



CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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

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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 masscdm@gara@gmail.com
(*names of departed souls, thanksgiving or special intentions)
Bank Acc: **Maybank #5073 9410 1910** or via Touch N' Go
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PARISH PRIEST SPEAKS The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light (Isaiah 9:1)



Today's Psalm exhorts us to resist temptations to disobedience and lack of trust and we can make it our constant refrain to say, "Here am I, Lord, I come to do your will." Jesus made this very response to the Father on our behalf on the night before He offered His sacrifice on Calvary. During His agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, He prayed "Father not my will but yours be done" (Luke 22:42). The Psalm today describes obedience and trust not as passive resignation, as if we do not have a choice, but rather as an active, willing gift "to do your will, O my God, is my delight." Obeying God and trusting in Him, following in the footsteps of the Lamb of God, should be a cause for our delight.

The Gospel text we have with us this weekend takes us to the image of the Lamb of God to the descent of the Spirit upon Jesus at Baptism. The presence of the Spirit over the water of the Jordan in the Gospel text connects the Baptism of Jesus to the first moments of creation, when "the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters." When John says that he saw the Holy Spirit "come down like a dove from Heaven and remain upon Him," we are to recognize that in Jesus,

God has revealed the arrival of a New Creation. In Christ, we too have become a new creation. We celebrated this gift last Monday when we recalled the great gift of Baptism, which was our first sacramental encounter with the Lamb who takes away sin. When we were baptized, the power of Jesus' Death and Resurrection was applied to us personally. We received the Holy Spirit, who came down upon us and remained with us, we were freed of all sin and made holy, and we were filled with divine light. This is what it means to be a Christian. Baptism has changed us radically, has made us a new creation. If we could see the real change that takes place when a child is baptized, we would be astounded. It is the same child, yet spiritually so glorious we would barely be able to recognize him.

As we ponder today's Scripture readings, and as we "behold the Lamb of God," we put our faith in Him, we rejoice that He has made us a new creation, and we dedicate ourselves to living more fully our true identities as sons and daughters of God, saying in our hearts "Here am I Lord, I come to do your will".

REFLECTION: *How has my knowledge of Jesus as the Lamb of God, the New Creation and the Son of God further strengthened my trust and faith in Him?
In what ways do I find that obeying and trusting God is truly a cause for my joy?
Do I realize how great a treasure it is to be a child of God?
How can I show my gratefulness to God for this great gift?*



PODCAST BY Fr. Mike Schmitz: **Catechism in a Year 2023**

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

A wonderful way to get rooted to the basics of our Faith. Hardcopies of the Catechism of the Catholic Faith and the Compendium are available at the D'Vine Gift Shop

MASS ETIQUETTE:

DRESS RESPECTFULLY FOR MASS | BE PUNCTUAL | KEEP YOUR PHONES ON SILENT.

MASS & PRAYER TIMES

DAY

DESCRIPTION

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

No Mass 6.20am **MON**
6.45am **16 Jan**

Lauds 6.20am
Mass (LIVE) 6.45am **TUE**
17 Jan St Anthony, Abbot

DM Chaplet 3.00pm

No Mass **WED**
DM Chaplet 3.00pm **18 Jan**

Lauds 6.20am
Mass (LIVE) 6.45am **THU**
19 Jan

DM Chaplet 3.00pm

Lauds 6.20am
Mass (LIVE) 6.45am **FRI**
20 Jan St Fabian, Pope & Martyr
St Sebastian, Martyr

DM Chaplet 3.00pm

Lauds 6.20am
Mass (LIVE) 6.45am **SAT**
21 Jan St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
Novena to OMPH 5.15pm
Mass 5.30pm

CHINESE NEW YEAR 2023

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

DM Chaplet 8.30am **SUN**
Mass 9.00am **22 Jan**
Is 8: 23; 9: 3
Ps 26: 1-4, 13-14
Mt 4: 12-23
(or 4: 12-17)

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, 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, 21 Jan 2023 at 10.00am (Wedding Service)

Clarence Chinnaraj & Losyini Rajah

Sat, 28 Jan 2023 at 10.00am (Wedding Service)

Justin Christopher William & Navambhighai Sivanathan

God of Love & Mercy, grant these couples 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.

Catechism 2023 starts on Sun, 15 Jan at 10.45am to 12pm for Std 1 (7yr) to Form 5 (17yr). Registration for pre-school (6yr) will be at St. Faustina Hall but classes will commence at a later date.

CDM CLOW 2023 will also start on Sun, 15 Jan at 9.00am. Children from pre-school age to Std 4 are most welcome to join at the beginning of Sunday morning Mass.

CCC.2221: The role of parents in education is of such importance that it is almost impossible to provide an adequate substitute

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

Join us live from our Parish in solidarity with the regional initiative of the DM Apostolate Asia with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, special Divine Mercy prayers, Chaplet and Benediction.

Doa Suci Kerahiman Ilahi—Khamis, 26 Jan @ 8.00mlm

Ikutilah kami secara langsung dari Paroki CDM bersama dengan inisiatif serantau Apostolat Kerahiman Ilahi seluruh Asia dengan eksposisi Sakramen Maha Kudus, doa khas Kerahiman Ilahi, Chaplet dan Pentahtaan.

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.

Holiness in Leadership

A Catholic Charismatic Renewal Leaders' Retreat organized by CHARIS Penang Diocese Service of Communion.

Dates: Sat, 4 Feb (8.30am) to Sun, 5 Feb (4.30pm)

Venue: Minor Basilica of St. Anne's, BM

Contact: Adeline (012-4316238)

Registration: <https://forms.gle/YpXxe1nyA1YqBXd6A>