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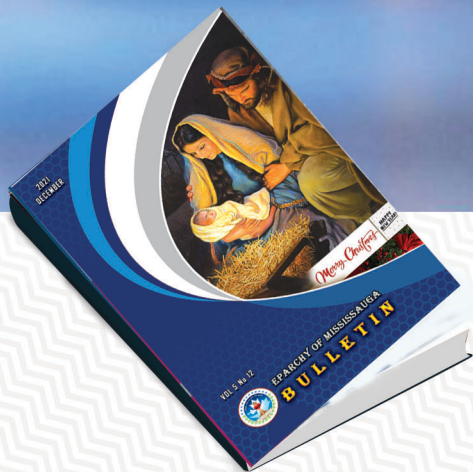
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Happy Ordination Day!



Dec 18
Fr. Jose Alenchery



Dec 22
Fr. Jacob Edakalathur



Dec 26
Fr. Gerorge Joseph



Dec 27
Fr. Bobby Joy



Dec 28
Fr. Pathros Champakara



Dec 30
Fr. Roy Kizhakkedathu

Happy
Ordination Day!



Dec. 30

Fr.Saji Chakkittamuriyil



Dec. 31

Fr. Plogen Kannampuzha



Jan 01

Fr. Martin SDB



Jan 01

Fr.Thomas Thaicheril



Dec. 30

Fr. Joyal Varikkanikkal



*Heartfelt thanks for all the valuable services
rendered to the Eparchy of Mississauga.*

*Wishes the abundant blessings of the Lord
for all future endeavors.*



Thank you

Rev. Fr. Toby Pulickassery



BISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS

2021 DECEMBER

Date	Time	Program
1	11.00 am	Curia Meeting
2	11.00 am	Visit to Proposed New Church Building for Sacred Heart Knanaya Mission London
3	10.30 am	Meeting with Archbishop Michael Mulhall, Kingstone Archdiocese.
3-5		Pastoral Visit at Mother Theresa Parish, Ottawa
4	04.00 pm	Class for MPC
6	11.00 am	Monthly Recollection for Priests and Sisters
8	11.00 am	Curia Meeting
11	11.00 am	Year of St Joseph Closing Ceremony
13		Leaves to Kerala
25		Christmas Qurbana at St Peters' Parish Jellippara
26		Solemn Holy Communion at St Joseph Parish Karara
27		Holy Qurbana at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Ramanathapuram
28		Golden Jubilee Celebration at Christ the King Parish, Jayagiri
30		Sacrament of Initiation at Ettumanoor

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EPARCHY OF MISSISSAUGA

For the Glory of God

Prot No 132/2021

November 12, 2021

PASTORAL LETTER

Celebration of the Revised Holy Qurbana in the Syro-Malabar Catholic Eparchy of Mississauga

Dear Rev. Fathers, Consecrated Men and Women, and Lay Faithful,

The implementation of the revised text (*editiotypica*) and the uniform mode of celebration of the Holy Qurbana on the first Sunday of the Season of Annunciation (November 28, 2021) will be written in gold letters in the history of the Syro-Malabar Church as it strengthens and clearly manifests the identity of the Syro-Malabar Church all over the world. I would like to take this occasion to personally thank all the priests, religious and lay faithful in the Syro-Malabar Catholic Eparchy of Mississauga for having faithfully and successfully implemented the Synodal decision in advance.

The liturgy is the aggregate of celebration of faith in a Church through the official public worship, especially the sacraments. Moreover, liturgical heritage is the most important element which distinguishes the identity of a Church *sui iuris*. There is a Latin maxim that addresses the centrality of worship in the life, identity, and mission of the Catholic Church; "*Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi*". It literally means that the law of prayer is the law of belief. In other words, the way we worship is what we believe. Further deepening the implications of this truth, it is sometimes expanded to as, "*Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi, Lex Vivendi*", – how we worship reflects what we believe and determines how we will live. Therefore, "Liturgical services are not private functions, but are celebrations of the Church, which is the "sacrament of unity," namely, the holy people united and ordered under their bishops" (SC 26). Due to this fact, Pope Francis wrote in his letter (dated 28 November

2021) to the Bishops, Clergy and Religious and Laity of the Syro-Malabar Church: “I willingly take the occasion of the recognition of the new *Raza Qurbana Taksā* to exhort all the Clergy, religious and lay faithful to proceed to a prompt implementation of the uniform mode of celebrating the *Holy Qurbana*, for the greater good and unity of your Church. May the Holy Spirit foster harmony, fraternity and unity among all the members of your Church as you work to implement the Synodal decision.”

As always, I wish to state that the Syro-Malabar Catholic Eparchy of Mississauga whole heartedly welcomes and faithfully adheres the decisions of the Synod of the Syro-Malabar Church held in August 2021 which reiterated the Synodal Decisions of November 1999 (VII Synod, 14-20 November, 1999), regarding the implementation of the revised text and the uniform mode of celebration of the Holy Qurbana which states: “the celebrant shall face the faithful at the *Bema* during the Liturgy of the Word [from the very beginning of the Holy Qurbana till the Order of *Qudasha*], turn towards the Altar - in the same direction that the faithful are facing - for the Liturgy of the Eucharist [From the Order of *Qudasha* till Holy Communion], and once again face the faithful during the concluding rites after Holy Communion” (Prot. No. 0922/2021, dated 27 August 2021).

