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# Ordination Day GREETINGS



**Rev. Fr. George  
Palamattam  
Oct. 28**



**Rev. Fr. Tenson  
Paul Thannickal  
Oct. 04**



# EPARCHIAL DAY CELEBRATIONS 2021

The Syro-Malabar Catholic Eparchy of Mississauga celebrated Eparchial Day on September 19, 2021, at St. Alphonsa Syro Malabar Catholic Forane Church, Edmonton. The event commemorated the sixth anniversary of the Eparchy in conjunction with the sixth anniversary of the episcopal ordination of His Excellency, Mar Jose Kalluvellil, Bishop of Mississauga. Following the Pontifical Holy Qurbana celebrated by His Excellency Mar Jose Kalluvellil, the event began at 11:45 am. It was live streamed with members of the Eparchy across Canada through YouTube.

A prayer song by Tezza Maria Paul and Ann Ria Paul commenced the Eparchial Day programs. Afterwards, Very Rev. Fr. Thomas Thacheril, Forane Vicar expressed words of welcome and best wishes. Following the traditional lighting of the lamp, His Excellency, Mar Jose Kalluvellil, delivered the presidential address. Following suit, Esha Tony, Sebastian Paikada, and Shiju Stephen shared felicitations. Next, there was a cake cutting in honour of His Excellency's sixth anniversary of Episcopal Ordination. Lastly, Rev. Fr. Bobby Joy Mutathuvalayil, Director of Western Regional Pastoral Center in Edmonton presented the vote of thanks. The meeting concluded with the singing of the Canadian national anthem and a blessing by His Excellency, Mar Jose Kalluvellil.





# Hearty WELCOME

Rev. Sr. Mercy Antony CHF  
joined in the Mississauga Community of  
Holy Family Sisters on Sept 16th 2021.

Hearty Welcome to Sr. Mercy Antony  
to the Eparchy of Mississauga  
and prayerful wishes  
for her future ministries.





# BISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS

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Date	Time	Program
2	09.00 am	Walking with Christ, Teens' Bible Reading Concluding Message
	11.00 am	Solemn Holy Communicant's Day
	03.00 pm	Angel Meet and Inauguration of PAC
	05.00 pm	Class for MPC Participants
3	04.00 pm	Parish Feast at St. Alphonsa Parish Cambridge
5-7	09.00 am	ACBO Fall Plenary Meeting
6	11.00 am	Curia Meeting
	08.30 pm	SMYM Advisory Body Meeting
9	10.00 am	Baptism at St Joseph Parish Oshawa
10	04.00 pm	Parish Feast at St Joseph Parish Oshawa
13	11.30 am	Curia Meeting
	07.30 pm	Finance Council Meeting
18-21		Annual Retreat for Priests and Sisters
23 to Nov 2		Pastoral Visit to Winnipeg, regina, Saskatoon
23	01.0 pm	ISSSAC Board Meeting
	11.00 am	Marriage at St Alphonsa Cathedral, Mississauga
	08.00 pm	SMYM Animators' Training Session
27	11.30 am	Curia Meeting
28	08.00 am	Monthly Recollection for Syro Malabar Bishops

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## MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2021



*“We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard”  
(Acts 4:20)*

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

Once we experience the power of God’s love, and recognize his fatherly presence in our personal and community life, we cannot help but proclaim and share what we have seen and heard. Jesus’ relationship with his disciples and his humanity, as revealed to us in the mystery of his Incarnation, Gospel and Paschal Mystery, shows us the extent to which God loves our humanity and makes his own our joys and sufferings, our hopes and our concerns (cf. *Gaudium et Spes*, 22). Everything about Christ reminds us that he knows well our world and its need for redemption, and calls us to become actively engaged in this mission: “Go therefore to the highways and byways, and invite everyone you find” (*Mt 22:9*). No one is excluded, no one need feel distant or removed from this compassionate love.

### ***The Experience of the Apostles***

The history of evangelization began with the Lord’s own passionate desire to call and enter into friendly dialogue with everyone, just as they are (cf. *Jn 15:12-17*). The Apostles are the first to tell us this; they remembered even the day and the hour when they first met him: “It was about four o’clock in the afternoon” (*Jn 1:39*). Experiencing the Lord’s friendship, watching him cure the sick, dine with sinners, feed the hungry, draw near to the outcast, touch the unclean, identify with the needy, propose the Beatitudes and teach in a new and authoritative way, left an indelible mark on them, awakening amazement, expansive joy and a profound sense of gratitude. The prophet Jeremiah describes this experience as one of a consuming awareness of the Lord’s active presence in our heart, impelling us to mission, regardless of the sacrifices and misunderstandings it may entail (cf. *20:7-9*). Love is always



on the move, and inspires us to share a wonderful and hope-filled message: “We have found the Messiah” (*Jn* 1:41).

With Jesus, we too have seen, heard and experienced that things can be different. Even now, he has inaugurated future times, reminding us of an often forgotten dimension of our humanity, namely, that “we were created for a fulfilment that can only be found in love” (*Fratelli Tutti*, 68). A future that awakens a faith capable of inspiring new initiatives and shaping communities of men and women who, by learning to accept their own frailty and that of others, promote fraternity and social friendship (cf. *ibid.*, 67). The ecclesial community reveals its splendor whenever it recalls with gratitude that the Lord loved us first (cf. *1 Jn* 4:19). “The loving predilection of the Lord surprises us, and surprise by its very nature cannot be owned or imposed by us... Only in this way can the miracle of gratuitousness, the gratuitous gift of self, blossom. Nor can missionary fervor ever be obtained as a result of reasoning or calculation. To be ‘in a state of mission’ is a reflection of gratitude” (*Message to the Pontifical Mission Societies*, 21 May 2020).

Even so, things were not always easy. The first Christians began the life of faith amid hostility and hardship. Experiences of marginalization and imprisonment combined with internal and external struggles that seemed to contradict and even negate what they had seen and heard. Yet, rather than a difficulty or an obstacle leading them to step back or close in on themselves, those experiences impelled them to turn problems, conflicts and difficulties into opportunities for mission. Limitations and obstacles became a privileged occasion for anointing everything and everyone with the Spirit of the Lord. Nothing and no one was to be excluded from the message of liberation.

We have a vivid testimony to all this in the Acts of the Apostles, a book which missionary disciples always have within easy reach. There we read how the fragrance of the Gospel spread as it was preached, awakening the joy that the Spirit alone can bestow. The Book of Acts teaches us to endure hardship by clinging firmly to Christ, in order to grow in the “conviction that God is able to act in any circumstance, even amid apparent setbacks” and in the certainty that “all those who entrust themselves to God will bear good fruit” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 279).

The same holds true for us: our own times are not easy. The pandemic has brought to the fore and amplified the pain, the solitude, the poverty and the injustices experienced by so many people. It has unmasked our false sense of security and revealed the brokenness and polarization quietly growing in our midst. Those who are most frail and vulnerable have come to feel even more so. We have experienced discouragement, disillusionment and fatigue; nor have we been immune from a growing negativity that stifles hope. For our part, however, “we do not proclaim ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake” (2 *Cor* 4:5). As a result, in our communities and in our families, we can hear the powerful message of life that echoes in our hearts and proclaims: “He is not here, but has risen (*Lk* 24:6)! This message of hope shatters every form of determinism and, to those who let themselves be touched by it, bestows the freedom and boldness needed to rise up and seek with creativity every possible way to show compassion, the “sacramental” of God’s closeness to us, a closeness that abandons no one along the side of the road.

In these days of pandemic, when there is a temptation to disguise and justify indifference and apathy in the name of healthy social distancing, there is urgent need for the mission of compassion, which can make that necessary distancing an opportunity for encounter, care and promotion. “What we have seen and heard” (*Acts* 4:20), the mercy we have experienced, can thus become a point of reference and a source of credibility, enabling us to recover a shared passion for building “a community of belonging and solidarity worthy of our time, our energy and our resources (*Fratelli Tutti*, 36). The Lord’s word daily rescues and saves us from the excuses that can plunge us into the worst kind of skepticism: “Nothing changes, everything stays the same”. To those who wonder why they should give up their security, comforts and pleasures if they can see no important result, our answer will always remain the same: “Jesus Christ has triumphed over sin and death and is now almighty. Jesus Christ is truly alive” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 275) and wants us to be alive, fraternal, and capable of cherishing and sharing this message of hope. In our present circumstances, there is an urgent need for missionaries of hope who, anointed by the Lord, can provide a prophetic reminder that no one is saved by himself.

Like the Apostles and the first Christians, we too can say with complete conviction: “We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard” (*Acts* 4:20). Everything we have received from the Lord is meant to be put to good use and freely shared with others. Just as the Apostles saw, heard and touched the saving power of Jesus (cf. *1 Jn* 1:1-4), we too can daily touch the sorrowful and glorious flesh of Christ. There we can find the courage to share with everyone we meet a destiny of hope, the sure knowledge that the Lord is ever at our side. As Christians, we cannot keep the Lord to ourselves: the Church’s evangelizing mission finds outward fulfilment in the transformation of our world and in the care of creation.

### ***An Invitation to Each of Us***

The theme of this year’s World Mission Day – “We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard” (*Acts* 4:20), is a summons to each of us to “own” and to bring to others what we bear in our hearts. This mission has always been the hallmark of the Church, for “she exists to evangelize” (SAINT PAUL VI, *EvangeliiNuntiandi*, 14). Our life of faith grows weak, loses its prophetic power and its ability to awaken amazement and gratitude when we become isolated and withdraw into little groups. By its very nature, the life of faith calls for a growing openness to embracing everyone, everywhere. The first Christians, far from yielding to the temptation to become an elite group, were inspired by the Lord and his offer of new life to go out among the nations and to bear witness to what they had seen and heard: the good news that the Kingdom of God is at hand. They did so with the generosity, gratitude and nobility typical of those who sow seeds in the knowledge that others will enjoy the fruit of their efforts and sacrifice. I like to think that “even those who are most frail, limited and troubled can be missionaries in their own way, for goodness can always be shared, even if it exists alongside many limitations” (*Christus Vivit*, 239).

On World Mission Day, which we celebrate each year on the penultimate Sunday of October, we recall with gratitude all those men and women who by their testimony of life help us to renew our baptismal commitment to be generous and joyful apostles of the Gospel. Let us remember especially all those who resolutely set out, leaving home and family behind, to bring the Gospel to all those places and people athirst for its saving message.

Contemplating their missionary witness, we are inspired to be courageous ourselves and to beg “the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest” (Lk 10:2). We know that the call to mission is not a thing of the past, or a romantic leftover from earlier times. Today too Jesus needs hearts capable of experiencing vocation as a true love story that urges them to go forth to the peripheries of our world as messengers and agents of compassion. He addresses this call to everyone, and in different ways. We can think of the peripheries all around us, in the heart of our cities or our own families. Universal openness to love has a dimension that is not geographical but existential. Always, but especially in these times of pandemic, it is important to grow in our daily ability to widen our circle, to reach out to others who, albeit physically close to us, are not immediately part of our “circle of interests” (cf. *Fratelli Tutti*, 97). To be on mission is to be willing to think as Christ does, to believe with him that those around us are also my brothers and sisters. May his compassionate love touch our hearts and make us all true missionary disciples.

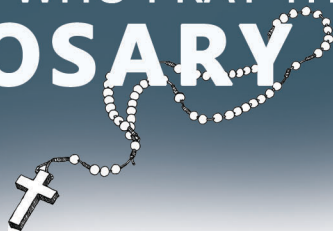
May Mary, the first missionary disciple, increase in all the baptized the desire to be salt and light in our lands (cf. *Mt* 5:13-14).

*Rome, Saint John Lateran, 6 January 2021, Solemnity  
of the Epiphany of the Lord.*

Franciscus



# FIFTEEN PROMISES TO THOSE WHO PRAY THE ROSARY



1. Whoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall **receive signal graces**.
2. I promise my **special protection** and the **greatest graces** to all those who shall recite the Rosary.
3. The Rosary shall be a **powerful armor against hell**, it will **destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies**.
4. The Rosary will **cause virtue** and good works to flourish; it will obtain for souls the **abundant mercy of God**; it will **withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities**, and will **lift them to the desire for eternal things**. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.
5. The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary, **shall not perish**.
6. Whoever shall recite the Rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its sacred mysteries shall **never be conquered by misfortune**. God will not chastise him in His justice, he shall not perish by an unprovided death; if he be just, **he shall remain in the grace of God**, and become **worthy of eternal life**.
7. Whoever shall have a true devotion for the Rosary **shall not die without the sacraments** of the Church.
8. Those who are faithful to recite the Rosary shall have **during their life and at their death the light of God** and the **plentitude of His graces**; at the moment of death, they **shall participate in the merits of the saints** in paradise.
9. I shall **deliver from Purgatory** those who have been devoted to the Rosary.
10. The faithful children of the Rosary shall **merit a high degree of glory in Heaven**.
11. You shall **obtain all you ask** of me **by the recitation of the Rosary**.
12. All those who **propagate the Holy Rosary** shall be **aided by me in their necessities**.
13. I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the **advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of death**.
14. All **who recite the Rosary** are my sons and daughters, and brothers and sisters of my only Son Jesus Christ.
15. Devotion of my Rosary is a **great sign of predestination**.



## CURIA NEWS

### Curia Meetings

Curia meetings were held on September 1, 10 and 29.

### Priests' Live and Learn

The Live and Learn program of the priests were conducted on September 13- 16 at St Mother Teresa Parish, Calgary. Sixteen priests serving the eparchy in various parishes gathered with the bishop. It was a real time of enrichment for all priests who assembled after the gap of two years due to Covid-19 pandemic. Many matters concerning the multifaceted growth of the Eparchy came to the discussion. A few of them were, the eparchial day celebration which had to be taken place in the St. Alphonsa Forane Church, Edmonton on September 19<sup>th</sup>, the implementation of the Uniform Mode of Liturgical Celebration on November 28, 2021, the conclusion of the St. Joseph Year, and the health insurance scheme for priests and sisters serving the eparchy. Furthermore, various prospects were suggested by the priests to provide the online Catechism classes for the smaller parishes and missions in the eparchy.

### Hearty Welcome

Rev. Sr. Mercy Antony CHF joined the community of the Holy Family sisters on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Hearty welcome to Sr. Mercy Antony to the Eparchy of Mississauga and prayerful wishes for her future ministries.

