

# CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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## PARISH PRIEST:

9am - 5pm (Tuesday - Friday) Rev. Fr. Michael Raymond OFM.Cap  
 9am - 1pm (Saturday & Sunday)

CDM KAMPUNGKU: SEPTEMBER 2022  
*Savour God's Mercy*

## PARISH PRIEST SPEAKS .....

**"... We must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; He was lost and has been found." - Luke 15:32**

There are two basic ways in which we might reject what God has revealed to us about his Mercy. First, we can think that our own sins are too great, that we are so weak or so thoroughly ruined by sin that God could not forgive us. In the parable of the Prodigal Son, Jesus teaches us that this will never be the case. The Father was continually looking, waiting, and longing for the return of his son. When he saw the son approaching, he ran to meet him, embraced him, and kissed him. The son did not even have a chance to finish his prepared statement of repentance! We need to ponder this deeply and welcome in faith the unfathomable mercy of God. If one way of rejecting God's mercy is to consider ourselves too sinful, the other way is to consider ourselves too righteous. This is the attitude revealed in the words and behaviour of the older brother. After the younger son went off with his half of the inheritance, it seems that the elder son looked on everything that was left as his rightful share, as something that he deserved because of his hard work, and obedience to his father. He did not feel that he needed any mercy from the father. After all, as he said to his father, "All these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders." He resented the father killing the fatted calf for his younger brother because that calf rightly belonged to him now.

There is a line, a statement in the parable, which is very disturbing, even frightening. Jesus says that the older brother "refused to enter the house." The father's party in celebration of the return of his son symbolizes the great celebration in Heaven, in the "Father's house," whenever any sinner returns to God and is saved. God wants every person to come into His house and join in this celebration. The younger son, the great sinner, the prodigal, is in the Father's house, joining in the celebration. But the older son refuses to enter the house. This is a great danger for us, especially for those who are earnestly striving to follow God's way and keep His commandments. We can subtly and gradually become convinced that we have "earned" a place in the house because of our obedience and our good works. Then we can set ourselves up as better than those whom we consider obvious sinners, who seem to us to have ignored God and abused His gifts. We can think that God should not be so merciful to them, and we can be resentful and arrogant towards them. If we fall into this trap, we can end up refusing to enter the real house of God, because it is not a house for the self-righteous for it is a house full of repentant sinners rejoicing in the mercy of God.

***Do I see myself as one of the Israelites who turned away from the law of the Lord? Why? How am I merciful to others? Have I ever felt that God could not be merciful to me because of my sin? When and why?***

## FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

### Fundraising & tithes/pledges:

Bank Acc: **Maybank #5073 9410 1643**  
 Acc Name: **Church of Divine Mercy**  
 Email receipt & details to: [divinemercybg@yahoo.com](mailto:divinemercybg@yahoo.com)  
 If you wish to have an envelope to place your pledges, please request from the Parish Office.

### Mass Offerings

*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](mailto:masscdmsgara@gmail.com)

Bank Acc: **Maybank #5073 9410 1910**  
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CDM compound is a **Non Smoking Zone**

We accept Touch N' Go for Mass Intentions, Donations & Gift Shop purchases



## MASS & PRAYER

TIMES DAY DESCRIPTION

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

**24th Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
 Ex 32: 7-11, 13-14  
 1 Tim 1: 12-17  
 Lk 15: 1-32 (or 1-10)

DM Chaplet 8.30am SUN  
 BM Mass 9.00am 11 Sep  
*Misa Bahasa*

No Mass MON 12 Sep  
 The Most Holy Name of Mary

No Mass TUE 13 Sep  
 St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor

DM Chaplet 3.00pm

No Mass WED 14 Sep  
 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

DM Chaplet 3.00pm

No Mass THU 15 Sep  
 Our Lady of Sorrows

DM Chaplet 3.00pm

**Diaconate Ordination Mass** 10.00am FRI 16 Sep  
*Malaysia Day Hari Kebangsaan*

Lauds 6.20am  
 Mass (LIVE) 6.45am

Wedding Service 10.30am SAT 17 Sep  
 Wedding Service 2.00pm

Novena to OMPH 5.15pm  
 Mass 5.30pm

**25th Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
 Am 8: 4-7  
 1 Tim 2: 1-8  
 Lk 16: 1-13 (or 10-13)

DM Chaplet 8.30am SUN 18 Sep  
 Mass 9.00am

## PRAYERS & MEDITATION

~Deepen & enrich your faith & relationship with God ~  
**Wed, 14 & 28 Sep @ 8.15pm**  
 \*Charismatic Renewal Group—St. Faustina Hall  
**Wed, 21 Sep @ 8.30pm**  
 \*Christian Meditation—St. Faustina Hall  
**Tuesdays—Fridays @ 3.00pm**  
 \*Divine Mercy prayer group—church

## PARISH/DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Banns of Ordination

Seminarian Bro. Raymond Raj will be called to the Order of Deacons on **Fri, 16 Sep** at CDM Penang by His Excellency, Rt. Rev Sebastian Francis, D.D.

*The publications of these banns fulfil the canonical requirement, can.1051 2°. Catholics are obliged to reveal any impediments or circumstances that would prevent the candidate from receiving Sacred Orders and should contact the Bishop with such information as soon as possible.*

The Eucharistic celebration of the Diaconate Ordination of Bro. Raymond Raj & Bro. Desmond Jansen will be at **10:00am** followed by lunch & fellowship. Kindly confirm your attendance through the link below:  
 RSVP Link: <https://forms.gle/qEwZwg4wJ2ibAgGr9>

### 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.

**Sat, 17 Sep @ 10.30am (Wedding Service)**  
**Matthew James Tan Wooi Bee & Ooi Poh Yee**

**Sat, 17 Sep @ 2.00pm (Wedding Service)**  
**Joseph Lee De' Ken & Ooi Seok Theng**

**Sat, 24 Sep @ 10.30am (Wedding Service)**  
**Alvin Loh Wen Sheng & Yee Poh Siew**

**Sat, 24 Sep @ 2.00pm (Wedding Service)**  
**Tan Yang Jie & Feliz Ria Binalay Pichay**

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

### Notice:

**Fr. Michael Raymond OFM. Cap will be away for the Clergy Annual Retreat from Tue, 13 Sep—Thur, 15 Sep. There will be no morning Mass during this time. All Mass intentions will be offered up during the Retreat.**

### Sun, 25 Sep: World Day of Migrants & Refugees

All parishioners are invited to write prayers & good wishes for migrants and refugees which would be offered up during morning Mass on the day. The Migrant Ministry counters will be made available at the church's entrance before & after Mass for the next two weekends.

### Faith Sharing & Education for children

Dates: **Sundays, 18 & 25 Sep**  
**Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) at 9.00am**  
**Catechism: 10.45am**

**Note: no CLOW/Catechism during school holidays (4 & 11 Sep)**

Dates: **Sundays, 11, 18 & 25 Sep**  
**CDM Learning Centre: 2.00pm**

Volunteers are welcome to join the CLOW team, catechism teachers (Parents Support Group) or the Learning Centre in building & enriching the faith of your children.

