

CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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 9am - 5pm (Tuesday - Friday)
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 Rev. Fr. Michael Raymond OFM.Cap

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS: JANUARY 2022
 FOR TRUE HUMAN FRATERNITY



PARISH PRIEST SPEAKS

"He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures"
Luke 24:45

Pope Francis instituted 'The Sunday of the Word of God' to be held every year on the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, with the Apostolic Letter in the form of a Motu proprio "Aperuit illis". The Pope intended it to be a day dedicated to the celebration, reflection, and dissemination of the Word. The document is a wonderful reflection on the importance of sacred Scripture for the faithful. Reading, reflecting and praying on this apostolic letter will help us deepen our relationship with God as revealed in Scripture, even if you can only take a few minutes a day to read one paragraph at a time.

While there are many valuable lessons in the document, I invite you to reflect with Pope Francis' call on the importance of learning how to *read*, to *appreciate* and to *pray* with sacred Scripture daily.

Read

Reading Scripture on your own is important. It provides us God's revelation of Himself in history inviting us to respond. Scripture is also meant to be read publicly, to all people. Just as the people of Israel gathered to hear the reading of the law when they returned from exile, the Church gathers to publicly read Scripture. Every Mass requires a public proclamation of the Word of God. When reading Scripture, both on our own and publicly, we are united as God's people. As Pope Francis writes, "The Bible is the book of the Lord's people, who, in listening to it, move from dispersion and division towards unity. The word of God unites believers and makes them one people" (Aperuit illis, 4).

Appreciate

Throughout his apostolic letter, Pope Francis urges us to hear God's Word and apply it in our lives. The Pope highlights that we should appreciate Scripture as a means by which: we know and love God; we encounter the Risen Lord; and we come to know and share the mercy of God with our brothers and sisters. Pope Francis calls on God's people to deepen their faith through Scripture. He writes, "A profound bond links sacred Scripture and the faith of believers. Since faith comes from hearing, and what is heard is based on the word of Christ, believers are bound to listen attentively to the word of the Lord, both in the

celebration of the liturgy, in their personal prayer and reflection" (Aperuit illis, 7).

Pray

Pope Francis reminds us that we could not have the sacraments without Scripture. He writes, "Sacred Scripture and the sacraments are thus inseparable. When the sacraments are introduced and illuminated by God's word, they become ever more clearly the goal of a process whereby Christ opens our minds and hearts to acknowledge his saving work" (Aperuit illis, 8). Participating in the sacramental life of the Church is important, but the Pope commends another form of prayer, *Lectio Divina*. This method of prayer involves periods of reading and meditation on Scripture.

The Sunday of the Word of God gives us a chance to reflect on how we use Scripture in our lives. Can we find more opportunities to read, appreciate and pray with Scripture? If you have never before opened a Bible, if praying with Scripture is part of your daily prayer life or if you fall somewhere in between, "may the Sunday of the Word of God help his people to grow in religious and intimate familiarity with the sacred Scriptures." (Aperuit illis, 15)

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

CDM E-Bulletin Subscription: cdmbulletin@gmail.com
BEC CDM Kampungku: <https://bit.ly/3xxdveT>

Mass Offerings 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 at the 1st floor office.

For online submission, please email receipt & details (names 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

For online transfers, please email receipt & details to divinemerccypg@yahoo.com

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

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MASS & PRAYER TIMES

DAY DESCRIPTION

Live Streaming of Masses on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/cdmgarapg/>

DM Chaplet 8.30am **SUN**
Mass (LIVE) 9.00am **23 Jan**
3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sunday of the Word of God
 Neh 8: 2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
 1 Cor 12: 12-30
 Lk 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21

No Mass **MON**
24 Jan St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor

No Mass **TUE**
25 Jan **The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle**

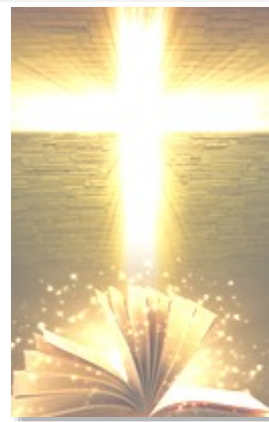
No Mass **WED**
26 Jan SS. Timothy & Titus, Bishops

Mass (LIVE) 6.45am
DM Chaplet 3.00pm **THU**
DM Holy Hour (LIVE) 7.00pm **27 Jan** St Angela Merici, Virgin

Mass (LIVE) 6.45am
DM Chaplet 3.00pm **FRI**
28 Jan St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor

Mass (LIVE) 6.45am
 Wedding Mass 10.30am **SAT**
 Novena to OMPH 5.15pm **29 Jan**
 Mass 5.30pm

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time
DM Chaplet 8.30am **SUN**
Mass (LIVE) 9.00am **30 Jan** **Catechetical Sunday**
 Jer 1: 4-5, 17-19
 1 Cor 12: 31—13: 13
 (or 13: 4-13)
 Lk 4: 21-30



Daily Reflection on the Word of God (Lectio Divina)
<https://bit.ly/3nGK1K>

STOP & PRAY @ 8.05pm everyday

POST & PRAY for all intentions on the **Wall of Prayer.**

READ & SHARE the Word of God daily

PARISH/DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Thur, 27 Jan @ 7.00pm

Join us live from our Parish in solidarity with the regional initiative of the DM Apostolate Asia with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, special Divine Mercy prayers, Chaplet and Benediction.

Doa Suci Kerahiman Ilahi—Khamis, 27hb Jan @ 7.00mlm
 Ikutilah kami secara langsung dari Paroki CDM bersama dengan inisiatif serantau Apostolat Kerahiman Ilahi seluruh Asia dengan eksposisi Sakramen Maha Kudus, doa khas Kerahiman Ilahi, Chaplet dan Pentahitaan.

Wedding Banns: Sat, 29 Jan 2022 (10.30am)

We pray that the Spirit of Life & Love bless this couple with kindness to nurture each other in faith and patience to persevere through conflict.

Promise of Marriage between: **Peter Pereira & Veronica Mahlini**

"If anyone knows of any canonical impediments to the proposal of marriage stated, please contact the parish priest."

Discovering Christ

The first part of ChristLife series for non-Catholics & those from other beliefs to explore the meaning of life & to find out more about God from the Catholic perspective.

8 sessions from 8.15pm—10.00pm on **Wed, 16 Feb** and **Tuesdays** from **22 Feb to 5 Apr 2022.**

Registration: <https://forms.gle/yqcQbK4mR7iaP2cC8>

Catholic Engaged Encounter Penang

A marriage preparation program for couples to examine and deepen their relationship with each other and God.

Contact: Nicholas & Christine Chee at 016-4413494 or ceepenang@gmail.com

Schedule for 2022: **18—20 Feb, 20—22 May, 19—21 Aug, 18—20 Nov.**

58th Chinese Marriage Preparation Course (2022)

By the Chinese Apostolate of Penang Island.

Dates/Times: **Fri, 25 Mar @ 2.00pm—9.30pm**

Sat, 26 Mar @ 9.00am—10.0pm

Sun, 27 Mar @ 10.00am—6.00pm

Venue: Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Penang.

Contact: Joachim (012-4778319) / Cecilia (012-4547007)

第五十八届华语婚前准备课程。

请注意：课程计划在一个周末完成。证书只发给全勤参加者

Please note: the course takes one weekend to complete.

Certificate only given for full attendance participants.



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