### Annual Retreat for Priests and Sisters

Annual retreat for priests and sisters will be held on October 18 to 21 at 11.00 am EST. The retreat preacher is Bishop Mar Joseph Pamplany

# പരസ്പരസന്ദേശവും ദൈവവക്യവും

(തിരുവചനഭാഗം: 1 യോഹ 4,1-21)

ദൈവം സന്ദേശമാണെന്നും, ദൈവവുമായുള്ള ഐക്യത്തിന്റെ മാനദണ്ഡം പരസ്പരസന്ദേശമാണെന്നുമാണ് ഈ വചനഭാഗം വ്യക്തമാക്കുന്നത്. ഈ ഭാഗത്തെ താഴെക്കാണുന്ന വിഭജിക്കാം.

1. സത്യാത്മാവിനെ തിരിച്ചറിയുക (4,1-6)
2. സന്ദേശം: ദൈവവക്യമാനദണ്ഡം (4,7-10)
3. പരസ്പരസന്ദേശവും ദൈവാനുഭവവും (4,11-16)
4. സന്ദേശവും ആത്മയൈര്യവും (4,17-18)
5. ദൈവസന്ദേശവും സഹോദരസന്ദേശവും (4,19-21)

ഈ വചനഭാഗം വിചിന്തനത്തിനു വിധേയമാക്കി പുരോഹിതരായ നമ്മുടെ ആദ്ധ്യാത്മികതയെ നമുക്കു പരിപോഷിപ്പിക്കാം.

## 1. സത്യാത്മാവിനെ തിരിച്ചറിയുക

“പ്രിയപ്പെട്ടവരേ, എല്ലാ ആത്മാക്കളെയും നിങ്ങൾ വിശ്വസിക്കരുത്; ആത്മാക്കളെ പരിശോധിച്ച്, അവ ദൈവത്തിൽനിന്നാണോ എന്നു വിവേചിക്കുവിൻ. പല വ്യാജപ്രവാചകന്മാരും ലോകത്തിലെങ്ങും പ്രത്യക്ഷപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്നു. ദൈവത്തിന്റെ ആത്മാവിനെ നിങ്ങൾക്ക് ഇങ്ങനെ തിരിച്ചറിയാം: ഈശോമിശിഹാ ശരീരം ധരിച്ചുവന്നു എന്ന് ഏറ്റുപറയുന്ന ആത്മാവ് ദൈവത്തിൽനിന്നാണ്. നാം ദൈവത്തിൽനിന്നുള്ളവരാണ്. ദൈവത്തെ അറിയുന്നവൻ നമ്മുടെ വാക്കു ശ്രവിക്കുന്നു. ദൈവത്തിൽനിന്നല്ലാത്തവൻ നമ്മുടെ വാക്കു ശ്രവിക്കുന്നില്ല. ഇതുവഴി സത്യത്തിന്റെ ആത്മാവിനെയും അസത്യത്തിന്റെ ആത്മാവിനെയും നമുക്കു തിരിച്ചറിയാം” (1 യോഹ 4,1-2,6).

വ്യാജപ്രവാചകന്മാരുടെ സാന്നിദ്ധ്യം സഭയിലുള്ള പശ്ചാത്തലത്തിൽ അരുപികളെ വിവേചിച്ചറിയേണ്ടതിന്റെ ആവശ്യകതയെക്കുറിച്ചാണ് യോഹന്നാൻസ്ത്രീഹാ ഇവിടെ പ്രതിപാദിക്കുന്നത്. വ്യാജപ്രവാചകന്മാരിൽ പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്ന അരുപിയെ അന്തിക്രിസ്തുവിന്റെ അരുപി എന്നു വിശേഷിപ്പിക്കുന്നു. യുഗാന്ത്യത്തിൽ പ്രത്യക്ഷപ്പെടുമെന്നു കേട്ടിട്ടുള്ള അന്തിക്രിസ്തുവിന്റെ സാന്നിധ്യമാണ് ഈ പ്രവാചകരിൽ കാണേണ്ടതെന്ന് ഇവിടെ സൂചിപ്പിക്കുന്നു. മിശിഹായിലുള്ള സഭയുടെ വിശ്വാസത്തിനു വിരുദ്ധമായ നിലപാടുകൾ സ്വീകരിക്കുകയും പഠിപ്പിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തി

രുന്നവരാണ് അവർ. അരുപിയുടെ പ്രചോദനത്താൽ സംസാരിക്കുന്നവരാണല്ലോ പ്രവാചകർ. അന്തിക്രിസ്തുമാർ തങ്ങളിൽ അരുപിയുടെ സാന്നിധ്യവും പ്രവർത്തനവും അവകാശപ്പെടുന്നതുകൊണ്ട്, അവരെ വ്യാജപ്രവാചകന്മാരെന്ന് വിശേഷിപ്പിക്കുന്നു. ഈ സാഹചര്യത്തിലാണ്, അരുപികളെ പരിശോധിച്ച് അവ ദൈവത്തിൽനിന്നാണോ എന്നു പരിശോധിക്കേണ്ടത് ആവശ്യമായി വന്നത്.

അരുപിയെ വിവേചിച്ചറിയാൻ രണ്ടു മാനദണ്ഡങ്ങളാണ് ഇവിടെ എടുത്തുപറയുന്നത്. 1. “ഈശോമിശിഹാ ശരീരം ധരിച്ചുവന്നു എന്ന് ഏറ്റുപറയുന്ന ആത്മാവ് ദൈവത്തിൽനിന്നാണ്; ഈശോയെ ഏറ്റുപറയാത്ത ആത്മാവ് ദൈവത്തിൽനിന്നല്ല” (4,2-3). 2. “നമ്മുടെ വാക്കു ശ്രവിക്കുന്നവൻ ദൈവത്തെ അറിയുന്നവനാണ്; നമ്മുടെ വാക്കു ശ്രവിക്കാത്തവൻ ദൈവത്തിൽനിന്നല്ല” (4,6). മിശിഹായുടെ മനുഷ്യാവതാരത്തെ നിഷേധിക്കുന്ന നിലപാട് സ്വീകരിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നവരാണ് വ്യാജപ്രവാചകന്മാർ എന്ന് ഇതു സൂചിപ്പിക്കുന്നു. ഈശോയുടെ മനുഷ്യാവതാരം യഥാർത്ഥമായിരുന്നില്ലെന്നും, മാമ്മോദീസാ മുതൽ പീഡാനുഭവംവരെ പരസ്യജീവിതത്തിൽ മാത്രം ഒരുങ്ങിയിരുന്ന ദൈവത്വം മാത്രമായിരുന്നു ഈശോയുടേത് എന്നും വ്യാജപ്രവാചകന്മാർ പഠിപ്പിച്ചിരുന്നു. എന്നാൽ ദൈവമായിരുന്ന ഈശോ മനുഷ്യാവതാരത്തിലൂടെ യഥാർത്ഥത്തിൽ ദൈവമനുഷ്യനായി എന്നും, അപ്രകാരം ഇന്നും എന്നും നിലനില്ക്കുന്നുവെന്നുമാണ് സഭ വിശ്വസിക്കുന്നതും പഠിപ്പിക്കുന്നതും. സഭയുടെ ഈ വിശ്വാസം ഏറ്റുപറയാത്തവരും അതുപോലെ സഭയെ കേൾക്കാത്തവരും (4,6) ദൈവത്തിന്റെ അരുപിയിലുള്ളവരല്ല എന്നാണ് യോഹന്നാൻശ്ലീഹാ പറയുന്നത്. ഇന്നും സഭയെ കേൾക്കാത്തവർ, പലതും ദൈവവചനമായി പഠിപ്പിക്കുന്നവർ, സഭയിലുണ്ട്. അതുകൊണ്ട് അജപാലകരായ പുരോഹിതർ സഭയുടെ പ്രബോധനത്തിനു നിരക്കാത്തവിധം പ്രസംഗിക്കുകയും പഠിപ്പിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നവർക്കെതിരെ ജാഗ്രതയോടെ വർത്തിക്കണം.

**2. സ്നേഹം: ദൈവൈക്യമാനദണ്ഡം**

“പ്രിയപ്പെട്ടവരേ, നമുക്കു പരസ്പരം സ്നേഹിക്കാം; എന്തെന്നാൽ, സ്നേഹം ദൈവത്തിൽനിന്നുള്ളതാണ്. സ്നേഹിക്കുന്ന ഏവനും ദൈവത്തിൽനിന്നു ജനിച്ചവനാണ്; അവൻ ദൈവത്തെ അറിയുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നു. സ്നേഹിക്കാത്തവൻ ദൈവത്തെ അറിഞ്ഞിട്ടില്ല. കാരണം, ദൈവം സ്നേഹമാണ്” (4,7-8).

പരസ്നേഹം ദൈവൈക്യത്തിന്റെ മാനദണ്ഡമായും, ‘ദൈവം സ്നേഹമാണ്’ എന്നത് അതിനടിസ്ഥാനമായും ഇവിടെ എടുത്തുപറയുന്നു. യോഹന്നാൻശ്ലീഹാ ദൈവത്തിനു കൊടുക്കുന്ന നിർവ്വചനങ്ങളിൽ ഏറ്റം പ്രാധാന്യമർഹിക്കുന്ന ഒന്നാണ് ‘ദൈവം സ്നേഹമാണ്’ എന്നുള്ളത്. ദൈവത്തിന്റെ ത്രിത്വാത്മക അസ്തിത്വത്തെ സൂചിപ്പിക്കുന്ന ഒന്നാണ് ഈ നിർവ്വചനം. സ്നേഹം സ്വയംദാനമുൾക്കൊള്ളു



ന്നു. പിതാവും പുത്രനും പരിശുദ്ധാത്മാവും പരസ്പരം നൽകിക്കൊണ്ടുള്ള ഒരു നിത്യബന്ധത്തിലാണെന്ന് ഈ നിർവ്വചനം സൂചിപ്പിക്കുന്നു. പരസ്പരം നൽകുന്ന ദൈവത്തിന്റെ ഈ സ്നേഹം മനുഷ്യനായി അവതരിച്ച ഈശോമിശിഹായിലൂടെ മനുഷ്യകുലത്തിന് വെളിപ്പെടുത്തപ്പെടുകയും നൽകപ്പെടുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നു. ത്രിത്വൈകദൈവത്തിന്റെ ഈ പരസ്പരസ്വയംദാനത്തിൽ മനുഷ്യനെ പങ്കുചേർക്കുന്നത് പരിശുദ്ധാർഹിയാണ്. പരസ്പരം സ്നേഹിക്കുക എന്നതാണ് ദൈവൈക്യത്തിന്റെ മാനദണ്ഡം. കാരണം സ്നേഹം ദൈവത്തിൽനിന്നുള്ളതാണ്. പരസ്പരസ്നേഹത്തിൽ നമ്മെ ബന്ധിപ്പിക്കുന്നത് ദൈവവുമായുള്ള നമ്മുടെ ഐക്യമാണ്. അരുപിയിലൂടെ ദൈവത്തിന്റെ സ്നേഹത്തിൽ പങ്കുചേരുമ്പോൾ മാത്രമാണ് പരസ്പരം സ്നേഹിക്കുവാൻ നാം പ്രാപ്തരാകുന്നത്. അതുകൊണ്ടുതന്നെയാണ് പരസ്പരം സ്നേഹിക്കുക എന്നത് ദൈവവുമായുള്ള ഐക്യത്തിന്റെ അടയാളമാകുന്നത്.

ദൈവൈക്യത്തെ ഇവിടെ വീണ്ടും ദൈവത്തിൽനിന്നുള്ള ജനനമായും ദൈവത്തെ അറിയുന്ന അനുഭവമായും അവതരിപ്പിക്കുന്നു. യോഹന്നാൻസ്റ്റീഹായുടെ കാഴ്ചപ്പാടിൽ ‘ദൈവത്തെ അറിയുക’ എന്നത് ‘നിത്യജീവൻ സ്വന്തമാക്കുന്നതാണ്’: “ഏകസത്യദൈവമായ അവിടുത്തെയും അങ്ങിനെ ഈശോമിശിഹായെയും അറിയുക എന്നതാണ് നിത്യജീവൻ” (യോഹ 17,3). ദൈവത്തിന്റെ സ്നേഹം പിതാവും പുത്രനും പരിശുദ്ധാത്മാവും തമ്മിലുള്ള സ്നേഹത്തിൽ ഒരുങ്ങിനിൽക്കുന്നില്ല. പ്രത്യുത, അത് പുത്രനിലൂടെ മനുഷ്യർക്ക് വെളിപ്പെടുത്തപ്പെടുകയും പരിശുദ്ധാത്മാവിലൂടെ നൽകപ്പെടുകയും ചെയ്തു (4,9). തന്റെ സ്നേഹം നാമുമായി പങ്കുവെച്ചുകൊണ്ടാണ് ദൈവം അവിടുത്തെ സ്നേഹം വെളിപ്പെടുത്തിയത്. മനുഷ്യരുടെ പാപപരിഹാരബലിയായി സ്വന്തം പുത്രനെ നൽകിക്കൊണ്ടാണ്, അതായത്, ‘സ്നേഹത്തിന്റെ മാക്സിമലിസം’ നൽകിക്കൊണ്ടാണ് ദൈവം അതു നിർവ്വഹിച്ചത്. അതുകൊണ്ട് നാമും പരസ്പരം ‘സ്നേഹത്തിന്റെ മാക്സിമലിസം’ പങ്കുവെച്ചുകൊണ്ട് ദൈവൈക്യത്തിൽ ജീവിക്കുവാൻ വിളിക്കപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്നു. ഈ സ്നേഹത്തിന്റെ മാക്സിമലിസത്തെക്കുറിച്ച് അജപാലകർ ബോധവാന്മാരാകുകയും അജഗണങ്ങളെ ബോധവൽക്കരിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യണം.

### 3. പരസ്പരസ്നേഹവും ദൈവാനുഭവവും

“പ്രിയപ്പെട്ടവരേ, ദൈവം നമ്മെ ഇപ്രകാരം സ്നേഹിച്ചെങ്കിൽ നാമും പരസ്പരം സ്നേഹിക്കാൻ കടപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്നു. ദൈവത്തെ ഒരുവനും ഒരിക്കലും കണ്ടിട്ടില്ല; എന്നാൽ, നാം പരസ്പരം സ്നേഹിച്ചാൽ ദൈവം നമ്മിൽ വസിക്കും. അവിടുത്തെ സ്നേഹം നമ്മിൽ പൂർണ്ണമാവുകയും ചെയ്യും. ദൈവം തന്റെ ആത്മാവിനെ നമുക്കു തന്നിരിക്കുന്നതിനാൽ നാം ദൈവത്തിലും ദൈവം നമ്മിലും വസിക്കുന്നു എന്നു നാം അറിയുന്നു” (4,11-13).

