

# 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**  
**AUGUST THEME: MARY, MOTHER OF HOPE**

## PARISH PRIEST SPEAKS .....

*"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."*

**John 6:51**

This weekend's reflections are divided in two distinct parts. In the first part of the Gospel we find the Jews murmuring about Jesus' claim to be "bread from heaven,". In the second, Jesus repeats his claim and reinforces it with a further revelation. We also find a contrasting "before and after" pattern in the other scriptural readings. We find Elijah tired and near death, journeying through the desert. He feels he can simply do no more, and he prays: "This is enough, O' Lord! Take my life..." We recall the reason Elijah was alone in the desert was because he was fleeing for his life. The wicked royal couple, Ahab and Jezebel, were determined to kill him for pointing out the errors of their ways. Elijah's efforts in fulfilling his prophetic mission of guiding people away from sin is what resulted in his dire condition. He lays down, expecting to die, it is the end of the "before" part. Elijah's situation changes dramatically when he finds himself touched by an angel! God does not want him to die but to live, so he provides him with food for the long journey ahead.

We do find that the transition from the first part to the second part of the Gospel is marked by Jesus' reference to a prophecy of Isaiah: "They shall all be taught by God" (cf. Is 54:13). Jesus reveals that because of his intimacy with the Father, this prophecy is being fulfilled as he speaks. As he teaches them, he is feeding the people with the bread of the divine word, and he will feed them with the "living bread" of his flesh. Just as God satisfied the hunger of the Israelites in the desert, he will satisfy our hunger for eternal life: "whoever eats this bread will live forever."

Elijah received from the angel "a hearth cake and a jug of water," which strengthened him in his new "after" condition, to walk forty days and forty nights. We who receive the Eucharist, the Bread of Angels, are renewed and strengthened for our long spiritual journey through the desert of the world. The period of "forty days and forty nights," which reminds us of the season of Lent, teaches us that the Eucharist sustains us in our journey of penitence. The Eucharist also makes it possible for us to grow in the "after" condition of grace, so well described by St. Paul, a

life of kindness, compassion and forgiveness.

Elijah's destination was "the mountain of God, Horeb." On that holy mountain he will encounter God, not in the violent winds nor earthquake nor fire, but "in a light, silent sound" (1Kg 19:12). The Eucharist is also a "summit." It takes us to the heights of our spiritual encounter with God. We experience him not in flashy signs but hidden in the form of a lowly piece of bread. Before Jesus in the Eucharist, we have a choice to make; either to remain in the "before" state of weariness and hunger, endlessly murmuring against the Lord, or to welcome the extraordinary gift of the Bread of Life and be sustained through all the challenges of our earthly journey until we enter the fullness of life with God. With such contrast set before us, clearly the best choice is to "taste and see the goodness of the Lord"!

*Do I find myself murmuring at times when I try to resist what God is doing in my life? In what ways do I encounter God in the daily events of my life? How does the Eucharist sustain me through all the challenges of my earthly journey?*

## FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

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

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MASS & PRAYER TIMES	DAY	DESCRIPTION
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<i>LIVE Streaming</i>		
<b>DM Chaplet</b>	<b>SUN</b>	19th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Mass *	<b>08 Aug</b>	1 Kgs 19: 4-8 Eph 4: 30, 5: 2 Jn 6: 41-51

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

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>	<b>MON</b>	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr
Mass*	<b>09 Aug</b>	

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>	<b>TUE</b>	St Lawrence Deacon & Martyr
Mass*	<b>10 Aug</b>	

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>	<b>WED</b>	St Clare, Virgin
Mass*	<b>11 Aug</b>	

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>	<b>THU</b>	St Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
Mass*	<b>12 Aug</b>	

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>	<b>FRI</b>	SS Pontian, Pope & Hippolytus, Priest Martyrs
Mass*	<b>13 Aug</b>	

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>	<b>SAT</b>	St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr
Mass*	<b>14 Aug</b>	

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>		Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<b>DM Chaplet</b>	<b>SUN</b>	Rev 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab
Mass*	<b>15 Aug</b>	1 Cor 15: 20-27 Lk 1: 39-56

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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

### Marriage Preparation Courses 2021

*Catholic Engaged Encounter—English*

27-29 Aug or 19-21 Nov

Contact: Nicholas-Christine (017-595 9790) or Bart-Angie (017-590 0978)

### 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/dxw4DFM6agKrhNUL7>

### 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"

In the call to get ministries engaged with the community, we have seen involvement from the Living Springs, Friends of Creation and actively, the Ministry of Poor, Prison Ministry, Migrant Ministry, and the BECs. We continue to encourage the active participation of all to reignite their groups to reach out in creative ways.

Your testimonies of Mercy during this pandemic are very much welcome; as a source of hope for those who are struggling & as a source of enthusiasm for those reaching out to help. You can submit personally to Fr Michael Raymond OFM Cap: [mcapuchin@gmail.com](mailto:mcapuchin@gmail.com)

Since we started, we have been engaged with about 370 families; supplying them with dry goods and necessities from community cash donations and in kind. Your generosity has enabled us to make inroads into various aspects of community in their moment of need.

Donations: Reference - "Mercy"

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Google Form for Groceries Aid:

<https://forms.gle/j3mEb2Z5rKfWef3U7>

