



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...

In the first reading, God sends the prophet Isaiah to bring a message of Good News to the troubled and fearful King Ahaz, who is facing a looming crisis. God invites Ahaz to have faith and rely completely on Him. And to strengthen the weak king's faith, He offers to grant him a sign; no matter how small or great, deep, or high, God will accomplish it. But the king has a plan of his own. He has already decided to turn to human alliances, so he refuses to let the King of glory, the Lord, Emmanuel, enter his life to deal with the crisis that he is facing. Despite the king's refusal to turn to Him, God grants an extraordinary sign anyway, prophesied through the prophet Isaiah.

In the Gospel, the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph, unlike Ahaz, through their obedience of faith, allow the Lord, the King of glory to enter their lives and this is the turning point in human history. It is remarkable that God comes to us, He comes into our world, whether we want Him to or not. He comes, one could even say He invades, but He does so without imposing Himself upon us, for He respects human freedom. In His measureless love for us, He desires to intervene in our lives to help us. But we must allow Him to enter and welcome Him as our strength and our peace. This is the challenge of obedient faith.

As we strive to learn better how to "let the Lord enter," the Lord Himself guides us, revealing His will to us in many ways through the sacred Scriptures, in the promptings of the Spirit, by insights we receive in prayer, in the wisdom and guidance that comes through the Church and in the lives of the Saints, and through the people He has placed in our lives, in our family and community. Sometimes the direction the Lord gives us can seem confusing or threatening. We may be afraid of saying "yes" to Him in faith, afraid of living in total reliance on Him. When He asks us to take on a new task, for example, or a great responsibility, we may have doubts about our ability to live up to its demands. It is tempting to hold back, like Ahaz, and to claim that it would be too much to expect the Lord to help us in this unfamiliar place, and to meet our every need. It does not seem practical or realistic to take such a leap of faith! But to be obedient to the Lord, to "let the Lord enter," we must trust in Him and take a new step. It is not the words we say that indicate our humility and obedience; it is the decision of faith and the actions that flow from that decision. Faith means following the direction of the Lord, despite our fears.

With the examples of St. Paul, St. Joseph, and the Blessed Virgin Mary before us this weekend let us renew our commitment to "let the Lord enter": to listen to Him, to welcome His word, and to do what He asks of us as we await His coming.

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDDING BANNES

Saturday, 3 January 2026 | Mass at 10.30am
GREGORY ANTHONY & TERESA TEOH SIN YEE

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

MASS COLLECTIONS

Sat, 13 Dec: RM1741.20 (1st Collection) RM1738.40 (My Kasih)
 Sun, 14 Dec: RM284115 (1st Collection) RM2095.25 (My Kasih)

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING IN A YEAR

It's the Church's 2,000-year wisdom on justice, human dignity, and the common good applied to how we organize modern life: work, family, politics, money, and community. Journeying through this encyclical together will equip us with the most important ideas we need to thrive in our rapidly changing world.

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CDM PARISH RETREAT: ROOTED IN MERCY, RENEWED IN MISSION

We are opening the 2026 Retreat to Ministry members and parishioners to join. Those leaders haven't done so, pls register quickly before we close registration when limit is reached. Registration link: <https://q.me-qr.com/5l16ceGy>

MT MIRIAM CANCER HOSPITAL VACANCIES

- MEDICAL OFFICER
- RADIATION THERAPIST
- SENIOR MEDICAL PHYSICIST

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CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER PENANG

A marriage preparation programme (English) designed to meet the communication, spiritual and personal needs of today's engaged couples.

Weekend #146: Fri, 6 Feb - Sun, 8 Feb 2026 at Stella Maris, Penang
 Weekend #147: Fri, 8 May - Sun, 10 May 2026 at Stella Maris, Penang
 Weekend #148: Fri, 7 Aug - Sun, 9 Aug 2026 at Stella Maris, Penang
 Weekend #149: Fri, 13 Nov - Sun, 15 Nov 2026 at Domus, Minor Basilica of St. Anne
 Contact: Martin & Clementine (ceepenang@gmail.com)

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel. – Matthew 1:23

- How does my pride weaken my trust and faith in the Lord?
- In what ways am I like Ahaz who puts his hope and trust in human means and not in God?
- How can I draw spiritually closer to Mary and St. Joseph in the remaining days of Advent?

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
4th Sunday of Advent		
DM Chaplet Mass	8.30am 9.00am Sun 21 Dec	Is 7: 10-14 Rom 1: 1-7 Mt 1: 18-24
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am Mon 22 Dec	
Lauds Mass DM Chaplet	6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm Tue 23 Dec	St John of Kanty, Priest
Caroling Mass Caroling Mass	5.30pm 6.00pm 9.30pm 10.00pm Wed 24 Dec	
Caroling Mass Mass	8.30am 9.00am 11.30am Thu 25 Dec	The Nativity of the Lord (Bahasa Indonesia)
No Mass	Fri 26 Dec	St Stephen, The First Martyr
NOTE: CHURCH & PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED		
No Morning Mass Novena to OMPH Mass	Sat 27 Dec 5.15pm 5.30pm	St John, Apostle & Evangelist
DM Chaplet Mass Mass <i>Closing of the Jubilee Year of Hope</i>	8.30am 9.00am 5.30pm Sun 28 Dec	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Ecclus 3: 2-6, 12-14 Col 3: 12-21 Mt 2: 13-15, 19-23