നമുക്കു വെളിപ്പെടുത്തപ്പെടുകയും നമ്മിൽ ചൊരിയപ്പെടുകയും ചെയ്ത ദൈവസ്നേഹം നമ്മിൽനിന്നാവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നത് പരസ്പരസ്നേഹമാണ്. ദൈവസ്നേഹം നമ്മുടെ ഹൃദയത്തിൽ ചൊരിയപ്പെടുമ്പോൾ ആ സ്നേഹം പങ്കു വയ്ക്കാൻ നാം നിർബന്ധിക്കപ്പെടും. ദൈവം തന്റെ അരുപിയെ നമുക്കു നൽകിക്കൊണ്ടാണ് അവിടുത്തെ സ്നേഹം നമ്മിലേക്കു ചൊരിഞ്ഞത്. പൗലോസ്സ്ത്രീഹായുടെ വാക്കുകൾ ഇതിനെക്കുറിച്ച് വ്യക്തമായി പറയുന്നുണ്ട്: “നമുക്കു നൽകപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്ന പരിശുദ്ധാത്മാവിലൂടെ ദൈവത്തിന്റെ സ്നേഹം നമ്മുടെ ഹൃദയങ്ങളിലേക്കു ചൊരിയപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്നു” (റോമാ 5,5). ദൈവത്തിന്റെ സ്നേഹത്തിനു പ്രതിസ്നേഹം കൊടുക്കേണ്ട കടപ്പാടും നമുക്കുണ്ട്. പരസ്പരം സ്നേഹിച്ചുകൊണ്ടാണ് നാം ഈ കടപ്പാട് നിറവേറ്റേണ്ടത്. പരസ്പരസ്നേഹം ദൈവവുമായുള്ള സഹവാസത്തിലേക്കു നമ്മെ നയിക്കും (4,12). പരസ്പരം സ്നേഹിച്ചാൽ ദൈവത്തിന്റെ സ്നേഹം നമ്മിൽ പൂർണ്ണമാകും എന്നു യോഹന്നാൻസ്ത്രീഹാ പറയുന്നു. അതായത്, ദൈവം തന്റെ സ്നേഹം വെളിപ്പെടുത്തിയതിന്റെ ലക്ഷ്യം പരസ്പരസ്നേഹത്തിലൂടെ നമ്മിൽ പൂർത്തിയാകും. തന്റെ സ്നേഹം വെളിപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതിൽ രക്ഷാകരമായ ഒരു ലക്ഷ്യമാണ് ദൈവത്തിനുണ്ടായിരുന്നത്. പാപത്തിന്റെ ഫലമായി ചിതറിപ്പോയ മനുഷ്യകുലത്തെ ദൈവമക്കൾക്കടുത്ത സ്നേഹത്തിൽ ഒന്നിപ്പിക്കുക (യോഹ 11,51-52). നാം പരസ്പരം സ്നേഹത്തിൽ ഒന്നായിത്തീരുമ്പോൾ ദൈവത്തിന്റെ രക്ഷാകരലക്ഷ്യം പൂർത്തിയാകും.

‘ദൈവത്തെ ആരും ഒരിക്കലും കണ്ടിട്ടില്ല’ എന്ന പ്രസ്താവന ഇവിടെ ആവർത്തിക്കുന്നുണ്ട് (4,12). ഇത് യോഹന്നാൻസ്ത്രീഹാ തന്റെ സുവിശേഷത്തിൽ ദൈവവചനമായ ഈശോയെ അവതരിപ്പിക്കുമ്പോൾ നടത്തുന്ന പ്രസ്താവന തന്നെയാണ്. അവിടെ ഇപ്രകാരം പറയുന്നു: “ദൈവത്തെ ആരും ഒരിക്കലും കണ്ടിട്ടില്ല. പിതാവിന്റെ മടിയിലിരിക്കുന്ന ദൈവംതന്നെയായ ഏകജാതനാണ് അവിടുത്തെ വെളിപ്പെടുത്തിയത്” (യോഹ 1,18). ദൈവം ‘അരുപി’യായതുകൊണ്ട് (യോഹ 4,23) നമ്മുടെ ബാഹ്യമായ കണ്ണുകൾകൊണ്ട് കാണാനോ അനുഭവിക്കുവാനോ സാധിക്കുകയില്ല. അതുകൊണ്ടാണ് ത്രിയേകദൈവത്തിന്റെ രണ്ടാമാളായ പുത്രൻ തമ്പുരാൻ മനുഷ്യശരീരമെടുത്തു ലോകത്തിലേക്കുവന്ന് അശരീരിയായ ദൈവത്തെ നമുക്കു കാണിച്ചുതന്നത്. ദൈവപുത്രനായ അവിടുന്നു ദൈവത്തെ നമുക്കു കാണിച്ചുതന്നത് അനന്തമായ സ്നേഹമായിട്ടാണ്: “തന്റെ ഏകജാതനെ നൽകുവാൻ തക്കവണ്ണം ദൈവം ലോകത്തെ അത്രമാത്രം സ്നേഹിച്ചു” (യോഹ 3,16). അതുകൊണ്ട്, സ്നേഹത്തിന്റെ ജീവിതം നയിച്ചുകൊണ്ടുമാത്രമേ നമുക്കു ശരിയായ ദൈവാനുഭവം ഉൾക്കൊള്ളാൻ കഴിയൂ. ഈശോ തന്റെ ജീവിതത്തിലൂടെ അത് നമുക്കു കാണിച്ചുതരുകയും അപ്രകാരം ജീവിക്കുവാൻ നമ്മെ

ആഹ്വാനം ചെയ്യുകയും ചെയ്തു (യോഹ 13,34-35). അജപാലകരുടെ ശുശ്രൂഷയുടെ ആത്യന്തികലക്ഷ്യം അജഗണങ്ങളെ പിതാവായ ദൈവത്തെപ്പറ്റിയും, സഹോദരങ്ങളായ ദൈവമക്കളെ പരസ്പരവും,

സ്നേഹിക്കുന്ന ഒരു കുടുംബമായി കെട്ടിപ്പടുക്കുക എന്നതാണ്.

#### 4. സ്നേഹവും ആത്മയെര്യവും

“വിധിദിവസത്തിൽ നമുക്ക് ആത്മയെര്യം ഉണ്ടാകുന്നതിന് സ്നേഹം നമ്മിൽ പൂർണ്ണത പ്രാപിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു. എന്തെന്നാൽ, ഈ ലോകത്തിൽത്തന്നെ നാം അവനെപ്പോലെ ആയിരിക്കുന്നു. സ്നേഹത്തിൽ ഭയത്തിന് ഇടമില്ല; പൂർണ്ണമായ സ്നേഹം ഭയത്തെ ബഹിഷ്കരിക്കുന്നു. കാരണം, ഭയം ശിക്ഷയെക്കുറിച്ചാണ്. ഭയപ്പെടുന്നവൻ സ്നേഹത്തിൽ പൂർണ്ണനായിട്ടില്ല” (4,17-18).

സ്നേഹത്തിന്റെ അന്ത്യാത്മകവശമാണ് ഇവിടെ പ്രതിപാദിക്കുന്നത്. ഇവിടെ പരാമർശിക്കുന്ന ആത്മയെര്യം, അന്ത്യവിധിയിൽ ദൈവസന്നിധിയിൽ നമുക്കു അനുഭവവേദ്യമാകുന്ന ഒന്നാണ്. പൂർണ്ണതപ്രാപിച്ച സ്നേഹമാണ് വിധിദിവസത്തിൽ ഈ ആത്മയെര്യം നമുക്കു പ്രദാനം ചെയ്യുന്നത്. സ്നേഹം പൂർണ്ണത പ്രാപിച്ചു എന്നു പറയുമ്പോൾ, നമ്മിൽ അത് പൂർണ്ണത പ്രാപിച്ചു എന്ന അർത്ഥത്തിൽ മാത്രമല്ല, സ്നേഹം എന്തിനുവേണ്ടി ദൈവത്തിൽനിന്നും പുറപ്പെട്ടുവോ, ആ ലക്ഷ്യം പൂർത്തിയാക്കപ്പെട്ടു എന്ന അർത്ഥത്തിൽകൂടിയാണ് അത് മനസ്സിലാക്കേണ്ടത്. ദൈവത്തിൽനിന്നും പുറപ്പെടുന്നതാണല്ലോ സ്നേഹം. മനുഷ്യനെ സ്നേഹത്തിൽ പൂർണ്ണനാക്കിക്കൊണ്ട് ആ സ്നേഹം അതിന്റെ ലക്ഷ്യം പൂർത്തീകരിക്കുന്നു. അതുകൊണ്ട് നമ്മളും ദൈവം ആഗ്രഹിക്കുന്നതുപോലെ ദൈവസ്നേഹത്തിലും പരസ്പരത്തിലും വളർന്ന് ദൈവത്തിൽനിന്നും ലഭിച്ച കൃപയുടെ ലക്ഷ്യം പൂർത്തിയാക്കണം.

വിധിദിവസത്തിൽ നമുക്ക് ആത്മയെര്യമുണ്ടാകുന്നതിനുള്ള മറ്റൊരു കാരണം സ്നേഹത്തിൽ ഭയത്തിനിടമില്ല എന്നതാണ്. പൂർണ്ണമായ സ്നേഹം ഭയത്തെ ബഹിഷ്കരിക്കുന്നു. കാരണം ഭയം ശിക്ഷയെക്കുറിച്ചാണ്. പൂർണ്ണമായ സ്നേഹം രക്ഷയുടെ അനുഭവമായതുകൊണ്ട്, ആ അവസ്ഥയിൽ ഭയത്തിനു സ്ഥാനമില്ല. അതുകൊണ്ട് ആത്മയെര്യത്തോടെ നമുക്ക് അന്ത്യവിധിയെ നേരിടുവാൻ സാധിക്കും. സ്നേഹത്തിൽ പൂർണ്ണത പ്രാപിക്കുന്നതിന്റെ ഫലമായി മിശിഹായുടെ സാദൃശ്യത്തോട് നാം അനുരൂപപ്പെടുന്നു. മിശിഹായുടെ സാദൃശ്യത്തിലേക്കു രൂപാന്തരപ്പെടുക എന്നത് അന്ത്യാത്മകജീവിതാവസ്ഥയുടെ പ്രത്യേകതയാണ്: “അവിടുന്ന് പ്രത്യക്ഷനാകുമ്പോൾ നാം അവിടുത്തെപ്പോലെ ആകും” (1 യോഹ 3,2). സ്നേഹത്തിൽ പൂർണ്ണത പ്രാപിച്ചവർക്ക് ഈ ലോകത്തിൽത്തന്നെ മിശിഹായോട് അനുരൂപപ്പെട്ട അവസ്ഥയിലായിരിക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ട് ആത്മയെ

ര്യത്തോടെ അന്ത്യവിധിയെ നേരിടുവാൻ കഴിയും. അജപാലകരായ വൈദികർക്ക് ഈ ആത്മയൈര്യത്തോടെ അവരുടെ ശുശ്രൂഷ നിർവ്വഹിക്കുവാനും തങ്ങളുടെ അജഗണങ്ങളെ ഇപ്രകാരം ആത്മയൈര്യത്തോടെ അന്ത്യവിധിയെ നേരിടുവാൻ പരിശീലിപ്പിക്കുവാനും കഴിയണം.

### 5. ദൈവസ്നേഹവും സഹോദരസ്നേഹവും

“ഞാൻ ദൈവത്തെ സ്നേഹിക്കുന്നു എന്ന് ആരെങ്കിലും പറയുകയും സ്വന്തം സഹോദരനെ ദേഷിക്കുകയും ചെയ്താൽ, അവൻ കള്ളം പറയുന്നു. കാരണം, കാണപ്പെടുന്ന സഹോദരനെ സ്നേഹിക്കാത്തവനു കാണപ്പെടാത്ത ദൈവത്തെ സ്നേഹിക്കാൻ സാധിക്കുകയില്ല. മിശിഹായിൽനിന്നു ഈ കല്പന നമുക്കു ലഭിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു: ദൈവത്തെ സ്നേഹിക്കുന്നവൻ സഹോദരനെയും സ്നേഹിക്കണം” (4,20-21).

നാം പരസ്പരം സ്നേഹിക്കുന്നത്, ദൈവം നമ്മെ ആദ്യം സ്നേഹിച്ചതു കൊണ്ടാണ്. മനുഷ്യപ്രകൃതി പാപബദ്ധമായതുകൊണ്ട് സ്വയംപ്രേരിതമായി പരസ്പരം സ്നേഹിക്കാൻ മനുഷ്യർക്കാവില്ല. ദൈവത്തിന്റെ സ്നേഹത്തിനുപയോഗിക്കുന്ന വാക്ക് ‘അഗാപ്ലേ’ എന്നാണ്. നാം പരസ്പരം സ്നേഹിക്കണം എന്നു പറയുമ്പോഴും ഈ വാക്കിന്റെ ക്രിയാപദമായ ‘അഗാപ്ലെയിൻ’ ആണ് ഉപയോഗിക്കുന്നത്. കിട്ടുന്നതിനേക്കാൾ കൂടുതൽ കൊടുക്കുന്നതിൽ സന്തോഷം കണ്ടെത്തുന്ന നിസ്വാർത്ഥമായ സ്നേഹമാണിത്. ദൈവസഹജമായ ഈ സ്നേഹം പ്രാവർത്തികമാക്കാൻ മനുഷ്യനു സ്വയമേവ സാധ്യമല്ല. അതുകൊണ്ട് ദൈവസ്നേഹത്താൽ അഥവാ ദൈവാരൂപിയാൽ പ്രചോദിതരായി മാത്രമേ മനുഷ്യർക്ക് ദൈവത്തെയും പരസ്പരവും സ്നേഹിക്കാനാവൂ. കാണപ്പെടുന്ന സഹോദരനെ സ്നേഹിക്കാതെ കാണപ്പെടാത്ത ദൈവത്തെ സ്നേഹിക്കാൻ സാധ്യമല്ല (4,20). ഇത് മനുഷാസ്ത്രപരമായ ഒരു പ്രസ്താവനയല്ല. മനുഷാസ്ത്രപരമായി, കാണാവുന്ന സഹോദരനേക്കാൾ കാണാൻ പാടില്ലാത്ത ദൈവത്തെ സ്നേഹിക്കുകയാവും എളുപ്പം. കാരണം, സഹോദരന്റെ കുറ്റങ്ങളും കുറവുകളും നിരന്തരം നാം കണ്ടുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നു. അതുകൊണ്ട് ഇതു ദൈവശാസ്ത്രപരമായ ഒരു പ്രസ്താവനയാണ്. ദൈവസ്നേഹത്തിലേക്കുയരാൻ മനുഷ്യനു സ്വയമേവ സാധിക്കയില്ല. ദൈവത്തെ സ്നേഹിക്കുവാൻ കഴിവുനല്കുന്നത് ദൈവാരൂപിയാണ്. അപ്രകാരം ദൈവത്തെ സ്നേഹിക്കുന്നവൻ ദൈവം തരുന്ന എല്ലാ മനുഷ്യരെയും സ്നേഹിക്കും.

