

CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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Monday Closed



PARISH PRIEST:

Rev. Fr. Michael Raymond OFM.Cap

2021 THEME - HOPE: BELIEVE, LIVE, AND GIVE
JUNE THEME: BRIDGING CULTURAL BOUNDARIES

PARISH PRIEST SPEAKS

"The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth." Mark 4:31

In the temptation story, the snake tempted Eve by telling her that if she and the man ate the forbidden fruit, they would be "like gods". (Gen 3:5) It sounded very desirable to her, and we know that she then did take the fruit and eat it, as did the man. Ever since that tragic act of disobedience, all humanity has been tempted by the same thought: we want to be like God. And when we think of what it would mean to be "like God," we think of power and glory. We think of big things, great accomplishments, wonders which would be acclaimed by all. We can see this desire in ourselves whenever thoughts like this arise in our minds: *If I were the boss, I would If I were in charge If I controlled the money.* In the hidden depths of our hearts, we find ourselves falling for the temptation of "changing stones to bread" (Lk4:3) by doing the spectacular with power and glory. We dream of being great and of doing great things.

How surprising, then, that the true God does most of his work, not with great displays of power, but in small, hidden ways. God humbles all human pride. He redefines our very notion of greatness. He shows us that he chooses to plant his life in us, and in the world, in ways that are most insignificant to our eyes, using the smallest things, the hidden and the lowly. And he does this in ways which we do not fully understand and which we cannot control.

Jesus teaches his disciples using two parables about seeds. In the first one, he emphasizes that, once the seed is sown, it sprouts and grows day after day and the man in the parable "knows not how." In the second parable, Jesus emphasizes the smallness of the mustard seed. What could ever come from such a tiny thing, especially after it has been planted in the ground, in a sense buried and left for dead? And yet it brings forth abundant life in the form of a large bush.

The seed of God's life in us is planted in small and hidden ways, but it has the power to grow into something exceedingly great. It can transform us into the very likeness of Christ! This is all done by the grace of God. It is his work, and we do not fully understand how it happens. But there

are things that we need to do in order to cooperate with his grace. These are ways that we "water" the seed and we nourish the growing life of God in us. As we do this, we also plant the seed of God's Kingdom in the world and help it to grow.

We learn that Jesus spoke only in parables to the crowd, but to his own disciples "he explained everything in private." To which group do we belong: the crowd or the disciples? Do we come to Jesus out of shallow curiosity, listen for a short time and then walk away in search of something else? Or do we truly seek to follow him closely day by day? If we come to him faithfully day by day in prayer, he will "explain" everything to us in private, in the secret of our hearts.

What areas in my life do I dream of being great and doing great things, wanting to be "like God"? Can I relate to the fact that human pride and striving for glory will only end in frustration? Do I come to Jesus out of shallow curiosity or to truly seek to follow him closely day by day?

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 Wednesday

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 pledge only.

Contact Rodney (012-4015298) for any clarifications.

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

Acc Name: **Church of Divine Mercy**

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MASS & PRAYER TIMES	DAY	DESCRIPTION
<i>LIVE Streaming</i> DM Chaplet 8.30am Mass * 9.00am	SUN 13 Jun	11th Sunday of Ordinary Time <i>Ez 17: 22-24</i> <i>2 Cor 5: 6-10</i> <i>Mk 4: 26-34</i>
<i>*Live Streaming of Masses on Facebook</i> https://www.facebook.com/cdmgarapp/		
<i>LIVE Streaming</i> Mass* 7.00am	MON 14 Jun	
<i>LIVE Streaming</i> Mass* 7.00am	TUE 15 Jun	
<i>LIVE Streaming</i> Mass* 7.00am	WED 16 Jun	
<i>LIVE Streaming</i> Mass* 7.00am	THU 17 Jun	
<i>LIVE Streaming</i> Mass* 7.00am	FRI 18 Jun	
<i>LIVE Streaming</i> Mass* 7.00am	SAT 19 Jun	SS Philip Minh, Priest & Companions, Martyrs
<i>LIVE Streaming</i> DM Chaplet 8.30am Mass* 9.00am	SUN 20 Jun	12th Sunday of Ordinary Time <i>Job 38: 1, 8-11</i> <i>2 Cor 5: 14-17</i> <i>Mk 4: 35-41</i>
<i>*Live Streaming of Masses on Facebook</i> https://www.facebook.com/cdmgarapp/		

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/cdm.my/year-of-st-joseph>

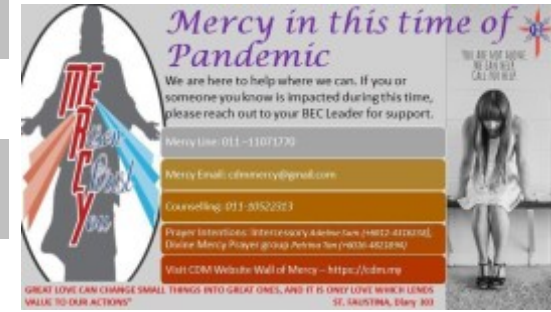
- **STOP & PRAY @ 8.05pm everyday** wherever you are.
- **POST & PRAY** for all intentions on the **Wall of Prayer.**
- **READ & SHARE** the Word of God **daily**

PARISH/DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVE IN MERCY

As a follow-up to the 'Mercy in this time of Pandemic' reflection last Sat 29 June, the invitation now is to move forward in reaching out with action. It is now time to set the wheels in motion *to Believe, Live and Give in Mercy*. A 'Serve in Mercy' taskforce has been set up and will be communicating essential information to all BEC & Ministry Leaders such as the objective of this initiative and driving the move to incorporate Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy as a core value in your community. Visit the virtual Wall of Mercy for testimonies & prayer intentions, offerings & donations, employment opportunities & counselling assistance.

www.cdm.my/virtual-wall-of-mercy



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: [cdmtshirt.order@gmail.com/](mailto:cdmtshirt.order@gmail.com) 012-4288629 (Whatsapp only)

Psalms: The School of Prayer

Presented on video by Jeff Cavins, Sarah Christmyer and Dr Tim Gray.

Dates/Times: (Tuesdays) 29 June—7 Sept
 8.15pm—10.15pm or
 (Thursdays) 1 Jul—9 Sept
 9.45am—11.45am

Online registration: shorturl.at/npFX6 (by Thur 24 June)
 Contact: Jeanne J Saw (Whatsapp: 016-4554597)

Marriage Preparation Courses 2021

Catholic Engaged Encounter—English
 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

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