

# CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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**2021 THEME - HOPE: BELIEVE, LIVE, AND GIVE**  
**JULY THEME: OPEN YOUR MOUTH, DEFEND THE OPPRESSED**

## PARISH PRIEST SPEAKS .....

**"The hand of the Lord feeds us; He answers all our needs." - Psalm 145:16**

Do we really trust that God will care for us? This week's theme urges us to trust the Lord in meeting our needs. The invitation is for us to entrust ourselves to Him, fully confident that He can fulfill all our needs. The Psalmist assures us that the Lord will provide: "The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs." But do we believe this? This is the question we are led to ponder today.

The boy in the Gospel had five barley loaves and two fish. He has enough food for himself and he looks around and sees thousands of hungry people. As he considers his few loaves and fish, and the vast crowd, he may be thinking something similar to what Andrew says: "What good are these for so many?" Clearly his food is no good at all to meet such a huge need.

What should the boy do in this situation? If the boy follows the typical worldly way of thinking, the boy should hide his food and keep it for himself. It is not his fault that others have not provided for themselves, and it will not help them if he gives away his food and goes hungry. He might as well take care of his own needs. This way of thinking and acting makes sense to us, but it is not the way that God acts. It is not the way that Christ teaches His followers to act.

The boy listened all afternoon as Jesus taught the people. He was moved to bring his food to the Apostles and offer it to Jesus, trusting that God will somehow take care of him, even as he gives away all that he has. As a result of his giving, Jesus multiplies the boy's gift such that it feeds all the people, and there are twelve baskets of food left over. Surely Jesus could have miraculously produced bread and fish by Himself without needing the boy's gift. But this is not the way God chooses to act. He wants to include us as participants in His saving work. He wants to teach us to think and act as He does, and this means giving ourselves away completely in love for others, as He does. We do not learn to love as God loves merely by reading about it, or by watching. We learn to love by acting with love toward those around us.

We see the same process at work in the man who makes a gift of some barley loaves to the prophet Elisha. It is not nearly enough to feed the people, but Elisha assures his servant that God will work in such a way that this gift will be enough, and there will be some left over. The small gift will be

multiplied by God to become an abundance. The Lord invites us today to imitate the boy in the Gospel – not to hoard our few possessions in an attempt to provide for our own needs, but to entrust all that we have, joyfully and generously, to the Lord, trusting that He will use it to produce an abundance for others, and for ourselves as well.

*Do I entrust myself fully to Jesus, confident that He alone can fulfill the longings of my heart? Do I act and think as Jesus by giving myself away completely in love for others?*

## WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & ELDERLY

Heavenly Father, may Saint Joachim and Anne the grandparents of Your Son, Jesus, be an everlasting model for grandparents. Your Wisdom and Word are eternal, meant for all generations.

Help grandparents, we pray, as they pass on the rich generations of the faith to their beloved family members, especially their grandchildren. We are all your children. Help us to know you better each day, ultimately leading us, with our family members into eternal life with you.

*Amen*

## FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

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

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MASS & PRAYER TIMES	DAY	DESCRIPTION
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<i>LIVE Streaming</i>		
<b>DM Chaplet</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>SUN</b>
Mass *	9.00am	<b>25 Jul</b>
		17th Sunday of Ordinary Time
		2 Kgs 4: 42-44
		Eph 4: 1-6
		Jn 6: 1-15

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

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>		
Mass*	7.00am	<b>MON</b>
		<b>26 Jul</b>
		SS. Joachim & Anne Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>		
Mass*	7.00am	<b>TUE</b>
		<b>27 Jul</b>

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>		
Mass*	7.00am	<b>WED</b>
		<b>28 Jul</b>

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>		
Mass*	7.00am	<b>THU</b>
		<b>29 Jul</b>
		St Martha

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>		
Mass*	7.00am	<b>FRI</b>
		<b>30 Jul</b>
		St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>		
Mass*	7.00am	<b>SAT</b>
		<b>31 Jul</b>
		St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>		
<b>DM Chaplet</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>SUN</b>
Mass*	9.00am	<b>01 Aug</b>
		18th Sunday of Ordinary Time
		Ex 16: 2-4, 12-15
		Eph 4: 17, 20-24
		Jn 6: 24-35

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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

### Online Formation: "Stir The Mercy"

A continuation in the series of Mercy-themed sharings by Fr Michael Raymond OFM Cap  
 Date/Time: **Sat, 31 July @ 9.30am-11.00am**  
*Open to all. Zoom Link will be shared with BEC/Ministry Leaders nearer the date.*

### 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.

*Closing date for submission: Sat, 31 Aug 2021*

### 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](https://youtu.be/MRzb0qPYP_I)

\*Ramesh Victor: Evaluation Process Guidelines

<https://youtu.be/FiBry1BqmRk>

### "SERVE IN MERCY"

With a growing awareness for those in need of basic groceries in these trying times, several food banks have been set up as a relief for those who are struggling. The Mercy team reached out to a total of 82 families last week alone (18 July) and have also collaborated with other parishes and Caritas Penang to further extend our help with more efficiency. Your donations and prayers are indeed great blessings!

We encourage sharing of testimonials on our physical & virtual Wall of Mercy and even more suggestions on how to help, especially the migrants & homes, and children from lower income families struggling with studies.

Virtual Wall: [www.cdm.my/virtual-wall-of-mercy](http://www.cdm.my/virtual-wall-of-mercy)

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

