



CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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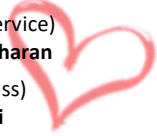
We accept T'nG payments:
 Mass Offerings & Donations

PARISH/DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wedding Banns

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

Sat, 17 Dec 2022 @ 11.00am (Wedding Service)
Amritpal Singh Gill & Sheena Chandrasekharan
Sat, 17 Dec 2022 @ 3.00pm (Wedding Mass)
Leonard Santhu & Katherine Kamini Rathi



Book Mission by the Daughters of St. Paul

Making available good reading materials to enhance spiritual growth as individual Christians.

Dates: **Sat, 10 Dec & Sun, 11 Dec**
 Venue: Garden of Mercy, CDM

Jom Ber-Christmas @ CDM

Date/Time: **Sun, 18 Dec @ 10.30am—4.00pm**
 Tickets are now available at the church porch after Mass. Volunteers, vendors & sponsors are very much welcome.

For vendors: Zac (012-465 7649) / Audrey (012-315 3037)
 Event Coordinator: Rowena (012-474 9472)
 Tickets: Christine (012-410 8837)/Lawrence (012-410 8360)

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.

Recruitment Drive by Genesis Youth of Mercy (G.Y.M)

Come and join us in serving the Lord with the talents He has given us! Open for Marketing team, Content Creation Team, Music & Worship Team, and Engagement Team.
 For more information, do check our Instagram @genesisyouthscdm or contact Agape (016-644 1187)

Christmas 2022—New Year 2023 Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, 24 Dec (Saturday)
 Medley of Carols—5.00pm; Mass—5.30pm
 Medley of Carols—9.30pm; Mass—10.00pm
Christmas Day, 25 Dec (Sunday)
 DM Chaplet—9.00am; Mass—9.30am
Feast of the Holy Family
 Fri, 30 Dec @ 8.00pm
New Year's Eve, 31 Dec (Saturday)
 Rosary—9.30pm; Mass—10.00pm
New Year's Day, 1 Jan 2023 (Sunday)
 Rosary—9.00am; Mass—9.30am

CDM KAMPUNGKU: DECEMBER 2022

SAVOUR OUR SAVIOUR

PARISH PRIEST SPEAKS



"Be patient! Brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord.."

James 5:7

The Third Sunday of Advent is also known as Gaudete Sunday. On this third Sunday of Advent, the liturgy invites us to joy. The celebration this week may also be referred to as "The Sunday of Joy." At times, you will find priests wearing rose vestments as a sign of rejoicing. What does joy have to do with the season of Advent?

Isaiah prophesies in the readings that it is a time when the people of God will flourish with joy and abundance. When Isaiah wrote this, the Northern Kingdom of Israel had fallen under Assyrian rule while the Southern Kingdom of Judah was facing the threat of destruction by the Babylonians. In other words, the present moment was hardly a joyful situation! Rather, the people were in a situation of devastation, fear, and despair, Advent, rightfully looking forward to the coming of Christmas, proclaims that the sorrows and deprivations of the present moment will yield to joy. "The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers and rejoice with joyful song." When the Messiah comes, we "will see the glory of the Lord." Advent points us to the infant Jesus, wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. He himself is the reason of our joy. The coming of our Savior and Redeemer into the here and now of our brokenness is truly a reason to be joyful.

This path of reflection takes us deep into the meaning of Advent. The active waiting and preparation that

characterize this season are done best by emptying ourselves of all sin and self-love so that the Lord can fully enter our lives. When we empty ourselves, we provide space for the joy with which the Lord comes to fill us. There are both active and passive ways to empty ourselves. The active forms of self-emptying include the penitential practices of fasting, abstinence, and almsgiving. The passive forms of self-emptying entail patient endurance. St. James instructs us on this Advent spirit in today's second reading. He tells us to be patient with the attitude of a farmer waiting for "the precious fruit of the earth." Advent waiting includes perseverance in charity towards others. In other words, our self-emptying during this season ought to open us up to both love of God and love of neighbour.

Love of God and love of neighbour lead us to joy. In catechetical classes "JOY" is often used as an acronym to teach the right order of priorities in our love, first Jesus, second others, and third yourself. If we follow this order, we can be assured that joy becomes the fulfilment of our hope, the path of the least that makes us great, and the source of endurance in hardships. The Church encourages us along this path of charity that bears the fruit of joy. Just as we give roses to our loved ones, the Church gives us today's rose-coloured liturgy as a reminder to love Jesus and others before ourselves.

As I perform the ordinary actions of my day, how can I be more patient and spiritually joyful? What am I doing this Advent that will give more space for the Lord in my life? How do anxieties and worries interfere with my peace and joy?

"Advent is thus a favourable time to pray with greater intensity, to reserve to the spiritual life the important place it deserves." - Pope Francis (*Angelus*, 2017)

Prayers & Meditation

~ Deepen & enrich your faith & relationship with God ~

Wed, 14 & 28 Dec @ 8.30pm

*Christian Meditation—St. Faustina Hall

Tuesdays—Fridays @ 3.00pm

*Divine Mercy prayer group—church

Online Advent Reflections

Make Advent a season of meaningful reflection & prayer.

My Daily Visitor: <https://mydailyvisitor.com/signup/>

Dynamic Catholic: <https://bit.ly/3Vn7Wvh>

Catechism in a Year 2023: Don't Get Left Behind

A wonderful way to get rooted to the basics of our Faith.

<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/catechisminayear>

MASS & PRAYER TIMES DAY DESCRIPTION

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

3rd Sunday of Advent
 DM Chaplet 8.30am SUN *Is 35: 1-6, 10*
 Mass 9.00am 11 Dec *Jm 5: 7-10*
Mt 11: 2-11

No Mass MON 12 Dec Our Lady of Guadalupe

Lauds 6.20am
 Mass (LIVE) 6.45am TUE 13 Dec St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

DM Chaplet 3.00pm

Lauds 6.20am
 Mass (LIVE) 6.45am WED 14 Dec St John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor

DM Chaplet 3.00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation 8.00pm

"Daughter, when you go to confession, to this fountain of My Mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart always flows down upon your soul and ennobles it."

Lauds 6.20am
 Mass (LIVE) 6.45am THU 15 Dec

DM Chaplet 8.00pm
 Mass 8.30pm

Lauds 6.20am
 Mass (LIVE) 6.45am FRI 16 Dec

DM Chaplet 3.00pm

Lauds 6.20am
 Mass (LIVE) 6.45am

Wedding Service 11.00am SAT 17 Dec

Wedding Mass 3.00pm

Novena to OMPH 5.15pm
 Mass 5.30pm

DM Chaplet 8.30am
 Mass 9.00am SUN 18 Dec

JOM 10.30am

BER-CHRISTMAS

4th Sunday of Advent

Is 7: 10-14

Rom 1: 1-7

Mt 1: 18-24