ദൈവത്തെ സ്നേഹിക്കുന്നവൻ സഹോദരനെയും സ്നേഹിക്കണം എന്നത് ദൈവം തന്നെ നല്കിയ ഒരു കല്പനയുമാണ്: “മിശിഹായിൽനിന്ന് ഈ കല്പന നമുക്കു ലഭിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു. ദൈവത്തെ സ്നേഹിക്കുന്നവൻ സഹോദരനെയും

സ്നേഹിക്കണം” (4,21). ഈ പ്രസ്താവന മർക്കോസ് 12,28-31 നെ അനുസ്മരിപ്പിക്കുന്നതാണ്: “ഇതാണ് ഒന്നാമത്തെ കല്പന: നീ നിന്റെ ദൈവമായ കർത്താവിനെ ....സ്നേഹിക്കുക. രണ്ടാമത്തെ കല്പന: നിന്നെപ്പോലെതന്നെ നിന്റെ അയൽക്കാരനെയും സ്നേഹിക്കുക”. ഇവിടെ ഈശോ പഴയനിയമത്തിലെ ദൈവസ്നേഹത്തിന്റെ കല്പനയും (നിയമ 6,4-5) പരസ്നേഹത്തിന്റെ കല്പനയും (ലേവാ 19,18) തമ്മിൽ യോജിപ്പിച്ച്, എല്ലാറ്റിലും പ്രധാനപ്പെട്ട കല്പനയായി അവതരിപ്പിക്കുകയാണ്. യോഹന്നാൻശ്ലീഹാ ഇവിടെ രണ്ടു കല്പനകളെപ്പറ്റി പറയുന്നില്ല. ഈശോയുടെ ഏകകല്പന ദൈവസ്നേഹവും പരസ്നേഹവും ഉൾക്കൊള്ളുന്നതാണ്. പ്രായോഗികമായി പ്രാമുഖ്യമുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അത് പരസ്നേഹത്തിനുമാണ്. മാത്രമല്ല ഇവിടെ ‘അയൽക്കാരൻ’ എന്നതിനുപകരം ‘സഹോദരൻ’ എന്ന പദമാണുപയോഗിക്കുന്നത്. അതുകൊണ്ട് സഭാസമൂഹത്തിൽ പ്രായോഗികമാക്കേണ്ട സഭാകൂട്ടായ്മയെയാണ് ഉദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നത്. അജപാലകരായ വൈദികർ സഭാസമൂഹത്തെ ഒരു സാഹോദര്യകൂട്ടായ്മയായി കെട്ടിപ്പടുക്കേണ്ടതിന്റെ ആവശ്യകതയാണ് ഇവിടെ ഉറപ്പിപ്പറയുന്നത്.

**ജീവിതസൂചിക**

1. സഭയുടെ ശൈഹികപ്രബോധനത്തിനനുസൃതമായി വിശ്വാസികളെ പഠിപ്പിക്കുവാനും അതിനു വിരുദ്ധമായ പ്രബോധനങ്ങൾക്കെതിരെ ജാഗ്രത പുലർത്തുവാൻ അവരെ ഓർമ്മിപ്പിക്കുവാനും ഞാൻ എത്രമാത്രം ശ്രദ്ധിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്?
2. സ്നേഹത്തിന്റെ ‘മാക്സിമലിസ’മാണ് വിശുദ്ധി എന്ന കാഴ്ചപ്പാട് ജീവിതത്തിൽ ഉൾക്കൊള്ളുവാനും വിശ്വാസികൾക്കു നല്കുവാനും ഞാൻ എപ്രകാരം പരിശ്രമിക്കുന്നു?
3. സഭയെ ദൈവസ്നേഹത്തിലും പരസ്നേഹത്തിലും ജീവിക്കുന്ന ഒരു കൂട്ടം ബമായി കെട്ടിപ്പടുക്കുവാൻ എനിക്ക് എത്രമാത്രം സാധിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്?
4. അന്ത്യവിധിയെ ആത്മയൈര്യത്തോടെ നേരിടുവാൻതക്കവിധം ജീവിക്കുവാനും അപ്രകാരം ജീവിക്കുവാൻ ജനങ്ങളെ പരിശീലിപ്പിക്കുവാനും ഞാൻ ശ്രമിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?
5. എന്റെ ശുശ്രൂഷയ്ക്കായി ഏല്പിക്കപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്ന സഭാസമൂഹത്തെ ഒരു സാഹോദര്യകൂട്ടായ്മയായി കെട്ടിപ്പടുക്കുവാൻ ഞാൻ എങ്ങനെ പരിശ്രമിക്കുന്നു?

“Joseph did as the angel of the Lord commanded him” (Mt 1, 24)



# YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

## EPARCHY OF MISSISSAUGA

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### ST JOSEPH – GOD'S DREAM

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#### INTRODUCTION

Pope Francis says about St Joseph as “a just man ... a man capable of dreaming, of safeguarding and fostering ... God's dream” for mankind.” The Holy Bible represents St Joseph as a unique personality amidst all the elected people of the New Testament and Old Testament. God called him to take part in the salvation history through a ‘distinct way’ that is dreams. God talked, instructed and guided, St. Joseph through dreams and he followed them.

The life of our Lord Jesus Christ was perfected by dreams and the Gospel of Mathew highlights how the ‘dreams’ have played important role in Gods redemptive plan. When Jesus was in Mary's womb God spoke to Joseph in a dream. Joseph in Matthew one, was praying whether he wants to believe Mary or not. Mary gave an extraordinary story about how she met an angel and the child that she is carrying is the Messiah. And here is Joseph engaged to her, wondering whether this is true or not. And being a righteous man, he was seeking to put her away, thinking that she was lying. As he was thinking about this the Bible tells us that while Joseph was asleep an angel of God came and said to take Mary as your wife and call her child Jesus. The following chapter of Mathew tells us that the wise men were warned in a dream to go back by a different way. So it shows that if Joseph and wise men had not paid attention to their dreams they could have missed God. If we miss what God is saying to us in our dreams, we may miss God. In Mathew chapter two, Joseph was warned by a dream to go to Egypt. And when he came back, he was warned in a dream not to go back to the place where he was but go to Nazareth. Dreams perfected Joseph, perfected Mary, perfected

baby Jesus. Dreams are important. The Word of God speaks so much about dreams. The Bible is clear dreams are important to give direction. They are part of the means of the leadings of God in our lives today. Dreams used to communicate God's plan or to announce future events in the Bible. However, the interpretation of the biblical dream requires careful testing to prove it, that it came from God. [Dt.13]

Joseph in the New Testament had four dreams. Bible says "when Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had directed him" that means he had a dream. So here we try to understand St. Joseph as a man who had dream, fulfilled the will of the Father about him and how he became God's dream for mankind.

## 1. TYPE OF DREAMS

There are three types of dreams from God.

a. Symbolic dreams. b. Actual dreams. c. Message dreams.

### a. Symbolic Dreams

The first type is symbolic dream. In Genesis 40 Pharaoh had a dream in fact he had two dreams. Remember when a dream occurs twice it shows the urgency of something. Joseph through the wisdom of God says to Pharaoh the dream occurs twice because it is sure to come and there is urgency involved. So if you have a particular dream that come forth several times, God is trying to tell you that it surely is and there is an urgency involved. Pharaoh had a dream. This was his dream. He says he saw the seven ears of corn and fat ones and seven lean ones ate them up. He woke up and he went back to sleep. Then he saw seven fat cows and suddenly come seven skinny cows. And the amazing thing was the seven skinny cows ate up the seven fat cows. And he said this after the seven skinny cows ate up the seven fat cows, the seven skinny cows were still skinny. That is a symbolic dream. Later Nebuchadnezzar had a dream and Daniel interpreted. There are symbolic dreams. Symbols are involved. In Gen. 39 how Joseph interpreted the dream of the baker and the butler. Who would have interpreted that the baker has those loaves of bread on his head it means that his head is coming off. There is no natural way that we could have gone into that kind of interpretation. So the first type of dream is symbolic - it needs interpretation. They are the most difficult dreams to handle. They are easily misinterpreted. If you have a dream that is symbolical you go to 20 people you will get 20 interpretations.

## **b. Actual Dreams**

The second type of dream is the real-life situation dreams. Dreams are one of the leadings of the Spirit an important leading. Matt. 1:24 When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him. When did the angel spoke look at verse 20 But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. In a dream he saw an angel coming to him giving him a message. In chapter two we see the same thing in verse 13. The angel appeared again in a dream gave a different message. Then in verse 19 the same angel came and told him to leave Egypt. And in verse 22 God warned him in a dream and he turned aside and went to Galilee. It is dreams that have led Joseph and Mary. And that protected Jesus. These second type of dreams are real life situation dreams. They don't need interpretation. It is a direct dream a real life situation dream. And sometimes some of your dreams that God sent to you are real life situation. Where you may actually see yourself in a place where you have never been before.

## **c. Message Dreams**

The third type of dream is the message dream. Where there are a lot of things here and there but there is only one message. Example in Mt.2, verse 12, the wise men were told not to return to Herod. So sometimes your dreams can be that way. There are a lot of things that happened in a dream and when you get up you forgot everything but you only got one message. The reason we teach on this area is Christians are learning to obey God and be led by the Spirit. But they are still not sensitive to God when it comes to dreams. They take them lightly. They don't record them down. When some one prophesies, thus says the Lord, our ears prick up like a dog. But when we have a dream from God we say, "That's only a dream. I wonder what it means," and afterwards you forgot it. We took it too lightly and we missed the fact the Holy Spirit is working in our lives even when we are asleep. One of the major leading of the Spirit is through dreams. It is even prophesized in the last days God will lead His people in dreams. Old men shall dream dreams. (Joel 2/28f). These are supernatural impartation of wisdom that comes to them when they are asleep.

## **2. DREAMS COME FROM GOD**

In Christianity, God is deeply personal and longs to have a personal relationship with us based on two-way communication. People are often



familiar with prayer, but they have not always considered the possibility that God can speak back. The Bible itself contains hundreds of examples of personal “God conversations.” Most of these conversations occurred while someone was sleeping! Even the Christmas story contains five different dreams. The baby Jesus would have been murdered if people had not listened to them (Matthew 1-2). You’ll recognize a God-dream, because they are always creative, clever and contain wisdom from beyond ourselves. Often, they contain supernatural information. Some reveal glimpses of the future. Dreams that are sourced in God will always bring hope, joy, peace and love to every situation. They will be consistent with his character most fully revealed in Jesus who came to give us life to the full (John 10:10). God speaks to people regardless of whether they affiliated with a religion. This is because he wants to reveal himself to all people.

### 3. ST. JOSEPH – GOD’S DREAM

There are ‘four dreams’ of St. Joseph: In the first he learns the miraculous nature of Mary’s pregnancy and is told ‘not to be afraid’ to take her as his wife. In the second, he is warned to leave Bethlehem and flee to Egypt. While in Egypt, he has a third dream where he learns that it is safe to return to Israel. Finally, he dreams a fourth dream: he is again warned of danger and travels to Galilee instead of back to Judea. As a man of dream Joseph has much power of discerning God’s presence in his life.

We never hear St. Joseph speak in the Bible, but he is certainly a man of action. With only the certainty of a dream, he leads his small family across deserts and foreign lands to safety. He acts with conviction, though we know he was afraid (*Joseph, do not be afraid*). We can imagine the scenes we are not told about during ‘the lost years’ of Jesus’s childhood. Hours in the carpentry shop, St. Joseph teaching his young, adoptive son about patience, about how to build the things that last, that are strong.

Pope Francis teaches, St. Joseph who “carries on his shoulders all these promises of ancestry, heredity, paternity, filiation, stability of the people”, it is a great responsibility which, as we read in the Gospel according to Matthew (1:16, 18-21, 24a), is entirely concentrated in a dream. Apparently, the Pope continued, all this appears too “subtle” and transient, and yet, “this is God’s way” which quite suited Joseph: a “dreamer” able to “accept this task, this serious task which has a lot to show us in this time of great orphan

hood”. Thus, Joseph accepts “God’s promise and he carries it forward in silence and with strength. He brings it forward in order that God’s will be done”.

The life of this just man seems to be a spiritual war, a journey through the mystery of faith, walking in the providence of God. The ways are revealed through dreams only like mysteries. Joseph had four dreams in life that were miles stones, a turning point in the life of St. Joseph more over in the salvific history. His dreams helped him to recognize the intentions of his life and act accordingly. In the midst of great problems and sufferings he was able to dream in silence and solitude, reflect about God’s words, above all, contemplated about it. So, he can be titled Mystic of Dreams

Pope Francis teaches, St. Joseph is a man who could “tell us many things”, yet “he does not speak”; a man who could “command”, just as he has command over God’s son, yet “he obeys”. God entrusts weaknesses to Joseph’s heart. Indeed, a “promise is weak”, as is a child, but so too is “a young woman of whom he was suspicious”. These weaknesses also continue in later events: “let us consider the child’s birth, the flight into Egypt. Joseph “takes all these weaknesses in hand, he takes them to heart” and he fosters them “in the way you foster weaknesses, with tenderness, much tenderness, with the tenderness with which you pick up a child”, Pope Francis explained, “of the man who does not speak but who obeys; a man of tenderness capable of fostering promises so that they become firm, secure; a man who guarantees the stability of God’s kingdom, the paternity of God, our filiation as children of God”. “I like to think of Joseph as the guardian of weaknesses”, and also “of our weaknesses”. Indeed, Joseph “is able to cause many beautiful things to be born out of our weaknesses, out of our sins”. He is the “guardian of weaknesses so that they may become firm in the faith”. It is a fundamental responsibility which Joseph “received in a dream” because he was a “man who was capable of dreaming”, Thus, not only is he “guardian of our weaknesses, but we can also say that he is the guardian of God’s dream: the dream of our Father, the dream of God, of redemption, of saving us all, of this re-creation entrusted to him”.

