



CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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Parish Office Hours: Closed on Monday

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



Parish Priest speaks...

The gospel this weekend presents to us a new face-to-face encounter between Jesus and His adversaries. The theme addressed is that of the tribute to Caesar: a "thorny" issue about whether or not it was lawful to pay taxes to the Roman Emperor, to whom Palestine was subject in Jesus' time. There were various positions. Thus, the question that the Pharisees posed to Him, "Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" was meant to ensnare the Teacher. In fact, depending on how He responded, He could have been accused of being either for or against Rome. Jesus responds calmly and takes advantage of the malicious question in order to teach an important lesson, rising above the polemics and the alliance of His adversaries. He tells the Pharisees: "Show me the money for the tax." They present Him a coin, and, observing the coin, Jesus asks: "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" The Pharisees can only answer: "Caesar's." Then Jesus concludes: "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." On the one hand, suggesting they return to the emperor what belongs to him, Jesus declares that paying tax is not an act of idolatry, but a legal obligation to the earthly authority and on the other it is here that Jesus presents the "thrust" of His response: recalling the primacy of God. He asks them to render to Him that which is His due as the Lord of the life and history of mankind.

The reference to Caesar's image engraved on the coin says that it is right that they feel fully with rights and duties citizens of the State; but symbolically it makes them think about the other image that is imprinted on every man and woman: the image of God. He is the Lord of all, and we, who were created "in His image," belong to Him first and foremost. From the question posed to Him by the Pharisees, Jesus draws a more radical and vital question for each of us, a question we can ask ourselves: to whom do I belong?

To family, to the city, to friends, to work, to politics, to the State? Yes, of course. But first and foremost, Jesus reminds us you belong to God. This is the fundamental belonging. It is He who has given you all that you are and have. And therefore, day by day, we can and must live our life in recognition of this fundamental belonging and in heartfelt gratitude toward our Father, who creates each one of us individually, unrepeatable, but always according to the image of His beloved Son, Jesus. It is a wondrous mystery.

We as Christians are called to commit ourselves concretely in the human and social spheres without comparing "God" and "Caesar," comparing God and Caesar would be a fundamentalist approach. Christians are called to commit themselves concretely in earthly realities but illuminating them with the light that comes from God. The primary entrustment to God and hope in Him do not imply an escape from reality, but rather the diligent rendering to God that which belongs to Him. This is why a believer looks to the future reality, that of God, so as to live earthly life to the fullest, and to meet its challenges with courage.

**"... Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar
and to God what belongs to God." - Matthew 22:21**

- By pondering on the Word of God, do I discover my true identity and the purpose of my life?
- Do I accept that the authority of those who govern the State was given to them by God?
- Do I exercise the authority that God has given me with wisdom and love?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASS COLLECTIONS

Sat, 10 Oct (5.30pm): RM1729 (1st Collection)

Sun, 11 Oct (9.00am): RM2442 (1st Collection)

-FLORAL ARRANGEMENT WORKSHOP

Come and join us for a fun and creative Flower Arrangement Workshop! Learn, create and enjoy a time of fellowship together. Fees: RM10/pax.

Date/Time: **Sat, 24 Oct (9.30am)**

Venue: St. Faustina Hall, CDM

-ALL SOULS' DAY FLOWER BOUQUET

Remember your loved ones with a beautiful bouquet. Every purchase helps raise funds for CDM Multipurpose Community Centre. Place your order at church porch after Mass. Last orders on **Sun, 25 October 2026**.

Bouquet collection: **30 Oct - 1 Nov 2026**.

For enquiries, please contact Amy Wong (012-4569434) / Anne Chong (012-4387818).

A COURAGEOUS DREAMER: A MUSICAL PLAY

A collaboration with the Risen Christ Catholic Church, our parishioners have been busy rehearsing for a musical play based on the life of St. Francis of Assisi in conjunction with the 800th anniversary of his Transitus.

Tickets are free but limited to 500pax a night.

Dates/Time: **Sat, 28 Nov or Sun, 29 Nov (7.30pm)**

Venue: College General, Penang



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AN OVERVIEW OF PARISH PRAYER GROUPS

A formation programme by CHARIS Penang Diocese Service of Communion if you are interested to find out more about starting or rejuvenating a parish prayer group or just curious about what parish prayer groups are about.

Fee/Venue: RM20 per pax at Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Penang

Date/Time: **Sat, 24 Oct 2026 (9.00am - 1.00pm; breakfast from 8.15am)**

CHNM CARITAS FUNDRAISING DINNER

The CARITAS team from the Church of the Holy Name of Mary, Permatang Tinggi will be holding a fundraising dinner on **Sun, 6 Dec 2026** at their St. Mary Hall. A booth will be set up for registrations and the continuous support of the Catholic community is much appreciated.

Date of visit to CDM: **Sun, 25 Oct 2026 after morning Mass**

Contact: Paul 010-5654212 / Patricia 012-4738827

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER PENANG

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

Weekend #149: **Fri, 13 Nov - Sun, 15 Nov 2026** at Domus, MBSA

Contact: Martin & Clementine (ceepenang@gmail.com)

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION		
 Rosary Mass	8.30am 9.00am	Sun 18 Oct
MISSION SUNDAY 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 45: 4-6 1 Thes 1: 1-5 Mt 22: 15-21		
No Mass		Mon 19 Oct
SS. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs St Paul of the Cross, Priest		
CLERGY MONTHLY RECOLLECTION	Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am
	DM Chaplet	3.00pm
	No Mass DM Chaplet	
		Tue 20 Oct
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	DM Chaplet	3.00pm
	No Mass DM Chaplet	
		Wed 21 Oct
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	DM Chaplet	3.00pm
	No Mass DM Chaplet	
		Thu 22 Oct
St John Paul II, Pope		
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	DM Chaplet	3.00pm
	No Mass DM Chaplet	
		Fri 23 Oct
St John of Capestrano, Priest		
CLERGY MONTHLY RECOLLECTION	Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am
	DM Chaplet	3.00pm
	No Mass DM Chaplet	
		Sat 24 Oct
St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop		
CLERGY MONTHLY RECOLLECTION	Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am
	DM Chaplet	3.00pm
	No Mass DM Chaplet	
		Sun 25 Oct
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Ex 22: 20-26 1 Thes 1: 5-10 Mt 22: 34-40		

MEDITATION / CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING TIMES

Charismatic Renewal Group:

Wed, 28 Oct (8.00pm) at St. Faustina Hall

Christian Meditation:

Wed, 21 Oct (8.30pm) at St JP II Adoration Room

Chinese Christian Meditation:

Thu, 12 Nov (8.30pm) at St JP II Adoration Room