

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
JULY THEME: OPEN YOUR MOUTH, DEFEND THE OPPRESSED

PARISH PRIEST SPEAKS

“My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” - 2 Corinthians 12:9

The theme we find ourselves reflecting this week is the mission of bearing the Word of the Lord to others. The truth is that we can only bring to others what we have first received ourselves. This is why the reflection theme this week exhorts us to open our hearts to God’s powerful grace working in our weakness. We must open ourselves to hear his word, and allow it to take deep root in us, so that it can grow and bear fruit which we can share with others.

It is of significance to always keep in mind that we receive God’s word. It is God’s word, not our word. We are not in control of it. We do not create it. We do not take it or own it. We cannot change it to suit our desires or expectations. We do not decide what it says. We receive it. We must make an effort to open our hearts and minds to welcome the divine reality which comes to encounter us. It is a case of having faith for lack of faith is an obstacle to God’s grace.”

We find the narration in which God tells Ezekiel that he is sending him to speak to the Israelites, whom he describes as “rebels.” He says they are “hard of face and obstinate of heart.” They are not open to hearing God’s word. They have already decided for themselves how they want to live and act, and they are not willing to follow God’s ways. They are seen as “arrogant” and “proud.” Sadly, the people of Nazareth to whom Jesus speaks seems to be afflicted with the same spiritual sickness: **hardness of heart**. Even though they acknowledge the wisdom with which he speaks, and the powerful deeds which he works, they refuse to consider that God could be working through someone whom they have known. They take offense at him! They do not approve of the way in which God has chosen to act. It does not meet their expectations. And the result is that Jesus is not able to do much for them, because of their lack of faith.

St. Paul shows us the fruitful way to relate to God’s word. He boasts of his weakness, for he knows that it is in his weakness that Christ can be strong in him. We can better understand this seeming paradox if we consider

our relationship with God. As we relate to God, who is the strong one and who is the weaker one? Who is the master and who is the servant? Who is the one who knows all things, and who is the one with very limited understanding and knowledge? Obviously, in this relationship, we are the ones who are weak and limited. We are the servants. Yet when we insist that God must work in the way that we expect or demand, we are attempting to make ourselves the masters. We are trying to approach God from a position of strength, expecting him to follow our word. Clearly this kind of arrogance and pride is a rejection of reality and can never provide a place in which God can freely work. Let us ask the Lord to melt the hardness of hearts and the narrowness of minds so that we can be open to his grace, to his truth and to his mission of goodness and mercy which is addressed to all, with no exception.

Am I allowing the Word to bear fruit in me so I can share it with others? Am I infected with the spiritual sickness of hardness of heart? Like the servant, do I always keep my eyes fixed on the hands of my Lord?

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

CDM E-Bulletin Subscription: cdmbulletin@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**

Email your receipt and donation details to:

divinemerccypg@yahoo.com

MASS & PRAYER TIMES	DAY	DESCRIPTION
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<i>LIVE Streaming</i>		
DM Chaplet	SUN	14th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Mass *	04 Jul	Ez 2: 2-5 2 Cor 12: 7-10 Mk 6: 1-6

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

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>	MON	St Anthony Zaccaria, Priest
Mass*	05 Jul	

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>	TUE	St Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr
Mass*	06 Jul	

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>	WED	
Mass*	07 Jul	

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>	THU	
Mass*	08 Jul	

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>	FRI	SS. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest & Companions
Mass*	09 Jul	

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>	SAT	
Mass*	10 Jul	

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>	SUN	15th Sunday of Ordinary Time
DM Chaplet	11 Jul	Am 7: 12-15 Eph 1: 3-14 (or 1: 3-10) Mk 6: 7-13
Mass*		

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REFLECTION MATERIALS

Daily Reflection on Word of God (Lectio Divina)

<https://bit.ly/3xxdveT>

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://bit.ly/3iOgRWs>

- **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

RCIA #8 2021-2022

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults will be starting on **Sun, 4 July @ 11.00am—12.30pm**. For more information, please contact Sandra (016-4612934).

SERVE IN MERCY: Update

Believing & Living in Mercy truly shone through each and everyone who heeded the call to Serve in Mercy. This week alone (*up to 19 June*), we have received funds & dry goods enough to support 46 families and 3 homes that were in need of aid during this FMCO. Your donations are much appreciated during this difficult time. The physical & virtual Wall of Mercy will continue to be updated periodically and we still seek suggestions & offerings of help in any way. Keep your eyes and hearts peeled open; seek out the lost, lonely, & those with little.

Virtual Wall: www.cdm.my/virtual-wall-of-mercy

If you’re struggling to put food on the table or know of someone who is, let us know: <https://bit.ly/3wWh3r1>

Mercy in this time of Pandemic

We are here to help where we can. If you or someone you know is impacted during this time, please reach out for your SAC leader for support.

Calling for Donations
 Drop off dry food items in Mercy baskets from 9am - 1pm at the Garden of Mercy
 Bank transfer - Maybank A/C # 507394101910
 Reference indicate "Mercy"

Prayer Intentions:
 Intercessory Prayers
 Adeline See (4012-4030306)
 Divine Mercy Prayer group
 Fernine Tan (40303-4021804)

Virtual Wall of Mercy - 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: [cdmshirt.order@gmail.com/](mailto:cdmshirt.order@gmail.com)

012-4288629 (Whatsapp only)

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)



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