

CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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Parish Office Hours: 9am - 5pm (Tuesday - Friday)
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

"Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation" - Psalm 85

Every human person seeks to find a meaning and purpose to the gift life. Every human person has a purpose to fulfil in life. All of us have a specific task and are individually called by God to fulfill a task or a mission. The call that God gives is personal. We will not comprehend the mission easily unless we are totally attentive to our calling just as young Samuel, the prophet Jeremiah or Isaiah who were ready to respond. Our entire being must be totally attentive to God's invitation. This week we are invited to reflect on the call and our mission that is specifically given to every individual by Jesus.

We begin with the life and journey of the Prophet Amos who refuses to abandon his mission. He is called to speak God's word to those who need to hear it. He was given the task and mandate of communicating the word of God with a call to repentance in order to be saved. He protested strongly against the religious abuses and the lack of religion then rampant in Israel. Amos as well as the people were aware of the role of a prophet namely to speak for God and uphold his values. Amos was accused that he was speaking on his own behalf. In all times Amos reiterated the call of God and the message. He told the priest that it is God who called him from nowhere for this mission. God had asked him to speak his word which is the word of truth and he was bound to speak.

Likewise, Paul in his letter tells the Ephesians that we are all chosen by God before creation and wanted to be saved by the blood of His son Jesus. The motive of God's choice is love. His plan for humanity existed from the beginning as he cared for each and every one. God did not choose them when they committed themselves at Baptism or because of any good deeds. He chose because they are his own and have existed in the eternal plan of salvation. The choice of the Father is such that he never abandons anyone.

Jesus never stops in the invitation to work in the vineyard. He invites his own chosen men to work with him. They had heard his preaching they had seen the miracles worked by him. For Jesus, from the beginning, it has been

a shared ministry. He invites his own chosen men to work with him. Their future work will be to bring his teaching and the story of his life and miracles to all people. They were being prepared for the challenge he was placed before them. As the Gospel unfolds, that shared ministry grows until we see Jesus calling the twelve and giving them authority over unclean spirits as well as to preach repentance. They were to do the task he himself was doing and continue doing his mission of healing. It was not just to conquer the evil spirits but more importantly to bring reconciliation and healing. They were to trust absolutely in God's providence. He would see to it that those to whom they preached would provide them with the necessities of life. They were sent on a mission with a message as an ambassador, an envoy to bring the message of the Kingdom to all people.

We are in turn called and sent in our faith journey today. Every person who has been baptized has this mission and this calling, actively to share their faith with others. We work with the Lord to help people find or recover their freedom. We help people to cure their sicknesses, physical, psychological and emotional. The invitation is for us to be the message and the messenger of salvation. Today we realize that we all have been sent by God and the church to spread and defend the faith before our family, our friends and our co-workers, we can expect that our Christian obligation will not be easy. We have to be prepared to be rejected by many or even our own communities because we represent Jesus on earth.

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>



MASS & PRAYER TIMES	DAY	DESCRIPTION
<i>LIVE Streaming</i>	SUN	15th Sunday of Ordinary Time
DM Chaplet 8.30am	11 Jul	<i>Am 7: 12-15</i>
Mass* 9.00am		<i>Eph 1: 3-14</i>
*Live Streaming of Masses on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/cdmgarapg/		
<i>LIVE Streaming</i>	MON	
Mass* 7.00am	12 Jul	
<i>LIVE Streaming</i>	TUE	St Henry
Mass* 7.00am	13 Jul	
<i>LIVE Streaming</i>	WED	St Camillus de Lellis, Priest
Mass* 7.00am	14 Jul	
<i>LIVE Streaming</i>	THU	St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor
Mass* 7.00am	15 Jul	
Divine Mercy Asia Mass		
<i>LIVE Streaming</i>	FRI	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Mass* 7.00am	16 Jul	
<i>LIVE Streaming</i>	SAT	
Mass* 7.00am	17 Jul	
<i>LIVE Streaming</i>	SUN	16th Sunday of Ordinary Time
DM Chaplet 8.30am	18 Jul	<i>Jer 23: 1-6</i>
Mass* 9.00am		<i>Eph 2: 13-18</i>
*Live Streaming of Masses on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/cdmgarapg/		

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**
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divinemercyppg@yahoo.com

PARISH/DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pan Malaysia Pastoral Convention (PMPC) 2026

In preparation for the journey towards PMPC 2026, parishioners are requested to participate in a 10-15min questionnaire prepared by the Penang Diocesan team. Please share among your BECs & Ministries.

Evaluation Forms:

*English: <https://forms.gle/o72CWV2TRfiphBkP8>

*Bahasa: <https://forms.gle/EQNUMLm1YPXJGU1J7>

*Mandarin: <https://bit.ly/3iURBy4>

*Tamil: <https://forms.gle/dxw4DFM6aqKrhNUL7>

For further reference regarding the Convention:

*Bishop Sebastian on the Parish Pastoral Assembly 2021

<https://youtu.be/GaCOsfl27co>

*Fr. Jude Miranda: Journey towards PMPC 2026

https://youtu.be/MRzb0qPYP_I

*Ramesh Victor: Evaluation Process Guidelines

<https://youtu.be/FiBry1BqmRk>

Divine Mercy Mass @ CDM Facebook

Date/Time: Thur, 15 Jul @ 7.00pm

In unity with Divine Mercy Apostolate Asia, this Holy Mass will be part of other weekly activities from July-Dec 2021 as a mark of unity & evangelization as we implore God's mercy during this time of pandemic & beyond.

Love Yourself: Self-Care in the Pandemic

CDM Family Life Ministry is organizing a webinar on self-care, self-acceptance & self-awareness, conducted by counselling psychologist, Ms Gilda Rose Kalathil.

Date/Time: Tue, 20 Jul @ 8.30pm-9.30pm

Zoom ID: 82599320029

Zoom Passcode: 506844

For information, contact Matthew (012-4985476)

FB Event Page: <https://fb.me/e/KgeCE4zX>

SERVE IN MERCY

Thank you for your overwhelming response throughout the past weeks as we managed to reach out to a total of 54 families in need & are now extending out outreach to the migrant community.

Ministries are encouraged to come together & contribute towards the Wall of Mercy project. Discover your calling as a Ministry & execute a Mercy project together within your capabilities.

With regards to the increase in mental health cases, please share / distribute the list of Penang Mental Health Support Care-lines to those around you.

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

Google Form for Groceries Aid: <https://bit.ly/3wWh3r1>

- **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**