



CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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 9am - 5pm (Tuesday - Friday)
 9am - 1pm (Saturday & Sunday)

PARISH PRIEST: Rev. Fr. Michael Raymond OFM.Cap



We accept T'nG payments:
 Mass Offerings & Donations

PARISH/DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS



Jom Ber-Christmas @ CDM

Date/Time: **Sun, 18 Dec 2022 @ 10.30am—4.00pm**

Come join us as one big family in sharing the joy of Christmas with a Children's Christmas Party alongside over 50 stalls of food & drinks, merchandise & games! Fr. Michael will officially launch the event after morning Mass and the Children's Christmas Party for the CEC children and orphanages will commence at 11.00am. There will be a Raffle Draw, plus carolling & dancing, so don't miss out!

DAILY GOSPEL 2023 & GOD'S WORD 2023

Limited copies now available at the D'Vine Gift Shop including Tamil versions.

Ignorance of scripture is ignorance of Christ—St Jerome.

Minor Basilica of St Anne, Bukit Mertajam

The Solemn Declaration will be held in conjunction with the Eucharistic celebration feast of the Baptism of the Lord on **Mon, 9 Jan 2023 at 6.00pm.**

Watch the live-stream on the official YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/BasilicaofStAnneBM>

PONGGAL 2023 deanery celebrations will be organized by the Penang Island Tamil Apostolate on **Sat, 14 Jan 2023** at the Church of St. Francis Xavier and on **Sun, 15 Jan 2023** at the Church of St. John Britto.

Penang Marriage Preparation Courses (English)

The Catholic Engaged Encounter will resume in-person sessions in 2023. The first Weekend (#134) is tentatively from **17—19 Feb 2023**. For more details, contact Parish Office or Nicholas & Christine (ceepenang@gmail.com)

CDM MUSIC MINISTRY

Can you sing or play a musical instrument?



Do you want to channel your talents for God's glory?

If you're interested in joining the Music Ministry, please contact Peter Da Costa (012-472 8044), Gilbert Gomez (012-425 2009), Adeline Sum (016-725 6238) or approach any of the choir members.

"Lord, make me an instrument of worship..."

COMMISSIONING & RENEWAL OF CATECHISTS

will be held on **Sun, 29 Jan 2023** during Catechetical Sunday. If you have a calling to assist in building the faith of your children, do consider joining the Catechesis Ministry as teachers/assistants, or with the Parents' Support Group or Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) Team. Please contact Ken Lee (012-479 8163), Anna Sim (016-444 2272), or Edmund Goh (012-563 1674).



MASS & PRAYER TIMES

DAY

DESCRIPTION

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

DM Chaplet	8.30am		
Mass	9.00am	SUN	4th Sunday of Advent
		18 Dec	Is 7: 10-14 Rom 1: 1-7 Mt 1: 18-24
JOM BER-CHRISTMAS	10.30am		

No Mass		MON	
		19 Dec	

Lauds	6.20am		
Mass (LIVE)	6.45am	TUE	
		20 Dec	
DM Chaplet	3.00pm		

Lauds	6.20am		
Mass (LIVE)	6.45am	WED	St Peter Canisius
		21 Dec	Priest & Doctor
DM Chaplet	3.00pm		

Lauds	6.20am		
Mass (LIVE)	6.45am	THU	
		22 Dec	
DM Chaplet	3.00pm		

Lauds	6.20am		
Mass (LIVE)	6.45am	FRI	St John of Kanty
		23 Dec	
DM Chaplet	3.00pm		

Lauds	6.20am		
Mass (LIVE)	6.45am		
Medley of Carols	5.00pm	SAT	
Mass	5.30pm	24 Dec	Christmas Vigil

Medley of Carols	9.30pm		
Mass	10.00pm		

			Nativity of the Lord
			Is 52: 7-10
DM Chaplet	9.00am	SUN	Hebr 1: 1-6;
Mass	9.30am	25 Dec	Jn 1: 1-18 or
			(Jn 1: 1-5, 9-14)

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—DM Chaplet @ 8.00pm

Mass @ 8.30pm

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



Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name Him Emmanuel. Matthew 1:23

It is remarkable that God comes to us, He comes into our world whether we want Him to or not. He comes, one could even say He invades, but He does so without imposing Himself upon us, for He respects human freedom. In His measureless love for us, He desires to intervene in our lives to help us. But we must allow Him to enter and welcome Him as our strength and our peace. This is the challenge of obedient faith. The question is, do we put into practice what we sing in today's responsorial Psalm "Let the Lord enter, He is the king of glory". Do we let Him enter or do we make purely human plans for ourselves and push Him out?

As we strive to learn better how to "let the Lord enter" the Lord Himself guides us, revealing His will to us in many ways through the sacred Scriptures, in the promptings of the Spirit, by insights we receive in prayer, in the wisdom and guidance that comes through the Church and in the lives of the Saints and through the people He has placed in our lives, in our family and community. Sometimes the direction the Lord gives us can seem confusing or threatening. We may be afraid of saying "yes" to Him in faith, in total reliance on Him. When He asks us to take on a new task, for example or a great responsibility, we may have doubts about our ability to live up to its demands. It is tempting to hold back, like Ahaz, and to claim that it would be too much to expect the Lord to help us in this unfamiliar place, and to meet our every need.

It does not seem practical or realistic to take such a leap of faith. But to be obedient to the Lord, to "let the Lord enter," we must trust in Him and take a new step. It is not the words we say that indicate our humility and obedience, it is the decision of faith and the actions that flow from that decision. Faith means following the direction of the Lord, despite our fears.

St. Paul is a man who lives by faith. In the second reading, he explains to the Romans about the mission entrusted to him that is to spread the Name of Jesus and to bring all the Gentiles to obedience of faith. Paul specifies what kind of faith we need, not simply "faith," but obedient faith. This is the faith that moves us to take action, to go against our self-will, to take the risk of trusting the word of God and putting it into practice that is, to be like Joseph and not like Ahaz. Obedient faith is living faith. Paul himself is an excellent example. He was given "the grace of apostleship," he says, in order to proclaim the Gospel, he does not simply bask in the favour he has received, nor does he let false humility stop him from going forth. He lives his faith, giving witness to Jesus in all he says and does. This is our call as well. With the examples of St. Paul, St. Joseph, and the Blessed Virgin Mary before us, we renew our commitment to "let the Lord enter", to listen to Him, to welcome His word, and to do what He asks of us as we await His coming.

How does my pride weaken my trust and faith in the Lord? Am I like Ahaz who puts his hope and trust in human means instead of God? How can I draw spiritually closer to Mary & St. Joseph in the remaining days of Advent?

"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, 21 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>