

CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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PARISH PRIEST:

Rev. Fr. Michael Raymond OFM.Cap

2021 THEME - HOPE: BELIEVE, LIVE, AND GIVE
AUGUST THEME: MARY, MOTHER OF HOPE

PARISH PRIEST SPEAKS



“The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.” -Luke 1:49

Today we celebrate a particularly “great thing” that God did for Mary when she completed the course of her earthly life. Our Lord Jesus Christ did not allow the body of his Mother to decay. Rather, he took her to be with him in Heaven, body and soul, the event known as the Assumption. Unlike the Apostles, whose exact burial places are often known and some of their remains found, our Blessed Mother’s body cannot be found in any tomb. The Church Fathers and the saints of the early centuries have always believed that she was assumed body and soul into Heaven.

We read that “God’s temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant could be seen in the temple.” What is this ark of the covenant that can be found in God’s heavenly temple? In the Old Testament, the ark of the covenant was the gold-plated acacia chest that contained the tablets of the Law and a sample of the manna, the word of God and the bread from Heaven. The ark was the most sacred possession of the Chosen People. It represented God’s presence in their midst, a constant reminder of their sacred Covenant.

Mary is now seen and pictured as the image of the new Ark, the true Ark which appears in the temple of Heaven because she welcomed Jesus with her whole being, body and soul. She is the Ark of the New Covenant. She welcomed the living Word, the Bread of Life, the New Covenant. Therefore, Christian piety from the time of the ancient Church Fathers identified Mary as the “Ark of the Covenant.”

As the living Ark of the Covenant, Mary has an extraordinary destiny of glory. Because she is so closely united to the Son whom she welcomed in faith and generated in the flesh, she is privileged to share fully in his glory in Heaven. This destiny is symbolized in the images St. John uses when he says that she is “clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.”

The Blessed Mother who shows us the living Ark is on the move. After learning of the pregnancy of Elizabeth, Mary sets out in haste to visit her. She goes as quickly as possible because she puts the will of God first in all things.

The only things that deserve haste, that are to be done urgently, are precisely those of God, who shows us the pressing need of others and the importance of his will in the moment. Celebrating the arrival of the new Ark of the Covenant, the unborn child of Elizabeth leaps for joy, much like King David danced for joy when the former ark was first brought into Jerusalem.

Our vocation is to be, in our own modest way, an “ark of the covenant” like Mary, moving quickly and giving priority to the things of God. As an “ark,” each of us is called to serve as a bearer of the word of God and as an image of his presence, especially in our world that is becoming increasingly secular. As we joyfully celebrate Mary’s glory in Heaven, we grow more attentive to the things of Heaven, so that, through us, God may draw men and women toward the life of Heaven, where he desires that we all live in communion with him and share in his glory, like Mary our Queen Mother.

How do I welcome the word of God in my life as Mary did with joy and humility? When others are in need, what do I do to help them as Mary went in haste to Elizabeth? How do I express to God my gratitude for the glory he bestowed on Mary?

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/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:

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MASS & PRAYER TIMES	DAY	DESCRIPTION
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LIVE Streaming
Rosary 8.30am **SUN** Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mass * 9.00am **15 Aug** Rev 11: 19a;

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<https://www.facebook.com/cdmmsgarapg/>

12: 1-6a, 10ab
 1 Cor 15: 20-27
 Lk 1: 39-56

LIVE Streaming
Mass* 7.00am **MON** St Stephen of Hungary
16 Aug

LIVE Streaming
Mass* 7.00am **TUE**
17 Aug

LIVE Streaming
Mass* 7.00am **WED**
18 Aug

LIVE Streaming
Mass* 7.00am **THU** St John Eudes,
19 Aug Priest

LIVE Streaming
Mass* 7.00am **FRI** St Bernard,
20 Aug Abbot & Doctor

LIVE Streaming
Mass* 7.00am **SAT** St Pius X, Pope
21 Aug

LIVE Streaming
DM Chaplet 8.30am **SUN** 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time
Mass* 9.00am **22 Aug** Josh 24: 1-2a, 15-17, 18b

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Eph 5: 21-32
 Jn 6: 60-69

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

Infant Baptism—15 August 2021

We thank you, heavenly Father, that by water and the Holy Spirit, You have bestowed the forgiveness of sin and raised this child to the new life of grace. May they have a discerning heart, the courage to persevere, a spirit to love, and be joyful in the wonders of Your works.

Child: *Gerard Adrian a/I Nilantha*
 Parents: *Christopher Nilantha a/I Sereratna & Stephanie Ann a/p Elaksendar*
 Godparent: *Richard a/I Elaksendar*

“One in Mercy” : Wed, 29 Sep - 8th Parish Anniversary

God has blessed us abundantly over these years to grow & mature as one faith community. It’s that time of the year again to give Him all the thanks & glory by coming together as one family in song & worship.

We’ve come up with a Parish theme song, ‘One in Mercy’ to reflect all we stand for, believe in, and aspire towards. To celebrate this special occasion differently this year, we would like to invite you to come up with a group dance video with yourself/family/friends/ministry members to the theme song. Please keep to SOP and remember to have fun and praise God in all things!

Guidelines:

- 1) Keep group members to 5-6pax (submission of individual videos are welcome).
- 2) Download the theme song video here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1waMIQ12ssY9crSrVtpFUdbOONNOORX5J/view?usp=sharing>
- 3) Listen to the lyrics & practice the action moves that go along with it.
- 4) Record your dance moves!
- 5) Email your video as soon as you’re done **before** Sun, 5 Sep to adeline2208@yahoo.com “Subject—Mercy Song Dance Video”

For more information, pls contact Adeline (012-4316238) Christine (012-4108837), Roland (012-4087818), Sharon (012-5511903).

“SERVE IN MERCY”

To the lost, least & little — to reduce the burden of parents who are not only struggling to put food on the table but to provide basic necessities for their young children, the Mercy Team is calling out for donations of new & unused or old & still useable cloth diapers.

Drop-off donations at the Mercy Baskets located at the Garden of Mercy, CDM, daily 9.00am—1.00pm

Cash donations: Reference - “Mercy”

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Google Form for Groceries Aid:

<https://forms.gle/j3meb2Z5rKFwef3UJ>