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



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CDM Kampung-Ku -- (Sep 2024) My World, My Garden: Building Our Common Home

Parish Priests speaks...

This verse and quotation of St. James provides us with a thematic anchor for this week's pondering. God's word is truly like a seed, and we are to receive it with hearts like fertile soil, humus, the root word for humility. When we look at a seed, we see only its outward appearance, we cannot see the plant that it will become. This twofold characteristic of seeds gives us the key to understanding the practice of our religion. There is a visible exterior aspect and a hidden interior aspect, with tremendous potential. The Pharisees and scribes in the Gospel are focused on fulfilling the exterior rituals of purity. They criticise Jesus' disciples for failing to observe all the rules, particularly the requirement about washing one's hands before eating. They are not thinking of good hygiene or "safety protocols." Nor are they simply being ritualistic. The Pharisees and scribes were dedicated to adhering perfectly to the Law given through Moses, that is, to all the distinctive tenets of the Jewish religion.

The first reading gives us a good reminder of what the Israelites thought about their system of "statutes and decrees." In the passage from Deuteronomy, we read part of Moses' long exhortation to the Israelites. One of his final words and clear instructions is that they must follow the whole system of laws and commandments: "you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it, observe them carefully." The Pharisees and scribes are following them all to the letter and they expect everyone else to do the same.

Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. - James 1:21

In what ways do I honour the Lord with my lips and not my heart?
How do I allow the word to penetrate me and bear fruit and not self-righteousness?
How is my faithfulness to my covenant of love to God being manifested in my life?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wedding Banns: Sat, 14 Sep '24 | Mass at 11.00am
DARRYL ASHLY MOTIUNG & MARLYNE FRAN ANAK KANSI

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

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (ERT)

All Ministry of Hospitality members, medical staff, and anyone interested are encouraged to join. Contact: Jude (012-476 8506)

COLLECTION OF RELIC OF ST. PIO

Fr. Michael Raymond OFM. Cap will be making a pilgrimage to Rome for the relic collection. Offer up your petition letters & Mass intentions (for Mon, 23 Sep; Feast of St. Pio) at church entrance until Sun, 15 Sep.

ABLAZE 2.0: TAMIL YOUTH RALLY

For Tamil-speaking youths 13yo and above with registration fee of RM20/pax
Date/Time/Venue: Sat, 14 Sep (8.00am - 5.00pm) at Cathedral of the Holy Spirit.
Registration link: <https://shorturl.at/NOKln>

INTERFAITH MEDITATION

A campaign organised by Penang Harmony Corporation (Harmonico) to encourage the general public to practise meditation for 21 days. Come and join in to experience the WCCM way (World Community for Christian Meditation) here at CDM Penang.
Date/Time: Wed, 18 Sep (8.00pm)

CDM 11TH PARISH ANNIVERSARY & 110TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

A dual celebration with multilingual Mass followed by fellowship, traditional dress contest, quizzes & games! For more info/registration, visit the counter at church porch.
Date: Sun, 29 Sep from 9.00am

H.U.G.S CHARITY FUN RUN by Mt Miriam Cancer Hospital

Registrations by the Mt. Miriam team will be open at the church porch on 7 & 8 Sep.
Date/Time/Venue: Sun, 10 Nov (7.00am flag-off) at Gurney Paragon (Kelawai entrance)

PAWS OF BLESSING by Ministry of Hospitality

A 3km walk around Sg. Ara with your pets in conjunction with Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Registrations open until 8 Sep at RM30/pax.
Date/Time: Sat, 5 Oct (8.00am pet blessing followed by flag-off)

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

A retreat (to be held in Penang) 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

Rather than praising these legal experts for their faithfulness and zeal, Jesus rebukes them. Why? Because He can see not only their external righteousness but also the condition of their hearts. On the outside are forms of purity and proper worship, but inside lie deceit, malice, arrogance and folly. When a person's exterior performance does not correspond to what is in His heart, that is hypocrisy. Jesus refers these experts back to a prophecy they have already read in the Book of Isaiah: "This people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me." (cf. Is 29:13).

How can we avoid the trap of hypocrisy in the practice of our Christian faith? How can we be faithful to the covenant and ensure that our interior matches our exterior? We turn to the Letter of St. James for the answer. His exhortation today is very clear: "Be doers of the word and not hearers only." The source of our faith is God, "the Father of lights." It is not our perfect performance that saves us but His "word of truth," planted in our hearts, which is able to save our souls. We must allow the word to penetrate us and bear its fruit not self-righteousness and judgment. That is, our concern must be, not handwashing but detachment from worldliness and rejection of the impurity of sin. To aim always for greater love, in faithfulness to our covenant of love with God, is the essence of "religion that is pure and undefiled."

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
<i>World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation</i>		
DM Chaplet 8.30am Mass 9.00am	Sun 1 Sep	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Deut 4: 1-2, 6-8 Jm 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27 Mk 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23
No Mass	Mon 2 Sep	
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	Tue 3 Sep	St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	Wed 4 Sep	
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	Thu 5 Sep	St. Teresa of Kolkata, Religious
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Holy Hour followed by Mass	Fri 6 Sep	
Grotto Mass followed by Rosary	Sat 7 Sep	
Novena to OMPH Mass		
DM Chaplet BM Mass 8.30am DM Chaplet Mandarin Mass 5.30pm 6.00pm	Sun 8 Sep	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 35: 4-7 Jm 2: 1-5 Mk 7: 31-37

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Wed, 4 Sep (8.30pm) --JP II Adoration Room
CHRISMATIC RENEWAL GROUP Wed, 11 & 25 Sep (8.15pm) -- St. Faustina Hall
CHINESE CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Thu, 12 Sep (8.30pm) --JP II Adoration Room

CATECHISM DATES (SEPTEMBER 2024) : Sun, 8th & 29th at 10.45am

