

CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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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

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be last of all and the servant of all." - Mark 9:35

The reflection this week unfolds of Jesus giving the second of his three predictions of his suffering, death, and resurrection. Jesus describes the gruesome death that he expects to suffer. He will be "handed over to men and they will kill him". There is more in Jesus' prediction, however, than a description of his sufferings. He also clearly states that he will rise again after three days. Here, in the Resurrection, is where lies the glory hidden behind the Passion.

In his Passion narrative, Mark records only one of the traditional "seven last words" attributed to Christ on the Cross: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" This is the first line of Psalm 22, sometimes described as the prayer of an innocent person. Jesus himself is the innocent person, and Mark records that he was praying while dying on the Cross. This prayer, which begins with expressions of grief, ends gloriously with peaceful confidence in God's deliverance. Rather than a statement of accusation against the Father, Jesus was uttering a prayer of complete and confident surrender. In this light, glory results from a deep conviction that the Lord upholds our life. This is the magnificence of glory from a divine perspective.

In stark contrast, the human perspective of glory takes God out of the equation and trumpets human achievement. This is what the disciples are discussing soon after Jesus makes his second prediction of his Passion. They do not want to hear anything about suffering; they are focused on the spoils of victory. As first century Jews in Palestine, their idea of the Messiah is that of a political leader who will win victory for them over the Romans. Suffering simply does not fit into the picture. Furthermore, the disciples measure Christ's victory with an expectation of scarcity, that is, in a zero-sum fashion, wherein the gain of one is a loss of another. They are clamoring to be the greatest one who takes it all. The letter of James warns precisely about this: jealousy and selfish ambition lead to disorder and every foul practice.

Jesus patiently corrects his ambitious disciples and teaches them the divine perspective on what it means to be the greatest. It is not a path of domination but rather of humility and service. When one is humble, everybody else is allowed to be great. When one serves, the recipients of his or her service feel great. Greatness in this regard is not the result of a zero-sum game but is rather made abundant in multiples. Jesus Christ's visual aid in making this point is a child, meek, humble and totally dependent. To be child-like embodies the qualities of the "wisdom from above" that James describes: pure, peaceable, gentle, compliant without inconstancy or insincerity. When we cultivate these child-like qualities, we allow the Lord to uphold our lives, he who is the source of true glory. Pursuing this way allows us to be purged of worldly ambition or human activism. It rains us to be disciples of Christ by denying ourselves and carrying our own crosses.

What area in my life do I fail to surrender completely to God? How does jealousy and selfish ambition lead to disorder and every foul practice in my life? How am I cultivating the child-like qualities of humility, meekness and total dependence on God?

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

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 Contact Rodney (012-4015298) for any clarifications.

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MASS & PRAYER TIMES	DAY	DESCRIPTION
<i>LIVE Streaming</i>		25th Sunday of Ordinary Time
DM Chaplet 8.30am	SUN	<i>Wis 2: 12a, 17-20</i>
Mass* 9.00am	19 Sep	<i>Jm 3: 16-4, 3</i> <i>Mk 9: 30-37</i>
*Live Streaming of Masses on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/cdmmsgarapg/		
<i>LIVE Streaming</i>	MON	St Laurent Imbert, Bishop
Mass* 7.00am	20 Sep	St Jacques Chastan, Priest St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest St Paul Chong Ha-sang, & Companions, Martyrs
<i>LIVE Streaming</i>	TUE	St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist
Mass* 7.00am	21 Sep	
<i>LIVE Streaming</i>	WED	
Mass* 7.00am	22 Sep	
<i>LIVE Streaming</i>	THU	St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Mass* 7.00am	23 Sep	
<i>LIVE Streaming</i>	FRI	
Mass* 7.00am	24 Sep	
<i>LIVE Streaming</i>	SAT	
Mass* 7.00am	25 Sep	
<i>LIVE Streaming</i>	SUN	26th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Novena to St Faustina 8.30am	26 Sep	<i>Num 11: 25-29</i> <i>Jm 5: 1-6</i> <i>Mk 9: 38-43</i>
Mass* 9.00am		
*Live Streaming of Masses on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/cdmmsgarapg/		

REFLECTION MATERIALS

Daily Reflection on Word of God (Lectio Divina)

<https://bit.ly/3xxdve1>

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>

PARISH/DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CDM Christmas 2021 Planning

As we draw closer to our Parish 8th Anniversary "One in Mercy" on Wed, 29 Sep, there is much that awaits us in the coming months. We are moving closer to the liturgical celebrations of All Saints, All Souls, Advent and Christmas & your feedback and suggestions will be of great help with the planning. A gentle reminder to all BEC and Ministry Leaders to submit your responses by **Sun, 19 Sep 2021**.
 Link: <https://forms.gle/LGUa1CSyeNTP4jb68>

Feast of St Faustina; Tue 5 October 2021

On Sun, 26 Sep we begin the Novena to our patron saint, St Faustina which will run for 9 days until Mon, 4 Oct. The Feast will be celebrated with the **DM Chaplet at 8pm followed by Mass at 8.30pm on Tue, 5 Oct**. Further details will be shared on our various social media platforms. Let us come together to pray as one community.

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/UCSqA6brU4UFLloL3AvVto3A>

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/GLP2WTjAwFP6WGD6>

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

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Sign up under the account name "**Penang Diocesan Pastoral Institute**" at <https://formed.org>

"SERVE IN MERCY"

Basic food & hygiene supplies are still 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.

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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