

CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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PARISH PRIEST:

Rev. Fr. Michael Raymond OFM.Cap

2021 THEME - HOPE: BELIEVE, LIVE, AND GIVE NOVEMBER THEME: THE POOR: THE TREASURE OF THE CHURCH

PARISH PRIEST SPEAKS

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength....You shall love your neighbour as yourself." Mark 12: 30-31

What is really most important in life? This is essentially the question that one of the scribes, asks Jesus in today's Gospel: "Which is the first of all the commandments?" The answer that Jesus gives is brief but profound. For Jesus, it is not a matter of which commandment should come first in the catalogue of commandments. Rather, he is interested in the question of what matters most, what has absolute priority. In answering the question, he refers the scribe to the great truth that had already been revealed to the Jews, that what matters most is the one true God and our whole-hearted response to him in love. It is the great prayer that every faithful Jew recites daily.

"Hear. O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength."

We learn from the first part of Jesus' answer what he considers "first": the Lord our God is the source and the end of all commandments. The fundamental purpose of "all his statutes and commandments" is to unite us with the One who rules our life, who sustains us and all things, and who is the foundation and the goal of our existence. To love the Lord God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength means to place ourselves entirely in his hands. When we are united with the Lord in love, we have everything that we need. In telling us that love comes first in our relationship with God, Jesus shows that we are not to think of God as some vague spiritual force in the cosmos. He is not a distant impersonal being. We cannot love a force with our whole heart; we can only love persons. God is a personal God, a God who loves us first, and who, because of his love, wants to be involved in our life so as to give it meaning. Therefore, he calls us to listen to him: "Hear, O Israel!" To listen to the Lord as our only God means ridding ourselves of all the other gods in our life. A "god" is whatever we give our highest priority. The only one who has the right to this absolute place is the Lord God himself.

In the Gospel. Jesus does not allow the first commandments to stand alone. Although love of God comes first, it must always be complemented by what comes second, love of neighbor. Thus, he immediately adds, "The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." These two commandments are inseparable. As Pope Francis says. "they are two sides of a single coin: experienced together they are a believer's strength!" When we recognize that love of God and neighbor is "worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices," worth more than all our busy efforts to prove that we are useful, and when we live according to this divinely revealed law, then we are "not far from the Kingdom of God." The Kingdom is near us, even within us, when we love. Moreover, the love we have for our neighbor takes on infinite value when we unite it with the sacrifice of Christ, which he renews on the Eucharistic altar.

What and who has priority in my life? How do I respond in words and actions that God matters most to me in my life? Why do I find difficult to love God with all my heart, soul. mind and strenath?

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 Drop Mass Intention envelopes into the Mass Offering Box located next to ground floor office or submit to Church Admin (1st Floor office).

For online Mass Intentions, email receipt and details (name of departed souls, thanksgiving or special intentions) to masscdmsgara@gmail.com Bank Acc: Maybank # 5073 9410 1910 Acc Name: Church of Divine Mercy

Fundraising & tithes/pledges

Provide reference number & month as stated on the envelope to divinemercypg@yahoo.com Bank Acc: Maybank # 5073 9410 1643 Acc Name: Church of Divine Mercv

MASS & PRAYER TIMES		DAY	DESCRIPTION
LIVE Streaming Rosary Mass * *Live Streaming of Mas https://www.faceboo			31st Sunday of Ordinary Time Deut 6: 2-6 Hebr 7: 23-28 Mk 12: 28b-34
No Morning Mass LIVE Streaming DM Chaplet Mass*	8.00pm 8.30pm	MON 01 Nov	All Saint's Day ~ Day of Obligation~ ALL SEATS FILLED
No Morning Mass LIVE Streaming DM Chaplet Mass*	8.00pm 8.30pm	TUE 02 Nov	The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
LIVE Streaming Mass* DM Chaplet	7.00am 3.00pm	WED 03 Nov	St Martin de Porres, Religious
LIVE Streaming Mass* DM Chaplet	8.00am 3.00pm	THU 04 Nov	St Charles Borromeo, Bishop — Public Holiday—
LIVE Streaming Mass* DM Chaplet	7.00am 3.00pm	FRI 05 Nov	
LIVE Streaming Mass*	7.00am	SAT 06 Nov	

DM Chaplet Mass*	9.00am	SUN 07 Nov	1 Kgs 17: 10-16 Hebr 9: 24-28 Mk 12: 38-44 (or 41-44)
LIVE Streaming			32nd Sunday o Ordinary Time

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

PARISH/DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CDM Annual Parish Assembly 2021

Date/Time: Sun, 14 Nov @ 10.30am-12.30pm Agenda includes the summary of parish activities this year, ongoing projects, and upcoming programmes for 2022. Come, listen and share your ideas. All Ministry and BEC Committee members are encouraged to attend in church.

Re-opening of the Church for Public Mass

Sunday & Weekday Masses from 31 Oct 2021

- limited to 250pax via Eventbrite registration*
- only those fully vaccinated and with "Low Risk No Symptom" status (MySejahtera app) allowed to attend.

All Saints' & All Souls' Days; 1 & 2 Nov 2021

- limited to 150pax via Eventbrite registration*
- only those fully vaccinated and with "Low Risk No Symptom" status (MySejahtera app) allowed to attend.

*Eventbrite registration (Sunday Masses & All Saints' Day & All Soul's Day Masses only) is strongly encouraged to facilitate the necessary SOPs. Links will be shared accordingly via BEC/Facebook.

Prayer for Healing

Praise & Worship, Word of God, Repentance and 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)

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

REFLECTION MATERIALS

Daily Reflection on Word of God (Lectio Divina) https://bit.lv/3xxdveT

Year of St Joseph

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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."

Pravers and other resources about St Joseph can be found on the website: https://bit.lv/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
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