## CONCLUSION

St. Joseph Marengo writes “St Joseph did not do extra ordinary things but rather by the constant practice of ordinary and common virtue he attained that sanctity which elevates him above all other saints”. St. Joseph never saw

an angel the way Mary did, clear as day, with her waking eyes. He never saw the burning bush or heard the thunderous voice of God, “I am that I am.” St. Joseph only heard God in the quietest of ways. He dreamed of angels. He heard God while he slept.

What do we learn from St. Joseph’s dreams? We learn that God can speak, perhaps speaks best, when we are quiet and passive, when our busy, conscious minds are slowed down, or turned off completely. God speaks in ways that can seem absurd in the light of day. Perhaps He needs the strangeness of dreams to teach us something about stories, about the truths that lie just beyond the realm of reason. We learn from St. Joseph that we can trust, even when we are afraid. We learn that just because someone is silent does not mean they are not, at this very moment, taking courageous actions of great love.

In 2020 March 20<sup>th</sup> homily Pope Francis exclaimed “This carpenter was great!”, emphasizing once again that Joseph was “quiet, he worked, he guarded, he fostered weaknesses, he was able to dream”. The Pope thus asked that the Saint: “grant all of us the ability to dream because when we dream great things, good things, we draw near to God’s dream, what God dreams about us”. Pope Francis ended by asking Saint Joseph to “give young people — because he was young — the ability to dream, to take risks and to take on the difficult tasks seen in their dreams”; and to give all Christians the gift of “the faithfulness that generally grows in a correct attitude, grows in silence and grows in the tenderness that is able to safeguard one’s weaknesses and those of others”.

Pope Francis ask us in this St Joseph year that “a Saint whose voice we never heard. A Saint who saw angels only while he slept, still and unaware. We live in a loud world. There are many opportunities for deafening conversation, but few opportunities for silence and listening. This is a moment to *dream*.

**For reflection:**

1. Do we pay attention to our dreams, to what our conscious speaks?
2. In our world of busyness how often do I spent time in silence, listening to God, our own self and to our surroundings?
3. Which aspect of St. Joseph has touched you? How would you practice the same?



# NEWS FROM DEPARTMENTS



## PIOUS ASSOCIATIONS FOR CHILDREN

**“Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.” (1 Thessalonians 5:11)**

Dear Parents,

The children are all back in school now and we begin our Pious year in October as well. Let us all pray for the protection and guidance of the young ones as they navigate through their daily tasks. Below are some of the highlights of PAC events in our Eparchy.

### **Empowered to Enlighten Animators Meet**

The first animators meet at the Eparchy level was held on 11 September 2021 from 2pm-3pm EST. The animators from all across our Eparchy actively participated in the meet. Thank you to everyone who joined.

### **Chain Bible Reading**

In association with the Eparchy Day celebration, the chain bible reading had been conducted from 18 September noon EST to 19 September noon EST. Parishes and mission centers all across our Eparchy participated in this. A special thanks to our Spiritual Team for conducting this.

### **PAC-SJY Competition Forane Level Winners**

Below are the winners from each Forane

## Edmonton Forane

Category	Event	Parish	Contestant
1/ (JK & SK)	Singing	St. Alphonsa Syro Malabar Catholic Church, Vancouver	Aiden Joji
1/ (JK & SK)	Singing	St. Alphonsa Syro Malabar Catholic Church, Vancouver	Nakshatra Sijin
1/ (JK & SK)	Story Telling	St. Alphonsa Syro Malabar Catholic Church, Vancouver	Joseph Thomas
1/ (JK & SK)	Story Telling	St. Mother Theresa Syro Malabar Church, Calgary	Samuel Jose
2/ (Grade 1 & 2)	Singing	St. John Paul 11 Syro Malaabar Catholic Church, Regina	Leann Anurag
2/ (Grade 1 & 2)	Singing	St. Mother Theresa Syro Malabar Church, Calgary	Angelina Jose
2/ (Grade 1 & 2)	Story Telling	St. Mother Theresa Syro Malabar Church, Calgary	Angelina Jose
2/ (Grade 1 & 2)	Story Telling	St. Mother Theresa Syro Malabar Church, Calgary	Joslyn Abraham
3/ (Grade 3-5)	Singing	St. Alphonsa Syro Malabar Catholic Forane Church, Edmonton	Jovia Jose
3/ (Grade 3-5)	Singing	St. Jude Syro Malabar Catholic Church, Winnipeg	Anna Joseph
3/ (Grade 3-5)	Speech	St. Alphonsa Syro Malabar Catholic Church, Vancouver	Isabel Abraham
3/ (Grade 3-5)	Speech	St. Alphonsa Syro Malabar Catholic Forane Church, Edmonton	Jovia Jose
4/ (Grade 6-8)	Singing	St. Alphonsa Syro Malabar Catholic Forane Church, Edmonton	Ann Ria Paul
4/ (Grade 6-8)	Singing	St. Mother Theresa Syro Malabar Church, Calgary	Carolyn Anna Jinu
4/ (Grade 6-8)	Speech	St. Alphonsa Syro Malabar Catholic Church, Vancouver	Aiden Abraham
4/ (Grade 6-8)	Speech	St. Mother Theresa Syro Malabar Church, Calgary	Fiona Togy

## Scarborough Forane

Category	Event	Parish	Contestant
1/ (JK & SK)	Singing	Holy Family Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, Halifax	Joanne Jimson
1/ (JK & SK)	Singing	St. Mother Teresa Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, Ottawa	Caitlin Ouseph
1/ (JK & SK)	Story Telling	St. Joseph Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, Montreal	Andrea Philomenel Jjo
1/ (JK & SK)	Story Telling	St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, Scarborough	Saina Maria Santhosh
2/ (Grade 1 & 2)	Singing	St. Joseph Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, Montreal	Elmiya Jino
2/ (Grade 1 & 2)	Singing	St. Mother Teresa Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, Ottawa	Dionne Ouseph
2/ (Grade 1 & 2)	Story Telling	St. Joseph Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, Montreal	Ivan Benny
2/ (Grade 1 & 2)	Story Telling	St. Mother Teresa Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, Ottawa	Isabel Nevin
3/ (Grade 3-5)	Singing	St. Joseph Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, Montreal	Anlin Elizabeth Sheron
3/ (Grade 3-5)	Singing	St. Joseph Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, Oshawa	Swathi Dewassy
3/ (Grade 3-5)	Speech	St. Joseph Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, Oshawa	Anna Elsa Gince
3/ (Grade 3-5)	Speech	St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, Scarborough	Evan Cyriac Meharo
4/ (Grade 6-8)	Singing	Holy Family Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, Halifax	Caitlin Angel Clibert
4/ (Grade 6-8)	Singing	St. Mother Teresa Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, Ottawa	Arnold Jiss
4/ (Grade 6-8)	Speech	Holy Family Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, Halifax	Caitlin Angel Clibert
4/ (Grade 6-8)	Speech	St. Joseph Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, Oshawa	Anushka Shiju

## Mississauga Forane

Category	Event	Parish	Contestant
1/ (JK & SK)	Singing	St. Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Catholic Cathedral, Mississauga	Rosetta Roy
1/ (JK & SK)	Singing	St. Mother Teresa Parish, Niagara Falls	Annrose James
1/ (JK & SK)	Story Telling	St. Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Catholic Cathedral, Mississauga	Rosetta Roy
1/ (JK & SK)	Story Telling	St. Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Catholic Cathedral, Mississauga	Therese Sijo Vadakkumchery
2/ (Grade 1 & 2)	Singing	St. Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Catholic Cathedral, Mississauga	Matthew Jolly
2/ (Grade 1 & 2)	Singing	St. Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, Cambridge	Evaan Joji George
2/ (Grade 1 & 2)	Story Telling	St. Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Catholic Cathedral, Mississauga	Amy Ann Antony
2/ (Grade 1 & 2)	Story Telling	St. Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, Cambridge	Alvina Rose sunceesh
2/ (Grade 1 & 2)	Story Telling	St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, London	Edsel John Shibu
3/ (Grade 3-5)	Singing	St. Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Catholic Cathedral, Mississauga	Aleena Joys
3/ (Grade 3-5)	Singing	St. Josephs Parish, Hamilton	Annmaria Joseph
3/ (Grade 3-5)	Speech	St. Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Catholic Cathedral, Mississauga	Ryan Joseph Seby
3/ (Grade 3-5)	Speech	St. Josephs Parish, Hamilton	Annmaria Joseph
4/ (Grade 6-8)	Singing	St. Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Catholic Cathedral, Mississauga	Risa Roy
4/ (Grade 6-8)	Singing	St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, London	Eva Shine
4/ (Grade 6-8)	Speech	St. Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Catholic Cathedral, Mississauga	Risa Roy
4/ (Grade 6-8)	Speech	St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, London	Edwina Ann Shibu

### Upcoming Activities

- ◆ DAL - PAC Benediction & Rosary every Wednesday at 9pm EST via zoom
- ◆ Angels Meet 2021 – October 2<sup>nd</sup> 11:30AM EST
- ◆ PAC Anniversary – October 2<sup>nd</sup> 3-4:30 pm EST
- ◆ Mission Sunday Rosary – October 17<sup>th</sup> 10am EST – 10pm EST

For more information, please contact Sr. Jeslin CMC at [paceofm@gmail.com](mailto:paceofm@gmail.com).

# DEPARTMENT OF CATECHESIS

## Inauguration of Catechetical Academic Year 2021- 2022

Catechetical Academic Year 2021- 2022 was officially inaugurated on September 05, 2021, at the Eparchial and Parish level. Classes are conducted online and in-person, depending on the pandemic restrictions in each province. Special masses, dedicated for the Catechism schools, were celebrated at various Parishes requesting God's abundant blessings throughout the academic year. The Department of Catechesis, Eparchy of Mississauga, offers our valuable prayers and support in this catechetical journey, during these unprecedented times. **May God Bless You All!**

## Catechetical Sunday

Catechetical Sunday is a remarkable occasion to reflect on the role that each person plays, by the virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechists carry out an invaluable mission for the transmission and the growth of the faith, by answering their vocation as Catechists. The Eparchy of Mississauga celebrated September 26, 2021, as the Eparchial Catechetical Sunday, a day to pray for those who serve as Catechists in our Parish communities. The Department of Catechesis honored all Catechists of the Eparchy, who are witnesses of faith and companions that guide the younger generation of the Eparchy towards the eternal light, Jesus. Various appreciation programs were coordinated at the Parish level.

## New Catechist's Orientation Seminar

The Department of Catechesis, Eparchy of Mississauga, has coordinated an Orientation Seminar at three Forane levels (Edmonton, Mississauga, and Scarborough) for all new catechists and Youth Associates. The first seminar was conducted on September 25, 2021, at Mississauga Forane. Rev. Fr. Thomas Kattuthuruthiyil, Director of Catechesis, Mananthavady led the session on Catechesis and its objectives and Rev. Fr. Augustine Kallumkatharayil, Director of Catechesis, Mississauga discussed the Syro Malabar Catechism Textbook series. 35 Catechists / Youth Associates from the various Parishes & Mission Centers across the Eparchy attended the

first seminar. The next two seminars at Edmonton and Scarborough Foranes will be conducted on October 02 and October 09 respectively.

### **Veritas-Higher Diploma in the Catechism of the Catholic Church**

Class 5 of Veritas, the Higher diploma in Catechism of the Catholic Church was conducted on September 11, 2021. Rev. Fr. Jolly Vadakkan, Eparchy of Irinjalakuda, led the class on Sacramental Economy and Baptism.

### **Holyween**

October 31, 2021 will be celebrated as Holy-ween. The Department of Catechesis urges all faithful to celebrate this day in the spiritual company of the Saints, by coordinating faith related activities and encouraging children to dress up as saints to fight against the invasion of evil domain into our families and the society.

## **SYRO MALABAR NATIONAL YOUTH MOVEMENT (SMYM)**

### **SMYM Animators Meeting**

The Animators meeting was organized on September 25<sup>th</sup> which commenced with a prayer by one of the animators. In the meeting, animators shared their summer activities conducted at parish level, sharing more suggestions for future events. Also, Fr. Jojo, SMYM Director, updated on the video competition on the virtues of St. Joseph. Meeting was concluded with a blessing from Fr. Jojo.



# VOCATION BUREAU

## Why Should I Pray?

Sister Deana Therese CMC



Every month we conduct the Vocation Camp for youth. This month, we conducted the Vocation Camp on Saturday, September 18 2021, from 8 pm to 9 pm. There were 42 participants in total.

The main speaker for this month's Vocation Camp was Sister Deana Therese CMC. We would like to thank Sister Deana for taking time out of her day to share with us and teach us about the importance of prayer. She was a great inspiration and role model for all the youth especially they the young girls who attended the Vocation Camp



# NEWS FROM PARISHES

## MISSISSAUGA FORANE

### ST. ALPHONSA CATHEDRAL, MISSISSAUGA

#### **Pious Association**

#### **1st Saturday Holy mass and Adoration**

Monthly adoration and Holy Qurbana for children was conducted on Sept, 4 Saturday at 9AM and Rev. Fr. Tenson Paul was the main celebrant.

#### **Enlighten to Power**

The animators from our parish had actively participated in the first meeting of the animators at the Eparchy level which was held on September 11, 2021.

#### **Other Activities**

PAC registration for the year 2021-2022 is in progress along with the Catechism registration.

#### **Catechism**

Catechism classes for the academic year 2021-2022 were officially inaugurated after the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, September 12th. Representatives of the core team: Rev. Fr. Tenson Paul; Rev. Sr. JeslinThalachira; newly appointed Vice- Principal- Mrs. Jency Mathew; Administrative Staff- Mr. Sijo Joseph and Catechist- Ms. Ashley Abraham lit the traditional lamp during the inaugural ceremony streamed live on YouTube.



Biju APappachan, Vice- Principal welcomed all students and asked the teachers to take their pledge before engaging students in an introductory session the same day. Some teachers attended the ceremony in person, while others joined online via Zoom.

Catechism classes for all 14 grades are conducted via Zoom and Google Meet. This will continue every Sunday from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. So far 600 students are registered for catechism. The core team wishes everyone a successful academic year.

