

+ REFLECTION

SUNDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 2016 • 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
2 Mc 7: 1-2, 9-14 Ps 17: 1, 5-6, 8, 15 (15b)
2 Thes 2: 16 - 3: 5 Lk 20:27-38

“Lord, I need you today. Come and strengthen me against temptation.”

In the story of Cain and Abel, before Cain goes forward with his plan to kill his brother, God warns him not to let this evil desire have mastery over him (Genesis 4:7). Cain didn't have to give in to this temptation. God was right there, ready to help him and strengthen him. Sadly, we know what happened. When we think about sin, we usually think about our personal sins. We don't often think of the temptations that are behind our choices to commit sins, but it is an effective tool that the devil wields against us, and we need to be on guard against it. Sometimes, temptation can feel like an insistent hammering that beats us into submission. Over and over again, the evil one whispers lies to us. He tempts us by telling us that there is nothing wrong with violating God's commands. If we give an opening to these sinful suggestions, they will sway us to commit sins. Other times, Satan uses a more subtle technique. He tells us that we have too much work to do, too many errands to run, and too many important responsibilities. By the end of the day, we're just too tired or too distracted to spend time with the Lord. Consequently, without even knowing it, we have become spiritually weak. We have let our guard down and have become more vulnerable to the devil's temptations. But we are a new creation in Christ! We don't have to give in to temptation. We don't have to follow in Cain's footsteps. The secret is to pray and ask Jesus for his spiritual strength to help us say no to temptation. He is a generous God, and he will give us the grace we need to resist. May we never again let a day go by without spending time with Jesus and asking him for heavenly strength.

Daily Readings

Nov 7 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Ti 1: 1-9 Ps 24: 1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 17: 1-6

Nov 8 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

Ti 2: 1-8, 11-14 Ps 37: 3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29 Lk 17: 7-10

Nov 9 Wed: DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME FEAST

1 Cor 3, 9c-11, 16-17 Ps 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 2: 13-22

Nov 10 Thu: Leo the Great, pope, dr

Phlm 7-20 Ps 146: 7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 Lk 17: 20-25

Nov 11 Fri: Martin of Tours, bishop

2 Jn 4-9 Ps 119: 1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18 Lk 17: 26-37

Nov 12 Sat: Josephat, bishop, religious, martyr

3 Jn 5-8 Ps 112: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Lk 18: 1-8

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!

Parish Secretariat

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Mon - Fri | 11am - 7pm
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Sat | 12.30pm - 5.30pm
Sun | 9am - 1pm
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Parish Census

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

Our Newest Ministry



(Couples from left to right): Kevin & Isabel, Matthew & Joanne, Daryl & Tricia, Kenny & Jane

These couples are a part of our newest “CMJ” Ministry!

In this week's bulletin, we are excited to share about our newest “CMJ” Ministry, as well as the upcoming visit of a renowned Catholic author and speaker, Jason Evert, to CDM, who will share his God-inspired yet down-to-earth and practical perspectives on love, relationships, marriage and sex. Find out more inside!

I Have Shunned Your Love

Whenever we take a step toward Jesus, we come to realize that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms. Now is the time to say to Jesus: “Lord, I have let myself be deceived; in a thousand ways I have shunned your love, yet here I am once more, to renew my covenant with you. I need you. Save me once again, Lord, take me once more into your redeeming embrace.”

Pope Francis — Evangelii Gaudium

Reflection: Take some time to recognize that you are in Jesus' presence. Ask him: What step do I need to take to draw closer to you? In what ways have I been deceived, and am in need of your mercy?

+ PARISH BUZZ

Couple Mentor Journey (CMJ) Ministry

Our newest ministry, the CMJ, is set up with a mission for experienced couples (“couple mentor”) to journey with engaged and newly married couples, inspiring them to stay connected with the sacramental life of the parish. CMJ provides engaged and newlywed couples with:

- A stronger base for their marriage with continuous ‘live’ marriage preparation;
- The opportunity to form relationships with their couple mentor; and
- A connection to the faith life of the parish community.

