

# 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**  
**DECEMBER THEME: DO NOT BE AFRAID, I BRING YOU GOOD NEWS**

## PARISH PRIEST SPEAKS .....

### ADVENT: A TIME TO BE VIGILANT AND TO PRAY

Today is the beginning of Advent. It's the liturgical time which prepares us for Christmas, inviting us to lift our gaze and open our hearts to welcome Jesus. During Advent, we do not just live in anticipation of Christmas; we are also called to rekindle the anticipation of the glorious return of our Lord when He will return at the end of time. It is an invitation to prepare ourselves with consistent and courageous choices, for the final encounter with Him. We remember Christmas, we await the glorious return of Christ, and also our personal encounter that is the day in which the Lord will call.

During these four weeks we are called to leave behind a resigned and routine way of life and to go forth, nourishing hope, nourishing dreams for a new future. This Sunday's Gospel goes in this very direction and places us on guard against allowing ourselves to be oppressed by an egocentric lifestyle or by the speedy pace of our days. Jesus' words resonate in particular way for us to ponder, "take heed to yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly. But watch at all times, praying" (vv. 34, 36).

To be *mindful* and to *pray*: this is how to live the time between now and Christmas. To be mindful and to pray. Inner listlessness comes from always turning around ourselves and being blocked by our own lives, with its problems, its joys, and sufferings, but always turning around ourselves. And this is wearying; this is dull; this closes us off to hope. Here lies the root of the lethargy and laziness that the Gospel speaks about. Advent invites us to a commitment to vigilance, looking beyond ourselves, expanding our minds and hearts to open ourselves up to the needs of people, of brothers and sisters, and to the desire for a new world. It is the desire of many people tormented by hunger, by injustice and by war. It is the desire of the poor, the weak, and the abandoned. This is a favorable time to open our hearts, to ask ourselves concrete questions about how and for whom we expend our lives.

The second attitude to best experience the time of awaiting the Lord is that of *prayer*. It is about standing up and praying, turning our thoughts and our hearts to Jesus

who is about to come. One stands when awaiting something or someone. We await Jesus and we wish to await Him in prayer which is closely linked to vigilance. Praying, awaiting Jesus, opening oneself to others, being mindful, not withdrawn in ourselves. But if we think of Christmas in the light of consumerism, of seeing what I can buy in order to do this and that, of a worldly celebration, Jesus will pass by and we will not find Him. We await Jesus and we wish to await him in prayer which is closely linked to vigilance.

*As I begin the season of Advent, what worldly pursuits and idolatries will I give up? How can I be more vigilant emptying myself and acknowledging that this world is fleeting? During this Advent, how will I give myself in love to others?*

### 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)

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

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### REFLECTION MATERIALS

### Daily Reflection on Word of God (Lectio Divina)

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

### Year of St Joseph

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>		<b>1st Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>DM Chaplet</b> 8.30am	<b>SUN</b>	<i>Jer 33: 14-16</i>
Mass * 9.00am	<b>28 Nov</b>	<i>1 Th 3: 12-4: 2</i>
		<i>Lk 21: 25-28, 34-36</i>
<i>*Live Streaming of Masses on Facebook</i> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/cdmsgarap/">https://www.facebook.com/cdmsgarap/</a>		
<i>LIVE Streaming</i>		<b>MON</b>
Mass* 6.45am		<b>29 Nov</b>
<b>DM Chaplet</b> 3.00pm		
<i>LIVE Streaming</i>		<b>TUE</b>
Mass* 6.45am		<b>30 Nov</b>
<b>DM Chaplet</b> 3.00pm		St Andrew, Apostle
<i>LIVE Streaming</i>		<b>WED</b>
Mass* 6.45am		<b>01 Dec</b>
<b>DM Chaplet</b> 3.00pm		
<i>LIVE Streaming</i>		<b>THU</b>
Mass* 6.45am		<b>02 Dec</b>
<b>DM Chaplet</b> 3.00pm		
Holy Hour 7.00pm		
<i>LIVE Streaming</i>		<b>FRI</b>
Mass* 6.45am		<b>03 Dec</b>
<b>DM Chaplet</b> 3.00pm		St Francis Xavier, Priest
		<i>Patron of Missions &amp; Missionaries</i>
<i>LIVE Streaming</i>		<b>SAT</b>
Mass* 6.45am		<b>04 Dec</b>
Novena to OMPH 5.15pm		St John Damascene, Priest & Doctor
Mass 5.30pm		
<i>LIVE Streaming</i>		<b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>DM Chaplet</b> 8.30am	<b>SUN</b>	<i>Bar 5: 1-9</i>
Mass* 9.00am	<b>05 Dec</b>	<i>Phil 1: 4-6, 8-11</i>
		<i>Lk 3: 1-6</i>

### 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

*Congratulations & best wishes to this year's Confirmation candidates. May you always hold the love & mercy of Jesus Christ in your hearts and have the fire of faith as your guide in life and mission.*  
 ~ Confirmation 27 Nov 2021 ~

### Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Join us for the final Divine Mercy Holy Hour for 2021 on **Thur, 2 Dec @ 7.00pm** with prayers, DM Chaplet, Benediction and quiet moments of meditation before the Blessed Sacrament. Live on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#).

### EMHC Formation 2021

Date/Time: **Thur, 2 Dec @ 8.30pm.**

Kindly join us for Holy Hour at 7.00pm before Formation.

### Blood Donation & Organ Pledge Campaign

Free admission & open to the public. In collaboration with Caritas Penang Diocese, Unit Patologi & Darah Hospital Pulau Pinang, Unit Derma Organ Hospital Pulau Pinang & Kelab Sukan Rekreasi & Kebajikan Wawasan Negeri Pulau Pinang.

Venue: St Faustina Hall, CDM

Date/Time: **Sat, 4 Dec @ 9.00am—2.00pm**

For further information, please contact:

Steven Bruyns (012-4763258), Thomas (012-4951969), David Raj (012-4247829), Michael Teoh (012-4773811)

### CDM Advent Christmas Wish Tree

Come share the joy & happiness of the Birth of Christ with the less fortunate by sponsoring a gift. Organised by the Ministry of the Poor, a Christmas tree with *wish cards* has been set up at the Garden of Mercy. Your generous contributions will spread the Christmas cheer with our BECs' needy children, migrants, and selected orphanages; Persatuan Kebajikan Kanak-kanak Bayan Lepas, Rumah Charis Community Point, Crystal Family Home.

Please hand in your gift(s) **before/on Sun, 5 Dec.**

For enquiries, plz contact Thomas (012-4951969), Saysu (012-4097201), Francesca (016-4812179), and Bernadette (010-4665905).

### Advent Reflections 2021

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

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

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

### Registration for Saturday/Sunday Masses

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 27 November 2021](#)

[Sunday Morning Mass 28 November 2021](#)