## SMYM

The Youth of our Cathedral gathered on September 1, 2021, for a final get together before they embarked on a new school year. They all reached the church at



2 pm and dispersed by 7 pm. First they watched an inspiring biblical movie. They were given the opportunity to prepare and partake in the Sacrament of Confession followed by Holy Mass celebrated by Rev. Fr. Tenson Paul. In the Homily he talked to them about using their talents and gifts for the betterment and growth of the church. He added that they are the future promising buds of the church and should be ready for selfless service for the benefit of others and not just for ourselves. It was a truly heart-touching Holy Mass. Following mass, the youth proceeded to gather outside and participated in games and socialization while enjoying the wonderful weather. Sr. Celine and Fr. Tenson Paul are appreciated for the time they invested into organizing and conducting such a beautiful gathering.

### **Mathurvedi**

In preparation for the Feast of Mother Mary, Legion of Mary along with Mathurvedi recited Holy Rosary daily at 9:00 pm from September 1st to 8th. Holy Rosary started with Benediction. Each day we have Holy Rosary followed by a short message, either by priest or sisters. On the feast day of Mother Mary, Holy Rosary was conducted in St. Alphonsa Cathedral at 7:00 pm with the presence of a blessed sacrament followed by holy mass and a procession by carrying the statue of Mother Mary. It was really a blessed day for all.

Mathruvedi members prepared crowns and candles for Holy Communion, Baptism, and confirmation of our parish and for other parishes of our Eparchy.



## Pithruvedi

In St. Alphonsa Cathedral, Pithruvedhi was constituted in the month of June 2021. Pithruvedi is an association for all the married members in the Parish. St Joseph, the most Holy Spouse of Mother Mary, is the patron for Pithruvedhi. True to the characteristics of its patron saint, Pithruvedhi strives to inculcate the importance of being selfless, family centric and leading the family in life of prayer and worship.

Currently, following are the executive committee members:

Mr. Johnson Chakkalikal – President

Mr. Antony Manjila – Vice President

Mr. Tom James – Secretary

Mr. Joys Joseph – Jnt. Secretary

### **‘AadhyaPhalam Daivathinu’**



As a part of Pithruvedi program, they have conducted a talk on family life by Fr. Kurian Puramadam. In August 2021, based on ‘AadhyaPhalamDaivathinu’, the parishioners brought home grown vegetables to sell it in auction. Almost \$2,000 were collected and a major portion of this amount has been given as a charity to the poor families in India.

## Legion of Mary

Legion Of Mary, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Praesidia at St. Alphonsa Cathedral has Virtual prayer meetings every Sunday and visiting the Families

house to house with the statue of Mother Mary. In preparation for the Feast of Mother Mary, Legion of Mary along with Mathurvedi recited Holy Rosary daily at 9:00pm from September 1st to 8th. Each day we have Holy Rosary followed by a short message, either by priest or sisters. On the feast day of Mother Mary, Holy Rosary was conducted in St. Alphonsa Cathedral at 7:00 pm with the presence of blessed sacrament followed by holy mass and a procession. It was really an inspiration for each of the members.

### **The Nurses Ministry**

The Nurses Ministry Service Team meeting was held on August 6th. Chain rosary was conducted on August 13th from 6 am to 6 pm.

On August 14th from 9 am to 1 pm, the Nurses ministry members and their families went on a pilgrimage to the Marian Shrine of Grace in Mary Lake. The pilgrimage started with a Holy Mass, followed by a rosary recited along the Rosary Path. Everyone enjoyed the picnic which was a good opportunity to deepen their relationship. There were 50 participants.

Mississauga Nurses ministry team led the Weekly Monday Prayer on August 16th from 8:30 to 10:30pm. The chaplet of Divine Mercy was recited at the 3 pm from August 17th to August 23rd. The team also participated in a Night Vigil held on August 27th conducted by the international team from August 1st to August 31st, Mississauga offered Prayer to Saints as our prayer tool, and one member of our region fasted for all our intentions.



## **Knight of Columbus**

The Knights donated a Basketball set to the Cathedral. Very Rev Fr Pathros Champakara, the Vicar General of our Eparchy inaugurated and blessed the playset on 08/01/21 after the holy mass at 8.30 on Sunday in the presence of trustees – Ms. Sophy Xaviour and Francis Ouseph, sisters along with parishioners and brother knights. They enjoyed themselves in playtime with enthusiastic youngsters. Brothers of Knight commemorated the founder Bl Michael McGivney's day on August 13. Pinnacle Award –For the first time in the 121- year history of the Knights in Ontario our Immediate past State Deputy – Br. David Peters was awarded the Pinnacle Award. This award was in recognition for going over 100%of quota for two successive years and achieving 114.61% in the last fraternal year, also for his leadership in starting 5 new councils.



# ST. ALPHONSA PARISH, CAMBRIDGE

## Parish Council Meeting

On September 11, 2021 the Parish Council met virtually primarily to discuss the preparations for our Parish Thirunaal and catechism and ward prayers, among other things. We will be celebrating our Parish feast on Oct 3, 2021

## Picnics for Youth

Picnics were organized for our parish youth and the international students at different locations and days. In addition to socializing and playing games, they enjoyed delicious food. Our youth animator, Mrs. Shanty Varghese, our trustee, Mr. Siby Varghese and of course our pastor were able to take some time out of their busy schedules to join the youth.

## Catechism Department

### First Ever Catechists' Convention

Our staff attended the first ever Catechists' Convention held on August 28, 2021. The talks given by various speakers, Major Archbishop His Beatitude Mar George Cardinal Alencherry H.E. Mar Jose Kalluvilil, Bishop of Mississauga and Rev. Fr. Thomas Melvettath, Secretary for the Syro Malabar Synodal Commission were truly enriching.





## Staff Meeting

A staff meeting was held on August 30, 2021 to discuss about the virtual classes, Catechism Inauguration day, textbook distribution, class time slots and breakout rooms, sharing of class lists, sharing of documents sent by Eparchy etc. Our pastor Rev. Thomasachan shared some beautiful insights about the importance of Catechesis and one of them was about passing on our faith from generation to generation so it isn't lost. Just as our parents and forefathers have passed on the faith to us, we too have a privilege and responsibility to pass on our Catholic faith to our children and grandchildren.

## Session on how to use breakout rooms in zoom

Mrs. Deepa Sabu from Mississauga was kind enough to lead our staff through a session on 'how to use breakout rooms in zoom meetings' and that proved to be very useful. We thank her for willingly accepting our invitation to walk us through the same!

## Catechism Inauguration Day

We had our Catechism Inauguration day as well as the first day of virtual class on September 12, 2021 via zoom and breakout rooms. Our VP handled the breakout rooms very well. We were blessed to have the Mississauga Forane Director Rev. Fr. Ploggen Kannampuzha with us for the inauguration. The Inauguration ceremony included the prayer song invoking the Holy Spirit, the welcome address by our new Vice Principal Mr. Edwin Varghese, the lighting of the lamp, the pastor's message, catechetical pledge, the students' prayer, the teachers' prayer, the principal's message and the vote of thanks. The students' and teachers' prayers were prepared by one of our teachers, Ms. Manju Mathew.



The principal in her address to the parents, staff and students stressed the need to model the 'obedience' of the Holy Family in everything we do. Each of them did what God was asking of them and learned about the special role God had for them. "Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead." (James 2:17) Faith, a God given gift to us is like a flame in our heart and it needs fuel to burn brightly and without a fuel source to nourish it, it will die out. As we enter into the new school year, let us strive to help the flame of faith grow even larger and burn even brighter among our future generations!

### **New Catechists' Orientation Seminar**

Some of our staff members will be attending the New Catechists' Orientation Seminar to be held on September 25, 2021 at Mississauga Forane.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Angels Meet 2021: October 2, 2021
  - Parish Thirunaal: October 3, 2021
  - New Catechists Orientation Seminars at Edmonton and Scarborough Forane level
  - Catechetical Sunday
  - Staff Meeting
  - Thanksgiving Adoration for Catechism staff and students
- All Saints' Day

# ST. JOSEPH PARISH, HAMILTON

## Catechism Inauguration 2021

Catechism class inauguration was held on September 12th. Father Thomas lit the lamp followed by a short prayer for students and catechists. Anu Emmanuel Joseph, Terry Raju, Meghan Biju and Lissa Mathew joined as new catechists this year. Our first catechists meeting was held on September 18th. We had a good discussion on how to conduct catechism classes this year and also planned our first Catechists Sunday on September 26th. The catechism classes are held in zoom and the first class was on September 19th. On September 19th we had our new catechists Anu, Terry, Meghan and Fiji attend the orientation seminar in Mississauga Forane.



## Catechetical Sunday 2021

September 26th was celebrated as the First Eparchial Catechetical Sunday. Following the Sunday mass that was led by our kids, the catechists gave a brief walkthrough of our catechism textbooks for all grades. Father Thomas presented a small token of appreciation to all the catechists. Textbooks received were given to the teachers to distribute it among the students.



## First Holy Communion

On Saturday, September 11 at 10:00 am , 6 students from the St. Joseph Syro-Malabar Catholic Parish received the **Sacrament of Holy Communion** and 3 of those students also received the **Sacrament of Confirmation** as well. The candidates for Holy Communion were **Agustus Anil Joseph, Allen Thomas, Ryan Joseph Binesh'** and the candidates

for Confirmation were 'Emmanuel Joe Gikson, Emmanuel Joseph Pulatt and Noel Biju Thomas. The ceremony was led by Vicar General Very Rev. Fr. Pathrose Champakkara & our Pastor Fr. Thomas Venmanthara. A special thank you goes out to Sr. Celin Rose for helping to prepare the



candidates to receive their Sacraments. Much thanks also goes out to all the candidates' parents and the general parish for all their prayers and support!

### **SMYM National**

The SMYM national youth gathered on September 29<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 8 pm. The evening was started with music, adoration, and Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Thomas Venmanthara. Fr. Thomas spoke about the importance of doing the little things faithfully and growing stronger in the love of Jesus. The music session was coordinated



by Lissa Mathew, the youth animator along with Saju James a dynamic member of the choir team. The session was ended with wonderful sharing from the youth members. Thanks to all the children and parents for their support and active participation.

### **SMYM International**

The International youth of the parish gathered on September 21<sup>st</sup> for adoration, and Holy Mass. Thanks to all participants and a special thanks to Fr. Thomas for the wonderful support provided all through the hours.

### **Mathruvedhi Meeting**

Under the leadership of Hamilton Mathruvedhi, an evening of adoration along with Holy Qurbana was conducted on September 28<sup>th</sup>. The evening started with adoration followed by Holy Mass, continuing with the meeting and a potluck dinner. A big thanks to Mathruvedhi team for their dedication, effort and teamwork which is greatly appreciated.

# ST. MOTHER TERESA PARISH, NIAGARA

## Parish Feast 2021

The annual Parish Feast was celebrated with all pomp and geit in two days on 04 and 05 September 2021 (Saturday and Sunday). There were 63 prasudenthis for the perunnal. Utmost care was exercised to follow the covid-19 protocols on both days. On day first, Rev. Fr Plogen Kannampuzha, and our pastor Rev. Fr. Thomas Venmanthara celebrated the Holy Qurbana and ladeenju. There was unniyappam nercha, which was prepared by the families in the parish. A little fireworks added to the colour of the perunnal on Day 01.



Day second, the main perunnal day began with the perunnal Qurbana celebrated by the vicar General Very Rev. Fr. Pathrose Champakara, and our pastor Rev. Fr. Thomas Venmanthara, followed by ladeenju. The grand procession was marked with pious participation of the parish accompanied by chenda melam under the leadership of Baiju Pakalomattom, which kindled the feel of a traditional perunnal procession. There was a more elaborate and colorful fireworks to culminate the perunnal celebration. The procession and fireworks drew the interest of many spectators from the neighbourhood too to witness our perunnal celebration. Snacks were distributed after the perunnal. The perunnal was live broadcast on the internet too.

### **Nativity of St. Mary**

The mathruvedi of the parish organised an 8 day long online rosary that culminated on 08th September as a part of the celebration of the nativity of Mary. The day had a thirunal kurbana and ladeenju by our pastor Rev. Fr. Thomas Venmanthara. Matruvedi also prepared unniyappam nercha and distributed the same after the mass. The parish council ensured that the Covid guidelines were followed in all regards.

### **Craftwork Rosary**

As part of the Feast of Nativity of Mother Mary on September 8, the members of Pious Association of St Mother Teresa Parish Niagara Falls, offered Rosary with bible verses/ Sukrthajapam/prayers, to encourage their devotion to Mother Mary. The kids garland this Rosary craft on the grotto of Mother Mary before the Holy Mass on September 8 as birthday gift.



## Catechism Department : Inauguration of Classes 2021-22

The catechism academic year of 2021-22 was inaugurated on 13th September 2021, by lighting of a nilavilakku by the pastor Thomas Venmanthara, Principal Bindhya V Joy, Kaikkaran Eldrid John and representatives from students. The teachers and students began this year's catechism activities by reciting separate prayers.



The meeting also appreciated Mrs. Manju Deleep, who stepped down from the position as Principal after 5 years of commentable service during the formation stage of the catechism department. Rev. Fr. Thomas Venmanthara presented a memento to her on the occasion.

## First Holy Communion

The sacrament of first holy communion of this year was organised for 7 children of the parish and confirmation for one, on the 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2021. The master catechist Rev. Sr Prasanna and the pastor Rev. Fr. Thomas Venmanthara supervised the practise sessions on Friday, 24th September. The first confession and the confession of parents was also held on the same day followed by a holy mass.



The first holy communion was held on Saturday, 2nd september with Fr. Pathrose Champakkara as the main celebrant in the presence of Pastor Rev. Fr. Thomas Venmanthara and Fr. Aji. Alan Albert, Ann Maria Lins, Amy Rose Deleep, Catherine Robin Chirayath, Elaina Eldrid Kavungal, and Joel Eldrid Kavungal received their first holy communion while Jacob George received his first holy communion and confirmation.



### Catechetical Sunday

26th September, 2021 was celebrated as Catechetical sunday. The teachers were given a memento and a group photo was taken on the occasion, followed by a meeting of the teachers. The catechism department has about 125 students enrolled this year.





# ST. THOMAS FORANE PARISH, SCARBOROUGH

## 'Ettu Nombu' and Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Following one of the richest traditions in the Syro Malabar Church, devotees observed the first 8 days of September with fasting, abstinence and prayers -better known as 'EttuNombu' in preparation for celebrating the feast of the Nativity of Virgin Mary. Novena and Nercha were offered on all days which culminated on September 8, the feast day with the Solemn Mass, Ladeenju and a rosary procession. Various Parish ministries actively involved in offering the rosary prayer and joined other festivities.



