

## + REFLECTION

SUNDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2016 • 34TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
2 Sm 5: 1-3 Ps 121: 1-2, 4-5.  
Col 1: 12-20 Lk 23: 35-43

**“Jesus, eternal King, you are mighty and merciful. I surrender to you. Come, and reign in my heart.”**

At the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, you will see an immense mosaic entitled Christ in Majesty above the main altar. The mosaic portrays Jesus in towering strength, flexing a muscular right arm. Everything about this image says “kingly.” Even the inscription reads, “Christ Reigns, Christ Rules. Eternal Victor, Eternal King.”

This is the kind of image that probably comes to mind when we think of Jesus as a king—and rightly so! Jesus does indeed reign at the right hand of God the Father. Every knee is meant to bow before him, and “every tongue confess” his Lordship.

All this is well and good, but look at the Gospel passage chosen for today’s celebration. Jesus is crucified like a common criminal. He is hanging between two thieves, while many of Israel’s religious leaders jeer at him. What a humiliating image! Why would the Church select such a surprising reading?

This is the great paradox of the Christian life. Jesus shows himself worthy of our obedience, not because he is proud and powerful, but because he is a servant. He shows himself to be lordly, not through powerful armies and a gleaming throne, but through the beautiful dignity of self-giving love. He is merciful, forgiving even his torturers. He is generous, promising paradise to a repentant thief. He is Jesus, the Son of God, who did only what his Father told him to do. Today, join Mary at the foot of the cross and behold your King. Gaze upon him as he offers up his life for you. Look at him, and let your heart rejoice.

### Daily Readings

#### Nov 21 Mon: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Zec 2: 14-17 Lk1: 46-55. Mt 12: 46-50.

#### Nov 22 Tue: St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr

Rv 14: 14-19 Ps 95: 10, 11-12a, 12b-13. Lk 21: 5-11.

#### Nov 23 Wed: Ordinary Weekday/ Clement I, Pope, Martyr/ St Columban, Abbot.

Rv 15: 1-4 Ps 97: 1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9. Lk 21: 12-19.

#### Nov 24 Thu: Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, Martyr, & Companions, Martyrs.

Rv 18: 1-2, 21-23; 19: 1-3, 9a Ps 99: 2, 3, 4, 5. Lk 21: 20-28.

#### Nov 25 Fri: Ordinary Weekday/ Catherine of Alexandria, virgin, martyr

Rv 20: 1-4, 11 – 21, 2 Ps 83: 3, 4, 5-6a and 8a. Lk 21: 29-33.

#### Nov 26 Sat: Ordinary Weekday/ BVM

Rv 22: 1-7 Ps 94: 1-2, 3-5, 6-7. Lk 21: 34-36.

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

#### General Office

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#### Opening Hours

Mon - Fri | 11am - 7pm  
Closed for lunch | 1pm - 2pm  
Sat | 12.30pm - 5.30pm  
Sun | 9am - 1pm  
Closed on public holidays

### Staying Connected

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### Parish Census

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



# CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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## Parish Bulletin

### Parish Priests

**Fr Johnson Fernandez**  
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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

**“And they will go to war against the Lamb; but because the Lamb is Lord of lords, and King of kings, he will defeat them.” - Revelation 17:14**



Christ the King Sunday celebrates the all-embracing authority of Christ as King and Lord of all things. This Sunday also marks the Closing of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica and the conclusion of the Jubilee of Mercy at the Vatican. Read more on page 2.

## The Air of Faith

Let us become bold in exploring new ways with which our Communities can be homes where the door is always open! It is also important that the welcome is followed by a clear proposal of the faith; many times a proposal of the faith may not be explicit but is conveyed by attitude, by witness. In this institution called the Church, in this institution called the parish, one breathes the air of faith, because one believes in the Lord Jesus.

Pope Francis — Address, June 16, 2014

**Reflection:** How involved are you in your parish? Do you make excuses for why you aren't involved? Your priest? The people? Your schedule?

Find ways to overcome any obstacles and get involved in making your parish a more inviting place that shares the faith.

## + PARISH BUZZ

### Feast of Christ the King • 20 Nov



Christ the King Sunday is celebrated on the final Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Sunday before Advent. Pope Pius XI instituted The Feast of Christ the King in 1925. At the time, many Christians (including Catholics) began to doubt Christ's authority and existence, as well as the Church's power to continue Christ's authority.

