

# 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**  
**SEPTEMBER THEME: ALL THE EARTH PROCLAIMS THE LORD**

## PARISH PRIEST SPEAKS .....

***"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."*** - Mark 8:34

Today's Gospel opens with a question about knowing. Jesus asks what people know about him, "Who do some people say that I am? .... Who do you say that I am?" Peter gives the best answer, he knows the Lord well, "You are the Christ." However, knowing is not enough. Peter intends his proclamation of his knowledge of Jesus Christ to be also a proclamation of his faith in him but as we know that in a moment later that faith falters.

The same question is now being asked of us. Who do we say that Jesus is? How well do we know the Lord? The question makes us think of our personal relationship with the Lord. Is our relationship with him deep enough that we can proclaim to all that we believe what Peter believes, that Jesus is our Lord and Messiah? To reach this point, we need to develop an intimate relationship with him for we need to make time to encounter him in prayer and experience his love for us.

Now, a person who knows Jesus and experiences his love cannot but love him in return. Our love for him is a response to the selfless love he first showed us. The deeper our relationship with him, the more we know him. The more we know him and accept the reality of his love and mercy, the more our hearts yearn for him and strive to follow his way of selfless love. Love, after all, is more than just a word or an emotion. Knowing leads to loving and loving leads to serving. To follow the Lord is to serve the Lord; serving is an act of love.

How then do we serve the Lord? In two ways, simply by love of God and love of neighbour. That is, we live our faith and love by continuous conversion and by service of our brothers and sisters. We start with putting God first in our lives. Everything else flows from that. When God is first, we are not, which means that our "old self," always full of self-love, must continually be denied. This is the process of dying to oneself. If we claim to love God without self-denial, we risk making ourselves into no more than hypocrites.

The fruit of genuine conversion is an active love for others, a love that builds the community. Love which provides for the needs of our brothers and sisters is a

true expression of service to God, for Jesus said, "whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters you do to me" (Mt. 25:40). This point is very clear in today's second reading, where St. James urges us to live our faith by serving our neighbors – in a sense, "to put flesh on the word." If we do not, James says, if our faith does not manifest itself in works, it is dead. Is it easy to love and serve the Lord? No, it is not! Jesus makes this clear when he describes discipleship as the way of the cross: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." To progress on the journey of conversion involves crucifying our ego and embracing God's will. To serve our neighbours involves not serving ourselves, denying ourselves so that we may be available to others. This is the way of life of our Master, and this is the way we are called to follow.

*How do I manifest my faith in work? In what ways do I crucify my ego and embrace God's will? How does worldly thinking hinder my ability to carry my cross?*

## 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**

Acc Name: **Church of Divine Mercy**

Email your receipt and donation details to:

[divinemerccypg@yahoo.com](mailto:divinemerccypg@yahoo.com)



CDM compound is a **Non Smoking Zone**



MASS & PRAYER TIMES	DAY	DESCRIPTION
<i>LIVE Streaming</i> <b>DM Chaplet</b> 8.30am Mass * 9.00am	<b>SUN</b> <b>12 Sep</b>	24th Sunday of Ordinary Time <i>Is 50: 5-9a</i> <i>Jm 2: 14-18</i> <i>Mk 8: 27-35</i>
<i>*Live Streaming of Masses on Facebook</i> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/cdmmsgarap/">https://www.facebook.com/cdmmsgarap/</a>		
<i>LIVE Streaming</i> Mass* 7.00am	<b>MON</b> <b>13 Sep</b>	St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor
<i>LIVE Streaming</i> Mass* 7.00am	<b>TUE</b> <b>14 Sep</b>	The Exaltation of The Holy Cross
<i>LIVE Streaming</i> Mass* 7.00am	<b>WED</b> <b>15 Sep</b>	Our Lady of Sorrows
<i>LIVE Streaming</i> Mass* 8.00am	<b>THU</b> <b>16 Sep</b>	SS. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop <b>— Malaysia Day —</b>
<i>LIVE Streaming</i> Mass* 7.00am	<b>FRI</b> <b>17 Sep</b>	St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor
<i>LIVE Streaming</i> Mass* 7.00am	<b>SAT</b> <b>18 Sep</b>	
<i>LIVE Streaming</i> <b>DM Chaplet</b> 8.30am Mass* 9.00am	<b>SUN</b> <b>19 Sep</b>	25th Sunday of Ordinary Time <i>Wis 2: 12a, 17-20</i> <i>Jm 3: 3, 4-16</i> <i>Mk 9: 30-37</i>
<i>*Live Streaming of Masses on Facebook</i> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/cdmmsgarap/">https://www.facebook.com/cdmmsgarap/</a>		

## 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

### **"Eating Up Our Children's Future: How Our Food Contributes to the Climate Emergency"**

Talk by Clare Westwood, organised by the Penang State Creation Justice Commission under the Creation Justice Commission MSB PROTEC Campaign.

Date/Time: Tue, 14 Sept @ 8.30pm—10pm

Register for ZOOM link:

<https://forms.gle/KXxeFEy3iG3o3YSG7>

### **Feast of St Francis of Assisi**

Mass to be held in English with the homily in 4 languages; English, Bahasa, Mandarin & Tamil by Msgr. Henry Rajoo.

Date/Time: Mon, 4 Oct @ 11am

To be live-streamed from the Treehouse at the Minor Basilica of St Anne, BM: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSqA6brU4UFLlLoL3AvVT03A>

### **Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother**

An 8-part bible study featuring Dr. Edward Sri on why Mary is so important to our faith as Catholics. We turn to her in prayer, in the Mass, in Rosary & Marian devotions. Dates/Times: Thur, 7, 14, 21, 28 Oct @ 9.45am-11.30am  
 No Registration Fee.

<https://forms.gle/GLP2WTjAwFPE6WGd6>

Contact for details: Jeanne J Saw (016-4554597)

### **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"**

Caritas Diocese of Penang was recently launched officially on 31 Aug 2021. With a series of events upcoming in September, our combined outreach with other parishes is still going strong and will grow in strength and efficacy. Basic food and hygiene supplies are being distributed weekly to the marginalized community around us. We encourage you to look around, ask about and reach out to those in need, especially the ones suffering in silence.

For more information on Caritas Penang:

<https://www.pgdiocese.org/caritas-penang>

Google Form for Groceries Aid:

<https://forms.gle/j3mEb2Z5rKfWef3U7>

*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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