

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

“...Pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Compete well for the faith.” - 1 Tim 6:12

Prophet Amos in the reflection this weekend strongly challenges the leaders of Israel during his time. He is sent to Israel to point out the hypocrisy and the injustice that the rich leaders of Israel were exhibiting. On the surface, they seem to be blessed, living with the abundance that is a sign of God's favour. But the prophet sees that beneath the surface of their self-indulgence there lurks a grave condition of corruption. Their luxury makes them oblivious and indifferent to the suffering of others. Amos points that out by saying, "you are self-indulgently enjoying everything in abundance, and yet you allow your own brother and sister to suffer?"

This prophecy prepares us for today's Gospel, the parable of the rich man and Lazarus. The parable goes beyond describing the contrast between the lives of the rich and the poor. It is a strong warning against indifference. The Gospel focuses on the eternal consequences of indifference. The contrast between the rich man and Lazarus in this life, summarized in three sentences, merely sets the scene for the more important message about what comes afterwards. Abraham explains it clearly to the rich man: "My child, remember

that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented." Abraham further says: "Moreover, between us and you, a great chasm is established." If we allow indifference to create a great chasm between our self-indulgence and our recognition of the real plight of others, we will find a great chasm between us and the eternal consolation we long for. If we spend our lives focusing only on ourselves and our desires, closing our ears to God's call and our eyes to our needy neighbour, the afterlife will sadly be a continuation of such a closing in on ourselves. The rich man's attitude is exposed in how he voices his plea: "Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue." Part of his eternal torment is that he is still obsessed with himself and is still looking down on Lazarus as someone who should serve him. His pride and self-centeredness at last yield concern for others – but too late. The lesson for us is clear: everyone we meet in this life, especially when they are in need, is our brother or sister, and we are called to be each other's keeper.

Does my lifestyle make me indifferent and oblivious to the suffering of others? How? What will be the lasting consequences if I focus too much on myself and not on the needs of others? How can I relate more with others as my brothers and sisters?

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Fundraising & tithes/pledges:

Bank Acc: **Maybank #5073 9410 1643**
 Acc Name: **Church of Divine Mercy**
 Email receipt & details to: divinemercury@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
 Bank Acc: **Maybank #5073 9410 1910**
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PRAYERS & MEDITATION

~ Deepen & enrich your faith & relationship with God ~

- Wed, 28 Sep @ 8.15pm**
*Charismatic Renewal Group—St. Faustina Hall
- Wed, 5 & 19 Oct @ 8.30pm**
*Christian Meditation—St. Faustina Hall
- Thu, 6 Oct @ 8.30pm**
*Chinese Meditation--3rd Floor RCIA Room
- Tuesdays—Fridays @ 3.00pm**
*Divine Mercy prayer group—church



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/cdmsgarapg/>

DM Chaplet 8.30am **SUN 25 Sep**
 Mass 9.00am
26th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Am 6: 1a, 4-7
1 Tim 6: 11-16
Lk 16: 19-31

No Mass **MON 26 Sep** St Paul VI, Pope SS. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs

Lauds 6.20am
 Mass (LIVE) 6.45am **TUE 27 Sep** St Vincent de Paul, Priest
Day 2 Novena to St Faustina 3.00pm

Lauds 6.20am
 Mass (LIVE) 6.45am **WED 28 Sep** St Wenceslaus, Martyr SS. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs
Day 3 Novena to St Faustina 3.00pm

9th Parish Anniversary

Day 4 Novena to St Faustina 8.00pm **THU 29 Sep** The Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael
 followed by Mass

Lauds 6.20am
 Mass (LIVE) 6.45am **FRI 30 Sep** St Jerome, Priest & Doctor
Day 5 Novena to St Faustina 3.00pm

Lauds 6.20am
 Grotto Mass (LIVE) 6.45am
 followed by Rosary

Pet Blessing 9.00am **SAT 01 Oct** St Terese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor
 Novena to OMPH 5.15pm
 Mass 5.30pm

First Holy Communion

Day 7 Novena to St Faustina 8.30am **SUN 02 Oct** **27th Sunday of Ordinary Time**
 Mass 9.00am
Hab 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4
2 Tim 1: 6-8, 13-14
Lk 17: 5-10



Please remain masked up during Mass
Sila kekal bertopeng semasa Misa

PARISH/DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS



Wishing all parishioners, a blessed 9th Anniversary. May peace & love reign in your hearts; and mercy & grace fill your days.

Wedding Banns: Sat, 8 Oct @ 12pm (Wedding Mass)

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

Dominic Chen Wei Xiang & Jacalyn Kow Lyn Lin

St. Faustina's Novena & Feast

To celebrate our beloved patron saint of Divine Mercy, we will begin the 9-day novena on Mon, 26 Sep—Tue, 4 Oct. The Feast Day will be on **Wed, 5 Oct @ 8.00pm** (DM Chaplet followed by Mass).

Note: For Days 1, 6 & 8 please pray at home individually or in a group

Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi: Blessing of Pets

Date/Time: **Sat, 1 Oct @ 9.00am**

Venue: Garden of Mercy, CDM

To commemorate the feast day of the patron saint of animals & environment, we invite pet owners to bring their pets in to be blessed.

- * Please ensure your pets are on a leash or contained.
- * Please remain in the car with your pets if they are unable to stay calm or may cause distress to others.
- * Rest assured that those remaining in their cars will be able to take part in the event as Fr. Michael will be approaching your vehicles individually during the blessing.
- * Please clean up after your pets if the need arises.

Reclaiming Hope for Malaysia: Onwards to GE15

Date/Time: **Sat, 1 Oct @ 4pm**

Venue: St Faustina Hall

In preparation for the upcoming 15th General Election, there will be a talk organized by Community Action Network (CAN) to highlight our rights to vote. Do come with an open mind to understand the current situations.

5th Penang Diocesan Youth Day 5 (PDYD 5)

Date: Fri, **21 Oct— Mon, 24 Oct** (4 days 3 nights)

Venue: College General, Penang

Registration Fee: RM150 per person (*before Sat, 1 Oct*)

RSVP Link: https://bit.ly/PDYD_5

Faith Sharing & Education for children

Dates: *Sundays, 18 & 25 Sep; 16 & 30 Oct*

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) at 9.00am

Dates: *Sundays, 18 & 25 Sep; 2, 16 & 30 Oct*

Catechism: **10.45am**

CDM Learning Centre: **2.00pm**

