

CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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 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

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." - Mark 13:31

It is simple common sense for us to be more concerned with things that are lasting than with things that are temporary. If our doctor says that an illness is only temporary and we will certainly return to good health in a short time, then we are not very concerned. But if he tells us that our poor health is due to some permanent condition and will likely not improve, then we are more upset. Likewise, if our business suffers a temporary downturn but we can see that things will be picking up soon, then we are not worried. But on the other hand, if something happens and causes our business to close down permanently, we will be very concerned.

The reflection this weekend invites and helps us to see if that same logic applies to our relationship with the world and with God. The world offers us a vast array of ways to feel better in the moment, temporarily. We can turn to entertainment, or to sex, or to food and drinks, or to human relationships. We can amass wealth and purchase all kinds of things to distract us. We can work to gain worldly honour and glory in sports or politics or in scholarly pursuits. We can seek success in business. We can puff ourselves up with selfish pride and deny any weakness or sin on our part.

All of these things can make us feel better for a moment, but if we pursue the good feelings they give us, rather than pursue a closer relationship with God, then they are no different from harmful drugs. Their effects are only temporary, and they ultimately lead to destruction, because they lead us away from the eternal joy for which we were created. Jesus warns us in the Gospel that all the things of this world will certainly come to an end. The contrast between what is temporary and what is eternal is particularly stark when we compare the deceptive ways of the world and the eternal word of God. The consequences of pursuing the temporary pleasures of the world compared to following the word of God could not be more different. The first reading tells us that those who follow God's way will "live forever," and will "shine brightly like the stars forever," while those who reject God's way and follow the world "shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace." This is a serious matter—the most serious!

The readings this weekend show us the path to life. Follow Jesus. Walk with Jesus. Do not be deceived by the temporary allurements of the world, but cling to what is eternal: Jesus our Savior. We need not wait for the hour of our death; we can take the words of Pope Francis as our instruction for today. Let this be "the moment in which to abandon ourselves definitely to the Father's love and to entrust ourselves to his mercy."

Why am I more concerned about the passing things of this world than those that will lead me to eternal life? What are the temporal allurements of the world that swallow me up, making me forget about God? How have I turned my back on the Word of God, preferring to trust in my own words?

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

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 divinemerccypg@yahoo.com

Bank Acc: **Maybank # 5073 9410 1643**

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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**



CDM compound is a Non Smoking Zone

MASS & PRAYER TIMES	DAY	DESCRIPTION
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<i>LIVE Streaming</i>		5th World Day of the Poor
DM Chaplet	8.30am SUN	33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
Mass *	9.00am 14 Nov	Ordinary Time
		<i>Dan 12: 1-3</i>
		<i>Hebr 10: 11-14, 18</i>
		<i>Mk 13: 24-32</i>

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>		
Mass*	6.45am MON	St Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor
DM Chaplet	3.00pm 15 Nov	

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>		
Mass*	6.45am TUE	St Margaret of Scotland, St Gertrude, Virgin
DM Chaplet	3.00pm 16 Nov	

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>		
Mass*	6.45am WED	St Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
DM Chaplet	3.00pm 17 Nov	

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>		
Mass*	6.45am THU	Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter and St Paul
DM Chaplet	3.00pm 18 Nov	

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>		
Mass*	6.45am FRI	
DM Chaplet	3.00pm 19 Nov	

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>		
Mass*	6.45am SAT	
DM Chaplet	3.00pm 20 Nov	

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>		
Mass*	6.45am	
Novena to OMPH	5.15pm	
Mass	5.30pm	

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>		~World Youth Day~
DM Chaplet	8.30am SUN	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Mass*	9.00am 21 Nov	Last Sunday in Ordinary Time

		<i>Dan 7: 13-14</i>
		<i>Rev 1: 5-8</i>
		<i>Jn 18: 33b-37</i>

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>

PARISH/DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CDM Annual Parish Assembly 2021

Date/Time: Sun, 14 Nov @ 10.30am –12.30pm

A gentle reminder to all BEC & Ministry leaders to attend the PA and all parishioners are encouraged to attend and join in the heartbeat of the Parish.

Change of Weekday Mass times

Effective Mon, 15 Nov 2021, morning Mass on weekdays will be at 6.45am. *Let the morning bring me word of Your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in You. Show me the way I should go, for to You I entrust my life -Psalms 143:8*

Re-opening of the Church for Public Mass

- 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.

Catholic Engaged Encounter

We pray for the couples from our Parish who are attending the Engaged Encounter Weekend No.129 online this weekend (19—21 Nov) in preparation for the Sacrament of Matrimony. May the Lord guide them in all the decisions that they make for their future.

Prayer for Healing

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

Upcoming sessions: *Wed, 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 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

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"

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