

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: NOVEMBER 2022
 SAVOUR YOUTH

PARISH PRIEST SPEAKS

"Today salvation has come to this house... the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost." -Luke 19:10

The God who reveals Himself to us, in whom we believe and whom we worship, is a God of mercy. All the revelations of God that we have in scriptures and in tradition, bear witness to this. God in His mercy desires our salvation. The readings and reflections this weekend from the Book of Wisdom and from the Gospel of Luke are all about God's mercy and our salvation.

The reading from Wisdom begins by extolling the greatness of God, who created all things for His glory and before whom the whole universe is like a grain of sand or a drop of morning dew. God looks on us with mercy as the text narrates. "You have mercy on all, because you can do all things and you overlook people's sins that they may repent". It is the reminder to abandon their wickedness and to believe in God. God's gentle correction of a sinner who then abandons his wickedness is what we see in today's Gospel account of the encounter between our Lord Jesus and the tax collector, Zacchaeus. God is His infinite mercy always desires to meet us and to let us taste and enjoy His goodness.

The gospel text does not tell us what motivated Zacchaeus, but the fact that he risked humiliation and ridicule by climbing a tree indicates an unabashed and dogged determination to see the Lord.

He knows the heart of Zacchaeus, and He knows his name, so He looks up and addresses him directly, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly for today I must stay at your house." Zacchaeus, who thought he was the one looking for Jesus, discovers that it was our Lord who had been looking for him first. The tax collector's difficulty in seeing Jesus was not merely physical. His small stature can be interpreted as an allegory of his sinful condition that dwarfed him. This humiliation he imposed on himself by climbing a tree in order to see Jesus can be interpreted as a sign of repentance, a willingness to leave sin behind, as well as the crowd and seek higher things. When Jesus tells Zacchaeus to come down from the sycamore tree, it is as if He is telling Zacchaeus that He accepts his repentance and now invites him to salvation, which is a step no one can achieve alone.

We do not have to look for a sycamore tree or any other sort of tree to climb to see Jesus. The tree we need is the one on which Jesus hung for our salvation, namely the tree of the Cross. Climbing the tree of the Cross is embracing the way of repentance and making reparation for sin so that we receive the salvation Jesus obtained for us. We need not only to repent but also to be willing to make reparation.

What efforts am I making to meet the Lord when I die? How does my physical limitation or pursuit of human approval stop me from following the Lord? When did I realize that Jesus has always been looking for me?

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Fundraising & tithes/pledges:

Bank Acc: **Maybank #5073 9410 1643**

Acc Name: **Church of Divine Mercy**

Email receipt & details to: divinemercyppg@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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We accept Touch N' Go for Mass Intentions, Donations & Gift Shop purchases



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 Sila kekal bertopeng semasa Misa

MASS & PRAYER

TIMES

DAY

DESCRIPTION

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

Rosary 8.30am **SUN**
Mass 9.00am **30 Oct**
31st Sunday of Ordinary Time
 Wis 11: 22; 12:2
 2 Th 1: 11; 2:2
 Lk 19: 1-10

Closing of Rosary Month

Grotto Mass (LIVE) 8.00pm **MON**
31 Oct

Lauds 6.20am
Mass (LIVE) 6.45am
DM Chaplet followed by Mass 8.00pm
TUE
01 Nov
All Saints Day
 Day of Obligation

DM Chaplet followed by Mass 8.00pm
WED
02 Nov
The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed

Lauds 6.20am
Mass (LIVE) 6.45am
DM Chaplet 3.00pm
THU
03 Nov
 St Martin de Porres, Religious

DM Chaplet 3.00pm
Holy Hour followed by Mass 8.00pm
FRI
04 Nov
 St Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Lauds 6.20am
Grotto Mass (LIVE) followed by Rosary 6.45am
Novena to OMPH 5.15pm
Mass 5.30pm
SAT
05 Nov

DM Chaplet 8.30am **SUN**
Mass 9.00am **06 Nov**
32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
 2 Mac 7: 1-2, 9-14
 2 Th 2: 16; 3:5
 Lk 20: 27-38
 (or 27: 34-38)

Prayers & Meditation

~ Deepen & enrich your faith & relationship with God ~

Wed, 9 & 23 Nov @ 8.15pm

*Charismatic Renewal Group—St. Faustina Hall

Wed, 16 & 30 Nov @ 8.30pm

*Christian Meditation—St. Faustina Hall

Thur, 3 Nov @ 8.30pm

*Chinese Christian Meditation— 3rd floor RCIA rooms

增强你的信仰，与主建立更深层的关系

Tuesdays—Fridays @ 3.00pm

*Divine Mercy prayer group—church

PARISH/DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDDING BANNIS

Sat, 12 Nov @ 12.30pm (Wedding Service)

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

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



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

Jom Ber-Christmas @ CDM

Date/Time: **Sun, 18 Dec @ 10.30am—4.00pm**

A Christmas event to gather family & friends from all walks of life, especially with the community of Sg Ara to share in the joy of the season.

Everyone is welcome to volunteer & participate in any way to make this event *meriah* & memorable.

Kumpulkan keluarga & rakan-rakan dari semua lapisan masyarakat, terutamanya dari kawasan Sg Ara, untuk berkongsi kegembiraan musim Krismas ini.

Semua dialu-alukan untuk menjadi sukarelawan & mengambil bahagian untuk menjadikan acara ini meriah & diingati.

Stall Coordinator: Zac (012-4657649)

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Margaret (017-4942363)

'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.