

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
SEPTEMBER THEME: ALL THE EARTH PROCLAIMS THE LORD

PARISH PRIEST SPEAKS

"Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you, and is able to save your souls"- James 1:21

St. James provides us with a thematic anchor for this week's reflection. God's word is truly like a seed and we are to receive it with hearts like fertile soil, humus, the root word for humility. When we look at a seed, we see only its outward appearance; we cannot see the plant that it will become. This two-fold characteristic of seeds gives us the key to understanding the practice of our faith. There is a visible exterior aspect and a hidden interior aspect, with tremendous potential.

The Pharisees and scribes are focused on fulfilling the exterior rituals of purity. They criticize Jesus' disciples for failing to observe all the rules, particularly the requirement about washing one's hands before eating. Our recent preoccupation with hand-washing due to the pandemic may distort our understanding of why these Pharisees are so concerned about "unclean hands." They are not thinking of good hygiene or "safety protocols." Nor are they simply being ritualistic. The Pharisees and scribes were dedicated to adhering perfectly to the Law given through Moses, that is, to all the distinctive tenets of the Jewish religion.

The Law that God gave to Moses was never merely a matter of purification rituals. The rituals were given as expressions of the covenant, the sacred bond, that God established with his people: "I will be your God; you will be my people." Without this covenantal relationship, the Law loses its very foundation, and the rituals become showy, empty forms. Jesus, in his rebuke, points out to the Pharisees that in their hearts they have forgotten the covenant, so they "disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition."

How can we avoid the trap of hypocrisy in the practice of our Christian faith? How can we be faithful to the covenant and ensure that our interior matches our exterior? We turn to the Letter of St. James for the answer. His exhortation today is very clear: "Be doers of the word and not hearers only." The source of our faith is God, "the Father of lights." It is not our perfect performance that saves us but his "word of truth," planted in our hearts, which is able to save our souls.

We must allow the word to penetrate us and bear its fruit and not self-righteousness and judgment of others but, as James tells us, "to care for orphans and widows in their affliction." Love of God is normally expressed in concrete acts of love of neighbour. What about purification rituals? St. James is clear about this as well: "to keep oneself unstained by the world." That is, our concern must be, not hand-washing but detachment from worldliness and rejection of the impurity of sin. To aim always for greater love, in faithfulness to our covenant of love with God, is the essence of "religion that is pure and undefiled."

In what ways do I honour the Lord with my lips and not my heart? How do I allow the word to penetrate me and bear fruit and not self-righteousness? How is my faithfulness to my covenant of love to God being manifested in my life?

- **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**

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:
divinemercygp@yahoo.com

MASS & PRAYER TIMES	DAY	DESCRIPTION
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<i>LIVE Streaming</i>		22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
DM Chaplet	8.30am SUN	<i>Duet 4: 1-2, 6b-8</i>
Mass *	9.00am 29 Aug	<i>Jm 1: 17-18, 21b-22, 27</i>
*Live Streaming of Masses on Facebook		<i>Mk 7: 1-8, 14-15</i>
https://www.facebook.com/cdmsgarapg/		21-23

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>	MON	
Mass*	7.00am	30 Aug

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>	TUE	
Mass*	8.00am	31 Aug
 — Merdeka Day —		

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>	WED	
Mass*	7.00am	01 Sep

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>	THU	
Mass*	7.00am	02 Sep
Holy Hour*	12.00pm	

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>	FRI	St Gregory the Great,
Mass*	7.00am	03 Sep Pope & Doctor

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>	SAT	
Mass*	7.00am	04 Sep

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>		23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
DM Chaplet	8.30am SUN	<i>Is 35: 4-7a</i>
Mass*	9.00am 05 Sep	<i>Jm 2: 1-5</i>
*Live Streaming of Masses on Facebook		<i>Mk 7: 31-37</i>
https://www.facebook.com/cdmsgarapg/		

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>



CDM compound is a **Non Smoking Zone**

PARISH/DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Hour: Thur, 2 Sep 2021 (12pm - 1pm)

CDM, Penang invites you to join the Holy Hour which will be streamed live from our Parish with special prayers, DM Chaplet & Benediction in solidarity with Divine Mercy Asia's initiative to pray the Chaplet across the Asian region over 24 hours every 1st Thursday of the month.
 Facebook: <https://facebook.com/cdmsgarapg>
 YouTube: <https://youtu.be/HnvKERJJa9k>

Engage Encounter Weekend #128

We pray for the couples who are attending the EE Weekend online this 27-29 August 2021 in preparation for marriage. May the Lord guide them in all the decisions that they make for their future together.

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

The Parish theme song, 'One in Mercy' reflects 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 2-6pax (submission of individual videos are welcome).
- 2) Download the theme song video here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1waMIQ12ssY9crSrVtpFudb0ONNOORX5J/view?usp=sharing>
- 3) Listen to the lyrics & practice the action moves.
- 4) Record your dance moves!
- 5) Email your video as soon as you're done **before** Sun, 5 Sep to adeline2208@yahoo.com or via Telegram/Whatsapp (012-4316238) with the subject: "Mercy Song Dance Video"

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

FORMED.ORG: by Penang Diocese

The subscription has allowed individuals, families, ministries & communities free access to Catholic programs, talks, movies & other materials for 1 year. Sign up under the account name "**Penang Diocesan Pastoral Institute**" at <https://formed.org>

"SERVE IN MERCY"

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/j3meb2Z5rKFwf3U7>