To find out more, please contact Matthew and Joanne at CMJ@divinemeracy.sg or visit the team, who will be setting up a booth at our foyer on 19-20 Nov. More details on page 3.

YOM Pilgrim Visit • 15 October 2016

Our parish hosted over 130 pilgrims from Church of St Michael, DMA as part of their group's spiritual activity in the Year of Mercy. They prayed together in front of the Holy Door, sang songs while entering the door & prayed one decade of the chaplet in front of the Divine Mercy. They were so glad that some of them expressed their desire to come back to learn more about CDM and the relics we have.



YOM Pilgrim Visit • 29 October 2016

On 29 Oct, 45 Pilgrims from the Church of St Peter, Batam, visited CDM. The pilgrims, accompanied by their priest Fr Aurelius, prayed a decade of Divine Mercy and were led on a tour of the main church before celebrating mass at exactly 3pm.



+ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Home Rosary Session

Host Edward & Jane De Cruz

Dates 7 - 13 Nov 2016

Rosary days with community:

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

Venue Blk 102 Pasir Ris St 12 #02-33

For more info, contact Sharon Khng at 9631-7575 or visit the Ministry's webpage.

The Children of Praise

Come back to me with all your Heart

To reflect on: 2 Corinthians 5:17-18

No matter what state we are in, God is always waiting for us to return to Him with a contrite heart. Come join us in this session as we answer His call.

When 10 Nov, 8pm

Where Parish Hall (L2)

Catechist Recruitment

If you have the passion for sharing our faith with children or youth and would like to be involved in parish catechesis, please contact **Leonard Louis @ 81333078** or email catechism@divinemeracy.sg. To find out more about our parish catechesis, please visit the Catechetical Ministry page on our parish website.

Church of the Transfiguration (COTT) Registration

Catholics residing in Punggol who have not registered with COTT, can obtain the forms from and submit them to the Parish Office. Forms for those who wish to serve in the various Ministries are also available. Staff from COTT will come and collect the forms. If you have any query, please contact COTT's Pastoral Coordinator, **Raymond Chang @ 6341-9718**.

Annual Media Parish Outreach

The Daughters of St. Paul will be in CDM for their annual media parish outreach with a variety of media materials - Books, DVDS, CDS to help you nourish your spiritual life. As part of their fundraising efforts for their new convent, the sisters will be promoting a cookbook titled Taste of Heaven. Price \$25.

Couple Mentor Journey (CMJ) - Recruitment of Couple Mentors

Calling all Catholics, mixed marriages (Catholic & Christian) and interfaith couples. If you have a faithful and fruitful bond of marriage, have been married for at least five years and your relationship is rooted in love and committed to living out the Church's teachings on marriage – you are ideal to be couple mentors. Info session about CMJ is on November 28 (Monday), 8 p.m., St. Faustina room. Come visit our Couple Mentor Journey booth at the church foyer on Nov 19 & 20 to find out more.

Jason Evert LIVE in Singapore

The Archdiocesan Commission for the Family will be bringing in renowned Catholic author and speaker, Jason Evert, to Singapore on 14 Jan 2017. Jason will present a series of talks to parents, young adults and the youth. He will share his God-inspired yet down-to-earth and practical perspectives on love, relationships, marriage and sex, in the context of our Catholic faith. Buy your tickets at www.catholicfamily.org.sg/jasonevert (Please note - due to limited capacity, priority for tickets for the Youth Session will be given to L9/L10 catechumens through the Catechetical Ministry).

Jubilee Year of Mercy - God's Love & Mercy for Marriages

Retrouvaille Singapore with the support of Church of the Holy Spirit is organizing an event in conjunction with the Jubilee Year of Mercy - “God's Love & Mercy for marriages”. Admission is free. All are welcome!

When Friday, 11 Nov 2, 8pm - 10pm
Registration starts at 7:30pm

Where Church of the Holy Spirit
Room #03-11
248 Upper Thomson Road.

Register at <http://tinyurl.com/marriageworks> or www.facebook.com/retrouvaillesingapore by 7 Nov 2016