## 1000 Hail Mary Prayers

'Christ in Action' prayer ministry together with Mathruvedi and Pithruvedi offered 1000 Hail Mary prayers virtually on the Feast Day of the Nativity of Mother Mary.

## New Catechetical Year Inaugurated

Students and Catechists welcomed the new Catechetical year prayerfully and with a great hope of coming together in-person again sooner.

The inaugural Mass offered by Fr. Jose Alencherry was dedicated for Catechists and students. Amidst chanting prayers



to invoke the presence of the Holy Spirit, the lamp was lighted by representatives of students, teachers, parents, and the Clergy. Fr. Jose congratulated catechists and students for making use of their time and energy to grow in proximity with God. Fr. Jose also introduced the new Principal Jose Varghese and Vice-Principal, Sr.Jyothy AO.

Joshy Varghese lead the Oath of Catechists and Irene Siji led the prayer of students. Jose Varghese, Principal appreciated the team of both the experienced and the youthful catechists and associates, students and parents for their keen interest in becoming part of the faith formation process and thanked Rev. Fr. Jose, Rev. Fr. Toby, and Rev. Sisters for their liberal enthusiasm in supporting the catechetical initiatives.

### **Parish Welcomes New Youth Associates**

Congratulations to all young-new faces- Saumya George, Shraddha Tony, Cila Jose, Nayanthara Dino, Tiffany Babu, Reshma Raju, ClestyJoveenus, Neethu Devasia, Tinu Joseph, and Rachel Pariappadan who have joined this year as Associates. Four of our senior Catechists, John Chennoth, Princy Stanley, Elizabeth Mercy Mathew and Jaison Joseph are taking a time off for the year/part of the year for personal enrichment or due to work demands. Three of our seasoned Catechists, VargheseParekattil, Joshy Varghese and Litty John have been assigned to shadow in high school classes, as part of the efforts to strengthen the teams.

**New enrollments and renewal of current students** continued throughout the month and one-time student numbers are being assigned to all students.

### **Rise & Shine Series**

As part of encouraging students to strengthen their connectivity, in-person get-together is promoted once every month. 'Rise & Shine in-person series for Grade 10 students was held on September 18 with most of the students engaged in ice-breaking, group activities, out-door



physicals, cake decoration and so on. Programs started with a prayer and reflection session. Youth Associates Christina Kannampuzha, Tom E. Joseph and Aayush Areeckal and parent volunteers Roji Roy, Anu Sabu and Shymijomy were in the forefront, supporting students.

## Catechetical Sunday

Catechetical Sunday was observed in our parish, following the Eparchial Catechetical initiative to showcase the significance of faith formation in shaping the current generation and to highlight the work of volunteer Catechists and Youth Associates in nurturing faith. The Holy Mass at 11.00 a.m. was dedicated for Catechists and students. Fr. Jose Alencherry appreciated the commitment and farsightedness of all volunteer teachers and associates. On this occasion, Mr. John Chennoth, one of the veteran Catechists in the Eparchy, shared the 'Spirit of being a Catechist and how it could change the life' for parents and students.



## Pious Associations-Inauguration

Parish Pious Associations for Children (PAC) launched its activities for the new academic year on Catechetical Sunday. Young leaders who steered and supported PAC over the past year were appreciated. So also, the dedicated hard-work and leadership of Mrs. Alphonsa Johnson, Animator. New Coordinator Varsha Nigi and Assistant Coordinator Irene Irimpan were inducted. Acknowledging their services, certificates of appreciation were presented to all leaders. Winners of the Speech and Coloring competitions organized, in May 2021 as part of the 'Year of St. Joseph' competitions, at the Forane level organised by PAC at the Eparchy were appreciated. Saina Maria Santhosh received medal for Story telling in JK/SK, and Evan Cyriac Mehara received medal for Speech in Gr.3-5.

## Drive to Collect Pledges for the Parish Centre

As the first phase of raising funds for the proposed Parish Centre and Priest's residence, parish officially started accepting pledge forms from the members on Sept 12, following the Holy Mass at 9.00 a.m. Mr. Thomas Alummoottil, who is also the convenor of the Finance Committee, Mr. Thomas Nanthikattu-padavil, Mr. Mani Mattam, Mr. Vineeth Wilson and several members offered their pledges to the Vicar. As a long-felt need, the project is expected to cater to the diverse needs of the community and efforts to mobilize more resources, including visiting households are underway.



## Vegetable Garden Contest Winners Honored

Families who were successful in growing up vegetable gardens in their backyards or balconies identified in the past month for the first and second places, Riny and Johnson Irimpan, Shyla and Thomas Chalil, Juby and Biju Mani Kunthanappillil (shared), in backyard gardens and Ajitha and Prashant Melemuriyil and Silgimol and Manoj Puthuparambil in the balcony gardens were presented mementoes and ever-rolling trophies for the best gardens.



**Prize-winners from parish family units** for various events during the parish summer picnic were appreciated on September 12. The ever-rolling trophy for the unit with the highest points was shared by St. Ignatius Loyola Unit and St. Sebastian's Unit.

## Refresher Program for Holy Communicants

To help recent holy communicants to be better prepared to receive the Sacraments and to give them more confidence in pursuing a spiritual routine, a refresher program was organized on September 4.

## Logos Bee Quiz

Aaron Joshy ,who won first place in the Logos Bee Bible Quiz, organized by the Bible Apostolate was presented the prize after the Mass on September 5. Aaron's exceptional skills in remembering and recollecting Bible verses and incidents were appreciated by the parishioners.



**New Holy Mass was added at 8.00 p.m.** to the Sunday Mass schedule to enable people who are working to attend Sunday Mass, especially when capacity limits are still in place.

## Bible Quiz by Kerala Christian Ecumenical Fellowship

A team of Aaron Joshy, Alex Shibu and Arun Siji, our students represented the parish in the Bible Quiz, to compete with the strong ecumenical community.

## Training for Altar Servers

A new batch of boys and girls were initiated into a month-long training to assist in the Liturgy. They are expected to be inducted next month.



## SMYM Onam Celebration

Prizes winners in Onam events organized by SMYM units at the parish were appreciated by the community. It was a great opportunity to many students who are far away from their dear and near ones to enjoy the spirit of onam. Fr. Jose Alencherry and Fr. Toby Pulickassery gave away the prizes. AnsenAnto, Coordinator thanked the guests and participants.



## Onam Celebrations at the Parish

### Upcoming Programs:

- ✦ Santarts: Classes for Violin, Guitar, Keyboard, Dance & Malayalam starting on October 1!
- ✦ Divine Academy: Tutoring classes for English, Math, French & Science expected to start soon!
- ✦ Celebration of the feast of St. Theresa of Child Jesus by Mission League: October 3
- ✦ Rise & Shine: Grade 11 and Grade 12 Students meet in-Person, on October 3, 3.00 p.m.
- ✦ Angels' meet: October 3 (Confession and special Mass)
- ✦ Orientation for New Catechists & Associates- Scarborough Forane, October 9, 10.30 a.m.
- ✦ Parish Council: October 9
- ✦ Parish Annual Retreat: October 9 – 11; Preacher: Rev. FR. BinuRathappally VC
- ✦ Catechesis Parent-Teacher Council-October 17, after the 11.00 a.m. Mass.
- ✦ Conclusion of the Month of the Rosary: October 31
- ✦ Marriage Preparation Course: October 2-4, December 4-6.
- ✦ For details: Contact Fr. Jose Alencherry: 437-220-0658, or Sr. Jyothy AO: 437-229-7144, email: [familyapostolate.ca@gmail.com](mailto:familyapostolate.ca@gmail.com))

## ST. JOSEPH PARISH OSHAWA

The Holy Mass is celebrated every Sunday, keeping all the existing COVID19 protocols. Until a further change is announced, the Holy Mass on Sunday, is celebrated at 03:30pm.

The Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary was celebrated with an evening Holy Mass and *Ladeenju*. The parishioners participated in the feast with many preparations of the *Ettunombu* and were blessed by the intercession of Our Mother Mary.

### Upcoming Events

Every Sunday Holy Mass: 03:30 pm

September 26<sup>th</sup>: 03:30 pm Holy Mass, Catechism Sunday Celebration

October 3<sup>rd</sup>: 03:30 pm Parish Retreat and day of Confession

October 9<sup>th</sup>: 07. 30 pm *kodiyettu* for the parish feast followed by Holy Mass.

October 10<sup>th</sup>: 03:30 pm Holy Mass and Festal celebrations.

### Catechism News

Catechetical Year 2021-22 was inaugurated by lighting the lamp By Parish Priest Fr Tenson Paul, Catechism Principal Mrs. Smitha John, vice Principal Mrs. JishyValookaran, Parent representative Mr. Tojo George and by Student Representative David Kurian.

In this auspicious occasion, catechism students were awarded with certificates and medals for their achievements secured in the last academic year. Special appreciation and scholarships were given to the graduating students Phil Antony and Christen Joy. The prizes and appreciation were given to the Forane level St Joseph year Talent fest winners from the parish Swathi Devassy (singing category Grade 3-4), Anna Elsa Gince (Speech Category Gr 3-4) and to Anushka Shiju (Speech Category Gr 6-8). Chris Bobby Varghese was awarded with the cash prize and certificate for winning Logos B Bible Quiz. There was special prayers and blessings for the students beginning the new academic year.

Catechism Classes for the year is resumed on September 11 via zoom with great support and participation from students and parents. Catechism Teachers in person meeting was held on September 19 after the Holy mass. New teachers were welcomed and introduced in this occasion.



### Nurses' ministry

Nurses' ministry in parish is actively conducting parish level weekly prayers and participating in night vigils and monthly eparchial prayers. There was a special prayer session for the members with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the sharing of the Word of God.



# ST. MOTHER TERESA PARISH, OTTAWA

## Solemn Holy Communion & Chrismation

On August 29<sup>th</sup>, 12 communion 6 confirmation students received their sacraments during the Holy Qurbana celebrated by our Bishop His Excellency Mar Jose Kalluvilil.



## Parish Bulletin- The Teresian

August 29<sup>th</sup> saw the inauguration of the Parish Monthly bulletin “The Teresian” with the first copy released by Bishop HE Mar Jose Kalluvilil. Articles were requested from all members of the Parish.



## Department of Catechesis

Catechism classes started on September 05<sup>th</sup> and there were new teachers who joined the team. The student count increased to 108 and hence the need for more catechists was envisaged. Currently the classes are conducted via zoom but the parish is reviewing possibilities of having in person classes, subject to provincial regulations. Catechism Sunday on September 26<sup>th</sup> will see Holy Qurbana followed by a small ceremony honoring the teachers for their timeless dedication.

## SMYM National

SMYM held their end of summer gathering at Findlay Creek, hosted graciously by SMYM member Dona Nelson and family. The occasion was graced by Lissa Mathew, animator from Hamilton Parish and was attended by 21 youths of our parish.



## Parish Feast 2021

Parish conducted its Feast from August 27 to September 5. On the Main Feast Day Rev. Fr. Jojo Changanamthundathil, parish priest of St. Joseph Syro Malabar Parish, Montreal offered the Feast Day Qurbana at the Holy Redeemer Church, Kanata. It started with the installation of the Presudhenthis, followed by Holy Qurbana, Ladheeju and procession.



Our Parish Priest, Fr. Augustine K, celebrated his birthday on Sep 18<sup>th</sup> and warm wishes were conveyed by members of the Parish.



## Annual Retreat 2021

Preparations are underway for the annual Parish retreat. This year Rev. Father Daniel Poovannathil of the Mount Carmel Retreat Centre will lead the retreat and praise and worship. Registration is open to both Ottawa and Montreal parishioners.

## October- Month of Rosary

Fr. Augustine also has highlighted the importance of October as the month of the Rosary. The first 10 days of October will be having daily rosary conducted by different wards, committees and groups within the Parish.

## “Revive 21”

Jesus Youth chapter of Ottawa conducted a special retreat “Revive 21” on September 25-26. The retreat mainly concentrated on International Students.

# ST. JOSEPH PARISH MONTREAL

## Feast of the Nativity of BL. Virgin Mary (8 Nombu)

The 8 day abstinence in preparation for the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary was celebrated with grandeur at St. Joseph Syro Malabar church. Holy mass, ladenguandnercha distribution was done on the feast day.

## Catechism Registration

188 students have registered for the Catechism classes at St. Joseph’s Syro Malabar parish for the Academic year 2021-2022.



## **Catechism Inauguration**

Catechism classes were inaugurated officially by the parish priest Fr. Jojo on September 12. The teachers were introduced to the parish congregation and were anointed by the Parish priest for the catechetical mission.

## **AFCM Spiritual Session and Family Meeting**

AFCM Montreal conducted its in person gathering for the first time since pandemic began. The members gathered together for a time of fellowship, praise and thanksgiving . Fr. Jojo and Fr Jomon presided over the prayer service. The members gathered together to share a hearty meal and congratulate all the newly married members of the group.

## **Absolution- Music Band**

Absolution band led by Boban Mathew performed for the parishoners on Sep 11, 2021. The toronto based band led the people through a journey of praise and thanksgiving.



## **Parish Registration Forms and Address Validation**

The online distribution of the parish registration forms and address validation was done throughout the month under the leadership of Fr. Jojo and trustees.

## **Nurses Ministry Meeting**

Nurses ministry prayer meetings were conducted online. Fr. Jojo presided over the meetings and offered his encouragement and support

## Vaccination Passport Help to St Richards Parish

Members of the church volunteered to help with the creation of vaccine passports for St. Richards parish. Vaccine passport creation was done for the elderly people at St. Patricks Residential Society.

## Parish General Body Meeting

Parish General Body was conducted on September 26, after evening Holy Mass.

# HOLY FAMILY PARISH, HALIFAX

## Feast of the Nativity of Bl Virgin Mary

The Feast of the Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary was celebrated in the parish with the observance of 8 *Nombu* as the preparation for the feast. There was Holy Qurbana everyday on zoom followed by Holy Rosary. The family units gave leadership on different days.

## Prathinidhiyogam

The *Prathinidhiyogam* of Holy Family Church, held on 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 planned to rent St Paul's Church in Herring Cove, Halifax. The discussions with the Church authorities in Halifax regarding the leasing of the church on monthly basis is progressing. The *Yogam* also decided to find out a regular income by introducing PAR system.

