



CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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 9am - 5pm (Tuesday - Friday)
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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 masscdmsgara@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 We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage. (Matt 2:2)



Let us pause and reflect for a moment on what it is like to be in real darkness, with no light. We cannot see where we are. We cannot see what is around us, nor can we see where we are going. We can only move very cautiously, feeling our way along, stumbling into things. We can only imagine where we are and what is around us, and our imaginings are very incomplete and incorrect. Without the light of Christ, we live in a world which we have largely created out of our own imagination, based on our very limited ability to see anything in the midst of our darkness. For many people, the "world" that they live in is more or less an accident. The earth came to be somehow as a result of random cosmic movements and forces. Life somehow arose and resulted eventually in humankind. Each person was conceived and born into this world by mere chance. There is no overall meaning to anything. We can only make the best life we can for ourselves and those we are about, and then one day we will die. With no light, stumbling around in the darkness, this is what the world can look like to us.

Yet, we know that everything changes when a bright light shines into the darkness! Suddenly things become clear. Now we can see what is around us. Now we can talk with confidence, and we can see where we are going. This is what we celebrate with the coming of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. What do we see when the light of Christ shines on us? We see that we are not accidents.

We have a God who has created each one of us individually, and has called us to be His beloved children, members of the Body of Christ, as St. Paul teaches us in the second reading. After the encounter with Jesus, we are no longer the ones we were. The encounter with Jesus changes us, transforms us. We live in a different reality now because we see all things in the light of Christ. This can be a very real practical encounter in our daily life experience. Painful situations which seemed to be mere meaningless suffering can now be seen as opportunities to participate and share in the saving passion of Christ. It become a channel of grace into a fuller life with God. As we ponder today's readings, we can ask ourselves, how grateful am I for the light of Christ which has been given to me? Do I realize what a gift it is? The light of Christ that we speak of is a merciful, healing, restoring light. The light of God comes to save us, to bring mercy and healing. People in past times had no idea of the great love and mercy of God shown to us in Christ. Even now so many people still do not know Jesus Christ, and so walk in such terrible darkness. Let us offer praise and thanks to God every day for giving us the grace of such light. We who have "seen His star" can imitate the Magi and "come to do Him homage," and then ask the Lord to allow His light too shine forth from us so that others, too indeed, all nations might come to know the truth that sets us free from darkness.

REFLECTION: What is my inner feeling when I imagine my life in total darkness without the light of Christ?

In what ways has my encounter with Christ changes and transformed me?

What are the "thick clouds" in my life that do not allow the light of Christ to penetrate my heart?

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



MASS & PRAYER

TIMES

DAY

DESCRIPTION

Rosary 9.00am **SUN** *Epiphany of the Lord*
 BM Mass 9.30am **8 Jan** *Is 60: 1-6*
Eph 3: 2-3, 5-6
Mt 2: 1-12

Lauds 6.20am **MON** *The Baptism of the Lord*
 Mass (LIVE) 6.45am **9 Jan**

Lauds 6.20am
 Mass (LIVE) 6.45am **TUE**
10 Jan

DM Chaplet 3.00pm
 Lauds 6.20am
 Mass (LIVE) 6.45am **WED**
11 Jan
DM Chaplet 3.00pm

Lauds 6.20am
 Mass (LIVE) 6.45am **THU**
12 Jan
DM Chaplet 3.00pm

Lauds 6.20am
 Mass (LIVE) 6.45am **FRI** St Hilary,
13 Jan Bishop & Doctor
DM Chaplet 3.00pm

Lauds 6.20am
 Mass (LIVE) 6.45am **SAT**
14 Jan
 Novena to OMPH 5.15pm
 Mass 5.30pm

DM Chaplet 8.30am **SUN** *2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time*
 Mass 9.00am **15 Jan** *Is 49: 3, 5-6*
1 Cor 1: 1-3
Jn 1: 29-34

Prayers & Meditation

Tuesdays—Fridays at 3.00pm

Divine Mercy prayer group—church

Wed, 18 Jan at 8.15pm

CDM Charismatic Renewal Group —St. Faustina Hall

Wed, 18 Jan at 8.30pm

English Christian Meditation —3rd floor RCIA rooms

CDM Learning Center —2nd Floor Classrooms

Sun, 8, 15 & 29 Jan at 2pm

For primary school students struggling in the 3Rs—Reading, Writing & Math.
 Untuk murid sekolah rendah yang menghadapi kesukaran dalam 3M—Membaca, Menulis & Mengira.



PARISH/DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wedding Banns: Sat, 28 Jan 2023 (Wedding Service)

Justin Christopher William & Navambhighai Sivanathan
 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.

Note: For couples intending to get married in church, please meet with Fr. Michael Raymond OFM. Cap **at least 6 months** before the intended date of marriage. Contact Parish Office for other parish wedding guidelines.
Bagi pasangan yang berhasrat untuk berkahwin di gereja, sila berjumpa dengan paderi sekurang-kurangnya 6 bulan sebelum tarikh perkahwinan diingini. Hubungi Pejabat Paroki untuk garis panduan perkahwinan paroki lain.

Baptism: Sun, 8 Jan 2023 (11.00am)

Lord, by water & the Holy Spirit, You have bestowed the forgiveness of sin & raised this child to the new life of grace. Grant them a discerning heart & a spirit to love.

JASON Edison a/I Edmund

If you have a child waiting for baptism, kindly contact the Parish Office / Parish Priest for the necessary arrangements.
Jika anda sedang menunggu untuk sakramen baptisan bayi, sila hubungi pejabat paroki/paderi.

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)**

Catechism 2023 will resume on **Sun, 15 Jan at 10.45am**
CCC.2222: Parents must regard their children as children of God and respect them as human persons. Showing themselves obedient to the will of the Father in heaven, they educate their children to fulfill God's law.

DM Asian Apostolate Holy Hour-- Thu, 26 Jan at 8.00pm

PPC Meeting: Sun, 29 Jan 2023 at 2.00pm (Faustina Hall)

All Ministry & BEC Zone Leaders are required to attend.
Working closely with the Parish Priest, the Parish Pastoral Council plans & implements activities / services to reflect the Church's mission to live & communicate the values of Christ while discerning & fulfilling the needs of the parishioners.

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).