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CDM Kampung-Ku -- (June 2024) *The Jesus Factor - Serving As Our Master Did*

Parish Priest speaks...

When it comes to seeds, we do not expect to see everything that is going on within them. Planted beneath the surface of the earth, we cannot even see the seed itself, much less the marvelous changes that take place within it. If we force our way into the process, if we dig up the seed and break it open to see how it grows, our interference destroys the whole thing. We prevent the very growth we are so eager to understand. When we humbly accept the process of the seed growing "of its own accord," we can go about our usual business, and "sleep and rise night and day," confident that it will eventually break forth and produce a beautiful flower, shrub, or tree. This confidence is trust in God, for God is in charge of creation. He is the Lord of all life, directing every creature to develop as He has designed it even if we "know not how." As we read in today's passage from the prophet Ezekiel, the Lord is the one who determines the outcome of each plant's life. The Lord's message through Ezekiel is not a lesson on divine agriculture. The "plants" that the Lord is most concerned about are the people He has created in His own image. Today's Psalm makes this clear. The "palm tree" and the "cedar of Lebanon" are images of the just men and women who flourish because they are "planted in the house of the LORD." When we live according to the will of God, under the watchful care of His providence, we grow spiritually "vigorous and sturdy," and we "shall bear fruit even in old

age." In other words, the weaknesses that we are aware of, due to our limitations, littleness, and human frailties, are not what determine our growth and fruitfulness. We belong to the Lord, who sees the vast potential of even the smallest mustard seed, and He desires that we bear much fruits. So, we pray in the words of the Psalm: "Lord, it is good to give thanks to you!"

Baptism immerses us in the mystery of the hidden, powerful life that comes from God. We can say that through this great Sacrament we have been "planted in the house of the LORD." We can also affirm that a "seed" has been planted within us, the seed of faith. We cannot see very well the inner life of this seed, which often appears weak and tiny, like a mustard seed. We do not know exactly what its growth will look like or when it will produce its fruit. But we can be sure that this seed of faith has its own inner power to bear much fruit.

The Lord invites us to cooperate, with confident trust and humble patience, with His life-giving Spirit, for it is He who makes the seed which He has planted grow and bear fruit. Together with the Lord, under His guidance, we work hard for His glory and for the growth of His Kingdom. Our spiritual growth is much more important than the growth of a single seed under the earth. God Himself, in His perfect timing accomplished His work through us, bringing to completion His perfect plan of love. How blessed we are to take part in it.

"The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade."
- Mark 4: 30-32

REFLECTION:
What does the growth of a small seed planted under the earth teach me about the growth of my own spiritual life?
Why do I sometimes not welcome the plan of God for my spiritual growth?
What is my personal experience of walking by faith, not by sight?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Heavenly Father, we thank You for all fathers, godfathers, grandfathers & fathers-to-be and the many ways You use them to lovingly guide us to Your heart. Bless them with peace in their hearts as they see & know You in new ways through their roles as mentors & guides as they strive to balance the demands of work & marriage, children & charity with joyful honesty.



YAM-Cha SESSION BY CDM YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

To encourage lighthearted open discussions about faith, social issues, self & many things that shapes us as young adults today.
Date/Time: **Fri, 28 June (7.30pm - 9.30pm)**
Venue: St. Faustina Hall

PDYN LEADERSHIP RETREAT #2 & #3

These retreats are organized for youth and campus students from 18 - 29yr old to nurture & equip the young people to be the "now of God".
Dates/Venues: **5-8 Aug 2024** at Church of Christ the King, Sg. Petani **or** **2-5 Dec 2024** at Church of St. Anthony, Teluk Intan
Registration link: <https://www.pdynpenang.com/pdynlr2024>
Contact Penang Diocesan Youth Network: 012-346 4416

CHOICE PENANG

For those 21-40yr to discover your calling or vocation, purpose & mission in work, life & relationships centered in Christ. [Registration links via our Linktree QR!](#)
Fee: RM150/pax (incl. lodging and meals)

Mandarin Weekend (CMPG #11)

Dates: **Fri, 9 Aug - Sun, 11 Aug (Register by Tue, 9 Jul)**
Venue: Stella Maris Retreat Centre, Penang
Contact: Alex Lim (016-532 1929) or Jane Goh (016-410 8073)

English Weekend (CEPG #62)

Dates: **Fri, 30 Aug - Sun, 1 Sept (Register by Tue, 16 Jul)**
Venue: Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam
Contact: Esther Boo (017-7946901) or Audrey Dewit (016-4407675)

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
DM Chaplet 8.30am Mass 9.00am	Sun 16 June	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Ez 17: 22-24 2 Cor 5: 6-10 Mk 4: 26-34
No Mass	Mon 17 June	
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Tue 18 June	
No Mass	Wed 19 June	Ss. Philip Minh, Priest & Companions, Martyrs
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Thu 20 June	
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Fri 21 June	St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am Novena to OMPH 5.15pm Mass 5.30pm	Sat 22 June	St Paulinus of Nola, Bishop Ss. John Fisher, Bishop & Thomas More, Martyrs
DM Chaplet 8.30am Mass 9.00am	Sun 23 June	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Job 38: 1, 8-11 2 Cor 5: 14-17 Mk 4: 35-41

CATECHISM Sundays (10.45am) 23 & 30 June 2024
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA) #11 2023/2024 will begin on **Sun, 16 June (10.30am)**. If you are a non Catholic who is keen to know the Catholic faith or want to know more, you're most welcome to join our RCIA Ministry or approach us as at our Ruangan Galilee every Sunday after morning Mass at church entrance for more information. Contact: Carmelita Xavier (019- 470 2174) or Amy Wong (012-456 9434) or Daina Sulimin (012-402 2772)