

+ REFLECTION

SUNDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2016 • THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
Ex 17: 3-7 Ps 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9
Rom 5: 1-2, 5-8 Jn 4: 5-42

“Come, Holy Spirit, and enkindle in me the fire of your love!”

The bush, though on fire, was not consumed. (Exodus 3:2) What a sight this burning bush must have been to Moses! But what exactly was it?

One explanation is that this fire signified God's desire that everyone worship him alone (Deuteronomy 4:24). He wants to burn away all the other “gods” that we have set up in his place.

Another explanation is that this fire represents God's judgment against sin. To those who repent, it is a cleansing fire, but to those who turn away, it is a condemning fire. The fact that the fire engulfed the bush but did not burn it away gives us great hope.

A third explanation focuses on how God chose an everyday item from the natural world—an ordinary bush—to display his glory. This explanation tells us that God is present everywhere. It also points us to the fire of the Holy Spirit, who can transform us—ordinary people—into the image of God (Acts 2:3-4).

Lent is a time when God wants to purify us. It's a time when he tells us that he wants us to have no false gods before him (Exodus 20:3). Lent is a perfect time for us to come to the Lord and ask him to burn away our sins through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Lent is also the perfect time for us to invite the fire of the Holy Spirit into our hearts so that we can be a source of blessing to the people we meet.

Let's make it a point this Lent to ask Jesus to send his fire to purify our hearts and empower our lives. Let's ask him to set us on fire for him and his Church!

Daily Readings

Feb 29 Mon: Lenten Weekday

2 Kgs 5: 1-15b Ps 42: 2, 3; 43: 3, 4 Lk 4: 24-30

Mar 1 Tue: Lenten Weekday

Dn 3: 25, 34-43 Ps 25: 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 Mt 18: 21-35

Mar 2 Wed: Lenten Weekday

Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147: 12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Mt 5: 17-19

Mar 3 Thu: Lenten Weekday/ Katharine Drexel, virgin, religious founder

Jer 7: 23-28 Ps 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Lk 11: 14-23

Mar 4 Fri: Lenten Weekday/ Casimir, Day of abstinence.

Hos 14: 2-10 Ps 81: 6-11, 14 and 17 Mk 12: 28-34

Mar 5 Sat: Lenten Weekday

Hos 6: 1-6 Ps 51: 3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab Lk 18: 9-14

A GENTLE REMINDER

Petitions to Divine Mercy

All petitions to the Divine Mercy will be offered up on the last Saturday of every month during the 5pm Divine Mercy devotion. Please place your petitions in the Petition Box at the Divine Mercy mosaic inside the main church.

Helping Hands Needed

We need more hands to clean the church. Just come by every Saturday from 8:00am to 10am at the main Church. All are welcome!

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For those who have not yet registered as parishioners of CDM, please do so at the Parish Office.



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Parish Bulletin

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The Jubilee Year of Mercy Holy Door will be open from 7am to 9pm daily.

Mass & Prayer Times

Weekday

6:30am, 6:15pm

Saturday

6:30am, 5:30pm

Every 1st Saturday of the month

7:30pm Syro-Malaba Mass (Chapel)

Every 3rd Saturday of the month

7:30pm Tagalog Mass

Sunday

7am, 9am, 11.30am, 5.30pm

Confessions 15 min before Mass.

Public Holidays 8am only

Divine Mercy Devotion

Daily at 6.45pm (Chapel)

Saturday at 5.00pm (Main Church)

Prayer for Priests

Every Thurs 5.15pm followed by 6.15pm mass

Community & Pastoral Care

Divine Mercy Apostolate

Neighbourhood Christian Community (NCC)

Prayer for the Sick & Dying

Funeral and Wake Services

Please contact the Parish Office or email secretariat@divinemercury.sg

SAINTS IN MERCY

St Elizabeth of Hungary Wealth at the Service of Mercy

St. Elizabeth is the patron saint of bakers, countesses, death of children, falsely accused, the homeless, nursing services, tertiaries, widows, and young brides. She was a princess and born in Sarospatak, Hungary, in 1207 as the daughter of King Andrew II of Hungary. At just 14, she married Ludwig IV and had three children. Shortly after their marriage, floods, famine, and the pest wrought havoc in Hungary, while Ludwig was in Italy. As such, Elizabeth assumed control of affairs, distributed alms, giving even state robes and ornaments to the poor. In order to care personally for the unfortunate, she built below the Wartburg a hospital and visited the inmates daily; at the same time she aided nine hundred poor daily. However, her young husband died in Sicily and her brother-in-law cruelly drove her from her palace. She was forced to wander through the streets with her little children, a prey to hunger and cold.

Find out more about how St Elizabeth of Hungary helped alleviate the situation on page 2.

Jesus' Love

Jesus' love is great, Jesus' love is merciful, Jesus' love forgives; but you have to open yourself and to open oneself means to repent, to accuse oneself of the things that are not good and which we have done. The Lord Jesus gave himself, and he continues to give himself to us, in order to fill us with all of the mercy and grace of the Father.

