



CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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 9am - 5pm (Tuesday - Friday)
 9am - 1pm (Saturday & Sunday)
PARISH PRIEST: Rev. Fr. Michael Raymond OFM. Cap



MASS & PRAYER TIMES	DAY	DESCRIPTION
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---HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023---

Rosary	9.00am	SUN	<i>Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God</i>
Mass	9.30am	1 Jan	Num 6: 22-27 Gal 4: 4-7 Lk 2: 16-21
No Mass		MON 2 Jan	SS. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishop & Doctors
Lauds	6.20am		
Mass (LIVE)	6.45am	TUE 3 Jan	The Most Holy Name of Jesus
DM Chaplet	3.00pm		
Lauds	6.20am		
Mass (LIVE)	6.45am	WED 4 Jan	
DM Chaplet	3.00pm		
Lauds	6.20am		
Mass (LIVE)	6.45am	THU 5 Jan	
DM Chaplet	3.00pm		
Holy Hour followed by Mass	8.00pm	FRI 6 Jan	
Lauds	6.20am		
Grotto Mass (LIVE) followed by Rosary	6.45am		
Wedding Mass	10.30am	SAT 7 Jan	St Raymond of Penyafort
Novena to OMPH	5.15pm		
Mass	5.30pm		
DM Chaplet	8.30am	SUN	<i>Epiphany of The Lord</i>
BM Mass	9.00am	8 Jan	Is 60: 1-6 Eph 3: 2-3, 5-6 Mt 2: 1-12

Prayers & Meditation

Tuesdays—Fridays at 3.00pm
 Divine Mercy prayer group—church
Wed, 4 & 18 Jan at 8.30pm
 CDM Charismatic Renewal Group —St. Faustina Hall
 English Christian Meditation —3rd floor RCIA rooms
Thu, 5 Jan at 8.30pm
 Chinese Meditation —3rd Floor RCIA Room
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PARISH/DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wedding Banns: Sat, 7 Jan 2023 (Wedding Mass)
Pragasam Alexis & Nichelle Carmel
 God of Love & Mercy, grant this couple the joy of heart & reverence of spirit as they prepare, in shared holiness, for their Sacrament of Matrimony.
If anyone knows of any canonical impediments to the proposals of marriage stated, please contact the parish priest.

BEC Leaders Meeting: Tue, 3 Jan 2023 at 8.30pm
BEC Day: Fri, 20 Jan 2023 at 8.30pm
Basic Ecclesial Community is understood as an area-based grouping of about 10-20 families, where there is a sense of belonging, faith sharing, life witnessing and service in love & hope.

Baptism of the Lord-- Mon, 9 Jan at 8.30pm (Chaplet 8.00pm)
DM Asian Apostolate Holy Hour-- Thu, 26 Jan at 8.00pm

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 with cultural games & activities.
 Church of St. Francis Xavier - **Sat, 14 Jan 2023 (3pm onwards)**
 Cathedral of the Holy Spirit - **Sun, 15 Jan 2023 3pm onwards, 5.30pm Mass**

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.
The one who sings, prays twice —St. Augustine

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

JANUARY 2023
CDM Kampung-Ku
Know our faith: Does Jesus exist?
Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions
For educators—may they be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest & most vulnerable above all.

MASS OFFERINGS
*Weekday mass offerings: at least 48 hours in advance.
 Weekend mass offerings: before 12pm Wednesday*
 For online submissions, please email receipt & details* to masscdmgsara@gmail.com
 (*names of departed souls, thanksgiving or special intentions)
 Bank Acc: **Maybank #5073 9410 1910** or via Touch N' Go
 Acc Name: **Church of Divine Mercy**

**PARISH PRIEST SPEAKS In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;
 In these last days, He has spoken to us through the Son. (Hebrews 1:1 -2)**

We can begin our reflection by pondering the first lines of the Psalm; "May God bless us in His mercy. May God have pity on us and bless us, may He let His face shine upon us." These words give voice to the longing in our hearts for God to bless us. In the face of so much hardship, suffering, pain, and uncertainty, we pray for God to look upon us with mercy and have pity on us.
 We long to experience the presence of God with us. We yearn for Him to heal us, forgive us, and restore us. We want Him to teach us the right way to live, so that we may live in peace with Him and with one another. And what we celebrated with great joy eight days ago and which we continue to celebrate throughout this Christmas season is that God has heard our prayer in a most amazing and unexpected way. He has made His face "shine upon us" physically, in the flesh, in the person of Jesus Christ. We have actually been able to see the face of God, to be physically touched and healed by Him, and to be taught directly by the words of His own mouth. Like the shepherds in the Gospel and like all who heard their account, we should be "amazed" to learn of such astounding mercy which has been shown to us in Christ.
 It is for this reason that God always looks to us for permission to work in our lives. This in itself is astonishing and worthy of pondering.

The One who created the universe and sustains it in being, asks our permission to do His work in our lives, and He awaits our response. This is one of the key truths which we reflect on in today's great feast. God willed to take on flesh in the world, precisely to answer the prayer of humanity that He comes to us and saves us. But before He accomplished the work of the Incarnation, he asked Mary for her cooperation. He did not proceed until she had freely given her "yes."
 We who long to have God be more present in the world and in our lives, sometimes ask, "Where are you, Lord?" And we can sense God answering us, "I am right here, always with you, always ready to do my work of blessing and restoring, only waiting for you to give me your "yes", to allow me to take on flesh and blood in you, so that I can be physically present in the world through you, so that I can touch and heal and love my people through you. In this way, as we strive to always give God our joyful "yes" He can answer our prayers and the prayers of so many, for Him to be more present in the world. In this way, as we follow the example of Mary, we too can become "mothers of God" by allowing Him to take on flesh and act in the world in us. As we begin this New Year, let us pray for the grace to make it a year of "yes" to God. Let us pray for the grace to say always with Mary, "Let it be done to me according to your word."

REFLECTION As I begin a new year, how will I imitate Mary's perfect obedience to God's call? How will I grow in my spiritual life? What prevents God from freely working in my life?

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>

Faith; Grow your roots & Build your blocks
 Available at the D'Vine Gift Shop:-
 Daily Gospel & God's Word 2023
 Catechism of the Catholic Faith, and other books.