## Catechism

Holy Family School of Catechism reopened online classes of 2021-2022 academic year and is ready to get all the children united in God's love and flourish under His protection. The first staff meeting and prayer of the academic year was held on September 10 and it was decided that every second Friday at 9.00 pm., a staff meeting and prayer would be held. Rev. Fr. Joseph Kizhakkedath and 17 teachers prayed together online on September 10th and discussed matters for the new academic year. Teachers are assigned with new tasks and responsibilities in order to improve the administration and management. Staff secretary, programme coordinator, Bible quiz Coordinator, Coordinator of examinations and evaluations, and those in charge of wishes

and greetings, rewards and presents are among the new designations for the year.

This year, the Holy Family Sunday School has a total of 66 kids, from Pre-Primary to Grade 7 and 10 regular class teachers. PAC teachers will be substituting when needed and they are 7 altogether. Every second Sunday of the month is set apart for PAC activities.

### **First Academic Day**

The new academic Year began on September 12th Sunday with the lighting of the candle before the Inaugural Holy Qurbana. With a lit candle in their hand, teachers took the oath from Rev. Fr. Vicar. All the students and teachers gathered in the church to meet their class in person after the Holy Qurbana. Students were summoned class after class and held a brief meeting with their teachers to get to know each other. After the Holy Mass, students also received prizes of the Saint Joseph Year Talent Fest.



**ST. JUDE PARISH, WINNIPEG**

**Parish Update**

We celebrated St. Mary's feast on Sep 12, 2021, with 9 days of novena from Sep 03, 2021



Annual Parish Pilgrimage was conducted on Sunday, Aug 29<sup>th</sup> with rosary and Holy Qurbana at Church in Île-des-Chênes, Manitoba with lunch and coffee at St. Malo Grotto.



## Social Apostolate & Outreach Update

Ongoing support to forest fire evacuees and Indian missionaries up north; volunteering with missionaries of Charity

We wanted to express sincere appreciation for the Collaborative effort of the Manitoba Malayali association(MAM) and St Jude Parish for doing an excellent job in organizing the fundraising and other things for Joel Soman and his family

## Catechism

Staff meeting to plan the year ahead

Fellowship and farewell to Mary Joseph

Started physical classes of this academic year with a total of 84 students, 11 divisions

Conducted competitions from parish level to Diocese level

Thursday online rosary and Saturday kids mass continue





## ST. MOTHER TERESA PARISH, CALGARY

### Feast of St. Euphrasia

The Feast of St. Euphrasia was celebrated solemnly on 29st August. Solemn Mass begun with the offertory of the St. Euphrasia ward. The Feast mass solemnized by rev. Fr. Thomas Kattady

### Novena in Honor of Mother Teresa

To prepare for the parish fest nine days of Novena were said from August 27 to September 04 in honor of Mother Teresa. Priest from our surrounding parishes were the main celebrants of each day.

### Procession of Saints' Statues to the Houses.

In order to announce the parish fest and prepare the community for



it , the statues of the saints to were taken to the homes and special prayers were said. The parish councilors took the leadership of arranging the procession of the saints to our homes.

### **Holy Mass in Malankara Rite**

On September 03 the Novena Mass was in Malankara Rite. The Malankara Community and their pastor Rev Fr. George led our community to meaning full celebration of Mass in our sister rite. To many of us it is the first experience to participate in a beautiful service.



### **Flag Hoisting of the Tirunal**

The Festal flag was hoisted on 04th September by the Pastor. The feast mass and the rosary procession followed the flag hoisting. Rev. Fr. Bobby Muttathuvalayil was the main celebrant of the day. The presence of our Forane vicar Rev. Fr. Thomas Thaichey and Rev Fr Jose Kathiparambil added color to the celebration. The Rosary procession with lighted colorful lambs was a new experience to the community.



### **Feast Day**

The Feast of St. Mother Teresa was solemnized colorfully. The main celebrant of the festal mass was our Bishop Mar Jose kalluvellil. Solemn procession around the church with the saints followed the mass. people were having the opportunity to do veneration like kazhunnedukkal and adima.



The Shehaviorunnu followed the feast celebration added more color to the celebration

### **Pastoral Visit**

From September 05 to 12 our bishop was with the community doing his pastoral visit. During these days Bishop could met all the unit representatives . This visit of our bishop helped to regain the unity of the parish members.

### **Nativity of Our Lady**

The feast of the Nativity of our lady was celebrated with solemn mass and rosary procession. Bishop Jose was the main celebrant of the day

### **Catechism Academic Year Inauguration and Prize Distribution**

The new catechetical academic year in our parish was inaugurated by our bishop on 11 th September during the 11 .30 am mass. During the Mass the teachers were specially blessed and given lighted candles as symbol that they are the light of the world. After the mass meritorious students of the previous year were awarded with gifts.



### **Parish Council**

As a part of the visit of our bishop, he headed the parish council held on 11 September

### **Live and Learn**

Calgary community is blessed to host the Live and Learn of the priests of our eparchy. Seventeen priests and our Bishop were with the community from Sep 13 to 17. On sep. 16 there was the community mass. The solemn concelebration of the all priests in the Holy Mass was a spiritual experience to the community.

# CHRIST THE KING PARISH SASKATOON

## Catechism Year Inauguration and Day of Appreciation

September 5, 2021 was an auspicious day in the annals of Christ the King Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, Saskatoon as we had the inauguration of the new Catechetical Academic year and a Day of appreciation. There was Solemn Holy Eucharist celebrated by Fr. Martin Augustin at 11.00 am. After the mass there was the Inauguration function. Fr. Martin welcomed everyone to the function. Then there was the introduction of the new team of leaders. SinipriyaRenni is the new Principal, GimiyaShaji is the new Vice Principal and Tegin Tinto is the new Secretary.



Then it was the turn of SinipriyaRenni, the Principal to lead a prayer representing all the teachers. It was followed by a prayer recited by Luke Bijoy representing all the students.

The next item in the function was to give a fitting farewell to the former Principal Binu Jacob. Fr. Martin gave a meaningful farewell talk and then presented a memento of the Parish's appreciation.



It was then the most exciting moments of appreciating the first graduates of the Parish. We had five graduates who completed the Grade 12

Catechism successfully in 2021. They were, Noel Stephen, Teln Sunny, Tana Jayal, Eva Wilson and Agnes Bijoy (from left).



They were given certificate of Merit and a memento to appreciate them on this occasion of their graduation.



It was then time to declare the winner of the Scholarship instituted in the parish for the one securing the highest mark in Grade 12. In 2021, the scholarship was awarded to Agnus Bijoy who stood first in Grade 12. Hearty congratulations to Agnus Bijoy for this meritorious achievement.

It was then followed by the prize distributions to the winners in the Parish Picnic, St. Joseph Year competition and Catechism academic performance and attendance.



Sincere appreciation to the Former Principal Binu Jacob and others who arranged this function so meticulously.



## **Duck Lake Pilgrimage and Onam celebration**

September 6, Monday was yet another remarkable day for the parish. We had the parish pilgrimage to Our Lady of Lourdes St. Laurent Shrine at Duck Lake. The parishioners gathered at the venue at 10.30 am. We had rosary procession from the Shrine to the Chapel. It was such a prayerful act of everyone praying the rosary and proceeding to the chapel. At 11 am, we had the Holy Mass celebrated in the chapel there. The Holy Mass celebrated in the chapel there was such an experience for everyone.

It was followed by the onam celebration for the parish. It was done in the ground there at Duck Lake. The food items were brought as pot luck by the parishioners and it was such a sumptuous onamsadhya. It was followed by various onam games and everyone participated in it well. The day got concluded at 5.00 pm. Thanks to the coordinators Arun Baby, Midhun Pius, Happy Thomas, Abin and Mathew Paramabth. With the coordination of the team and the participation of all, the onamcelebration became something very memorable.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- 1. Night Vigil on October 1, Friday**
  - 2. Catechism Staff Meeting**
  - 3. SMYM Meeting**
- 10 days of Rosary Service**

# ST. MOTHER THERESA MISSION, NORTH BATTLEFORD

## Feast of the Mission

On September 5, Sunday we had the celebration of the feast of the mission. It was done for the first time. There was solemn Holy Mass at 4.30 pm. The occasion was graced by the presence of Fr. Sebastian Kunnath of Prince Albert Diocese and Fr. Santhosh Thekkekulam of Saskatoon Diocese. Fr. Sebastian delivered the feast day homily and Fr. Santhosh conducted the ladeenju. Fr. Martin Augustin celebrated the feast day solemn mass. It was such a joyful occasion that the entire parish participated in the Feast day mass and the snehavirunnu which followed the mass. Thanks in abundance to the Parish Coordinators Don, Varun, Sony, Mini and Josna under whose directions everything went well.

To prepare for the feast there was adoration and confession celebrated on the previous day, September 4, Saturday. The Eucharistic adoration began at 4.30pm. There was opportunity for everyone to make confession. The adoration concluded with the Eucharistic adoration at 7.30pm. The entire parish prepared for the feast well by participating in the adoration and making good confession.

## Upcoming Events:

1. **Coordinators Meeting**
2. **10 days of Rosary Service**

SEPTEMBER 2021

## BISHOP'S DIARY

Date	Time	Program
1	11.30 am 07.30 pm	Presided over the Curia Meeting Presided over the SOF Board Meeting
2	12.00 pm	Presided over the Departments Directors' Meeting
5-12	10.30 am	Pastoral Visit at St Mother Theresa Parish Calgary Parish Feast and Solemn Holy Qurbana at St Mother Teresa Parish Calgary
6	11.00 am	Joined in the Monthly Recollection for Priests and Sisters
7	06.30 pm	Joined in the DALO Meeting
8	09.40 am 07.00 pm	Inaugurated Bible Writing by Knanaya Community Celebrated Holy Qurbana at St. Mother Teresa Parish, Calgary on the Feast Day of Nativity of Mother Mary
9	05.00 am	Joined in the Combined Liturgical Committee Meeting on English Raza Text
10	08.00 am 11.30 am	Joined in the ACBO Plenary Meeting Presided over the Curia Meeting
11	11.00 am 12.00 pm	Joined in the Prayer with Shalom Team Inaugurated PAC Animators' Orientation Seminar
12	10.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm 06.30 pm	Vocation Camp Celebrated Holy Qurbana and Inaugurated Catechismat St Mother Teresa Parish Calgary Presided over the Catechists Meeting at Calgary Presided over the Parish Council Meeting



13-17		Participated in the Live and Learn- Residential Seminar for Priests in the Eparchy of Mississauga
14	08.00 am	Joined in the ACBO Meeting
18	10.00 am	Inaugurated Bible Reading by PAC in connection with Eparchy Day
	01.00 pm	Celebrated Holy Qurbana and Administered Sacrament of Initiation and Solemn Holy Communion at St Mary's Mission Whitehorse, Yukon
19	10.00 am	Celebrated Holy Qurbana and Participated in the Public Meeting on the 6 <sup>th</sup> Eparchial Day at St. AlphonsaForane Parish Edmonton
20-24	01.00 pm	Participated in the CCCB Plenary Assembly
21	05.00 pm	Inaugurated DAL Second Academic Year
24	09.00 am	Conducted Meeting with Fr Jose Koyickal SDB
26	10.00 am	Blessed and Inaugurated the Renewed Kannampuzha Hall at St. Alphonsa Cathedral Mississauga
29	11.30 am	Presided over the Curia Meeting

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| 3  | ഞായർ   | <b>✠ ഏലിയാ സ്തീവ മുശ ആറാം ഞായർ</b><br>നിയ. 9:13-24, ഏശ. 26:1-11,<br>ഫിലി 4:4-9; മത്താ. 15:21-28           |
| 4  | തിങ്കൾ | ഫിലി 1:21-26; മർക്കോ 8:31-38  |
| 5  | ചൊവ്വ  | 2 തിമോ 2:21-26; മത്താ 5:13-16   |
| 6  | ബുധൻ   | ഹെബ്രോ 2:1-4; ലൂക്കാ 20:20-26   |
| 7  | വ്യാഴം | 2 യോഹ 4-11; യോഹ 5:39-47   |
| 8  | വെള്ളി | 2 തിമോ 1:1-7; ലൂക്കാ 21:7-19  |
| 9  | ശനി    | 2 തിമോ 1:8-14; ലൂക്കാ 10:17-21  |
| 10 | ഞായർ   | <b>✠ ഏലിയാ സ്തീവ മുശ ഏഴാം ഞായർ</b><br>നിയ. 11:1-9, ഏശ. 40:12-17,<br>2 കോറി 2:12-17, മത്താ 20:1 -16        |
| 11 | തിങ്കൾ | തീന്തോ 3:1-7; ലൂക്കാ 10:38-42   |
| 12 | ചൊവ്വ  | ഹെബ്രോ 4:1-11; ലൂക്കാ 11:14-23  |
| 13 | ബുധൻ   | 1 കോറി 1:24-31, ലൂക്കാ 11:24-26   |
| 14 | വ്യാഴം | ഹെബ്രോ 10:1-10; ലൂക്കാ 9:28-36  |
| 15 | വെള്ളി | 1 പത്രോ 3:1-7; ലൂക്കാ 20:27-40  |
| 16 | ശനി    | 1 പത്രോ 4:12-19; യോഹ 10:1-15  |
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| 18 | തിങ്കൾ | ഹെബ്രോ 10:19-25; മത്താ 18:10-14   |
| 19 | ചൊവ്വ  | ഗലാ 6:11-18; ലൂക്കാ 4:38-44   |
| 20 | ബുധൻ   | ഹെബ്രോ 11:11-22, ലൂക്കാ 11:37-42  |
| 21 | വ്യാഴം | റോമാ 14:10-13; മത്താ 25:1-13  |
| 22 | വെള്ളി | ഹെബ്രോ 2:5-9; ലൂക്കാ 16:1-8   |
| 23 | ശനി    | ഹെബ്രോ 12:1-11, ലൂക്കാ 9:18-20  |
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| 25 | തിങ്കൾ | ഹെബ്രോ 2:10-18; മത്താ 24:3-14   |
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| 27 | ബുധൻ   | 1 കോറി 15:35-41, മത്താ 25:14-30   |
| 28 | വ്യാഴം | ഹെബ്രോ 4:12-13; ലൂക്കാ 9:46-48  |
| 29 | വെള്ളി | ഹെബ്രോ 10:11-18; മത്താ 16:5-12  |
| 30 | ശനി    | യൂദാ 5-7, യോഹ 9:17-23   |
| 31 | ഞായർ   | <b>✠ പള്ളിക്കുറോശ ഒന്നാം ഞായർ</b><br>പുറ. 40:17-29, 34-38, ഏശ. 6:1-8,<br>1 കോറി. 13:1-13, മത്താ. 16:13-19 |



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