



CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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



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Parish Priest speaks...

What may look to an outsider like an insignificant event, the visit of a poor family to the Temple, bringing their newborn baby for a religious ceremony, is a most important moment in the history of salvation. For this reason, we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord Jesus in the Temple as a joyful Feast in the Church. Outwardly, the Holy Family of Nazareth is complying with what the Law prescribes, the purification of the mother, the offering of the firstborn son to God, and "the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

What does the Lord do when He comes to the Temple for the first time? He comes to "refine and purify." He inaugurates the decisive cleansing of the Temple and the purification of the priesthood. He comes as the true High Priest, offering the sacrifice of His life on the altar of the Cross for the redemption of all mankind. His own body becomes the new Temple, the place of real encounter with the living God. The reading from the Letter to the Hebrews underscores and sheds light on the redemptive meaning of the Lord's coming into His Temple. His compliance with the Law means that He has come to identify with our human condition in all things but sin, to save us. Hence, we read, "Since the children share in blood and flesh, Jesus likewise shared in them, that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the Devil, and free those who through fear of death had been subject to slavery all their life." The salvation that is brought about by Jesus was foreshadowed by His presentation in the Temple and accomplished fully by His sacrifice on the Cross. At His death, the old and imperfect sacrifices of the Temple were replaced.

Jesus' ultimate purpose in coming to the Temple is the same as His purpose for coming into the world. He has come to meet His people and bring us salvation. The Holy Spirit revealed this to the devout man Simeon and led him to the Temple to meet the Lord. Simeon praised God, exclaiming: "my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in sight of all the peoples." Like the elderly prophetess Anna, Simeon was among the faithful remnant in Israel who longed for salvation. They received it in advance from the infant Jesus who met them in the Temple. This is why they were moved to praise God and were so filled with joy.

In every Eucharistic sacrifice, the Lord comes to the Temple. He comes so that we can encounter Him anew. He comes to meet us His people and to bring to us His salvation. The sacrifice of our redemption, which He inaugurated symbolically through His presentation in the Temple, and which He brought to completion on the altar of the Cross, is re-presented for us today in the Eucharist. We rejoice that our eyes too may see Him, the King of glory, the light for revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of His people Israel.

... a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel. - Luke 2:32

- What significance does the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple hold for me personally?
- How can I deepen my understanding and appreciation of this event?
- How is the Lord asking me to prepare myself to embrace both the joys and challenges of following Him?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wedding Banns:

Sat, 8 Feb 2025 - Service at 10.30am

RAGUNATHAN KALIAPPAN & MELANIE MICHAEL DASS

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

WORLD DAY FOR THE SICK

Date/Time: **Sat, 15 Feb 2025 (Rosary at 9.30am; Mass at 10.00am)**

Registrations are now open at the church porch until 9 Feb.

Please register your family/BEC members who are sick and elderly and need anointing or stand in as a substitute to pray for a sick family member, relative or friend who cannot attend. Fellowship will be served at St. Faustina Hall after Mass.

MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY

Donations will be collected at the church porch after Mass from **28 Jan - 9 Mar**.

Your support will be greatly appreciated.

LIVING SPRING CNY CELEBRATION

Date/Time: **Sun, 9 Feb 2025 (6.00pm)**

Venue: Gertak Sanggul Fishing Pond Restaurant

Contact for info: Anne Chong (012-438 7818) / Amy Wong (012-456 9434)

INCULTURATION OF THE FAITH

An interactive Forum for Catholics to deepen their understanding of inculturation and how it aligns with the teachings of the Church. Participants will have the chance to ask questions and clarify any doubts about inculturation and Church-approved practices

Date/Time: **Sun, 30 Mar 2025 (2.00pm - 5.00pm)**

Venue: Dewan Holy Spirit, Cathedral of the Holy Spirit

Registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/inculturation2025>

For more info: Jeanne J Saw 016-455 4597 (WhatsApp or SMS) / ncpcgdioocese@gmail.com

PARISH RENEWAL EXPERIENCE #3

A journey of rediscovering your faith in Christ & His Church. Find meaning in your faith life and reconnect your relationship with God, your family, and your fellow Catholics.

Be guided to deeper insights into Scriptures & Church teachings.

Dates: **Fri, 21 Feb - Sun, 23 Feb 2025**

Registration link: <https://shorturlat/nmRHA>

Contact: Anna (012-509 2636) or Rebecca (012-471 9370)



Mass Collections (25 & 26 Jan 2025)

Sat, 25 Jan: RM1901.20

Sun, 26 Jan: RM3311.20

Charismatic Renewal Group:

Wed, 12, 26 Feb 2025 (8.15pm) at St. Faustina Hall

Christian Meditation:

Wed, 5, 19 Feb 2025 (8.30pm) at St JP II Adoration Room

Chinese Christian Meditation:

Wed, 13 Feb 2025 (8.30pm) at St JP II Adoration Room



Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE		
		The Presentation Of The Lord
DM Chaplet	8.30am	Sun
Mass	9.00am	2 Feb
		Mal 3:1-4 Feb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40 (or 22-32)
No Mass		Mon
		3 Feb
		St Blaise, Bishop & Martyr St Ansgar, Bishop
Lauds	6.20am	
Mass	6.45am	Tue
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	4 Feb
Lauds	6.20am	
Mass	6.45am	Wed
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	5 Feb
		St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr
Lauds	6.20am	
Mass	6.45am	Thu
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	6 Feb
		SS. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
Holy Hour followed by Mass	8.00pm	Fri
		07 Feb
Lauds	6.20am	
Mass	6.45am	Sat
Novena to OMPH	5.15pm	8 Feb
Mass	5.30pm	
		St Jerome Emiliani, St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
DM Chaplet	8.30am	Sun
BM Mass	9.00am	9 Feb
		5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 6:1-8 1 Cor 15:1-11 (or 15:3-8, 11) Lk 5:1-11