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 9.00am - 5.00pm (Tuesday - Friday) | 9.00am - 1.00pm (Saturday & Sunday)



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CDM Kampung-Ku -- (January 2024) Diversity - Though many yet one. All prayer leads to God

Parish Priest speaks...

During this Octave of Christmas, we rejoice and celebrate the arrival of Jesus, the Son of God. He has entered into time, into human history and culture, taking upon Himself all that is human, to transform it all and to give it meaning. He has entered truly to become a member of every family. It is most fitting, then, that we celebrate today's Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph within this joyous Octave. It is a feast which is even more important in our times. In the Holy Family of Nazareth, God in His goodness has given us a most shining example of family life. The readings invite us to ponder the virtues and values reflected by Jesus, Mary, and Joseph in their family life together. We are called to imitate them, so that we may, one day, delight in the eternal rewards of Heaven together with them.

It is no surprise, then, that this year we ponder the exemplary faith of Abraham in both the first and the second reading. We admire Abraham's faith as the model response to God's initiative of love. The account of his pilgrimage of faith reminds us that everything begins with God, who reveals Himself to us. It is not we who choose God but God who chooses us first. This is what Abraham experienced in the first reading: the Lord made a covenant with him and remembered it. He promised that Abraham's descendants would be as numerous as the stars in the sky, a promise of a "heavenly" family. And the first sign that the divine promise would be fulfilled was the gift of Isaac, the son given to Abraham and Sarah in their old age.

After receiving the promise from God, Abraham had a long wait. Feelings of weariness, despondency, and uncertainty lurked around his heart. He did not yield to these feelings but "put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness." The Letter to the Hebrews describes how Abraham's faith in God remained unwavering. "By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go." What great faith in God! And his faith was proven to be even greater when it was put to the test. Abraham did not hesitate to offer up the only son that was given to him after a long waiting period, for he trusted that God was able to raise him up.

In Abraham we clearly see a life of unshakable faith in God's loving care, a life of total surrender to God's will. What does this have to do with the family? This faith is the very foundation of the lives of Mary and Joseph, whom we read about in today's Gospel. Like Abraham, they put their faith into action. Faith moves them to show great respect and obedience for the law of the Lord.

The aspect of the life of the Holy Family that is highlighted this year is obedience to God's law, which is an expression of our faith and trust in God who loves us. We are all called to respond to God's initiative of love by faith. This, in practice, means submission to God's will and observance of His law in daily life, with all its ups and downs. No family is without trials, but every family that is founded on faith in God, that strives to serve God and do His will, will discover the secret of lasting peace, harmony, and joy.

"Behold, this child is destined... to be a sign that will be contradicted & you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." - Luke 2: 34-35

REFLECTION:

How does the faith and trust of Abraham in God encourage me in my daily trials?
 How is faith the foundation of my family life after the example of the Holy Family?
 When do I find it difficult to express my faith and trust in the love of God for me?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wedding Banns: Sat, 13 Jan 2024 | Service at 10.30am

Tan Chong Yih & Maria Angelina

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.

MEETING WITH PARENTS

Fr. Michael Raymond OFM.Cap would like to meet with all parents of children attending catechism on **Sun, 7 Jan 2024** (after morning Mass) at St Faustina Hall. There will be registration for the pre-school class after the meeting. Parents please come to learn how you can help your child's faith journey in this Year of Prayer.



THANKSGIVING SOLEMN MASS

You're invited to Thanksgiving Solemn Mass celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Sebastian Francis on his appointment as Cardinal to the Sacred College of Cardinals at the consistory in Rome.

Date/Time: **Mon, 8 Jan 2024 (6.00pm)**

Venue: Minor Basilica of St. Anne, BM

CATHOLIC FORMATION FOR EVANGELIZERS

A Missionary Discipleship Formation brought to you through the School for New Evangelization (SNE) by the Penang Diocesan New Evangelization Commission (PDNEC).

Venue: Stella Maris Penang Road Formation Hall

Dates/Times: **Sat, 27 Jan 2024 (8.00am - 4.30pm)**

Sun, 28 Jan 2024 (12.30pm - 7.15pm)

Registration Fee: RM20 per pax (closing date Wed, 10 Jan 2024)

For more information contact: Jeanne J Saw @ 016-455 4597

Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/PsnZVwTsS2bfa4Fu8>

Mass & Prayer Times		Date	Description
DM Chaplet	8.30am	Sun 31 Dec	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Gen 15: 1-6; 21: 1-3 Hebr 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19 Lk 2: 22-40
Mass	9.00am		
Rosary	10.00pm		
New Year's Eve Mass	10.30pm		
Rosary	9.00am	Mon 01 Jan	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
New Year's Day Mass	9.30am		
Lauds	6.20am	Tue 02 Jan	Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors
Mass	6.45am		
DM Chaplet	3.00pm		
Lauds	6.20am	Wed 03 Jan	The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Mass	6.45am		
DM Chaplet	3.00pm		
Lauds	6.20am	Thu 04 Jan	
Mass	6.45am		
DM Chaplet	3.00pm		
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	Fri 05 Jan	
Holy Hour followed by Mass	8.00pm		
Lauds	6.20am	Sat 06 Jan	
Grotto Mass	6.45am		
followed by Rosary			
Novena to OMPH	5.15pm		
Mass	5.30pm		
DM Chaplet	8.30am	Sun 07 Jan	The Epiphany of the Lord Is 60: 1-6 Eph 3: 2-3, 5-6 Mt 2: 1-12
Mass	9.00am		



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Wed, 3 & 17 Jan (8.30pm)--JPII Adoration Room

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL Wed, 10 & 24 Jan (8.15pm)--St. Faustina Hall

CHINESE MEDITATION Thu, 11 Jan (8.30pm)--St. Faustina Hall