



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 masscdmgsara@gmail.com

(*names of departed souls, thanksgiving or special intentions)

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PARISH PRIEST SPEAKS The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27:1)



In today's Gospel, Jesus Christ, who has been hidden and silent since His birth, begins His public ministry in a significant manner. He begins doing and saying something that sets the stage for His entire ministry and indeed reveals the purpose of His coming. Jesus proclaims the central core of His teaching in His condensed appeal "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." The appeal to conversion that Jesus addresses to all people of good will is fully understood, precisely in view of the event of the manifestation of the Son of God, on which we meditated on recent Sundays. It is often impossible to change life, to abandon the path of egotism, of evil, to abandon the way of sin because we centre our commitment to conversion only on ourselves and on our strengths, and not on Christ and His Spirit.

The Gospel this weekend narrates the encounter of Jesus and His first disciples. It is the Word of Jesus, the Good News of Jesus, the Gospel that changes the world and hearts! We are thus called to trust Christ's Word, to open ourselves to the Father's mercy and allow ourselves to be transformed by the grace of the Holy Spirit. This is where a true journey of conversion begins. Just as it occurred to the first disciples, the encounter with the divine Teacher, with His gaze, with His Word, spurred them to follow Him, to change their lives by placing themselves concretely at the service of the Kingdom of God. The surprising and decisive encounter with Jesus began the disciples' journey, transforming them into proclaimers and witnesses of God's love for His people. May each of us follow in the footsteps of the Saviour to offer hope to those who thirst for it, imitating there first heralds and messengers of the Word of God.

We do remember and celebrate this weekend, Sunday of the Word of God. Pope Francis has designated the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as an annual Sunday of the Word of God. In his Apostolic Letter, *Aperuit Illis*, he outlines his vision that this day is "to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God." The title of the Letter comes from Luke 24: 45, where the evangelist tells us that the Risen Jesus appeared to the disciples on Easter Day and "He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures." The Pope explains the relationship between the Risen Lord, the community of believers and Sacred Scripture is essential to our identity as Christians. Without the Lord who opens our minds to them, it is impossible to understand the Scriptures in depth. St. Jerome could rightly claim 'Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.' Pope Francis expresses his hope that devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the Word of God, can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of His Word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world.

REFLECTION: *How do divisions and rivalries in my community life weaken my mission in the Church? How am I "fishers of men" like the first Apostles? In what way is the Cross of Christ meaningful in my life?*

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 & PRAYER

TIMES

DAY

DESCRIPTION



CHINESE NEW YEAR 2023

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Is 8: 23—9: 3
1 Cor 1: 10-13, 17
Mt 4: 12-23
(or 4: 12-17)

DM Chaplet 8.30am
Mass 9.00am

SUN
22 Jan

No Mass
MON
23 Jan

Mass (LIVE) 8.00am
DM Chaplet 3.00pm

TUE
24 Jan

St Francis de Sales,
Bishop & Doctor

Lauds 6.20am
Mass (LIVE) 6.45am

WED
25 Jan

The Conversion of
St Paul the Apostle

DM Chaplet 3.00pm

DM Holy Hour (LIVE) 8.00pm

THU
26 Jan

SS. Timothy & Titus,
Bishops

Lauds 6.20am
Mass (LIVE) 6.45am

FRI
27 Jan

St Angela Merici,
Virgin

DM Chaplet 3.00pm

Lauds 6.20am
Mass (LIVE) 6.45am

SAT
28 Jan

St Thomas Aquinas,
Priest & Doctor

Wedding Mass 10.00am
Novena to OMPH 5.15pm
Mass 5.30pm

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Zeph 2: 3; 3: 12-13
1 Cor 1: 26-31
Mt 5: 1-12a

DM Chaplet 8.30am
Mass 9.00am

SUN
29 Jan

Prayers & Meditation

Tuesdays—Fridays at 3.00pm

Divine Mercy prayer group—church

Wed, 1 & 15 Feb at 8.15pm

CDM Charismatic Renewal Group —St. Faustina Hall

Wed, 1 & 15 Feb at 8.30pm

English Christian Meditation —3rd floor RCIA rooms

Thu, 2 Feb at 8.30pm

Chinese Meditation —3rd Floor RCIA Room

增强你的信仰，与主建立更深层的关系

CDM Learning Center —2nd Floor Classrooms

Sun, 29 Jan and Sun, 12 & 19 Feb 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

We thank God for fresh starts & new beginnings. May He accept our offerings & bless our family gatherings as we share in His gifts of peace & happiness during this Chinese New Year.

~Gong Xi Fa Cai~

Fr. Michael Raymond OFM. Cap



Wedding Banns:

Sat, 28 Jan at 10.00am (Wedding Service)

Justin Christopher William & Navambighai Sivanathan

Sat, 11 Feb at 10.00am (Wedding Mass)

Paul Anthony Baskaran & Christina Joseph Anthonysamy

God of Love & Mercy, grant these couples the joy of heart and 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: Sun, 29 Jan and Sun, 12 Feb at 10.30am

No assembly for primary school at St. Faustina Hall.

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

All Ministry & BEC Zone Leaders are required to attend.

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>

A Prisoner of the Lord Retreat

Facilitated by Fr. Nelson Chitty to rediscover ourselves and true freedom, resting in quietness and focusing on the Lord, away from our obsessive preoccupation of our daily lives. For females between 25—55yr only. Fee by donation. Closing date Sun, 5 Feb.

Dates: Fri, 10 Feb (6.30pm) to Sun, 12 Feb (6.00pm)

Venue: Church of the Holy Name of Jesus, Balik Pulau

Registration: 04-866 8545 (Tue-Fri from 9am-5pm)

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)