The liturgy is full of signs and symbols which help us to understand its meaning. The mystery of incarnation and the public ministry of Jesus is being commemorated during the Liturgy of the Word. Considering, Jesus Christ, the incarnated Word of God exercised his ministry among the people; the celebrant facing the congregation during the Liturgy of the Word is theologically significant.

The celebrant faces the altar (Liturgical East) during the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The reason behind, the celebrant along with the congregation, faces the altar or Liturgical East is because within the Holy Qurbana, we anticipate the second coming of Jesus Christ and recall our journey together toward our heavenly dwelling place. Both elements can be enhanced when we unite our physical orientation with our spiritual orientation. Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI) clearly enumerates this in his book *The Spirit of the Liturgy*: “A common turning to the East during the Eucharistic

Prayer remains essential. This is not a case of accidentals, but of essentials. Looking at the priest has no importance. What matters is looking together at the Lord. It is not now a question of dialogue, but of common worship, of setting off towards the One who is to come". Thus, we understand ourselves as a pilgrim people, making our way home to God. We believe that as we move towards Heaven, Christ also comes to greet us.

After having carefully studied the revised liturgical norms given by the Synodal Commission for Liturgy of the Syro-Malabar Church, the Presbyterium convened on September 16, 2021, unanimously made the following decisions regarding the implementation of the revised text (*editiotypica*) and uniform mode of Celebration of Holy Qurbana in the Syro-Malabar Catholic Eparchy of Mississauga.

1. **Bema:** The Liturgy of the Word should be celebrated at the *Bema* facing the congregation. Where we do not have our own church, it is highly recommended to arrange a *Bema*/ a portable table to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word facing the congregation.
2. **Sign of the Cross at the beginning of the Holy Qurbana:** The practice of making the sign of the cross at the very beginning of the Holy Qurbana should be avoided.
3. **Our Father:** Even though the entire form of the Lord's prayer (together with *canona*) is given in the text, the second part may be omitted for Ordinary days, Sundays, and Feast days. However, its obligatory for Raza.
4. **Scriptural Reading:** "The Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures just as she venerates the body of the Lord, since, especially in the sacred liturgy, she unceasingly receives and offers to the faithful the bread of life from the table both of God's word and of Christ's body" (DV 21). Reading a passage from the holy Scripture during the Liturgy of the Word symbolizes the reading of the whole holy Scripture. Therefore, the practice of announcing the chapter and verses just before the readings from the Holy Scripture during Sacred Liturgy is to be avoided.

5. **Celebrant's Prayer before the reading from the Epistle:** Out of the two prayers given in the *Taksa*, before the reading from the epistle, the use of the first prayer ("Lord, Our God, illumine our hearts and minds ...") is strongly recommended.
6. **Prayer for the washing of hands and Offertory Prayers:** The prayers given in the *Taksa* for the washing of the hands ("May God, the Lord of all wash away..."&"And may the Lord wipe away...") are exclusively the prayer of the celebrant. Furthermore, the Offertory prayers, just after the Hymn of the Mysteries, are reserved to the celebrant alone. Therefore, the practice of the congregation joining aloud with the celebrant for the afore-mentioned prayers should be strongly discouraged.
7. **Use of Incense:** Incensing, as far as possible, is used during the celebration of Holy Qurbana on Sundays and Feast days. However, it is obligatory for Raza and the Solemn Holy Qurbana. During the Eucharistic Celebration, incense is used in the following manner:
 - (a) During the Entrance Procession.
 - (b) During the Hymn of Resurrection: ("Lord of all we bow and praise you..."). The deacon/server enters the sanctuary and incenses the sanctuary, proceeding from the right of the altar. Then moves down the main entrance of the church incensing the congregation. (The regulations of the Fire Department and health concerns of the faithful assembled are well respected).
 - (c) At the procession before the Gospel and the proclamation of the Gospel itself.
 - (d) During the preparation of the gifts of bread and wine at the *Bethgazzza*.
 - (e) While the deacon/server says *Diptychs*, the celebrant after having removed the *Sasappa*, incenses the holy mysteries and the altar.
 - (f) After the Epiclesis
8. **Bell:** A bell may be rung at two places during the Holy Qurbana.
 - (a) A little before the Words of Institution - Just after the first part of the Third *G'hantha* the server may ring a bell as a signal to the congregation to be attentive for the Words of Institution.

- (b) Just before the Epiclesis -the server rings the bell to make the congregation vigilant to the invocation of the Holy Spirit.
9. **Farewell Prayer:** The priest says this prayer in low voice immediately after the Holy Qurbana and kisses the altar. Since the farewell prayer is exclusively reserved to the celebrant, the practice of the congregation joining aloud with the celebrant for this prayer should be strongly discouraged.
10. **Songs:** Only those songs given in the *Taksacan* be used during Eucharistic Celebration except for the entrance and holy communion songs.
11. During the Holy Qurbana, the faithful may stand, sit, or kneel as follows:

(a) Stand:

From the beginning of the Holy Qurbana till starting the scriptural readings

During the Gospel reading

From the beginning of *Karozutha* till the service of reconciliation

During the Service of Holy Communion, starting from the prayer, “Lord, let peace flourish in our midst...”

