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CDM Kampung-Ku --- NOVEMBER 2023
Live our faith: Why do Catholics believe in purgatory?
Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions
We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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**
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Parish Priest speaks...
 In 2016, Pope Francis declared that the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time should be celebrated each year as the World Day of the Poor. This weekend gives us an opportunity for deeper reflection on how we can show solidarity and compassion for our brothers and sisters who are materially and spiritually poor. Today we also acknowledge our own poverty before God. The treasure of the Gospel speaks of a master who is willing to entrust his servants with talents, a sign of God's generosity and willingness to trust us. There are two inter-related elements at work in the Gospel text, God's providence, and human receptivity. God by His nature is abundance and to each of His creatures, God entrusts His gift "to each according to his ability."
 Differences in how we might receive our "talents" are revealed in the examples of the three servants. Two of them receive their talents with a prompt sense of responsibility. The enormous treasure entrusted to them does not intimidate them nor make them feel self-importance. Rather, thy focus on the life-giving purpose behind their master's generosity; they want to do what he wants done. The third servant chooses to be overwhelmed with fear. What is worse, he justifies himself by blaming his fear on his generous master, accusing him of being unfair and exploitative: "I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter." This blatant untruth becomes the basis for the worst possible attitude. The third servant, a recipient of a huge treasure, impoverishes himself, making himself into a "wicked, lazy servant." If we want to be spiritually rich, the starting point is acknowledging the gifts

of God with gratitude. But acknowledging and appreciating God's gift of grace can have pitfalls too. One danger is complacency. When we are blessed with abilities and wealth, we tend to get too comfortable. We start to focus on ourselves too much and on the good life that we have. We welcome the gifts and forget about the Giver. St. Paul warns us through his Letter to the Thessalonians, where he highlights the need for vigilance: "let us not sleep as the rest do but let us stay alert and sober." In this exhortation, Paul calls us to practice the virtue of poverty of spirit. We are never right to sit back and say, "Peace and security," as if we can rely on material wealth or even on spiritual advantages. We are to be constantly waiting on the Lord, attuned to His will. We are to live our lives soberly, that is, with healthy detachment from whatever advantages and gifts we may have. We are to be poor before God, totally relying on His providence and not on ourselves and our abilities. For us to live and grow in the virtue of poverty, today's Psalm prescribes for us Fear of the Lord. "Blessed are you who fear the LORD, who walk in His ways!" This is not the servile fear that characterised the third servant in the Gospel, the fear that fosters antagonism and crippling inaction. The gift of fear that the Psalm refers to is childlike and grateful awe and wonder. "Fear of the Lord" is one of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. It is a fear that animates rather than cripples. It brings out in us a sense of deep gratitude that compels us to share our abundance with others. Fear in this sense helps us to grow in the virtue of poverty because it justly reminds us that all that we have comes from God and that the right use of our talents is to promptly help others as God would have us do.

We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us know sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.
1 Thessalonians 5:6
 REFLECTION:
How do I show gratitude for all the treasures, talents and gifts that God has given me?
How am I poor before God and others?
How does my poverty put me in communion with others who are spiritually and materially poor?

MASS & PRAYER TIMES	DAY	DESCRIPTION
DM Chaplet 8.30am Mass 9.00am	SUN 19 Nov	33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Prov 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31 1 Th 5: 1-6 Mt 25: 14-30 (or 25: 14-15, 19-21)

No Mass	MON 20 Nov	
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	TUE 21 Nov	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	WED 22 Nov	St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	THU 23 Nov	St Clement I, Pope & Martyr St Columban, Abbot
DM Holy Hour 8.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	FRI 24 Nov	SS. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, And Companions
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	SAT 25 Nov	St Catharine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr
Novena for OMPH 5.15 PM Mass 5.30PM		

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

DM Chaplet 8.30am Mass 9.00am	SUN 26 Nov	34th Sunday of Ordinary Time Ez 34: 11-12, 15-17 1 Cor 15: 20-26, 28 Mt 25: 31-46
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CHRISTMAS CLEAN & DECO
Sat, 2 Dec
Bring your extra ornaments to decorate the church compound.

ADVENT-URE TO THE MANGER
Sun, 3 Dec
Explore your creativity in wreath-making together as a family.

WISHTREE & OUTREACH
Sat, 9 & 16 Dec
Spreading the cheer of the season to the less fortunate

CHRISTMAS PARTY POTBLESS
Sat, 16 Dec
Showcase your family recipes or culinary skills for the potbless

MASS COLLECTIONS
 Week ending 12 Nov 2023: RM4912.25

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dates: **Sundays; 19 & 26 Nov 2023**
Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW): 9.00am
CDM Learning Centre: 2.00pm
RCIA Journey #10 (2023/2024)
Every Sunday (10.30am—1.00pm) at 3rd floor classrooms.

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR. Thur, 23 Nov 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.

CHRISTMAS TOGETHER (1 FAMILY: 16-12)
 Come join in the various activities lined up from the First Sunday of Advent! Sign up and get more info from the booths at the church porch this weekend.

- 1) *Christmas Clean & Deco* on **Sat, 2 Dec (8.30am-12pm)**
- 2) From **Sat, 18 Nov** onwards:
Christmas Outreach & Wishtree requests & donations
CDM Christmas Party pot-bless contributions
- 3) *Wreath-making with Advent-ure to the Manger* on **Sun, 3 Dec (10.30am** at St. Faustina Hall)

CDM CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
 Jumble sale 'Unwanted to Wanted', music & carolling, sale of plants & veggies from Rooftop Garden, sale of biscuits & rice wine from women entrepreneurs. *Bring Your Own Bag.*
 Venue: St. Faustina Hall
 Dates/Times: **Sat, 9 Dec (2pm-5pm)**
Sun, 10 Dec (10am-1pm)

CLOW T-SHIRT CHRISTMAS PROMOTION
 Everyone's favourite t-shirt designs are now on promotion! Mix and match any 4pc for RM100. Sizes and designs subject to availability. Find us near the D'Vine Gift Shop or contact Jocelyn (018-4091266).

GOD'S WORD & DAILY GOSPEL 2024
 Please place your orders at the D'Vine Gift Shop along with your contact details. Pre-payment will be required and you will be contacted once stock arrives.
JUST IN: The New Jerusalem bibles and Al-Kitab in Bahasa Malaysia & Indonesia are currently available for purchase.

CHRISTMAS CAROLLING HOUSE-TO-HOUSE
Closing date: Sun, 26 Nov
 The Divine Voices has opened up for BEC Zone house-to-house carolling from **Fri 8 Dec to Sun, 10 Dec**. For those interested, do contact your BEC Leader for further details.

PRAYERS & MEDITATION
Tuesdays—Fridays at 3.00pm
 Divine Mercy prayer group: St. JP II Adoration Room
Wed, 22 Nov at 8.15pm
 CDM Charismatic Renewal Group —St. Faustina Hall
Wed, 6 & 20 Dec at 8.30pm
 English Christian Meditation: St. JP II Adoration Room