

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: MARCH 2022
Mercy Yesterday and Today

PARISH PRIEST SPEAKS

"The Lord is kind and merciful." - Psalm 103:8

The Gospel for this third Sunday of Lent speaks to us about God's mercy and of our conversion. Jesus recounts the parable of the barren fig tree. A man has planted a fig tree in his vineyard, and with great confidence he goes in search of its fruits, but he finds none because that the tree is barren. Spurred by this disappointment which has recurred for at least three years, the man considers cutting down the fig tree to plant another. He calls the worker in the field who is in the vineyard and tells him of his disappointment, ordering him to cut down the tree so as not to use up the ground needlessly. But the vinedresser asks the master to be patient and ask him for one more year during which the vinedresser himself would take special care and delicate care of the fig tree, so as to stimulate its productivity. This is the parable. What does this parable symbolise? What do the characters in this parable symbolise?

The master represents God the Father, and the vinedresser is the image of Jesus, while the fig tree is the symbol of an indifferent and insensitive humanity. Jesus intercedes with the Father in favor of humanity, and he always does so and implores him to wait and to give it more time so that it may bring forth the fruits of love and justice. The fig tree that the master in the parable wants to uproot represents a sterile existence that is incapable of giving, incapable of doing good. It is the symbol of one who lives for himself, sated and calm, enjoying his own

comforts, incapable of turning his gaze and his heart to those beside him who find themselves in conditions of suffering, poverty, and hardship. This attitude of selfishness and spiritual barrenness is compared to the vinedresser's great love for the fig tree. He asks the master to wait. He is patient, knows how to wait, and devotes his time and his work to it. He promises the master to take special care of that unfortunate tree.

The vinedresser's manifests the mercy of God who leaves us time for conversion. We all need to convert ourselves, to take a step forward and God's patience and mercy accompanies us in this. Despite the barrenness that marks our lives at times, God is patient and offers us the possibility to change and to make progress on the path towards good. The vinedresser tells the master: "Let it alone, sir, this year also." The possibility of conversion is unlimited; but it is necessary to seize it immediately otherwise, it might be lost forever. This Lent, we can consider: what do I have to do to draw nearer to the Lord, to convert myself, to "cut out" those things that are not good? "No, no, I will wait for next Lent." But will I be alive next Lent? Today, let us each think: what must I do before this mercy of God who awaits me and who always forgives? What must I do? We can have great trust in God's mercy but without abusing it. We must not justify spiritual laziness but increase our commitment to respond promptly to this mercy with heartfelt sincerity.

How do I live my life as one who belongs to God and God belonging in me? What parts of me need to be tilled and fertilized? How committed am I to prayer, fasting and almsgiving, especially this Lent.

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

CDM E-Bulletin Subscription: cdmbulletin@gmail.com

Weekend Mass Collections

Sat, 12 Mar: RM1,438.00 | Sun, 13 Mar: RM2,211.45

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

For online submission, please email receipt & details (names of departed souls, thanksgiving or special intentions) to masscdmsgara@gmail.com

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MASS & PRAYER TIMES DAY DESCRIPTION

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

MASS & PRAYER TIMES	DAY	DESCRIPTION
DM Chaplet Mass (LIVE)	8.30am 9.00am	SUN 20 Mar
Lauds Mass (LIVE)	6.20am 6.45am	MON 21 Mar
Lauds Mass (LIVE)	6.20am 6.45am	TUE 22 Mar
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
Lauds Mass (LIVE)	6.20am 6.45am	WED 23 Mar
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
Lauds Mass (LIVE)	6.20am 6.45am	THU 24 Mar
DM Holy Hour (LIVE)	7.00pm	
DM Chaplet WOTC (LIVE) followed by Mass	3.00pm 8.00pm	FRI 25 Mar
Lauds Mass (LIVE)	6.20am 6.45am	SAT 26 Mar
Novena to OMPH Mass	5.15pm 5.30pm	
		3rd Sunday of Lent <i>Ex 3: 1-8a, 13-15</i> <i>1 Cor 10: 1-6, 10-12</i> <i>Lk 13: 1-9</i>
		Annunciation of the Lord
		4th Sunday of Lent <i>1 Sam 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a</i> <i>Eph 5: 8-14</i> <i>Jn 9: 1-41</i> <i>(or Jn 1: 6-9, 13-17, 34-38)</i>
DM Chaplet Mass (LIVE)	8.30am 9.00am	SUN 27 Mar

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

Lent Reflections
 As we enter into Lent, take time each day to grow in your faith with these daily reflections:
<https://www.theprodigalfather.org/pray40days/>
<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent.html>

PARISH/DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CDM Learning Centre (Pusat Pembelajaran CDM)

If your child is struggling in primary school or finding the 3Rs—Reading, Writing and Math challenging, let them join our Basic Learning Skills Programme.

Adakah anak anda menghadapi kesukaran Membaca, Menulis & Mengira (3M) di sekolah rendah? Daftarkanlah anak anda dengan Program Asas Kemahiran Belajar kami

Date/Time: **Sun, 20 & 27 Mar @ 2.00pm**

Venue: CDM Classrooms

Contact: Yijing Jia (012-4793586)

Catechism will resume on **Sun, 27 Mar @ 10.45am**

Physically for Std 4 (FHC) and secondary students
On-line for primary students

Prayers & Meditation

If you're looking to deepen your faith and relationship with God, come and explore the many ways you can grow spiritually in our Parish.

Date/Time: **Wed, 23 Mar @ 8.30pm**

*Charismatic Renewal Group @ St Faustina Hall

*Christian Meditation @ RCIA 3rd floor classrooms

Day/Time: **Tuesdays—Fridays @ 3.00pm**

*Divine Mercy Group @ church

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Thur, 24 Mar @ 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, 03hb Feb @ 8.00mlm
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 Pentahtaan.

CDM Lent Confessions 2022

Date: **Wed, 30 Mar**

Times: 10.00am - 12.00pm & 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Lenten Campaign 2022

"Together We Restore, Renew, and Rebuild"

Lenten baskets have been prepared at the Garden of Mercy for parishioners to donate canned, dried foodstuff and adult diapers for the poor and underprivileged. Lenten envelopes and flyers are also available at the church entrances.

Kursus Pra-Perkahwinan 2022

Anjuran Apostolat Bahasa Malaysia Diosis Pulau Pinang. Khas untuk pasangan yang bertutur dalam BM.

Jadual: **Jumaat, 22 Apr—Ahad 24 Apr**

Jumaat, 16 Sep—Sabtu, 17 Sep

Untuk pendaftaran & pertanyaan lanjut:

Sr. Florence (012-8484158) / Sr. Marysia (019-8732382)

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