



CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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 9am - 5pm (Tuesday - Friday)
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MASS OFFERINGS

Weekday mass offerings: at least 48 hours in advance.
Weekend mass offerings: before 12pm Wednesday
 Email receipt & details* to mascdmsgara@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**

CDM Kampung-Ku --- OCTOBER 2023

Live our faith: Why does a loving God allow so much suffering in the world?

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

Parish Priest speaks...

"You too go into my vineyard!" Ever since the beginning of the mission of Jesus, this very invitation has never failed to resound in the course of history. It is addressed to every person who comes into this world. It is being addressed to each of us with a greater urgency today: "You too go into my vineyard!"

The "vineyard of God" is a biblical image with deep roots in the Old Testament. The Gospel parable builds on this "vineyard" tradition. The landowner is God, and His vineyard is His Kingdom. Those hired first are the Israelites, the first to whom God offered His Covenant. In Jesus Christ, the Covenant relationship with God is extended to all the nations of the world and to every period of history. The parable is about the generosity of God, who is so eager that all nations be saved, that He keeps "going out," seeking more workers to send into His vineyard.

Jesus also used the biblical image of the "vine" to reveal the truth about Himself and our relationship with Him. "I am the true Vine, and my Father is the vine grower; I am the Vine, you are the branches" (Jn 15: 1, 5). Jesus is the Kingdom of God in Person; He is the new Vine of God, and we are called to bear fruit by being branches of the Vine. So, the invitation: "You too go into my vineyard" is an urgent call to take our place in God's Kingdom, to be branches of the Vine of Jesus Christ. The wages of working in the vineyard are a full share in the life of Christ, and in the Covenant, blessings promised to the House of Israel of

old. Anyone can receive a full day's pay, including those who were evangelized in later periods of history and those who respond to the call of faith later in life. God is generous with His money! He is free to bestow the blessings of eternal life on whoever is willing to accept them.

Jesus repeats and renews this invitation with urgency: "You too go into my vineyard!" The urgency is highlighted in the reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah: "Seek the LORD while He may be found, call to Him while He is near." There will certainly come a time when it will be too late. Jesus can be found now; He is near now; so now is the time to respond to His invitation by accepting to go into His vineyard. His goal in calling us is not simply to use us as laborers. He wants to share with us His relationship with the Father, to make us sons and daughters of God.

How do we remain attached to the Vine who is Jesus and so work in God's Kingdom as His beloved sons and daughters? The power to do so comes from God, but we must make a personal response by striving to live according to His will. St. Paul describes this way of life as striving to "conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the Gospel of Christ." There is no better way of evangelizing than through an authentic Christian life. Every day gives us new opportunities to work in the Lord's vineyard. What is essential is that we decide to listen and respond to the invitation of the Lord: "You too go into my vineyard!"

"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." - Matthew 20:16

REFLECTION:

*How can living an authentic Christian life be a way of evangelization?
 How can my hidden sacrifices, sufferings and prayer be a way of working in the vineyard of the Lord?
 How is God calling me to work in His vineyard?*



MASS & PRAYER TIMES

DAY DESCRIPTION

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

DM Chaplet 8.30am **SUN** **25th Sunday of Ordinary Time**
 Mass 9.00am **24 Sep** *Is 55: 6-9*
Phil 1: 20-24, 27
Mt 20: 1-16

No Mass **MON** **25 Sep**

Lauds 6.20am
 Mass 6.45am **TUE** **26 Sep** SS. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

DM Chaplet 3.00pm

Lauds 6.20am
 Mass 6.45am **WED** **27 Sep** St Vincent de Paul, Priest

DM Chaplet 3.00pm

Public Holiday: Prophet Muhammad's Birth day

Mass 8.00am **THU** **28 Sep** St Wenceslaus, Martyr
 SS. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

DM Holy Hour 8.00pm

Lauds 6.20am
 Mass 6.45am **FRI** **29 Sep** The Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

DM Chaplet 3.00pm

CDM 10th Anniversary



Lauds 6.20am
 Mass 6.45am **SAT** **30 Sep** St Jerome, Priest & Doctor

Novena for OMPH
 Mass 5.30pm

DM Chaplet 8.30am **SUN** **26th Sunday of Ordinary Time**
 Mass 9.00am **01 Oct** *Ez 18: 25-28*
Phil 2: 1-11
(or 2: 1-5)
Mt 21: 28-32

Prayers & Meditation

Tuesdays—Fridays at 3.00pm
 Divine Mercy prayer group: St. JP II Adoration Room
Wed, 4 & 18 Oct at 8.30pm
 English Christian Meditation: St. JP II Adoration Room
Wed, 11 & 25 Oct at 8.15pm
 CDM Charismatic Renewal Group —St. Faustina Hall

PHONE COUNSELLING SERVICES

If you are overwhelmed with stress, anxiety & depression, help is now a phone call away. A proper counselling time will be arranged. High confidentiality assured.
 Contact the following for an appointment:
 Tel: 011-10522313 / Email: cdmhelpdesk117@gmail.com
"...do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go" - Joshua 1:9

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

On 29th Sep 2023, we will celebrate our 10th anniversary as a Parish, a remarkable journey filled with milestones of faith-life. I believe it's a graced time to reflect on the past, to embrace the present & envision a future filled with God's grace. As we commemorate this occasion, let us recommit ourselves to the mission to grow, serve & be connected.

For we are partners working together for God; you are God's field. You are also God's building -1 Cor 3:9

Wishing all of you a blessed anniversary
-Fr. Michael Raymond OFM. Cap

Wedding Banns: Sat, 30 Sep 2023

11.00am (Service): Lim Yit Teng & Candice Marie Clarke
3.00pm (Service): Tan Yee Vih & Grace Yen Lean Lyn

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 make an appointment with the Parish Priest **at least 6 months** before the intended date of marriage.

Dates: Sundays; 24 Sep & 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Oct 2023

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW): 9.00am

Catechism: 10.45am

CDM Learning Centre: 2.00pm

RCIA Journey #10 (2023/2024)

Every Sunday (10.30am—1.00pm) at 3rd floor classrooms.



WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

Multilingual Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Raphael (from Indonesia) and Fr. Michael Raymond OFM. Cap followed by coffee morning with Indonesian & Filipino specials & karaoke at St. Faustina Hall this **Sun, 24 Sep at 9.00am**

DIVINE VOICES

If you love to sing and interested in vocal training, the Divine Voices are preparing for Christmas carolling and would love for you to join! Open to all ages!
 Practice held on **Sundays from 2.00pm to 3.30pm** at the 3rd floor classrooms. Contact: Pamela (012-9133605).

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR. Thur, 28 Sep at 8.00pm

Join us in solidarity alongside the DM Apostolate Asia with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, special Divine Mercy prayers, Chaplet & Benediction.

Tamil CHOICE Weekend

A programme for Tamil-speaking single, working adults.
 Date/Time: **Thur, 26 Oct (7.00pm) - Sun, 29 Oct (5.00pm)**
 Venue: Minor Basilica of St. Anne, BM
 Fee: RM150/pax (stay-in)

Contact to register by **15 Oct**: Napolian (011-21811992)

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT (KUALA LUMPUR)

A scriptural-based retreat designed to help those struggling with emotional and spiritual pain of an abortion.

Dates: **Fri, 10 Nov—Sun, 12 Nov 2023**

Contact Mary for enquiries/registration by **10 Oct**:

(016-4190538) or healinggracerachelsvineyard@gmail.com