

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...

All week the liturgy has pointed out how God's love is available to every one of us. We saw this in Jesus' call to Zacchaeus, in His counsel that we should welcome the poor and lost, and in His parables about the lost sheep and the lost coin. This weekend's readings, chosen in honour of the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, underscore the reality of Jesus' love for each of us and His call that we too are to love. The Gospel today is the well-known account of Jesus cleansing the temple. It is the time of the Jewish feast of Passover, and the temple is overrun with vendors selling animals and with money changers, since pilgrims must change their Roman currency into official temple currency in order to buy animals for sacrifice. Upon entering the temple, Jesus sees that what should be the most sacred place is being reduced to a marketplace. He comes into His Father's house and takes charge, overturning what is wrong and driving out what does not belong there. It is not merely an emotional reaction, but it is a right expression of zeal. Jesus performs not only a physical cleansing but also a spiritual one, a vivid sign of what He has come to do in creation, in His people, and in each of us, in the temple of our body, mind and soul.

The temple authorities challenge Jesus for His disruption of the day's business. They demand a sign of His authority to do such a thing. When Jesus says, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up," they think He means the physical building which took forty-six years to build. But Jesus is not so concerned about mere buildings, whether they be the temple in Jerusalem or the Lateran Basilica in Rome or our own church. Jesus' words here give us a prophetic glimpse of "the temple of His Body," and of His death and resurrection, about which even His disciples have no understanding yet. It was only after He was raised from the dead that His disciples "remembered that He had said this, and they believed the Scriptures and the word Jesus had spoken."

This little detail should give us encouragement and hope. If Jesus' own disciples, living and learning from Him each day, did not understand the meaning of His words until much later, we should not be disturbed when the same is true of us. As we mature in faith through His grace, we come to see and understand more and more; we remember and believe. Instead of taking the Word of God in its most limited sense and being offended by it, as were the temple authorities, we can ponder the Lord's words and deeds in very new and deeper ways. In time, He gives us new insight into His word and His will for us. We ask the Holy Spirit to dwell in us and direct us, to help us mind the depths of God's Word. St. Paul reminds us in the second reading that, with Jesus Christ as our sure foundation, we are built upon Him as "God's building." Paul urges us to let the meaning of this image sink in: "Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" When we accept this message about our true identity, it changes the whole way we see ourselves and our neighbours. This makes it easier for us to love and respect ourselves and to love and forgive others as well, as we are being formed into temples of God.

May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the endurance of Christ. - 2Thessalonians 3:5

- Does zeal for the Lord permeate my actions when I see obstacles to God's grace?
- As I daily ponder the Word, am I becoming aware of new insights into His word and His will for me?
- Do my actions reveal that I am the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in me?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

VACANCY: MISSION MANAGER - MT. MIRIAM CANCER HOSPITAL

We invite Catholic candidates who are passionate about serving the community, to take the opportunity to strengthen their professional expertise in cancer care. Please send your resume with recent self-photo, stating expected salary to subloh@mountmiriam.com. For more information, please visit our website <http://www.mountmiriam.com>.

PENANG STATE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

The Christian Federation of Malaysia, jointly with the Penang State Government and Penang Harmony Corporation (HARMONICO) will be organising this event at *St. George's Church, Georgetown*. All are warmly invited to enjoy performances by various churches and to visit the Christmas Market.

Date/Time: **Sat, 6 Dec (from 3.00pm onwards)**

MASS COLLECTION

Sat, 1 Nov: RM2146.10 (1st Collection) RM2176.70 (For the poor)
Sun, 2 Nov: RM3525.25 (1st Collection) RM2901.30 (For the poor)

40th WORLD YOUTH DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Taiping Catholic Church Youth will be organising the 2025 celebrations for all youth and young adults, aged 13-35 years old. With the theme "You also are my witnesses, because you have been with me" (John 15:27), we call our young people to embrace their vocation as joyful witnesses of Christ in today's world.

Dates/Time: **Sat, 22 Nov (7.30am) - Sun, 23 Nov (12.00pm)**

Venue: Taiping Catholic Church

Participation Fee: RM30 (with all meals included)

Contact: tocparishyouthcouncil@gmail.com / 011-36518599 (Joshua)

1-DAY YOUTH CAMP

Join us for an unforgettable day filled with food, fun, fellowship, and faith! Come connect with friends, old and new as we dive into exciting games, great food, and powerful sessions focused on discovering Hope and Mission. Whether you're looking to recharge, make memories, or grow in your faith, this day is for you! Registrations will be at the church porch after the weekend Masses.

Date/Time: **Sat, 29 Nov (8.00am - 10.00pm)**

Fee: RM 30/pax. Lunch and dinner provided.

CDM ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

All parishioners are encouraged to participate to Celebrate, Listen & Walk together as a community in Christ. The church's Christmas decorations will follow after lunch (provided) so all hands and hearts are needed!

Date/Time: **Sun, 16 Nov 2025 (10.45am - 1.00pm)**

"WHAT IS CHRISTMAS" MUSICAL

Dates/Time: **Sat, 6 Dec or Sun, 7 Dec (7.30pm-10.00pm; seating at 7.00pm)**

We have increased our seating capacity to 400pax per night so this is our final call for free registrations! Bring your (non-Muslim) family and friends to rediscover the true reason for the season through song and dance.

Venue: College General, Tanjung Bungah

Registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.sg/e/1811916112869?aff=odtdtdcreator>

| Mass & Prayer Times | Date | Description |
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| | | The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica |
| DM Chaplet 8.30am Bahasa Mass 9.00am | Sun 9 Nov | Ex 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12 1 Cor 3: 9-11, 16-17 Jn 2: 13-22 |
| No Mass | Mon 10 Nov | St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor |
| Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am | Tue 11 Nov | St Martin of Tours, Bishop |
| DM Chaplet 3.00pm | Wed 12 Nov | St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr |
| Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am | Thu 13 Nov | |
| DM Chaplet 3.00pm | Fri 14 Nov | |
| Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am | Sat 15 Nov | St Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor |
| Novena to OMPH 5.15pm Mass 5.30pm | | |
| DM Chaplet 8.30am Mass 9.00am | Sun 16 Nov | World Day of the Poor 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Mal 3: 19-20 2 Thes 3: 7-12 Lk 21: 5-19 |



Charismatic Renewal Group:

Wed, 19 Nov 2025 (8.15pm) at St. Faustina Hall

Christian Meditation:

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

Chinese Christian Meditation:

Thu, 13 Nov 2025 (8.30pm) at St. JP II Adoration Room