

# 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 .....

**"Arise. I appoint you as a witness of what you have seen" -Acts 26:16**

This weekend we celebrate the 36th World Youth Day with the theme, "Arise. I appoint you as a witness of what you have seen" (Acts 26:16). In his message, the Pope pointed to the important role that young people have to play in the world, especially as they have faced enormous setbacks and difficulties due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Many young people, said the Pope, experienced a rise in family problems, unemployment, depression, loneliness, and addictive behaviour. He added that the experience of the pandemic has also revealed the virtues of young people, including our "inclination to solidarity." Pope Francis urged young Christians to "arise" and help the world start afresh with their passion and enthusiasm.

The Pope then reflected at length on the passage from which the theme is taken (Acts 26:16), in which St. Paul tells the story of his conversion as he stands trial before King Agrippa. Paul who is busy persecuting Christians, is thrown off his horse by a bright light and hears the voice of Jesus speaking to him. Pope Francis says that Paul's personal encounter with Jesus brought about a change in his life.

"Only a personal and non-anonymous encounter with Christ changes lives... This grace, this unmerited and unconditional love, will be the light that radically transforms Saul's life". In choosing Saul, said the Pope, Jesus shows that no one is lost in God's eyes, and that every person if they consider it will feel the fire of God's love burning in their hearts. The encounter with Jesus leaves Paul lying on the ground and temporarily blinded, since the Lord has revealed the errors of his ways and humbled him to his true stature. After his encounter with the Lord, Paul is led to Damascus, where he had spent time in prayer and silence, deepening his new-found relationship with Jesus. The response is for young Catholics to follow Paul's example, as he turned his youthful passion and strength into zeal as a "herald of the Gospel to the very ends of the earth." It is an invitation to all the young people to arise and accept their mission to testify to Jesus and His power to heal our broken hearts.

Pope Francis concluded his message with some powerful encouragement which young Catholics can take to heart for the year.

**Arise! Do not remain downcast or caught up in yourself; a mission awaits you! You too can testify to what Jesus has begun to accomplish in your lives.**

**Arise! Testify that you too were blind and encountered the light. You too have seen God's goodness and beauty in yourself, in others & in the communion of the Church where all loneliness is overcome.**

**Arise! Testify to the love and respect it is possible to instill in human relationships, in the lives of our families, in the dialogue between parents and children, between the young and the elderly.**

**Arise! Uphold social justice, truth & integrity, human rights. Protect the persecuted, the poor & the vulnerable, immigrants; those who have no voice in society.**

**Arise! Testify to the new way of looking at things that enables you to view Creation with eyes brimming with wonder, seeing the Earth as our common home & gives you the courage to promote an integral ecology.**

**Arise! Testify that lives of failure can be rebuilt, that persons spiritually dead can rise anew, that those in bondage can once more be free, that hearts overwhelmed by sorrow can rediscover hope.**

**Arise! Testify joyfully that Christ is alive! Spread His message of love and salvation among your contemporaries, at school and in the university, at work, in the digital world, everywhere.**

## 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>

MASS & PRAYER TIMES	DAY	DESCRIPTION
<i>LIVE Streaming</i>		~World Youth Day~ <b>Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b>
<b>DM Chaplet</b>	8.30am <b>SUN</b>	King of the Universe
Mass *	9.00am <b>21 Nov</b>	Last Sunday in Ordinary Time Dan 7: 13-14 Rev 1: 5-8 Jn 18: 33b-37

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

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>			
Mass*	6.45am	<b>MON</b>	St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr
<b>DM Chaplet</b>	3.00pm	<b>22 Nov</b>	
<i>LIVE Streaming</i>			
Mass*	6.45am	<b>TUE</b>	St Clement I, Pope & Martyr
<b>DM Chaplet</b>	3.00pm	<b>23 Nov</b>	St Columban, Abbot
<i>LIVE Streaming</i>			
Mass*	6.45am	<b>WED</b>	SS Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companions, Martyrs
<b>DM Chaplet</b>	3.00pm	<b>24 Nov</b>	
<i>LIVE Streaming</i>			
Mass*	6.45am	<b>THU</b>	St Catharine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr
<b>DM Chaplet</b>	3.00pm	<b>25 Nov</b>	
<i>LIVE Streaming</i>			
Mass*	6.45am	<b>FRI</b>	
<b>DM Chaplet</b>	3.00pm	<b>26 Nov</b>	
<i>LIVE Streaming</i>			
Mass*	6.45am	<b>SAT</b>	
Novena to OMPH	5.15pm	<b>27 Nov</b>	
Mass	5.30pm		Sacrament of Confirmation
<i>LIVE Streaming</i>			
<b>DM Chaplet</b>	8.30am	<b>SUN</b>	<b>1st Sunday of Advent</b>
Mass*	9.00am	<b>28 Nov</b>	Jer 33: 14-16 1 Th 3: 12- 4: 2 Lk 21: 25-28, 34-36

## 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

**CDM Confirmation —27 November 2021**

Lord God, You sent Your Holy Spirit to touch the hearts of Your people so that they may believe in Your Word. Look kindly on your children chosen for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfillment the good works You have begun in them. Kindle in them the fire of Your love & mercy and may they be the source of joy & hope to all around them. Amen.

**Advent Spiritual Preparations**

Prepare for the coming of Christ, our Treasure, with these daily video & gospel reflections by Matthew Kelly & Bishop Barron for the best Advent ever!

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/advent.html>

<https://www.adventreflections.com/>

**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.

Be merciful and please register only when you can confirm your attendance. If you need to cancel your registration, please check your email order from Eventbrite or seek assistance from your BEC leader

[Saturday Sunset Mass 20 November 2021](#)

[Sunday Morning Mass 21 November 2021](#)

\*Eventbrite registration (Saturday Sunset & Sunday Morning Masses only) is strongly encouraged to facilitate the necessary SOPs.

## 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)

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**Fundraising & tithes/pledges**

Provide reference number & month as stated on the envelope to [divinemercygp@yahoo.com](mailto:divinemercygp@yahoo.com)

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