

CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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Parish Office Hours: Closed on Monday



9am - 5pm (Tuesday - Friday)
 9am - 1pm (Saturday & Sunday)

PARISH PRIEST:
 Rev. Fr. Michael Raymond OFM.Cap

CDM KAMPUNGKU: FEBRUARY 2022
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PARISH PRIEST SPEAKS

"Blessed are you who are poor, for the Kingdom of God is yours." - Luke 6:20

We are invited to reflect this week on a challenging and fundamental passage in the gospel with regard to our life each day. The invitation is to step back from our natural inclinations, to look deeper into ourselves, and examine the roots of these preferences. In this challenging task, the Church helps us by putting the Gospel of the Beatitudes together with a passage from the prophet Jeremiah, who also speaks about two different standards. He says very clearly that there are two different ways we can live. We can either put our trust in human beings, human ways, human strength, or we can put our trust in the Lord. Putting our trust in human strength may look like the better option for a moment, but the truth is that when we do this, we are "like a barren bush in the desert that enjoys no change of season." In such a condition, there is a hope of life and no hope of bearing fruit. But a person who puts his trust in the Lord, even if he passes through a time of trial, a time of drought, a tree like that still bears fruit; it is full of hope and life.

The question to ponder here is, what do we base our happiness on? If we consider the things of this world as the only measure of our happiness, then yes, we will be relatively happy while we have these things. But as soon as they are gone and they will all pass away sooner or later then we will be sad.

However, if we put our trust in the Lord, then even when we are suffering, we still have a reason to rejoice, and it is a reason that will not be taken away from us. "Blessed are the poor in spirit" (Mt 5:3) show us clearly those who are needy, those who know their need from God. If we do not accept this fact, that we need God, then we will never understand the Beatitudes. The Lord wants to bless us, but we may not be open to the blessing he has come to give.

When Jesus says, "Blessed are you who are poor" and "woe to you are rich," he is not telling us simply to give away our money, if we have any. Rather, he wants to change the very basis of our thinking about what it means to be blessed. St. Paul helps us expand our vision of the Beatitudes by reminding us of life after death. We live in a materialistic world that emphasizes the value of things that are passing and gives no thought to the hereafter and to questions of Heaven and Hell. Today's liturgy gives us a precious opportunity to re-examine ourselves and to be purified in our tendency to seek happiness in the things of this world.

If we find our treasure in the things of the Lord, we are already rich no matter what we have or do not have. This is the blessing available to us right now, if we put our trust in the Lord. So let us put our trust in him and experience true Beatitude: "Jesus, I trust in You!"

Why do I prefer to be rich and well-fed to being poor and hungry? In my life, what do I base my happiness on? How am I purifying my tendency to seek happiness in the things of this world?

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

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

Fundraising & tithes/pledges

Envelopes will not be distributed via BEC anymore to reduce paper waste. If you wish to have an envelope to place your pledges, please request from the Parish Office. For online transfers, please email receipt & details to divinemercy@yaho.com
 Bank Acc: **Maybank # 5073 9410 1643**
 Acc Name: **Church of Divine Mercy**

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**
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MASS & PRAYER TIMES

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

| DM Chaplet | 8.30am | SUN | 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time |
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| BM Mass (LIVE) | 9.00am | 13 Feb | Jer 17: 5-8 1 Cor 15: 12, 16-20 Lk 6: 17, 20-26 |
| Misa Bahasa | | | |
| No Mass | | MON 14 Feb | SS. Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop, |
| Lauds | 6.20am | | |
| Mass (LIVE) | 6.45am | TUE 15 Feb | Memorial of Blessed Michael Sopocko |
| DM Chaplet | 3.00pm | | |
| Lauds | 6.20am | | |
| Mass (LIVE) | 6.45am | WED 16 Feb | |
| DM Chaplet | 3.00pm | | |
| Lauds | 6.20am | | |
| Mass (LIVE) | 6.45am | THU 17 Feb | Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order |
| DM Chaplet | 3.00pm | | |
| Lauds | 6.20am | | |
| Mass (LIVE) | 6.45am | FRI 18 Feb | |
| DM Chaplet | 3.00pm | | |
| Lauds | 6.20am | | |
| Mass (LIVE) | 6.45am | SAT 19 Feb | |
| Wedding Mass | 10.30am | | |
| Novena to OMPH | 5.15pm | | |
| Mass | 5.30pm | | |
| DM Chaplet | 8.30am | SUN 20 Feb | 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time |
| Mass (LIVE) | 9.00am | | 1 Sam 26: 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 1 Cor 15: 45-49 Lk 6: 27-38 |

PARISH/DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wedding Banns

We pray that the Spirit of Life & Love bless these couples with kindness to nurture each other and patience to persevere through conflict.

Promise of Marriage between:
Kenneth Loh Wen Jian & Ooi Wen Yun
Sat, 19 Feb 2022 (10.30am)

Desmond Arul & Rachael Yong
Sat, 26 Feb 2022 (2.00pm)

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

Baptism: Sun, 13 Feb 2022 (11.00am)

Lord, by water & the Holy Spirit, You have bestowed the forgiveness of sin & raised these children to the new life of grace. May they have a discerning heart, a spirit to love & be joyful in the wonders of Your works.

Child: *Charell Leon Zally*
 Child: *Chelystica*
 Parents: *Zally bin Maidin & Suzanty binti Adrian*
 Godparent: *Jason bin Jerome*
 Child: *Jasper Edson Jason*
 Parents: *Jason bin Jerome & Edvena Simpat*
 Godparent: *Zally bin Maidin*
 Child: *Evan Chan Yew*
 Parents: *Chan Chang Seng & (Veronica) Chai Cheng Yee*
 Godparent: *Sit Wei Hong*

CDM Learning Centre (Pusat Pembelajaran CDM)

Is your child struggling in primary school or finding the 3Rs—Reading, Writing and Math challenging? Let them join our Basic Learning Skills Programme and with care & understanding, we will help them fall in love with learning.
Adakah anak anda menghadapi kesukaran Membaca, Menulis & Mengira (3M) di sekolah rendah? Daftarkanlah anak anda dengan Program Asas Kemahiran Belajar kami dan dengan rasa prihatin & kasih, izinkan kami membantu mereka mencintai pembelajaran.
 Date/Time: **Sun, 27 Feb @ 2.00pm**
 Venue: CDM Classrooms
 Contact: *Yiing Jia (012-4793586)*

Enjoy teaching? Love kids? Join us! We need facilitators & volunteers for our Basic Learning Skills Programme (3Rs-Reading, Writing, Math). All you need is passion & love in guiding our unique primary school learners.
Gemar mengajar? Suka kanak-kanak? Sertai Kami!
 Fasilitator & sukarelawan diperlukan untuk Program Asas Kemahiran Belajar (3M-Membaca, Menulis, Mengira).
 Anda hanya memerlukan semangat & kasih sayang dalam membimbing pelajar sekolah rendah kami yang unik.
 Contact: *Rowena (012-4794972)*



Daily Reflection on the Word of God (Lectio Divina)
<https://bit.ly/3nGTK1K>

STOP & PRAY
 @ 8.05pm everyday
POST & PRAY for all intentions on the **Wall of Prayer.**
READ & SHARE the Word of God daily

CDM compound is a Non Smoking Zone