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



LINKTR.EE/CDMPENANG

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

Parish Priest speaks...

Every time we pray, "Give us this day our daily bread," we acknowledge that God is the one who feeds us. Everything we have is a gift from Him. Yet we do not always think this way. In times of abundance, we tend to take for granted whatever we have. In times of want, we grumble. As we see in today's readings, however, God remains patient, generous, kind, and merciful. When God delivered the Israelites from Egypt, we do not know exactly what they expected. Their attitude was probably that anything would be better than slavery. With joy they marched through the Red Sea and into the desert. But soon they found themselves confronting hunger and thirst, and they began to grumble against Moses and Aaron, blaming them for their present suffering. They began to think that life back in Egypt may have been difficult, but at least they could sit by their fleashpots and eat their fill of bread.

Grumbling is indeed a grave temptation in the face of trials, especially when we have built up selfish or unrealistic expectations. We grumble because we forget the marvellous interventions God has made on our behalf, and we begin to focus on how bad things are now. Even what enslaves us in the past the sins, vices, harmful relationship, etc. can begin to look good to us. I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites, God hears us, but He does not respond in the way we might expect. Instead of reprimanding His people for their ingratitude, He provides an abundance of food, not just once but every day: "I will now rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily

portion." When the Lord invites us to take a new path in life, He provides for us along the way. Even when we are not deserving of His help, and we never are, He continues to care for us.

When they saw the manna, the Israelites asked, "What is this?" Moses had to explain to them, "This is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat." Is it as if Moses was telling them, "The Lord has treated your grumbling as a prayer; and this is His answer!" At times God's answers to our prayers are not immediately recognisable. We may recognise the quail but not the manna. We ask for what we think we need; God has a better idea. He knows very well what can satisfy our hunger, and He provides. He even gives us teachers, like Moses, to help us benefit from His gift. Without someone to clarify things for us, we might overlook or even throw away the very gift the Lord gives us.

We are no different from the people in the Gospel who misunderstood the multiplication of the loaves, the sign Jesus performed the previous day, which we read about last Sunday. They were more interested in bread, the food and not the salvation God offered. This is what we so often do. We look to God only for what we can get from Him. He wants to give us His very self, "the food that endures for eternal life," but we remain preoccupied with "food that perishes." Jesus does for us what He did for the crowd in the Gospel: He uses our experience of hunger to attract us to what we are really looking for. He reveals that He Himself is the "bread of God": "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

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Looking at the many gifts God has granted, which ones do I most tend to take for granted?
When am I most prone to fall into grumbling and self-pity?
How does the Eucharist satisfy my hunger?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptism Announcements: Sun, 4 Aug at 11.00am

Micaella Denusha Danaprakash

Note: If you have a child waiting for baptism, kindly contact the Parish Office for the necessary arrangements.

We lift up in our prayers...the participants, speakers and organisers of our second Parish Renewal Experience happening this weekend; that they will receive the Spirit of Knowledge and Understanding, to come as one in service to the Lord.



Wishing our Parish Priest, Fr. Michael Raymond OFM.Cap a blessed 27th Sacerdotal Anniversary this Tue, 6 Aug 2024!



Happy Anniversary

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION **Wed, 7 & 21 Aug (8.30pm)** --JP II Adoration Room
CHINESE CHRISTIAN MEDITATION **Thur 8 Aug (8.30pm)** --JP II Adoration Room
CHARISMATIC RENEWAL GROUP **Wed, 14 & 28 (8.15pm)** -- St. Faustina Hall
CATECHISM **Sun, 11, 18 & 25 Aug (10.45am)**
RCIA #11 2023/2024 **Sundays (10.30am)** --3rd floor RCIA classrooms



DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK

For those needing healing and anointing, registrations will be from **3 - 18 Aug**.
Date/Time: **Sat, 24 Aug. Mass at 10.00am (Chaplet at 9.30am)**

DIVINE VOICES

Calling all singers and musicians of all ages to join us in preparation for Christmas carolling on **Sundays (2.00pm-3.30pm)** at the pre-school classroom. Auditions will be held at **1.30pm**. Contact: Pamela (012-913 3605)

BORN AGAIN: HOLY SPIRIT WEEKEND by CHARIS Penang

Gain a deeper awareness and experience of the Holy Spirit that would help you to lead a more effective and victorious lives as Christians.

Dates: **Fri, 23 Aug - Sun, 25 Aug 2024 (closing date Tue, 13 Aug)**

Venue: Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Penang

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/PdZ7KQlpqYed1ME6>

Contact: Adeline (012-431 6238) or Joyce (016-403 7743)

GRIEFSHARE - 13 WEEK PROGRAMME

To provide help & encouragement to recover from deep hurt & loss for those who have experienced the death of spouse, family member or friend. A memorial Mass will be held at the end of the programme. Cost: RM50/pax

Dates/Time: **Tuesdays from 20 Aug to 26 Nov (7.30pm-9.45pm)**

Venue: RCIA 3rd floor classrooms

Contact: Irinda (016-288 7281) / Adeline (012-431 6238)

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
DM Chaplet Mass	8.30am 9.00am Sun 04 Aug	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Ex 16: 2-4, 12-15 Eph 4: 17, 20-24 Jn 6: 24-35
No Mass	Mon 05 Aug	Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am Tue 06 Aug	Transfiguration of the Lord
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am Wed 07 Aug	St Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs St Cajetan, Priest
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am Thu 08 Aug	St Dominic, Priest
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am Fri 09 Aug	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am Sat 10 Aug	St Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr
Novena to OMPH Mass	5.15pm 5.30pm	
DM Chaplet BM Mass	8.30am 9.00am Sun 11 Aug	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 19: 4-8 Eph 4: 30 - 5:2 Jn 6: 41-51