



CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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 9am - 5pm (Tuesday - Friday)
 9am - 1pm (Saturday & Sunday)
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FEBRUARY 2023
CDM Kampung-Gu
Know our faith: How do we know the bible is the word of God?
Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions
For parishes—We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity, and welcome towards those most in need.

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 ... "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven" -Matt 5:3

The focal point of today's readings, to which we will return again and again as we ponder the readings for this week, is Jesus' proclamation of the Beatitudes. This beautiful teaching summarizes in a clear and profound way so much of what God revealed throughout the whole journey and history of Salvation about himself and about how to follow Him. Jesus sums up all His teachings and proclamations to His followers that the world is completely wrong and upside down regarding who is successful and deserves rewards. Contrary to the values of the world, it is the lowly, the poor in spirit, the humble, the meek, those who mourn, those who are insulted and persecuted for the sake of righteousness, they are the ones who are blessed. Jesus proclaims that these should "rejoice and be glad," because their "reward will be great in Heaven."

We would not even be alive at all if God had not willed us to be, and if He did not continue to hold us in being in each moment. All our talents and abilities are His gifts to us. The love and support of our family and friends comes ultimately from Him. Everything we possess finally is a gift from God. Everything we are and have begins with God and depends on Him. Even our faith in Him and our ability to thank and praise Him is itself His gift to us. Although God has already given us so many wonderful gifts, He is far from finished! He wants to continue to pour out His Spirit upon us, to purify us and transform us into the very likeness of Christ and unite us to Himself for all time. For this to happen though, we need to be ready to receive His gifts with open hands and hearts. If our hands and hearts are already full of lesser gifts, the things of this world, then we risk refusing the greater gifts that God offers us. This is why Jesus calls blessed the poor in spirit and the humble because their hands are empty as they wait to receive what God has for them. He wants everyone to have a great reward of eternal life with Him, and He offers this as His gift, but only the lowly ones are prepared to receive it. Eternal life with God cannot be earned or won, and those who refuse to accept it as a gift can never receive.

How can we understand this teaching of Jesus, which is so contradictory to the natural tendencies of our fallen human nature? We can begin by reflecting on two truths. First, that everything we are and possess comes from God purely as His gift. And secondly, that we cannot properly receive a gift if our hands are already full.

REFLECTION: *How am I responding to the many gifts that God has given me? When do I find it difficult to live out the spirit of the Beatitudes in my life? What are the things of the world that fill my heart, preventing me from receiving the fullness of God's gifts?*

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 Mass 9.00am	SUN 29 Jan	4th Sunday of Ordinary Time Zeph 2: 3; 3: 12-13 1 Cor 1: 26-31 Mt 5: 1-12a
No Mass	MON 30 Jan	
Lauds 6.20am Mass (LIVE) 6.45am	TUE 31 Jan	St John Bosco, Priest
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am Mass (LIVE) 6.45am	WED 01 Feb	
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
DM Chaplet 3.00pm Mass 8.00pm	THU 02 Feb	The Presentation of the Lord
DM Chaplet 3.00pm Holy Hour followed by Mass 8.00pm	FRI 03 Feb	St Blaise, Bishop & Martyr St Ansgar, Bishop
Lauds 6.20am Grotto Mass (LIVE) 6.45am followed by Rosary	SAT 04 Feb	
Novena to OMPH 5.15pm Mass 5.30pm		
DM Chaplet 8.30am Mass 9.00am	SUN 05 Feb	5th Sunday of Ordinary Time Is 58: 7-10 Ps 111: 4-9 1 Cor 2: 1-5

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, 9 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
Sundays, 29 Jan and 12 & 19 Feb at 2.00pm
 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

Baptism: Sun, 5 Feb at 11.00am
GABRIEL ASHER Nilantha
 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.
Note: If you have a child waiting for baptism, kindly contact the Parish Office / Parish Priest for the necessary arrangements.
Nota: Jika anda sedang menunggu untuk sakramen baptisan bayi, sila hubungi pejabat paroki/paderi.

Wedding Banns: Sat, 11 Feb at 10.00am (Wedding Mass)
Paul Anthony Baskaran & Christina Joseph Anthonysamy
 God of Love & Mercy, grant this couple 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.

Catechism 2023: Sundays, 29 Jan & 12 Feb at 10.30am
 No assembly for primary school at St. Faustina Hall. Coffee Morning by the Parents Support Group will resume at the Basement. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

PPC Meeting: Sun, 29 Jan 2023 at 2.00pm (Faustina Hall)
 All Ministry & BEC Zone Leaders are required to attend.

World Day of the Sick: Sat, 18 Feb at 10.00am
 Registrations start on Sat, 28 Jan until Sun, 12 Feb.

BEC Leaders' Meeting: Tue, 7 Feb at 8.30pm
BEC Gathering: Fri, 17 Feb 2023 at 8.30pm
Basic Ecclesial Community is understood as an area-based grouping of 10-20 families, where there's a sense of belonging, faith sharing, life witnessing and service in love & hope.

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 (cepenang@gmail.com)

