



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)
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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 the church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

Parish Priest speaks...

As we step into the reflection this weekend, it may be helpful to review some of the background to the cunning question that is brought to Jesus in today's Gospel. The Pharisees and the Herodians, who in this account are collaborating in their opposition to Jesus, in fact came from opposite ends of the religious spectrum. The Pharisees represented strict religious purity and separation from the Gentiles, while the Herodians were a political faction, supporters of King Herod.

Together they plotted to trap Jesus by forcing Him into a dilemma. They asked Him, "Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" If He agrees that it is permissible to pay tax to Caesar, He will appear to be a Roman sympathiser and the Pharisees can denounce Him to the Jews for whom the Roman rule was an intolerable burden. On the other hand, if He says payment of the tax is prohibited, the Herodians can report Him to the Roman authorities for instigating a tax revolt.

Jesus sees their malice and hypocrisy, and immediately exposes their real intention. He does not refuse to answer. Instead, He uses the question as an opportunity to teach them a crucial lesson about God and about human beings, namely that we must respect earthly authority, but that God is the King and Ruler of all, and all of us, including emperors, must submit to God.

This teaching is rich in meaning. Jesus makes it clear that both civic and religious obligations can be legitimately met. Paying taxes, even to a secular government, does not compromise our commitment to God, nor does being a Christian exempt us from civic responsibilities. As Christians living in the world, we are to respect civil authority because in this way we cooperate with God's

plan. We "give to Caesar" by honest payment of taxes, voting in elections, serving in the military, obeying the law, and participating in public life. At the same time, our vision extends beyond our own nation, and even beyond this world. We belong to God, and He commissions us to help all people know that they belong to God. This is the great task of evangelization that we focus on as we celebrate World Mission Sunday today.

Our mission is to transform society with the spirit of the Gospel, like Paul, Silvanus and Timothy did in their mission to Thessalonica. Later they wrote back to the disciples there, as we read in today's second reading. Paul and his companions declare echoing the theme of today's other readings that the Church belongs not to them but to "God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." The missionaries are happy to be able to report that the Thessalonians, whose conversion they attribute to the power of the Holy Spirit, are following the way they have learned, by their "work of faith and labour of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ."

This way of living in faith, hope, and love describes the mission entrusted to us all. We all have a unique and important role to play. Some are called to leave home and dedicate themselves to spreading the Gospel in places where it is not yet known. Others are sent to a mission territory no further away than their own family, neighbourhood, and workplace. The mission of the Church is rather to make known the communion with God and with one another made possible by the Blood of Jesus Christ. We are all, therefore, called to help others know that they belong to God, that they are made for an eternal communion with God and His saints in Heaven.

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." - Matthew 22:21

REFLECTION:

*How do I respect the laws of my country and the laws of God?
 Today being Mission Sunday, in what ways am I a missionary?*

How am I supporting my brothers and sisters to enable them to know God better?



MASS & PRAYER TIMES

Mission Sunday

Rosary 8.30am SUN
 Mass 9.00am 22 Oct

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Is 45: 1, 4-6
1 Th 1: 1-5
Mt 22: 15-21

No Mass MON 23 Oct St John of Capestrano, Priest

Lauds 6.20am TUE 24 Oct St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
 Mass 6.45am

DM Chaplet 3.00pm

Lauds 6.20am WED 25 Oct
 Mass 6.45am

DM Chaplet 3.00pm

Lauds 6.20am THU 26 Oct
 Mass 6.45am

DM Chaplet 3.00pm

Lauds 6.20am FRI 27 Oct
 Mass 6.45am

DM Chaplet 3.00pm

Lauds 6.20am SAT 28 Oct SS. Simon and Jude, Apostles
 Mass 6.45am
 Novena for OMPH 5.15pm
 Mass 5.30pm

Rosary 8.30am SUN 29 Oct 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time
 Mass 9.00am *Ex 22: 20-26*
1 Th 1: 5-10
Mt 22: 34-40

Prayers & Meditation

Tuesdays—Fridays at 3.00pm

Divine Mercy prayer group: St. JP II Adoration Room

Wed, 25 Oct; 8 & 22 Nov at 8.15pm

CDM Charismatic Renewal Group —St. Faustina Hall

Friday, 27 Oct at 8.30pm

Rosary at Grotto followed by pot-bless fellowship

Wed, 1 & 15 Nov at 8.30pm

English Christian Meditation: St. JP II Adoration Room

Thur, 16 Nov at 8.30pm

Chinese Christian Meditation —St. Faustina Hall

基督徒默禱。与主建立更深层的关系

MASS COLLECTIONS

Week ending 15 Oct 2023: RM5734.00

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wedding Bann:

Sat, 28 Oct 2023

10.00am (Mass): **Alvin George & Flora Francis**

1.00pm (Mass): **Johnical & Evelyn**

3.00pm (Service): **Raymond Raj & Dhevarani**

Sat, 4 Nov 2023

10.00am (Service): **Perry Tan & Stephanie Leong**

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; 22 & 29 Oct 2023**

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

Catechism: 10.45am

CDM Learning Centre: 2.00pm



COFFEE MORNING by Prison Ministry on **Sun, 22 Oct.**

Closing of Month of Rosary on **Tue, 31 Oct** at **8.00pm.**

Grotto Mass followed by candle-lit rosary procession around church compound.

PARISH ASSEMBLY on **Sun, 5 Nov (11am).** Please pray for a fruitful outcome for our parish's spiritual direction & mission. All are highly encouraged to attend.

ALL SAINTS' DAY (1 NOV 2023) Day of Obligation

Mass at **6.45am** and **8.00pm**

All encouraged to come dressed in the symbolic colours of white & gold/yellow. Pray & Pick a bookmark of a saint and doughnuts will be given out after 8.00pm Mass. Do the "Walk of Saints" with your family/BEC to gain a better understanding of our CDM Saints.

ALL SOULS' DAY (2 NOV 2023)

Drop your love messages & photos of your dearly departed into the box provided near the ground floor office. They will be strung up near the altar on All Souls' Day.

GENESIS YOUTHS OF MERCY: YOUTH CAMP

Calling all Form 1 - 5 to join in the 3D2N camp filled with food, fun & fellowship!

Date: **Fri, 10 Nov—Sun, 12 Nov** (register by 31 Oct)

Fees: RM50/pax (incl. T-shirt) or RM35/pax

Contact Agape (016-6441187) or @genesisyouthscdm (IG)

DIVINE VOICES

Join us in preparation for Christmas carolling.

Practice held on **Sundays from 2.00pm to 3.30pm** at the 3rd floor classrooms. Contact: Pamela (012-9133605).

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER PENANG 2023

A marriage preparation programme to explore & deepen your relationship with each other and God.

Registration fee: RM400/couple

Dates available: Weekend #137 **Fri, 17 Nov to Sun, 19 Nov**

Venue: Stella Maris, Tanjung Bungah

Contact: Martin & Clementine (ceepenang@gmail.com)