

CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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 9am - 1pm (Saturday & Sunday)
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PARISH PRIEST:

Rev. Fr. Michael Raymond OFM.Cap

2021 THEME - HOPE: BELIEVE, LIVE, AND GIVE
OCTOBER THEME: PUT INTO THE DEEP

PARISH PRIEST SPEAKS

"For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve & to give his life as a ransom for many." -Mk 10: 45

When faced with the prospect of suffering, we typically react in three such ways, seeking to replace what we reject with *comfort*, *honor*, and *power*. We want the easy way out, not suffering; we want to boast of our accomplishment, not accept humiliation; we want to be served, not to serve. The reflections this weekend remind us that the Lord's way is quite unlike our ways. They tell us that instead of pursuing comfort, honor, and power, in all of which we are focused on ourselves, the Lord calls us to tread the path of service, where our focus is on others.

When we are committed to selfless service, we are willing to give up our *comfort* and take on even challenging tasks for the good of those we are serving. There is no greater example of this spirit than Jesus Christ himself, whom today's second reading holds up before us as a "great high priest". The essential work of a priest is to offer sacrifice. Christ, who reigned in glory before the dawn of creation, sitting comfortably with the Father in Heaven, chose to offer the sacrifice of his very self for our sake. He emptied himself of glory and took on our human nature, with all our weaknesses and limitations. He allowed himself to be like us, "tested in every way, yet without sin." In offering the supreme sacrifice of his life, Christ opened a new way for us, so that, instead of fleeing suffering, we may "confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help."

We certainly need mercy and grace! When we put ourselves at the service of others, we soon realize how severely limited our capabilities are. Despite our best efforts, our service is simply not enough for what is needed. The right response to this deficiency is not that we must do more, win more *honor*, and make ourselves greater, but that we must humbly make more space for God's providence. In our mission as servants, our hearts are to be focused on our Lord and Master, not on our own vainglorious self-reliance. All the resources and abilities that are part of our service come from God. Instead of putting ourselves on a pedestal, let us humbly acknowledge our need for him, "Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you".

The masters of the spiritual life teach us that the purer form of sacrifice is passive mortification. This is the path of freely embracing situations that come upon us uninvited and uniting them to the redemptive sacrifice of the Cross, just as the Lord himself willingly accepted the afflictions that were thrust upon him. Against our attachment to *comfort*, Jesus challenges us to "drink the cup" of suffering and undergo the "baptism" of the Cross together with him. Against our pursuit of *honor*, Jesus admonishes us not to be like the rulers who "make their authority felt." Instead, he points to us to service as the measure of greatness in his Kingdom. Against our desire for *power*, Jesus leads us in the humble path of slavery: "the first among you will be the slave of all."

How does comfort, honor and power in my life enable me to escape the prospect of suffering? In what ways do I give in to my natural tendencies to find an easy way out? Why do I find it so difficult to give up my comfort for the sake of serving others?

SERVE IN MERCY

In collaboration with Caritas Penang, churches around Penang Diocese are still handing out food aid weekly.

Ask not what can the world do for you, but what you can do for the world. Whatsoever you do to the least of your brethren, you do unto Me -Mt 25:40

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"

Maybank #5073 9410 1910

REFLECTION MATERIALS

Daily Reflection on Word of God (Lectio Divina)

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

Year of St Joseph (8 Dec 2020 – 8 Dec 2021)

That "every member of the faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfillment of God's will."

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

MASS & PRAYER TIMES	DAY	DESCRIPTION
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LIVE Streaming
Rosary 8.30am **SUN**
 Mass* 9.00am **17 Oct**
 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Is 53: 10-11
Hebr 4: 14-16
Mk 10: 35-45

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

LIVE Streaming
 Mass* 7.00am **MON**
18 Oct St Luke, Evangelist

LIVE Streaming
 Mass* 8.00am **TUE**
19 Oct SS. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests & Companions, Martyrs
 St Paul of the Cross, Priest

LIVE Streaming
 Mass* 7.00am **WED**
20 Oct

LIVE Streaming
 Mass* 7.00am **THU**
21 Oct

LIVE Streaming
 Mass* 7.00am **FRI**
22 Oct St John Paul II, Pope

LIVE Streaming
 Mass* 7.00am **SAT**
23 Oct St John of Capestrano, Priest

MISSION SUNDAY

LIVE Streaming
Rosary 8.30am **SUN**
 Mass* 9.00am **24 Oct**
 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Jer 31: 7-9
Hebr 5: 1-6
Mk 10: 46-52

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

CDM E-Bulletin Subscription: cdmbulletin@gmail.com

Mass Intentions Submission Deadline

Weekday mass offerings: at least 48 hours in advance.

Weekend mass offerings: before 12pm Wednesday

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:

divinemercyprg@yahoo.com

- **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

Baptism—17 October 2021

We thank you, heavenly Father, that by water & 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: *Emellyia Farisha Anak Sindar*

Parents: *Sindar Anak Jaraw & Tiny Anak Manggan*

Godparent: *Evelyn Anak Jaraw*

CDM Learning Centre Survey (1 - 30 Oct 2021)

This survey is conducted to gather feedback regarding the proposed Learning Centre at CDM, Penang. By answering this survey, you will be indirectly supporting CDM's Serve In Mercy project where for each completed survey, a meal will be provided for the needy.

Contact for questions/feedback: tlc.cdmgsara@gmail.com

English: <https://forms.gle/8iESeeFRzdp5jbn9>

BM: <https://forms.gle/QQtzMLGomGPVgAT28>

Wall of Saints & Tree of Remembrance; Nov 1 & 2

As we approach the Holy time of All Saints & All Souls' Days, we invite you to take some time to remember with love, your dearly deceased family members & friends, and those we lost during this Covid-19 pandemic, in a special way via the "Wall of Saints & Tree of Remembrance" which will be set up at the Garden of Mercy.

Fill in the names of the dearly deceased by using the template provided via Facebook/website and email to divinemercyprg@yahoo.com or directly via the Google Form: <https://forms.gle/hBMJdui9ns4Mndag6> or drop by the Garden of Mercy and fill in a remembrance card by **Wed, 27 Oct**.

You may also offer Mass intentions online:

Bank Acc: **Maybank # 5073 9410 1910**

Acc Name: **Church of Divine Mercy**

Email your receipt/details to: masscdmsqara@gmail.com

Adorasi & Doa Penyembuhan

Bersama Rev Deacon Lazarus Jonathan, Para Sister Putri Karmel & Sister FSIC.

Tema: "Tuhan Yesus, sembuhkanlah aku!"

Siaran langsung dari Minor Basilica St Anne, BM

Pautan: <https://youtu.be/ds7FSXixpfU>

Tarikh/Masa: *Sabtu, 30 Okt @ 8.00pm—9.45pm*

Prayer for Healing

Praise & Worship, Word of God, Repentance & Renunciation, Prayer for and with you.

Upcoming sessions: *Wed, 10 & 24 Nov @ 8.30pm—10pm*

To register: <https://forms.gle/2Hmk8VM874ieBJpTA>

Contact: Jeanne J Saw (WhatsApp 016-4554597)