- Pope Francis, December, 2013

Reflection: Are you open to God's mercy? The Lord gives himself to us, but are we willing to give ourselves to him? What do you still need to give over to him?



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Saints in Mercy • St Elizabeth of Hungary

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The bishop of Bamberg, her maternal uncle, finally forced the cruel prince to ask pardon for his ill treatment of her, but she voluntarily renounced the grandeurs of the world, and went to live in a small house she had prepared in the city of Marburgh. There she practiced the greatest austerities. She welcomed all sufferings, and continued to be the mother of the poor, distributing the entire heritage conceded to her, and converting many by her holy life.

The life of St. Elizabeth serves as a model to all of us. Children may learn to fear God from their earliest years, and to increase their devotion with their age; single persons, how to live chastely in their state; married people, how husband and wife ought to live together; and the widowed how to sanctify their solitude. All Christians can find instruction in it, for employing their time well, helping the needy, and bearing crosses and trials sent by heaven.

Guests Make Pilgrimage to CDM's Door of Mercy



Do you know that many Catholics have been making pilgrimages to CDM to "walk through" our Holy Door? Our newly trained CDM Ambassadors welcomed their first group from the Church of Sts. Peter and Paul's Basic Christian Community Cantonese Group on 20 Feb. A group called from the Church of St. Ignatius and St. Bernadette called the "The Light" (left) made their pilgrimage to CDM on 24 Feb.

"We came to walk through the Holy Door of Mercy for forgiveness and we went home with a deeper meaning of 'Mercy', not only to be forgiven of our sins but also to become a better person, to be more like Christ."

– Ciska, group representative

Catechist & Children's Liturgy Commissioning



The dedicated members of the Catechist (above) and Children's Liturgy Ministries were commissioned last Sunday during the 5.30pm Mass. We would like to thank them for spreading God's teachings and let us pray for them as they continue to guide our young ones towards Christ.

+ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

24 Hours for the Lord • 4 & 5 Mar

Join us for our 24 hours Adoration and Confession starting from **4 March, Friday @ 6:30pm** Chaplet / Mass / Stations and ends on **5 March, Saturday** with Sunset Mass at 5:30pm (Main Church).

Fridays of Lent

3.00pm Way of the Cross/Divine Mercy Chaplet
6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
7.00pm Evening Mass & Way of the Cross
All sessions will be at the Main Church

Home Rosary Session

Host Tricia Kat

Dates 29 Feb – 6 Mar 2016

Rosary days with community:

Mon, Tues and Wed at 8:15pm; Sunday at 3pm

Venue Blk 773 Pasir Ris St 71 #06-374

For more info, contact Susan Tan at 9119 5909 or visit the Ministry's webpage.

"Poverty Meal" on 6 March

Wondering what acts of love to do this Lent? The Children Liturgy Ministry will be running the canteen on **6 March** selling a simple meal of vegetarian bee hoon. Show your support and donate your love offerings to the needy to support their tuition sessions initiated by the Society of St Vincent de Paul. Food will be available after the 7am Mass till after the 1130am Mass (lunchtime).

Rediscover God's Mercy

Let us rediscover God's mercy once more and enter into the joy of experiencing being loved by God. His unfailing love impels us to desire to live and start anew.

Reflection 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

When 3 March 2016 @ 8pm

Where Parish Hall Level 2

Infant Baptism

There will be no infant baptism in March due to Lent.

Parish Food & Fun Fair • 10 April



We will be having our F&F a week after our feast day. This year will be special because our F&F will be in aid of the Church of the Transfiguration Building Fund (COTT).

Time 7:30am till 2.00pm

Keen to Set Up a Food or Games Stall?

We love diversity so if you're interested, please e-mail secretariat@divinemersey.sg or call the Parish Office (6583 3378) during office hours. As this is a fund-raising event, you or your team members will need to bear the cost of your stall. However, please contact us to explore other ways of funding.

Love Offering for the F&F

You can also help by making a contribution towards defraying the cost of the organising the F&F. Costs will include logistics (air-conditioning/blower, tables, chairs, utensils, stall set up etc.). Every contribution matters. Excess will go towards COTT's Church Funds. You can make a love offering or sponsorship at our Parish Office. A receipt will be given to you for your contribution.

Jumble Sale - Donations & Volunteers

We are looking for meaningful gifts; items that people will want to buy to raise funds for COTT. Items must be in good condition. No perishables. Our Lord appreciates a generous and sincere giver. From this weekend, two cartons will be placed near the [lift at B2](#) for you to place your items. We are also looking for volunteers to help sort and organise the jumble sale items on Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri from 2-5pm starting on 29 Feb. Please contact Gilbert (96653798) to offer your time and helping hand. Mark your calendar, stay tuned in as we will be making more announcements soon!