

# CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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 9am - 1pm (Saturday & Sunday)  
*Monday Closed*



**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 .....

**Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths and all flesh shall see the salvation of God—Luke 3: 4, 6**

Advent is a season of preparation. Today's readings help us understand what sort of preparation we should be making. There is no mention of the exterior preparations that often preoccupy us at this time of year, rather the readings move us to focus on our interior life. The Gospel does not stress exterior change but interior change. The images the Scriptures use to describe this change, however, are dramatic alterations in the physical environment: the work of filling in valleys and levelling every lofty mountain. We find this imagery today both in Luke's quotation from the prophet Isaiah and in the beautiful prophetic vision from the Book of Baruch. When we see 'every lofty mountain made low' and 'the age-old depths and gorges filled to level ground,' then we can 'take off our robe of mourning and misery, and put on the splendour of glory from God forever' for God is leading us "in joy by the light of His glory, with His mercy and justice for company."

As we ponder these prophecies, we can apply the images to ourselves. The mountains and hills represent interior obstacles to our readiness for the Lord. In our spiritual life, we often encounter such obstacles. We are usually most conscious of them when we have fallen once again into a sin pattern. They stand out in our minds as we prepare to make a good Confession. There are some temptations and sin that we seem to have no power to change or resist, such as our bad habits, our pride, quick temper, resentment, or compulsive behaviour. When we see our stubborn sins looming before us, we might say, "This is a mountain! I can't get over it, I can't get around it, and I can't move it – now what do I do?"

The valleys in our spiritual journey are at first less obvious, but they are just as impassable. When we examine ourselves, we find that our lives are missing some basic elements, the absence of which seems to permanently prevent any further progress. Our impatience, for example, or ingratitude, our lack of courage, and especially the scarcity of love in our lives – these are like deep canyons and ravines that we simply cannot pass through.

Who is responsible for levelling these obstacles?

Is it our work or the Lord's? As soon as we ask this, we realize that, if it is up to us, the task is impossible. But Advent reminds us not to waste any time in discouragement. We turn to the Lord and beg Him for help. By turning to Him in prayer, we open ourselves for His power to work in us. Since God is more intent on coming to us than we are on welcoming him, he will certainly overcome every obstacle to save us, even where there seems to be no way to us. When we pray with faith, the "mountains and valleys" of our sins and weaknesses are actually no obstacle at all. It takes only a little faith to submit them to the power of God.

*How am I preparing interiorly for Christ's coming? When my pride and compulsive behaviour loom before me, what is the cure for these stubborn sins? How does impatience, ingratitude and scarcity of love hinder my spiritual growth?*

## 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 [divinemercyppg@yahoo.com](mailto:divinemercyppg@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**

**CDM compound is a Non Smoking Zone**

MASS & PRAYER TIMES	DAY	DESCRIPTION
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*LIVE Streaming*  
**DM Chaplet** 8.30am **SUN**  
 Mass \* 9.00am **05 Dec**  
**2nd Sunday of Advent**  
 Bar 5: 1-9  
 Phil 1: 4-6, 8-11  
 Lk 3: 1-6

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

*LIVE Streaming*  
 Mass\* 6.45am **MON**  
**DM Chaplet** 3.00pm **06 Dec**  
 St Nicholas, Bishop

*LIVE Streaming*  
 Mass\* 6.45am **TUE**  
**DM Chaplet** 3.00pm **07 Dec**  
 St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor

*LIVE Streaming*  
**DM Chaplet** 8.00pm **WED**  
 Mass \* 8.30pm **08 Dec**  
**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

*Closing of the Year of St Joseph*

*LIVE Streaming*  
 Mass\* 6.45am **THU**  
**DM Chaplet** 3.00pm **09 Dec**  
 St John Diego Cuahtlatzoatzin

*LIVE Streaming*  
 Mass\* 6.45am **FRI**  
**DM Chaplet** 3.00pm **10 Dec**  
 Our Lady of Loreto

*LIVE Streaming*  
 Mass\* 6.45am **SAT**  
 Mass 5.15pm **11 Dec**  
 Mass 5.30pm  
 St Damasus I, Pope

*LIVE Streaming*  
**DM Chaplet** 8.30am **SUN**  
 Mass\* 9.00am **12 Dec**  
 Mass 11.00am  
**3rd Sunday of Advent**  
 Zeph 3: 14-18a  
 Phil 4: 4-7  
 Lk 3: 10-18

*Sacrament of First Holy Communion*

## REFLECTION MATERIALS

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

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

### 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/>

## PARISH/DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Congratulations to our children receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time. May the Lord give His angels charge over you, to guide you in all your ways as you go forth and live your lives as His witnesses.*  
*~First Holy Communion 2021~*

### Closing of the Year of St Joseph; 8 Dec 2020-2021

For a year, we dwelled on the virtues of St Joseph, a fatherhood figure that guided us in life through the quietly persistent values of work in faith. Let us continue to follow his example in fulfilling God's will in our daily lives.

### CDM Advent Penitential Service

Fri, 10 Dec 2021 - **10.00am** for the elderly  
**7.00pm** for all

Fri, 17 Dec 2021 - **10.00am** for the elderly  
**7.00pm** for all

### Thanksgiving Cards

Thankfulness is the perfect soil of expectancy. A time to give, a time to love, a time to reflect. Let's take a moment to thank God who has showered us with great blessings and abundance in our life by transforming the Garden of Mercy with the Tree of Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving Cards will be available at the Garden and also via [Google form](#). Submission deadline: Wed, 29 Dec 2021.

### 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 4 December 2021](#)

[Sunday Morning Mass 5 December 2021](#)

### CDM Advent Christmas Wish Tree

A gentle reminder to the generous parishioners who have sponsored a *wish card* from the Christmas tree set up by the Ministry of the Poor.

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).

## SERVE IN MERCY

*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/i3meb2Z5rKfWef3U7>

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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