

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: OCTOBER 2022
 SAVOUR OTHERS

PARISH PRIEST SPEAKS

"...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted" -Luke 18:14

The readings this weekend highlights two important virtues, namely humility and poverty. The word *humility* has its roots in the Latin word *humus* or "soil." Soil is lowly mere dirt, but it is the ground where life grows. Beneath every fruitful wheat field or orchard or vineyard lies ordinary soil. The Gospel ends with a statement that humility is the ground from which the glory of exaltation springs the one who humbles himself will be exalted.

The specific example Jesus gives is that of a tax collector who takes the lowest place in the temple area. The tax collector stood off at a distance. He is clearly someone on the periphery. His profession, collecting taxes from his fellow Jews for the Roman conquerors, makes him an enemy of his own people, and therefore a social outcast. The Jerusalem temple during Jesus' time was divided into sections that progressively separated the profane from the holy. The furthest away were the Gentiles then Jewish women and children, Jewish men, and finally in the holiest section, the priests, and the high priest. Standing "off at a distance" shows that the tax collector considers himself to be profane, unfit for temple worship. The humble man's prayer reveals his view of himself, which he bares before God. "O, God, be merciful to me a sinner." It simply shows a man in simplicity of his relationship between the virtue of humility and contrition.

Humility makes it possible to express our sorrow for sin. Humility is the grace to see oneself before God and others. The expression of humility is not a matter of putting ourselves down, but much more of raising God and others before us.

Secondly, we find that the first reading teaches us about the virtue of poverty, which is as baffling to contemporary secular culture as humility is. Sirach declares that while God is just and knows no favourites, He is especially attentive to the poor, the weak, the oppressed, the orphan and the widow. These people are helpless and in dire need. They are blessed for they totally rely on God to entrust themselves to God alone. The practice of the virtue of poverty allows us to let go of our illusion of control and to be totally dependent on God.

Another aspect of the virtue of poverty is detachment. Everything that we accumulate while passing through this world will be left behind. Yet, we can be tempted to dedicate our whole lives to what is temporary. Instead of becoming servants of the Lord, we become slaves of the world. We all need the virtue of poverty to help us grow in detachment, so that we can put transient material things and worldly wealth in proper perspective.

Do I picture myself as the tax collector or the Pharisee? What am I doing to cultivate the virtues of humility and poverty in my life? What are the worldly attachments that stunt my spiritual growth?

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

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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MASS & PRAYER

TIMES

DAY

DESCRIPTION

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

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time
 Sir 35: 15b-17, 20-22a
 2 Tim 4: 6-9, 16-18
 Lk 18: 9-14

Rosary 8.30am **SUN**
Mass 9.00am **23 Oct**

No Mass **MON**
24 Oct St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Lauds 6.20am
 Mass (LIVE) 6.45am **TUE**
DM Chaplet 3.00pm **25 Oct**

Lauds 6.20am
 Mass (LIVE) 6.45am **WED**
DM Chaplet 3.00pm **26 Oct**

Lauds 6.20am
 Mass (LIVE) 6.45am **THU**
DM Chaplet 3.00pm **27 Oct**

Lauds 6.20am
 Mass (LIVE) 6.45am **FRI**
DM Chaplet 3.00pm **28 Oct** SS. Simon & Jude, Apostles

Lauds 6.20am
 Mass (LIVE) 6.45am **SAT**
 Novena to OMPH 5.15pm **29 Oct**
 Mass 5.30pm

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time
 Wis 11: 22; 12: 2
 2 Th 1: 11; 2: 2
 Lk 19: 1-10

Rosary 8.30am **SUN**
Mass 9.00am **30 Oct**



IF JESUS IS LIFE,
 MARY IS THE MOTHER OF LIFE.

IF JESUS IS HOPE,
 MARY IS THE MOTHER OF HOPE.

IF JESUS IS PEACE,
 MARY IS THE MOTHER OF PEACE.
 - ST. JP2

PARISH/DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

23 October 2022

A day dedicated to show solidarity to our brothers & sisters from all over the world who share our faith. In offering prayers and donations, we support missionaries in their work on spreading God's love & mercy to all.



WEDDING BANNES

Sat, 12 Nov @ 12.30pm (Wedding Service)

We pray that the Spirit of Life & Love bless **Michael Choong Kar Kiet & Kathryn Kan** with kindness to nurture each other and patience to persevere through conflict.

CLOSING OF ROSARY MONTH

Mon, 31 Oct @ 8.00pm (Grotto Mass)

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS. Tue, 1 Nov @ 6.45am & 8.00pm

FEAST OF ALL SOULS. Wed, 2 Nov @ 8.00pm

Prayer cards are made available at the Garden of Mercy and will be attached to the *Wall of Remembrance*. There will also be a counter to receive mass intentions.

BLESSING OF GRAVES: Wed, 2 November 2022

Kelawai Road Cemetery @ 7.45am

Western Road Cemetery @ 10.00am

'A Prisoner of the Lord' Retreat

A retreat by Fr. Nelson Chitty away from our obsessive preoccupation with the busy-ness of our daily lives to focus on the Lord, resting & being with Him to rediscover ourselves and our true freedom in Him.

Venue: Church of the Holy Name of Jesus, Balik Pulau

Dates:

Fri, 25 Nov—Sun, 27 Nov (For males only 25—55yrs)

Fri, 2 Dec—Sun, 4 Dec (For females only 25—55yrs)

Register: 04-866 8545. Fee by donation.

Faith Sharing & Education for children

Dates: **Sundays, 30 Oct; 6 & 13 Nov**

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

Catechism: **10.45am**

Dates: **Sundays, 30 Oct; 6, 13, 20, 27 Nov**

CDM Learning Centre: **2.00pm**



Prayers & Meditation

~ Deepen & enrich your faith & relationship with God ~

Wed, 26 Oct, 9 & 23 Nov @ 8.15pm

*Charismatic Renewal Group—St. Faustina Hall

Wed, 2, 16 & 30 Nov @ 8.30pm

*Christian Meditation—St. Faustina Hall

Thur, 3 Nov @ 8.30pm

*Chinese Christian Meditation—3rd floor RCIA rooms

Tuesdays—Fridays @ 3.00pm

*Divine Mercy prayer group—church