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# CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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



## CDM Kampung-Ku -- (May 2024) Fruits of prayer - Service

### Parish Priest speaks...

The Easter Season has given us several images of God and our relationship with Him. On the Fourth Sunday of Easter, Jesus spoke of Himself as the Good Shepherd and identified us as the sheep of His flock. Last week He said that He is the vine, and we are the branches. In today's Gospel, Jesus reveals the secret element that connects the Shepherd and His sheep, the vine, and the branches, the love. He gives us the commandment that makes us most like Him: "Love one another as I love you."

The word "love" is loaded, in fact some would say overloaded with many different meanings. At most moments, the word "love" connotes the powerful emotions we associate with "being in love." On the most profound level, we speak of God's love for us and our love for Him. In giving us the commandment of love, Jesus clarifies the precise kind of love He means: "Love one another as I love you." He immediately goes on to speak about what "as I love you" means. He loves us with the greatest kind of love: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." Jesus is giving this message on the very night before His death. He is speaking about how He loves not placing on us a demand that He avoids, but rather showing us first what He means by laying down His life on the Cross.

St. John, who heard Jesus give the commandment of love and who was

standing at the foot of the Cross when Jesus revealed the greatest love of all, writes about this love in the second reading. In this way the love of God was revealed to us, God sent His only Son into the world so that we might have life through Him. In this is love, not that we have loved God, but that He has loved us and sent His Son as expiation for our sins. At the heart of John's words about love is one short but overwhelming statement: God is love. If God is love and we are made in His image, then we are all images of love. When Jesus tells us to "go and bear fruit that will remain," He is telling us to love, to bear the fruit of love.

Perhaps when we hear Jesus speak of love as a laying down of one's life, we think of great martyrs like St. Maximilian Kolbe, who gave up his life to save a fellow prisoner of war in a Nazi concentration camp. It is inspiring to reflect on such heroic examples, but we should not think that opportunities to love are unusual and remote. The commandment of love applies to us every day. There are many ways to lay down our lives. When we are busy, for example, laying down our lives may mean giving up some of our precious time. Being called upon to put aside our own plans, even for a little while, because someone has a need, can be a real death to self. When we must do something unfamiliar, or something we feel incapable of doing, such as visiting the sick or the imprisoned, our feelings of fear and vulnerability are awakened. Love moves us out of our comfort zone.

**"This I command you: love one another." - John 15:17**

#### REFLECTION:

How can I practice the commandment "Love one another as I love you" in my daily life?  
In what ways do I sometimes misuse or misunderstand the concept of love?  
When have I experienced or witnessed a small, everyday act of selflessness? How did it affect me?

### PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS



- CATECHISM** Sundays (10.45am) 5, 12, 19 May 2024
- CHRISTIAN MEDITATION** Wed, 15 May (8.30pm)--JPII Adoration Room
- CHARISMATIC RENEWAL GROUP** Wed, 8 & 29 May (8.15pm)--St Faustina Hall
- CHINESE CHRISTIAN MEDITATION** Thur, 16 May (8.30pm)--JPII Adoration Room

### HARVEST FESTIVAL CELEBRATION & THANKSGIVING MASS

Lucky draw tickets are being sold at RM3 each in conjunction with the celebration and Mass at 5.30pm will be celebrated in BM.

Date/Time: **Sat, 11 May (4.30pm)**

For information, contact: Karen (016-854 8158) or Bella (010-449 8342)

### CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND (English)

A marriage preparation course for those who intend to get married in church.

For further details on church marriage procedures, please make an appointment with Fr. Michael Raymond OFM.Cap

Weekend #139: **Fri, 10 May to Sun, 12 May 2024**

Weekend #140: **Fri, 9 Aug to Sun, 11 Aug 2024**

Weekend #141: **Fri, 8 Nov to Sun, 10 Nov 2024**

Venue: Stella Maris Retreat Centre, Penang

### THE PROPHETS: MESSENGER OF GOD'S MERCY series by Ascension Press

ZOOM sessions organised by the Penang Diocese New Evangelical Commission (PDNEC). No registration fees. Registrations close on **Mon, 20 May**

Dates/Time: **Tuesdays, 4 June - 13 August 2024 (8.15pm - 10.00pm)**

Registration link: <https://shorturl.at/hkLY6> (or via Linktree QR)

For information, contact Jeanne J Saw (016-455 4597) via Whatsapp/SMS

### RETRouvaille - A MARRIAGE LIFELINE (KL)

For any married couple whose marriage is being torn apart, rebuild the loving relationship you once had.

Dates: **Fri, 7 June - Sun, 9 June**

For information: Angeline (012-2072 150) or email: [retrouvaille@orchkl.org](mailto:retrouvaille@orchkl.org)

### 7TH CATHOLIC SINGLES DATING HUB

Organised by the Penang Diocesan Family Life Ministry, this is a networking platform for Catholic singles (27 - 45 years old) to meet and mingle.

Date: **Fri, 6 Sept - Sun, 8 Sept 2024**

Venue: Domus, Minor Basilica of St. Anne's, Bukit Mertajam.

Fees: RM360.00 (Inclusive of food & lodging) **closing date on Sun, 25 Aug**

Registration link: <https://shorturl.at/LTXZ> (or via Linktree QR)

Contact: Maria (019-4806 281) or Theresa (017-5788 192)

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
		<b>6th Sunday of Easter</b>
Rosary 8.30am	<b>Sun 05 May</b>	Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48
Mass 9.00am		1 Jn 4: 7-10 Jn 15: 9-17
No Mass	<b>Mon 06 May</b>	
Lauds 6.20am		
Mass 6.45am	<b>Tue 07 May</b>	
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am		
Mass 6.45am	<b>Wed 08 May</b>	
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am		
Mass 6.45am	<b>Thu 09 May</b>	<b>Ascension of the Lord</b>
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Rosary 8.00pm		
Mass 8.30pm		
Lauds 6.20am		
Mass 6.45am	<b>Fri 10 May</b>	St John De Avila, Priest & Doctor of the Church
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am		
Mass 6.45am	<b>Sat 11 May</b>	
Upacara Novena to OMPH 4.30pm		
5.15pm		
BM Mass 5.30pm		
Rosary 8.30am	<b>Sun 12 May</b>	<b>7th Sunday of Easter</b>
Mass 9.00am		Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26 1 Jn 4: 11-16 Jn 17: 11-19