

CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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9am - 5pm (Tuesday - Friday)
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CDM KAMPUNGKU: NOVEMBER 2022
SAVOUR YOUTH

PARISH PRIEST SPEAKS

May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the endurance of Christ - 2 Thessalonians 3:5

In the month of November, the Church focuses in a special way on what is to come after death. The month begins with All Saints Day and All Souls Day, and it concludes with the Solemnity of Christ the King, which is the celebration of what will take place at the end of time. Every Sunday of this month, we have a glimpse of what happens after death.

Reflecting on the theme of the "last 4 things of life", one of the best ways to teach and speak of the next life is to tell stories, as Jesus does in some of His parables. In today's Gospel, the Sadducees try to use a story to teach a lesson of their own. They do not believe in life after death, but they do profess to follow the Mosaic Law. The law specifies that if a man dies childless, his brother must marry the widow and raise children for his deceased brother. They present Jesus with a case of seven brothers who all marry one woman and then die, one after another. Then the Sadducees pose what they believe to be a profound trick question. "Now at the resurrection whose wife will that woman be? For all seven had been married to her." They think the Mosaic Law proves that the doctrine of the resurrection is ridiculous. Jesus patiently teaches them the truth about the next life as well as the truth about marriage.

The first lesson Jesus teaches is that in the next life people do not marry. Therefore, the question of whose wife the widow will be is invalid from the start for her seven marriages all ended when the brothers died. Jesus does not say that we will not have any relationships after death or that we will be without love. The truth about Heaven is that whatever is good in our relationships here will remain on the other side. Thus, we will know our loved ones in Heaven, and we will love them. In fact, we will know them better and we will love them more. Our relationships will be perfected in Heaven. The error of

the Sadducees is their assumption that if there is a next life, it must be the same as this life, when in fact it will be much better.

Life after death is a continuation of our life but in a new and different way, it is transformed and made perfect. Jesus gives us then, the most positive way of understanding the next life. When Jesus says that the dead "can no longer die" He reveals that the belief in reincarnation is also incorrect. Many people believe in reincarnation, that the dead come back to life in this world in a different body, but the truth is that we live once, we die once, we are judged once, and we enter into the next life once. We are not helplessly resigned simply to wait around for life to reach its dead end. Rather, we live in hope because we know the truth about the next life. This sure hope makes it possible for us to endure great sufferings and to persevere in offering sacrifices in this life. An inspiring example of hope is the story from 1 Maccabees in today's first reading. Like the hypothetical case raised by the Sadducees, it is also about seven brothers, but this account is true. The seven brothers and their mother are being forced to eat pork, a blatant violation against the Mosaic Law. They refuse and are therefore subjected to excruciating torture. Where do they get the strength to withstand the torture? Why are they ready to die rather than sin? Because of their faith in the resurrection.

We need to understand that Christian hope gives us strength. It sets us free from the idea that we suffer endlessly or in vain. If we have faith in the next life, even our natural fear of death can be overcome. We are like travellers journeying through a foreign land on the way to our final destination, our true homeland. Let us live by faith and in joyful hope in the risen life that has been won for us by Jesus Christ.

What sustains me in this life of trials and tribulations? What are my thoughts about my life with God after death? How do I relate to the courage of the mother and her seven sons as they faced death?



PLEASE REMAIN MASKED DURING MASS
Sila kekal bertopeng semasa menyambut Misa

MASS & PRAYER TIMES

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

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)

No Mass **MON**
07 Nov

Lauds 6.20am
 Mass (LIVE) 6.45am **TUE**
08 Nov
DM Chaplet 3.00pm

Lauds 6.20am
 Mass (LIVE) 6.45am **WED**
09 Nov The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, Cathedral of Rome
DM Chaplet 3.00pm

Lauds 6.20am
 Mass (LIVE) 6.45am **THU**
10 Nov St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor
DM Chaplet 3.00pm

Lauds 6.20am
 Mass (LIVE) 6.45am **FRI**
11 Nov St Martin of Tours, Bishop
DM Chaplet 3.00pm

Lauds 6.20am
 Mass (LIVE) 6.45am
 Wedding Service 12.30pm **SAT**
12 Nov St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr
 Novena to OMPH 5.15pm
 Mass 5.30pm

DM Chaplet 8.30am **SUN**
 BM Mass 9.00am **13 Nov**
Misa Bahasa
33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
 Mal 3: 19-20a
 2 Th 3: 7-12
 Lk 21: 5-19

Prayers & Meditation

~ Deepen & enrich your faith & relationship with God ~

Thur, 10 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

Wed, 16 & 30 Nov @ 8.30pm

*Christian Meditation—St. Faustina Hall

Wed, 9 & 23 Nov @ 8.15pm

*Charismatic Renewal Group—St. Faustina Hall

Tuesdays—Fridays @ 3.00pm

*Divine Mercy prayer group—church

PARISH/DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptism: Sun, 6 Nov 2022 (11.00am)

Lord, by water & the Holy Spirit, You have bestowed the forgiveness of sin & raised **Alicia Mun** to the new life of grace. Grant her a discerning heart & a spirit to love.

WEDDING BANNES

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, 6 & 13 Nov**

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

Catechism: **10.45am**

Dates: **Sundays, 6, 13, 20, 27 Nov**

CDM Learning Centre: 2.00pm



DAILY GOSPEL 2023 & GOD'S WORD 2023

Now available at the D'Vine Gift Shop.

Ignorance of scripture is ignorance of Christ - St Jerome

CDM CLOW T-SHIRT PROJECT 2.0

JESUS—ADDICTED—FAITHBOOK

Get your favourite t-shirt or get them all! Come support us in aid of CDM's Adoration Room. Meet us at the church porch every weekend after Mass.

Dapatkan kemeja kegemaran anda atau beli kesemuanya.

Sokonglah projek Bilik Adorasi CDM. Jumpa kami di anjung depan gereja selepas Misa setiap hujung minggu.

Genesis Youths of Mercy (GYM)

T-shirt & Tote Bag sales & collection happening this weekend at the church front porch.

Date/Time: **Sat, 5 Nov & Sun, 6 Nov (after Mass)**

CDM Annual Parish Assembly 2022

Date/Time: **Sun, 20 Nov @ 10.30am -1.00pm**

A gentle reminder to all BEC & Ministry leaders to attend. Agenda includes summary of parish activities of the year and upcoming programmes for 2023. All parishioners are also encouraged to attend and join in the heartbeat of the Parish.

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.

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

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