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CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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Parish Office Hours: Closed on Monday

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

CDM Kampung-Ku -- (August 2024) *What You Do for the Least at the Service of the Poor and Marginalised*



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Parish Priest speaks...

We can begin this week with a reflection on why Jesus gives us Himself in the Eucharist. The reflection this weekend gives us an opportunity to grow in the knowledge and love of our faith. In His infinitely abundant love for each one of us, He desires for us to be in communion with Himself. He wants to fill our lives with His own life of love. As Pope Francis tells us in this week's Spiritual Reflection, "it is not about material sustenance, but a living and life-giving bread, which conveys the very life of God. When we receive Communion, we receive the very life of God." The Lord wants us to be people of love as He is Love. The more we open ourselves to receive Him, the more we are filled with this love, and this is not simply for our advantage, but also to be shared with those whom God places in our midst.

Whenever we receive Jesus in the Eucharist, we can return with gratitude and wonder to our question: "How can this man give us His flesh to eat?" Not "How can He do it?" but "How can He be so generous, so selfless, so merciful?" It is not a question to satisfy our curiosity but to feed our souls, a beautiful mystery to ponder in the sacred silence after Communion or while we are at Adoration.

The first reading reminds us of our responsibility to seek wisdom from God. Wisdom, personified in the reading as a noble and generous woman,

"Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood remains in me and I in him." - John 6:56

How have I challenged myself to understand more deeply the meaning of the Holy Eucharist?

What are my inner thoughts when I ponder the generous, selfless, and merciful love of Jesus in the Eucharist?

How do I express my gratitude to the Lord for the gift of the Eucharist?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to all 2024 Confirmation Candidates.

May your hearts and minds be open to all the goodness that you are and will become so that your desire to know and follow Jesus as His disciple increases.

Wedding Banns: Sat, 24 Aug '24 | Mass at 3.00pm

ISEEC ROBERT DASS & BATHSHEBA GLORIA

If anyone knows of any canonical impediments to the proposals of marriage stated, please contact the parish priest.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Wed, 21 Aug (8.30pm) -- JP II Adoration Room
CHARISMATIC RENEWAL GROUP Wed; 21 & 28 (8.15pm) -- St. Faustina Hall
CATECHISM Sundays; 18 & 25 Aug (10.45am)
RCIA #11 2023/2024 Sundays (10.30am) -- 3rd floor RCIA classrooms

HERBAL SOAP-MOULDING SESSION by Penang Diocese Prison Ministry (PDPM)

All are invited to join with lunch provided.

Date/Time: **Sun, 25 Aug (10.45am - 2.00pm)**

Venue: CDM Basement area

YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY (YAM) - GAMES NIGHT!

Inviting all young adults for an incredible night of fun and fellowship!

Date/Venue: **Fri, 30 Aug** at St Faustina Hall

Contact: Sachin (017-474 5737)

HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION by Friends of Creation Ministry

Celebrate the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Brunch will be held at the basement followed by formation & a varied programme at 1st floor classrooms.

Date/Time: **Sun, 1 Sep (10.15am-1.45pm)**

For registration: Halina (WhatsApp 019-426 7545) *before 28 Aug*

BLOOD AND ORGAN DONATION DRIVE

In collaboration with Unit Tabung Darah, Penang Hospital with free health screening.

Date/Time: **Sun, 1 Sep (9.00am - 3.00pm)** at St. Faustina Hall

Contact: Jude (012-476 8506) or Amy (012-428 7150)

DARE TO BELIEVE: YOUTH CAMP by Putri Karmel Sisters

For youth between 15-35 years old. Limited to 50pax only.

Dates/Venue: **Tue, 17 Sep - Fri, 20 Sep** at Putri Karmel Sisters Monastery (Balik Pulau)

Registration fee: RM200/pax (incl. t-shirt)

Registration link: <https://bit.ly/KemBella2024> (closing date 31 Aug)

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

A retreat designed to help any man/woman struggling with the emotional and spiritual pain of miscarriage/abortion.

Dates: **Fri, 18 Oct - Sun, 20 Oct 2024 (closing date 16 Sep)**

Contact: Mary (016-419 0538) or email rachelsvineyard.my@gmail.com

is eager to "feed" us, saying: "Come, eat of my food, and drink of the wine I have mixed." These references bring to mind the Eucharist, the greatest food and drink, the richest source of wisdom. When we are fed with wisdom, with truth, with divine light, we no longer seek satisfaction from the world. We can see through the foolishness of striving to fulfill all the desires of our nature, which is so easily distracted by the goods of this passing world.

St. Paul, a man who is wise in the ways of the Spirit, reaffirms us in the path of wisdom in the second reading. His counsel is both profound and practical. Watch carefully how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise, making the most of the opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not continue in ignorance, but try to understand what the will of the Lord is. Paul does not mention the Holy Eucharist directly, but he contrasts the foolishness of getting "drunk on wine" with the wisdom of being "filled with the Spirit." Filled with the Spirit who is Love, we can love our neighbour, have joy in our hearts, and give thanks "always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father."

The idea of "giving thanks always and for everything" brings us once more to the Eucharist, the very name of which means "thanksgiving." Jesus says in today's Gospel, "Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood remains in Me and I in him." To remain in Jesus is to remain in Love, Wisdom, and Mercy, and to have this same Love, Wisdom, and Mercy remain in our hearts. Anything outside of this is foolishness. Nothing can compare with the union with God. As we remain in Him, and He in us, we have all we need to fulfill His holy will.

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description	
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION			
DM Chaplet	8.30am	Sun	
Mass	9.00am	18 Aug	
		20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Prov 9: 1-6 Eph 5: 15-20 Mt 6: 51-58	
No Mass		Mon	
		19 Aug	
		St. John Eudes, Priest	
Lauds	6.20am	Tue	
Mass	6.45am	20 Aug	
		St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor	
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	<i>Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Sebastian Francis</i>	
Lauds	6.20am	Wed	
Mass	6.45am	21 Aug	
		St. Pius X, Pope	
DM Chaplet	3.00pm		
Lauds	6.20am	Thu	
Mass	6.45am	22 Aug	
		The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
DM Chaplet	3.00pm		
Lauds	6.20am	Fri	
Mass	6.45am	23 Aug	
		St. Rose of Lima, Virgin	
DM Chaplet	3.00pm		
World Day of Prayer for the Sick			
Chaplet	9.30am		
Mass	10.00am	Sat	
		24 Aug	
		St. Bartholomew, Apostle	
Novena to OMPH	5.15pm		
Mass	5.30pm		
DM Chaplet	8.30am	Sun	
Mass	9.00am	25 Aug	
		21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Josh 24: 1-2, 15-18 Eph 5: 21-32 Jn 6: 60-69	

