

CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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PARISH PRIEST:

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

Rev. Fr. Michael Raymond OFM.Cap

CDM KAMPUNGKU: APRIL 2022 Mercy Revealed

PARISH PRIEST SPEAKS

"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." -John 8:7

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent, the liturgy presents us the episode of a woman that has been caught in the very act of committing adultery. She is exposed, ashamed and afraid. No doubt she also feels angry and betrayed. Since the Gospel passage makes no mention of the man she was with, we can suppose that he fled and left her to face her accusers alone. She is publicly on display as a great sinner, and now likely condemned to death. This is her condition as she stands before her accusers.

But suddenly there is a twist! Jesus' response to the tense situation changes everything-first with his silence, and then with his challenging words to the crowd. Those who are condemning the woman walk away and she is left alone with Jesus. He does not condemn her rather he tells her to go and sin no more. Jesus opens a new path to her, created by mercy. He is offering the woman in this moment the grace of conversion, which is a rejection of sin and an embrace of a new way and beginning. The woman had been walking a tragic path which was destined to end very badly for her, and she seemed to have no way to free herself from her situation. But in a moment of grace, Jesus breaks in with his mercy, freeing her from her enslavement to sin and offering her a new life. He is opening to her a whole new possibility if she will accept it.

We who have been walking throughout these weeks of Lent have come to see that we are no different from this woman. We too have been trapped in our sinful condition, wanting to be free of our compulsions, our disorders, our sinful ways, but feeling unable to overcome them. We feel ashamed and condemned at times by interior voices which tell us that we are not good enough, not worthy of God's love. Today, in this liturgy, Jesus breaks into our lives as well. He confronts and banished our accusers, and offers us an opportunity for conversion, the grace to begin anew, to leave behind our sinful way of life and take up a new life with him.

This time, as we begin this Fifth Week of Lent, now, is *the time of our visitation*. Jesus breaks into our lives, as he broke into the life of the adulterous woman, and he offers to free us from sin and condemnation by his power at work in us. In this Lenten season we are called to recognise ourselves as sinners and ask God for forgiveness. In its turn, while forgiveness reconciles us and gives us peace, it lets us start again, renewed. Every true conversion is oriented towards a new future, a new life, a beautiful life, a life free from sin, a generous life. Let us not be afraid to ask Jesus for forgiveness because he opens the door to this new life for us. "Let us accept his great gift of mercy with joyful and grateful hearts, trusting in him to bring us into his new life."

In what ways have I acted like the accusers in the Gospel? What is inner response when I am convicted in my conscience of my sin? During Lent, how have I been responding to God's mercy as he always forgives me?

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

CDM E-Bulletin Subscription: cdmbulletin@gmail.com

Weekend Mass Collections

Sat, 26 Mar: RM1,218.00 Sun, 27 Mar: RM2,228.00 & RM623.20 (Tagalog Mass)

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

divinemercypg@yahoo.com

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Weekday mass offerings: at least 48 hours in advance. Weekend mass offerings: before 12pm Wednesday

Mass Offerings Submission Deadline

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

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

DM Chaplet Mass (<i>LIVE</i>)	8.30am 9.00am	SUN 3 Apr	5th Sunday of Len Ez 37: 12-14 Rom 8: 8-11 Jn 11: 1-45 (or 3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45)
Lauds Mass <i>(LIVE)</i>	6.20am 6.45am	MON 4 Apr	
Lauds Mass <i>(LIVE)</i> DM Chaplet	6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm	TUE 5 Apr	
No Mass DM Chaplet	3.00pm	WED 6 Apr	Clergy Monthly Recollection
Lauds Mass <i>(LIVE)</i> DM Chaplet	6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm	THU 7 Apr	
DM Chaplet WOTC (LIVE) followed by Mass	3.00pm 8.00pm	FRI 8 Apr	<u>+±+</u>
Lauds Mass (LIVE) Novena to OMPH Mass	6.20am 6.45am 5.15pm 5.30pm	SAT 9 Apr	
DM Chaplet Mass (<i>LIVE</i>)	8.30am 9.00am	SUN 10 Apr	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Is 50: 4-7 Phil 2: 6-11 Lk 22: 14-23, 56 (or 23: 1-49)

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



PARISH/DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptism: Sun, 3 Apr 2022 (11.00am)

Lord, by water & the Holy Spirit, You have bestowed the forgiveness of sin & raised this child to the new life of grace. May he have a discerning heart, a spirit to love and be joyful in the wonders of Your work.

Child: Lukas Zachary Espina Roleda
 Parents: Ryan B. Roleda & Ailee Veema E. Roleda
 27, Godparent: Carlos Chua Jr & Novie Mae Lucas Rio

Chrism Mass: Tue, 5 Apr @ 8.00pm

To be held at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Penang and will be live-streamed on Youtube (Diocese of Penang).

Gotong-Royong: Sat, 9 Apr @ 8.00am-12.00pm

All are welcome to assist in cleaning & preparing the church grounds for the upcoming spiritual celebrations of Good Friday, Easter, and Divine Mercy Feast Day. Please bring your own cleaning materials.

Palm Leaves for Palm Sunday

Please bring your own palms for blessing during the Palm Sunday Masses (Sat Sunset Mass, 9 Apr @ 5.30pm & Sun Morning Mass, 10 Apr) @ 9.00am).

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.

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

Lectio Evangelization

Insightful biblical study with practical advice for modern Catholics. Explore topics such as the call of evangelization, the power of the Sacraments, the role of charisms for building up the Body of Christ, etc. For further enquiry, contact Jeanne J Saw 016-455 4597 Register: <u>https://forms.gle/G9721PD5PcoZE92WA</u> Dates: Ten (10) sessions on Tuesdays from **8.15pm—10pm 10 May - 12 July 2022**

槟城夫妇恳谈会主办 ~ 华文夫妇恳谈周末营

 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