

## + REFLECTION

SUNDAY, 11 DECEMBER 2016 • THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
Is 35: 1-6a.10 Ps 146: 6-10 Jas 5: 7-10 Mt 11: 2-11

**“Holy Spirit, come and bring my spiritual instincts to life. Lord, I want to see your glory!”**

Do you want to see “the glory of the Lord” this Advent? One of the ways to find this “glory” is by activating our spiritual instincts. We were all born with these instincts, and it’s something that the Holy Spirit wants to bring to life in us every day. While we have many instincts, let’s focus on just two of them.

First, we all have aesthetic instincts. Aesthetic instincts help us appreciate a beautiful work of art or the majesty of a snowcapped mountain peak. During Advent, we can ask the Spirit to help us see the beauty in that dank and unwelcoming manger. Picture the manger scene, and see what happens as you dwell on the baby Jesus wrapped in swaddling clothes.

Second, we have contemplative instincts—instincts that come alive when we focus on a work of God. Do you remember how Mary pondered and treasured everything that happened when Jesus was born (Luke 2:19, 51)? When we ponder God’s word, perhaps in the Christmas stories in Luke’s Gospels, our spiritual instincts will come alive, and the Holy Spirit will give us new insights into his love for us.

When you receive the Eucharist today, imagine yourself at the manger. Then pray, “Lord, show me your glory.” If you feel a desire to bow down and thank God or an impulse to reach out to someone who is hurting, take this as a sign that the Holy Spirit is enlivening your spiritual instincts.

You’ll find yourself becoming more loving, more forgiving, and more peaceful—especially in difficult times. God wants all his people to look to him and have their instincts awakened. And that includes you!

### Daily Readings

**Dec 12 Mon: Our Lady of Guadalupe FEAST**  
Num 24, 2-7. 15-17a Ps 24, 4-9 Mt 21, 23-27

**Dec 13 Tue: Lucy, virgin, martyr**  
Zep 3: 1-2. 9-13 Ps 34: 2-3. 6-7. 17-19. 23 Mt 21: 28-32

**Dec 14 Wed: John of the Cross, priest, dr**  
Is 45: 6c-8. 18. 21-25 Ps 85: 9-14 Lk 7: 18b-23

**Dec 15 Thu: Advent Weekday**  
Is 54: 1-10 Ps 30: 2. 4. 5-6. 11-13 Lk 7: 24-30

**Dec 16 Fri: Advent Weekday**  
Is 56: 1-3a. 6-8 Ps 67: 2-3. 5. 7-8 Jn 5: 33-36

**Dec 17 Sat: Advent Weekday (O Sapientia)**  
Gn 49: 2. 8-10 Ps 72: 1-2. 3-4ab. 7-8. 17 Mt 1: 1-17

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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Teresa Tan  
Tel | 6583 3378 • Fax | 6583 1694  
Email | secretariat@divinemercury.sg

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

### 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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**Fr Terence Kesavan**

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### 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

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## Third Sunday of Advent



This Sunday, also known as Gaudete Sunday, we light the third candle of the Advent Wreath, which symbolizes Joy. Let us work towards the vision proclaimed and lived by Jesus, as we prepare for His coming.

## Letting Go of Old Hurts

One of the hardest things in life is to let go of old hurts. We often say, or at least think: “What you did to me and my family, my ancestors, or my friends I cannot forget or forgive... One day you will have to pay for it.” Sometimes our memories are decades, even centuries old and we keep asking for revenge.

Holding people’s faults against them often creates an impenetrable wall. But listen to Paul: “For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation: the old order is gone and a new being is there to see. It is all God’s work” (2 Corinthians 5:17-18). Indeed, we cannot let go of old hurts, but God can. Paul says: “God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not holding anyone’s fault against them” (2 Corinthians 5:19). It is God’s work, but we are God’s ministers, because the God who reconciled the world to God entrusted to us “the message of reconciliation” (2 Corinthians 5:19).

