

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

"Taste and see the goodness of the Lord." -Ps 34:9

In the tradition of the Church, the Fourth Sunday of Lent has been known as Laetare Sunday. The name comes from the first word of today's entrance antiphon in Latin, Laetare meaning "rejoice." The joyful character of this day can be expressed through the use of rose-coloured vestments, and the altar may be decorated with flowers, unlike during the rest of Lent. At the heart of the liturgy is today's Gospel, the famous "parable of the prodigal son." While the joy of the father is an obvious example of celebration, we learn from this Gospel that not everyone shares equally in his joy. We can ponder the parable from several perspectives: the father, the younger son, and the older son.

The father can be described as generous, patient, compassionate, forgiving, merciful, and joyful. He begins by generously giving the younger son his share of the inheritance. He patiently waits for his son's return, never giving up hope. When the son does return, the merciful father meets him with tender compassion and forgiveness. The father is filled with joy because, as he puts it, "this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again, he was lost, and has been found."

The younger son can be described as greedy, selfish, entitled, irresponsible, short-sighted, and immoral. He wants his inheritance even before his father has died. Once he has his hands on the money, he sets off "to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a

life of dissipation." He abuses his assets, living for the pleasures of the moment, with no thought of the future. This son grew up always having what he needed, but he never learned gratitude when he was with his father. He did not realize that apart from his father his assets would eventually dry up. The older son can be described as resentful, proud, angry, self-righteous, and ungrateful. He dutifully obeyed his father, but not out of love. He believed he was doing everything right and yet was never acknowledged or rewarded. The parable does not say whether the older son went into the celebration in the end. What would we do if we were in his shoes?

The parable challenges us. The father in his love for his sons is not "fair" to either of them. And God the Father, in his love for us is not fair, he is merciful! This is God's greatest attribute. He is mercy itself- overflowing, generous, forgiving, healing and joy-filled! In the second reading, St. Paul speaks of the reconciliation that this parable demonstrates, "And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ." We are called to be ambassadors of this reconciliation. As this week's theme challenges us, "God calls us to be ambassadors of his merciful love." How? "Let us enter humbly into the Father's embrace and accept his mercy." Merciful love is like a smile; it is contagious and causes a reaction.

In what ways have I experienced the choices of the younger and older son in my life? How does living for the pleasures of the moment hinder my interior growth? What are my inner reactions when I feel that I am not acknowledged for what I do?

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

CDM E-Bulletin Subscription: cdmbulletin@gmail.com

Weekend Mass Collections

Sat, 19 Mar: RM3,615.95 | Sun, 20 Mar: RM2,874.95

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 divinemerccypg@yahoo.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	8.30am		4th Sunday of Lent
Mass (LIVE)	9.00am	SUN	1 Sam 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Tagalog Mass	12.00pm	27 Mar	Eph 5: 8-14 Jn 9: 1-41 (or Jn 1: 6-9, 13-17, 34-38)
Lauds	6.20am	MON	
Mass (LIVE)	6.45am	28 Mar	
Lauds	6.20am		
Mass (LIVE)	6.45am	TUE	
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	29 Mar	
Lauds	6.20am		
Mass (LIVE)	6.45am	WED	
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	30 Mar	
Lauds	6.20am		
Mass (LIVE)	6.45am	THU	
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	31 Mar	
DM Chaplet	3.00pm		
WOTC (LIVE)	8.00pm	FRI	
followed by Mass		1 Apr	
Lauds	6.20am		
Mass (LIVE)	6.45am	SAT	
Novena to OMPH	5.15pm	2 Apr	
Mass	5.30pm		
			5th Sunday of Lent
DM Chaplet	8.30am	SUN	Ez 37: 12-14
Mass (LIVE)	9.00am	3 Apr	Rom 8: 8-11 Jn 11: 1-45 (or 3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45)

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

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

Physically for Std 4 (FHC) and secondary students

On-line for primary students

Lent Confessions at CDM

Date: **Wed, 30 Mar**

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

"A Walk Thru Holy Week"

All parishioners are welcome to a Lenten Recollection with Fr. Michael Raymond OFM. Cap

Date/Time: **Sat, 2 Apr @ 9.30am - 11.00am**

Venue: CDM

Note: This formation **will not** be live-streamed.

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 berturut 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) atau Ketua Apostolat BM CDM, Sylvia (013-4313381)

Lectio Evangelization

Insightful biblical study with church teachings and practical advice to show how modern Catholics can effectively impact their world for Jesus Christ. Explore topics such as the call of evangelization, the power of the Sacraments, the role of charisms for building up the Body of Christ, techniques from St Paul for reaching a secular culture, etc. For further enquiry, contact Jeanne J Saw 016-455 4597

Register: <https://forms.gle/G9721PD5PcoZE92WA>

Dates: Ten (10) sessions on Tuesdays from **8.15pm—10pm**
10 May - 12 July 2022

檳城夫婦恩談會主辦 ~ 華文夫婦恩談周末營

Mandarin ME Weekend

目的: 让夫妇共同经营的婚姻生活因有主的参与而变得更丰盛

日期: **13/5/22 - 15/5/22**

地点: 大山脚圣安纳堂 DOMUS

对象: 结婚三年以上的夫妇

联络: Martin & Rose 012-5045890 / 016-4416911

报名截止: 2/5/2022



CDM compound is a **Non Smoking Zone**