

CDM Kampungku Connection 2022

February: Communion - See God's Mercy

"Mercy stories" - our stories of God's mercy

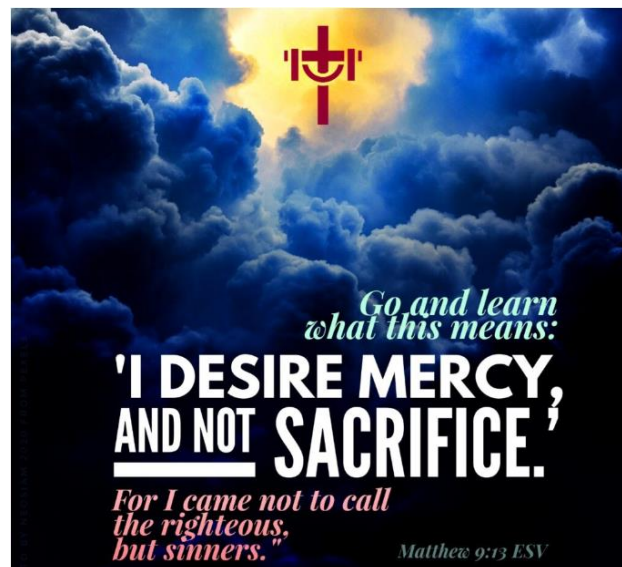
Sensory activity

1. Close your eyes and listen to the sounds around you. Identify each sound you hear and envision it in your mind.
2. Now, open your eyes and look around you - your home, and then step out to see the wonder of God's gift of nature, the sky, the creatures, etc. Look as far as your eyes can see.
3. Call out to the Lord and listen as if you are hearing your own voice for the very first time.

Stop. Be still. Look. Listen. Breathe.

We pause to remember the sick, the suffering, the blind, the deaf, the poor, the hungry, the marginalized, the migrants, the lonely, the dying, the souls in purgatory.....

Have we thanked our Lord Jesus for His mercy, love and blessings in our daily lives? Let's together say *"Thank You Jesus - Blessed are we in Your mercy and love"*



Let us begin by signing ourselves in

Opening Prayer:

PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD – *ADSUMUS SANCTE SPIRITUS*

We stand before You Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name,
With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; Do not let us promote disorder
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
Nor partiality influence our actions.

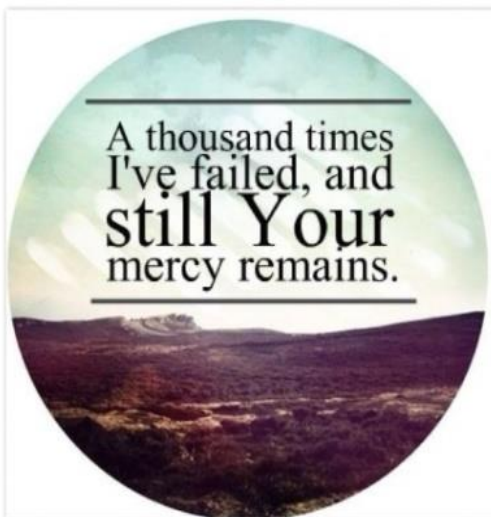
Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life

And not stray from the way of truth and what is right

All this we ask of You who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son Forever and ever **AMEN**

God's Word

“The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great in mercy. The Lord is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works.” (Psalm 145:8-9)



Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” (*Hebrews 4:14-16*)



While we describe our God as “all-powerful”, ‘mighty and all-knowing”, we declare that God’s greatest attribute is His MERCY. We can only begin to see glimpses into His merciful heart and never match this quality but we are ALL called to mirror it.

Reflect: *An example of mercifully forgiving; Steven McDonald, a young policeman, was shot by a teenager and ended up being paralyzed – yet he decided not to hold a grudge and to forgive the teenager. This was what he said “I forgive him because I believe the only thing worse than receiving a bullet in my spine would be to nurture revenge in my heart.” Steven saw that getting consumed with revenge was worse than being paralyzed and believed that forgiveness will make the world a better place.*

Forgiving can be hard but it is life-changing. Love is perfected by Mercy and God has made mercy His catalyst for repentance. It is mercy that leads a sinner to repentance (Romans 2:4) As we approach the season of Lent, we must bear witness to the Mercy of Jesus dying on the Cross, and understand how Jesus perfected His love for His Father in obedience and for us in His Divine Mercy.

Mercy

Mercy is a human capacity to access understanding from opposite perspectives, feel both forgiveness and remorse and move with the urge to relieve pain. MERCY LEADS TO REPENTANCE. Jesus said “Go and learn what this means; I desire mercy and not sacrifice. For I didn’t come to call the righteous, but sinners’ (Matthew 9:13)

- What does mercy feel like?
- How do you live with mercy?

***Please play this short video clip below on Bishop Sebastian’s sharing:**



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- What do you think of Bishop Sebastian’s simple yet impactful sharing?
- Do you have any testimonies to share where you have experienced this mercy – either by giving or receiving?
- How do you show mercy?

When Jesus sent the disciples out giving them authority, he told them: “Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give” (Mathew 10:8)

Luke 6:36-37 Jesus said: “Be merciful even as your Father is also merciful. Don’t judge, and you won’t be judged. Don’t condemn and you won’t be condemned. Set free and you will be set free”

Sacrament: Anointing of the Sick

Last month we spoke of the sacrament of Baptism which allowed us to participate in the public life of Christ through our corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Today let’s look at the sacrament of “Anointing of the Sick” administered during periods of illness - in order to bring the person receiving it, spiritual and physical strength. It is performed to give God’s grace and mercy through the Holy Spirit.

Anointing of the sick gives spiritual comfort and those who are anointed receive God’s grace through the Holy Spirit. Upon nearing the end of earthly life, ‘anointing’ grants forgiveness of sins, and when one departs from earthly life, they will be healed and all sin removed. The person being anointed must have strength and courage to accept illness and complete faith in God’s plan for their Salvation .

- Have you ever witnessed the Anointing of the Sick?
- How did it make you feel?
- Do you know which month is dedicated to “World day of the Sick” and what happens during this mass?
- Let’s say a silent prayer for all those in this situation and Thank God for the gift of Priests who are able to give comfort to the dying.



Closing Prayer:

As I ponder on the blue ray indicating the font of Mercy coming through Baptism and the red ray indicating the font of Mercy poured out through the Blood of the Holy Eucharist, I thank you Lord Jesus for Your unconditional love and mercy.

Lord, You have poured out upon the world Your infinite Mercy coming forth from Your Divine Heart. May I bask in that Mercy now and always. Jesus, King of Mercy I trust in You.

One in Mercy Song (CDM)

Chorus: Mercy we believe in, Mercy we live out
Mercy freely given, serve in mercy is our shout. (x2)

**We come together as one family, different faces but one faith,
Every step we take by the power of your rays, love & mercy guide our way**

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