477 8319) / Cecilia(012-454 7007)

Catholic Engaged Encounter—English

28-30 May, @ Stella Maris, Tanjung Bungah or Online
 27-29 Aug, 19-21 Nov*
 *venue to be confirmed
 Contact: Nicholas-Christine (017-595 9790) or Bart-Angie (017-590 0978)



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