Just as the Feast of Corpus Christi was instituted when devotion to the Eucharist was at a low point, the Feast of Christ the King was instituted during a time when respect for Christ and the Church was waning, when the feast was needed most.

As the Year of Mercy officially ends this weekend, let us remember that Our Lord, King of the Universe, is also the living face of the Father's Mercy.

### Closing of the Holy Door @CDM



In conjunction with the closing of the Holy Door last weekend, each family received a very beautiful Divine Mercy poster. The Divine Mercy image is based on the devotion initiated by Saint Faustina. Jesus is shown raising his right hand in blessing, and pointing with His left hand on His chest from which flow forth two rays. The rays streaming out have symbolic meaning: red for the blood of Jesus (which is the Life of Souls), and pale for the water (which justifies souls). The whole image is symbolic of charity, forgiveness and love of God, referred to as the "Fountain of Mercy".

**We thank the benefactor, who donated the posters, for his generosity!**

### YOM Pilgrim Visit • 12 November 2016

39 Pilgrims from the International Pastoral Community, Batam, accompanied by Fr. Aurelius visited CDM. The group prayed the Chaplet and celebrated Mass. Fr. Aurelius was full of praise for our Church. He felt privileged that the group was able to come and see the unique CDM cross and reliquaries.



## + PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Jesuit Refuge Service (JRS)

#### Exhibition • 19 & 20 Nov 2016

JRS Singapore will be holding an exhibition at the foyer. We are challenged to see refugees not as mere statistics but as persons with a name, face and story. Come by to the exhibition and speak to the JRS volunteers for more insights about the refugee situation and what we can do to support them.

### Home Rosary Session

**Host** Veronica & Family

**Dates** 21 - 27 Nov 2016

**Rosary days with community:**

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

**Venue** Blk 752 Pasir Ris St 71 #13-84

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

### Primary Level Parent & Child Session

We strongly encourage parents to attend the final parent and child session of 2016 with their children on the weekend of 26/27 November at the following times:

**26 Nov (Saturday): 3.30pm - 5pm; or**

**27 Nov (Sunday): 10.30am - 12pm**

Please kindly RSVP your attendance with your child's catechists.

### Last Catechetical Sessions

The last catechetical sessions for ALL levels will be on 26/27 November. Sessions for 2017 will commence on 25/26 February.

### Blessing of Advent Wreath

The Blessing of Advent Wreath will take place on the first Sunday of Advent, 26/27 November at All Masses. Families are invited to bring their Advent wreath to Mass next weekend. At the end of Mass, bring the advent wreath to the front for the priest to bless the wreath.

### Commissioning of CDM Choral Ministry

**When** 20 November, Sunday  
9am Mass

Congratulations!

### The Children of Praise

#### My Life Is In You Lord. (John 14:26)

Let us wholeheartedly seek to put our lives in the hands of our Saviour who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Come join us on **Thurs, 24 Nov 2016, at 8pm**, at the Parish Hall (L2)

### Special Marriage Encounter Outreach

ME facilitates very special weekends for married couples. Present a ME Gift Voucher to your spouse or friends this Christmas. For this weekend only (19 & 20 Nov), **get the vouchers at the CDM ME Promotion at half-price of \$25**. Discounted vouchers are also available from Cana (55 Waterloo Street, Level 2) in December. Slots are still open for the Dec 2-4 and Jan 6-8 ME Weekends/ E-mail [mewkend@gmail.com](mailto:mewkend@gmail.com) or visit [www.msg.org](http://www.msg.org).

### Recruitment of Couple Mentors

Are you SMART in loving your spouse?

- Are you passionate about marriage and want to support other couples to build healthy, vibrant marriages?
- Are you eager to strengthen and enrich your own marriage?

#### BE a COUPLE MENTOR.

The Couple Mentor Journey (CMJ) ministry invites married couples (5 years or more) to share their blessings with engaged and newly married couples in our parish. Join us for an information session on 28 November, 8pm at St. Faustina auditorium. Come register at our booth in the church foyer this weekend. Contact: Matthew & Joanne, 9769-0543 or [CMJ@divinemercy.sg](mailto:CMJ@divinemercy.sg)

### Family Life Society Mass

Come pray for the end of abortion, the protection of unborn babies and their mothers on the Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe – the protectress of the unborn – on 12 Dec (Mon) at St Ignatius Church. Pro-life rosary will be recited at 7:30pm followed by Mass at 8pm. There will be special blessings for pregnant mothers, their spouses and families. This event is organised by the Pregnancy Crisis Service, a service of Family Life Society. All are welcomed.