

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

And the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us, and we saw His glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace & truth. (John 1: 14)

We celebrate the birth of the true Light of the world, "the splendour of the light of Christ which breaks into the darkness". The readings and the reflection of the Christmas season reveal how God's plan for the salvation of the world has unfolded in history and is still coming to its fulfilment. The Gospel of John tells us that this tiny babe lying in a manger before Mary and Joseph is the Word of God, who "became flesh and made His dwelling among us." Now that He is here with us, what can we in turn do to honour His extraordinary act of humility and mercy?

The answer I believe lies by accepting the gift of God, by accepting Christ, accepting the truth of who He is, accepting His Word to us, accepting in faith the wonder that is revealed so simply. It is only when we accept Him, when we "believe in His name," He gives us "power to become children of God." By His birth, which we celebrate on this Christmas Day, we are given hope. God has not abandoned the world. He has not abandoned us in the darkness of sin and death. Rather, He Himself came in person, in Jesus Christ, true God and true man, to unite our humanity with His divinity, to reconcile us with the Father, and to give us the ultimate gift of eternal life.

As we step from the celebration of the incarnate Word, we find ourselves at the home of the Holy Family this Christmas. This weekend, the liturgy invites us to reflect on the experience of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus, united by an immense love and inspired by great trust in God. The Gospel passage this weekend recounts the journey of the family of Nazareth to Jerusalem, for the celebration of Passover. But, on the return journey, the parents realize that their 12-year-old son is not in the caravan. After three days of searching and fear, they find him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, focused on a discussion with them. At the sight of their son, Mary and Joseph "were astonished" and then Mary revealed their fear to him, saying: " your father and I have been looking for you anxiously". I would like to call your attention to these two words, astonishment, and anxiety.

Being astonished and being amazed is the opposite of taking everything for granted; it is the opposite of interpreting the reality that surrounds us. Being astonished is being open to others, understanding others' reasons, an attitude that is important for mending compromised interpersonal relationships, and healing open wounds. The second element that I would like to grasp from the Gospel is the anxiety that Mary and Joseph felt when they could not find Jesus. That anxiety that they experienced in the three days that Jesus was missing should also be our anxiety when we are distant from him, when we are distant from Jesus. We should feel anxious when we forget Jesus for more than three days, without praying, without reading the Gospel, without feeling the need of his presence and of his comforting friendship. And many times, days pass in which I do not remember Jesus. Let us find ourselves this weekend with these two words: **astonishment and anxiety.**

Do I know how to be astonished, when I see good things in others, and in this way resolve family problems? Do I feel anxious when I am distant from Jesus?

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, please email receipt & 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 divinemercypg@yahoo.com

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

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MASS & PRAYER TIMES	DAY	DESCRIPTION
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LIVE Streaming
DM Chaplet 8.30am **SUN** **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**
 Mass * 9.00am **26 Dec** *1 Sam 1: 20-22, 24-28*
1 Jn 3: 1-2, 21-24
Lk 2: 41-52

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

MON St John,
27 Dec Apostle & Evangelist

TUE Holy Innocents,
28 Dec Martyrs

WED Fifth Day within
29 Dec Octave of Christmas

THU Sixth Day within
30 Dec Octave of Christmas

LIVE Streaming
 Rosary 9.30pm **FRI** Seventh Day within
 New Year **31 Dec** Octave of Christmas
 Vigil Mass* 10.00pm

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*LIVE Streaming*  
 Rosary 9.00am **Solemnity of Mary,**  
 Mass\* 9.30am **SAT** **The Holy Mother of**  
**01 Jan** **God**  
 Novena to OMPH 5.15pm  
 Mass 5.30pm

*LIVE Streaming*  
**DM Chaplet** 8.30am **SUN** **Epiphany of The Lord**  
 Mass\* 9.00am **02 Jan** *Is 60: 1-6*  
*Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6*  
*Mt 2: 1-12*

## REFLECTION MATERIALS

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

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

- **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**

## PARISH/DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Greetings of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love to all of you during this Christmas.**

A huge thank you to those in the Parish Liturgical Team, Ministry of Hospitality & the Parish Response Team in stepping up to the responsibility of ensuring the compliance of health and safety SOPs within the church in the face of the pandemic. Your time & efforts are greatly appreciated in keeping the faith alive! May the light of Christ continue to shine on and through each of us in the New Year 2022 as we go forth as a conduit of His Mercy.

*From Fr. Michael Raymond, OFM. Cap and the staff of CDM*

### No Morning Mass (27-31 Dec 2021)

Fr. Michael Raymond, OFM. Cap will be away from Mon, 27 Dec until Thu, 30 Dec. Mass intentions will be offered privately.

### 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. Cards will be available at the Garden and also via [Google form](https://www.google.com). Submission deadline: **Wed, 29 Dec.**

### Registration for Saturday/Sunday Masses

Click on [CDM Penang's linktree](https://www.cdm.org/penang/linktree) or scan the QR code for updates on registration links and other parish updates.

*Sila klik pautan or imbas kod QR untuk dapatkan maklumat paroki terkini.*

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.

## SERVE IN MERCY

The Serve In Mercy team will be taking a step back in this outreach effective Sat, 1 Jan 2022. However, the Ministry of the Poor and the Migrant Ministry will continue to work with Caritas Penang in reaching out to the marginalized community around us. For more information on continuing your support, please contact Thomas (MOP) or Wai Queen (Migrants).