

CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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CDM Kampung-Ku -- (Oct 2024) Stepping Out Into The Mission Field

Parish Priest speaks...

The reflection this weekend reminds us that the Lord is far beyond our knowledge and understanding. God has a vision for the world and for our lives that surpasses our human perception. Most of us would like to believe that we are open to God's will. We do not think of ourselves as opposing God. However, we do not see the whole picture. The Scriptures today warn us of a way we may be setting ourselves in opposition to God: when we do not accept His work in other people. It is easy for us to take on an attitude of closed-mindedness. When that happens, we are not fully open to God; we act as though He cannot work in certain people or groups.

In the Gospel, the Apostles have encountered a man driving out demons in Jesus' name. He is not one of the Twelve, nor of the larger company of Jesus' disciples, and because of this, John reacts negatively. "We tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." We might think that the disciples would be happy to have more help in the battle against demons! It is interesting to note that in telling Jesus about this incident, John says, "he does not follow us." He could have said, "he does not follow you." This indicates that John has an "us vs. them" mentality. The man who was driving out demons in Jesus' name is not part of the "inner circle," and John believes that only insiders should be allowed to do the work of the Lord.

In the first reading, taken from the Book of Numbers, there is a similar situation. God gives His Spirit to the seventy elders who are in the tent of meeting with Moses. However, two of the men who had been on the list did not go out to the tent for they remained in the camp. Still, God bestows His Spirit on them too, and because of the gift of the Spirit, they are now prophesying.

"For whoever is not against us is for us." - Mark 9:40

In what ways am I narrow-minded and possessive of the gifts that I have been given?

How do I react when I see someone excel at something that I did not excel in? What rigorous measures am I taking to live a life of virtue?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

As we step into a new decade of our devotion to the Divine Mercy as a parish, we pray that our works of mercy in deed, word & prayer will mirror the unfathomable mercy of God's love as did His 'Apostle of Mercy', St. Faustina.

Wishing all parishioners & families, a blessed 11th anniversary.

-Fr. Michael Raymond OFM, Cap & Parish Pastoral Council
 29 Sep 2024

DEBORAH'S COURT: EMPOWERED FOR MISSION

A vocation programme for single, Catholic women (21-40yr)
 Dates/Venue: **Fri, 4 Oct - Sun, 6 Oct** at Little Sisters of the Poor, Lorong Batu Lanchang
 Registration fee: RM50/pax
 Registration link: <https://foms.gle/Z5ezBJGsjMYqUP6p9>

WCCM MALAYSIA ANNUAL RETREAT BY FR. GERARD THERAVIAM

Dates/Venue: **Fri, 11 Oct - Mon, 14 Oct** at Hotel Grand Baron, Taiping.
 Registration link: <https://shorturl.at/nldzW> or contact: Mike Yong (012-421 7924)

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND (ENGLISH)

A lifetime experience that will restore communication, rekindle romance and renew commitment. A stay-in with food & accommodation provided at Domus, St. Anne (BM)
 Dates: **Fri 11 Oct - Sun, 13 Oct (closing date 29 Sep)**
 Contact: Bernard & Sharlotte (010-789 4500) / Martin & Rose (016-441 6911)

PDYN LEADERSHIP RETREAT #3

An invitation to all parish youth and campus students in the Penang Diocese between the ages of 18-29 years old to be the "Now of God".
 Dates: **Fri, 22 Nov - Sun, 24 Nov**
 Venue: Church of the Sacred Heart, Kampar
 For registration or other details: <https://www.pdynpenang.com/pdynlr2024>

CATECHISM DATES (SUNDAYS at 10.45am)

29 Sept 2024

6, 13, 20, 27 Oct 2024

Coffee Morning on 6 Oct will be organised by BEC Zone Q

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION **Wed, 2 & 16 Oct (8.30pm)** --JP II Adoration Room
 CHARISMATIC RENEWAL GROUP **Wed; 9 & 23 Oct (8.15pm)** -- St. Faustina Hall
 CHINESE CHRISTIAN MEDITATION **Thur, 10 Oct (8.30pm)** --JP II Adoration Room



Joshua asks Moses to stop them. We may ask why both John and Joshua react so negatively to the good work of an "outsider"? They are being narrow-minded and possessive. While they are dedicated to serving the Lord themselves, they are closed to His work in others. Perhaps they are afraid of losing their privileged place, a fear that leads to jealousy. It seems that they feel threatened because some parts of the work of God is outside their control. If we are totally honest, we can recognize similar reactions of jealousy and insecurity in ourselves. We are not so different from John and Joshua. We need only ask ourselves what our reaction is when we see someone excel at some good work that we do not do as well. Are we genuinely happy for them? Do we congratulate them? Or do we cling to our pride and refuse to admit our own insecurities and jealousy? This mentality not only opposes the success of others, but it also opposes the work of God.

What is the solution to this destructive way of thinking? The readings for the weekend provide us with some answers. We must put aside our narrowness and recognise and accept the will of God, even when it is manifested by "outsiders." Jesus also speaks of the grave spiritual harm that is caused by scandal. He stresses the importance of doing everything possible to cut sin out of our lives and out of the witness we give to others. When He speaks of plucking out eyes and cutting off hands and feet, we are not to take it literally. He is simply emphasising the point that to live the virtues, rigorous measures must be taken. We do not have to cut off body parts, but we must cut off our jealousy and prejudice. We need God's grace to make a change of heart. The good news is that His grace is available in abundance! When we cooperate with His mercy, God replaces our sinful, selfish hearts with hearts of love. Let us pray for the grace of an open mind and an open heart, to recognize His work and to unite ourselves with His will above all else.

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
110TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES CDM 11TH PARISH ANNIVERSARY		
Day 4 Novena Mass <i>(for the hearing impaired)</i>	8.30am 9.00am Sun 29 Sep	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Num 11: 25-29 Jm 5:1-6 Mk 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48
No Mass	Mon 30 Sep	St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am Tue 1 Oct	St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor
Day 6 Novena	3.00pm	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am Wed 2 Oct	The Holy Guardian Angels
Day 7 Novena	3.00pm	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am Thu 3 Oct	
Day 8 Novena	3.00pm	
Day 9 Novena Holy Hour followed by Mass	3.00pm 8.00pm Fri 4 Oct	St. Francis of Assisi
*NO MORNING MASS		
Pet Blessing followed by charity walk	8.00am Sat 5 Oct	St. Mary Faustina Kowalska, Virgin
DM Chaplet Mass	5.00pm 5.30pm followed by fellowship at basement	
DM Chaplet Mass	8.30am 9.00am Sun 6 Oct	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Gen 2: 18-24 Hebr 2: 9-11 Mk 10: 2-16