This message calls us to let go of old hurts in the Name of God. This is the message our world most needs to hear.

- Henri Nouwen

## + PARISH BUZZ

### Post-Confirmation Party



**“...everything was over so quickly but we had a lot of fun, made memories and sealed friendships with our peers. I am sure this party won't be the last time we'll all see each other.”** – Mikaella Elizabeth Nayan 9C

On 27 November, a party was held for the L9 teens to celebrate their confirmation after a whole year of preparation. The party started off with a light dinner, followed by fun games and finally, the presentation of confirmation certificates. Let us continue to keep the teens in our prayers as they continue with their faith journey.

### Saint Mother Teresa Veneration at CDM



On 27 November, our parishioners had a chance to venerate a relic from Saint Mother Teresa during the 5.30pm Mass. The celebrant, Rev Fr Hans D, Magdurulang, Parochial Vicar from Holy Spirit Parish, (Espiritu Santo Parish) from Manila personally prayed over the parishioners during the veneration. We thank God for the gift of this visit.

## + PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Home Rosary Session

**Host** Catherine Yagappan

**Dates** 12 - 18 Dec 2016

**Rosary days with community:**

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

**Venue** 57 Loyang View S(507213)

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

### Mandarin Divine Mercy Devotion

There will be no Mandarin DM devotion during Dec 2016 - Jan 2017. Devotion will resume in Feb 2017.

### #BringACatholicHome

Just one. Would that be you? Or someone you know? That's what we do at Landings. Our mission is to help reconnect the 'away' Catholic back to Church. To bring Catholics home one at a time. To know more, speak to us at our booth in the church foyer in this weekend after mass. The Landings team will also be distributing tags as giveaways this Christmas. Perhaps someone is waiting to receive your personal message to take that first step home! To find out more, visit our website at [www.landings.org.sg](http://www.landings.org.sg), email us at [returning@landings.org.sg](mailto:returning@landings.org.sg) or you can either Leonard (9369 2100) or Tricia (9863 1590) or Lucy Tjhia (9068 2961)

### Catholic Foundation: GIFT

#### Programme Donation Envelope Collection

The GIFT Programme is to encourage Catholics to give monthly to the Catholic Foundation to raise funds to deliver the pastoral vision and plan of the archdiocese over the next seven years. Collection of donation envelopes will be done during all masses next weekend (every month 3rd weekend). Envelopes can be found at the parish office.

### CDM Advent Schedule

#### Penitential Service

Wed, 14 Dec: 8:00pm

#### 'Simbang Gabi' - 9 Night Novena Mass

15 Dec to 23 Dec @ 8:00pm daily

Officiated by the visiting Priest Fr. Romeo RV Villavicencio. The Mass will be in English, but the Homily and Songs will be a mix of English and Tagalog.

There will be a fellowship after every Mass at the canteen. Open to everyone! For more information contact Zap 82881025 & Marie 94783985.

#### Christmas Eve - Sat, 24 Dec:

6:00pm Children's Pageant followed by Christmas Mass

We invite all children to come dressed as **Angels, Shepherds or Wise Men** for the Children's Christmas Pageant and Mass!

8.30pm Carolling

9:00pm Christmas Mass

11.30pm Carolling

12:00mn Midnight Christmas Mass

#### Christmas Day (Day of Obligation)

##### Sun, 25 Dec:

Masses at 7:00am; 9:00am; 11:30am; 5.30pm

3:00pm Special Mass for our foreign workers followed by Hi-Tea

##### Sat, 31 Dec:

6.30am & 5.30pm (Thanksgiving Mass)

##### Sun, 1 Jan 2017:

Mass schedule as usual

### Jason Evert Live in Singapore

The Archdiocesan Commission for the Family is bringing in Jason Evert, renown Catholic author and speaker on chastity and sexuality, to Singapore on 14 Jan 2017. He will give separate talks to parents, young adults and youth. Tickets are available at the foyer after Mass.