

# CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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 9am - 1pm (Saturday & Sunday)



**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 .....

**"For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood." - Mark 12:44**

The Temple of Jerusalem was the pinnacle of Jewish life. It was the preeminent sacred place for prayer and worship, the place where the sacrifices prescribed by God were offered to him. It was the center of the Jewish culture and life, their identity as the Chosen People of God. Among the upper group of the Jewish community and society were the scribes, who are the target of Jesus' withering criticism in today's Gospel.

Jesus starts off with a sharp warning: "Beware!" He describes the lives of the scribes and their practice of wearing fancy clothes and seeking social distinction. He goes on to expose an evil that is hidden behind their grandiose appearance: "they devour the houses of widows." That is, they take advantage of widows' weak social position for their own financial gain. In those days, a widow was particularly vulnerable, with no social status and no support other than what may have been left by her husband. The scribes zeroed in on this limited and dwindling means of survival and tried to convince widows to offer what they had as contributions to the Temple, for the glory of God!

The scribes' practice of sacrificing others' welfare for their own benefit is countered by the way of Christ a sacrifice of total self-giving, the gift of a God who empties Himself of His very life. This spirit of total self-gift is reflected in the two widows that we find in today's readings. These two women belong to the very class of people whom the scribes are so willing to exploit. The widow of Zarephath in the first reading lives in abject poverty. She and her son are down to their final meal, bracing themselves to face inevitable starvation. The widow in the Gospel is likewise one of the poorest of the poor; her two small coins are all she has.

What a sharp contrast! On one hand, the proud ostentation of the elite who served in the Temple, and on the other hand, the humble poverty of the widows who give themselves in selfless service. One relies on pretense, the other relies on providence. Jesus condemns one and honors the other. In the widow of Zarephath, the Lord "gives food to the hungry," while for the widow at the Jerusalem Temple, the Lord secures justice.

But how can it be *justice* for a poor widow to give up her whole livelihood? The virtue of justice simply means giving to each what is his due, to God what is due to God and to others what is due to others. By her giving her all to God, the poor widow at the Temple is fully entrusting herself to God's providence. This is a just act because she is acknowledging God as the one who provides and takes care of her. She honors the same God who did not allow the jar of flour to go empty nor the jug of oil to run dry for the widow of Zarephath. These women of faith show us how to trust in God, how to let him reign in our lives as our Provider and Protector. Truly, they are blessed because they have taken on the attitude of the "poor in spirit," the *anawim*. The Kingdom of God is already theirs because they belong entirely to him.

*In my self-sufficiency and pride, how do I take advantage of the poor and outcast? How is the spirit of total self-giving reflected in my life of service? What hinders me from trusting fully in Jesus and giving myself completely to him?*

## FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

**CDM E-Bulletin Subscription:** [cdmbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:cdmbulletin@gmail.com)

## Mass Intentions Submission Deadline

*Weekday mass offerings: at 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](mailto: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 [divinemercygp@yahoo.com](mailto:divinemercygp@yahoo.com)

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- **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**

MASS & PRAYER TIMES	DAY	DESCRIPTION
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<i>LIVE Streaming</i>		32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
<b>DM Chaplet</b>	8.30am <b>SUN</b>	1 Kgs 17: 10-16
Mass *	9.00am <b>07 Nov</b>	Hebr 9: 24-28
		Mk 12: 38-44
		(or 41-44)

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

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>		
Mass*	7.00am <b>MON</b>	
<b>DM Chaplet</b>	3.00pm <b>08 Nov</b>	

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>		
Mass*	7.00am <b>TUE</b>	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica;
<b>DM Chaplet</b>	3.00pm <b>09 Nov</b>	Cathedral of Rome

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>		
Mass*	7.00am <b>WED</b>	St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor
<b>DM Chaplet</b>	3.00pm <b>10 Nov</b>	

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>		
Mass*	7.00am <b>THU</b>	St Martin of Tours, Bishop
<b>DM Chaplet</b>	3.00pm <b>11 Nov</b>	

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>		
Mass*	7.00am <b>FRI</b>	St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr
<b>DM Chaplet</b>	3.00pm <b>12 Nov</b>	

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>		
Mass*	7.00am <b>SAT</b>	
Novena to OMPH	5.15pm <b>13 Nov</b>	
Mass*	5.30pm	

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>		33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
<b>DM Chaplet</b>	8.30am <b>SUN</b>	Dan 12: 1-3
Mass*	9.00am <b>14 Nov</b>	Hebr 10: 11-14, 18
		Mk 13: 24-32

## 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**

## PARISH/DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Baptism - 7 November 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: *Bui Minh Phuc Linh*

Parents: *Bui Minh Quyen & Nguyen Thi Hong Diep*

Godparent: *Nguyen Ngoc Quyen*

Child: *Lashon Issac Culas*

Parents: *Desmond Dave Culas & Kara Myra Perreira*

Godparent: *Michelle Tan Goek See*

Child: *Shaylin Ahmadi*

Parents: *Mikhail M.Ahmadi & Shary M.Ahmadi*

Godparent: *Lydia Low Chee Lee*

### 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 programs 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 300pax via Eventbrite registration\*

- only those fully vaccinated and with "Low Risk No Symptom" status (MySejahtera app) allowed to attend.

\*Eventbrite registration (Saturday Sunset & Sunday Morning 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/2Hmk8VM874ieBjTA>

Contact: Jeanne J Saw (WhatsApp 016-4554597)

## 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>