During the concluding rites after the Holy Communion.

(b) Sit:

During the Old Testament and Epistle readings

During Homily

After receiving Holy Communion (sit or kneel)

(c) Kneel:

From the Service of Reconciliation (“Have mercy on me, O God, in your loving kindness...”) till the service of Holy Communion (“Lord, let peace flourish in our midst...”).

The practice of congregation kneeling during the time of Words of Institution is to be firmly discouraged as it not befitting to the liturgical

spirit of the occasion. Kneeling signifies repentance in the liturgy of the Syro-Malabar Church.

The Eucharist is the sum and summary of our faith: “Our way of thinking is attuned to the Eucharist, and the Eucharist in turn confirms our way of thinking” (CCC 1327). Let us all celebrate the paschal mysteries of Jesus Christ with the Church and let our lives and families be filled with abundant graces of the Holy Spirit.

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, Love of God the Father and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all, for ever and ever, Amen.

Yours in our Lord and our God,



Mar Jose Kalluvilil
Bishop, Eparchy of Mississauga

NB: Please read this Pastoral Letter in our parishes and missions during Holy Qurbana on two Sundays 14 and 21 in two parts and do the necessary preparations.



EPARCHY OF MISSISSAUGA

For the Glory of God

Prot. No. 130/ 2021

November 10, 2021

CIRCULAR - SYNODAL CHURCH

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Pope Francis officially inaugurated the path towards the Synod 2021-2023 on October 10, 2021, with the topic “For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission”. Following this solemn opening, the Synodal journey is planned to proceed with in three phases:

- 1) Phase in the Local Churches and other ecclesial realities: October 2021- August 2022
- 2) Continental Phase: September 2022- March 2023
- 3) Universal Church Phase: October 2023

What does the Word Synod Mean?

Synod is originally a Greek word composed of *sun* (with or together with) and *odos* (path or way). So, Synod indicates the path along which the People of God journeying together. “The principle of synodality is the action of the Spirit in the communion of the Body of Christ and in the missionary journey of the People of God” (46, *Synodality in the Life and the Mission of the Church*). Since the beginning of the Church, synods have been convoked on various levels (diocesan, provincial, regional, patriarchal, or universal) to discern, in the light of the Word of God and listening to the Holy Spirit, when doctrinal, liturgical, canonical and pastoral questions that arose from time to time had to be resolved.

Synodal Process

The synodal journey in the three phases will follow the eparchial, continental, and universal, with each phase to be the fruit of a **“journeying together”** of the whole people of God. The Synod of Bishops is the point of convergence of this listening process conducted at every level of the Church’s life. In *“journeying together”*, we will listen to each other with an open mind and heart, without prejudices, and speaking with courage integrating freedom,

truth, and charity (30, *Preparatory Document*). A synodal Church walks forward in communion to pursue a common mission through the participation of each and every one of her members.

Pope Francis wants to hear from the whole Church about what is happening in local parishes. The Church wants to know what individuals think we should all be doing to help make our parishes better. The way he has proposed for doing this is a synodal process. The synod ‘is intended to inspire people to dream about the Church we are called to be, to make people’s hopes flourish, to stimulate trust, to bind up wounds, to weave new and deeper relationships, to learn from one another, to build bridges, to enlighten minds, warm hearts, and restore strength to our hands for our common mission’ (Cf. 32, *Preparatory Document*).

Journeying Together in our Eparchy

Our eparchial level inauguration will be conducted virtually on November 20, 2021; and we are conducting an Orientation Session virtually on the same day on the topic **“Synod 2021-2023: For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission”**. I cordially invite our Priests, Consecrated men and women, Pastoral Council and Finance Council members, all the Heads of the Departments and Associations of the Eparchy, Parish Council Members and the *Kaikkarans* from the parishes. The resource persons for the session are Rev. Dr. Thomas Vadakkal (Secretary, CBCI Office for Doctrine and Asst. Professor, *Paurastya Vidyapitham* Vadavathoor) and Rev. Dr. Sebastian Chalackal (Professor, *Paurastya Vidyapitham* Vadavathoor).

Our eparchial synodal process will bring together the voices of the People of God reflecting how is this “*journeying together*” happening today in the local Church and what steps does the holy Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our “*journeying together*”.

I invite all of you to keep the synodal process and our Eparchy for “*journeying together*” in the Way, the Truth, and the Life in your daily prayers. Yours in Christ,

Mar Jose Kalluvellil

Bishop, Eparchy of Mississauga

NB. Please read this Circular in our parishes and missions during Holy Qurbana on **November 14, 2021**.



EPARCHY OF MISSISSAUGA

For the Glory of God

Prot. N. 136/ 2021

November 25, 2021

CIRCULAR

“Fear not; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord” (Luke 2:10-11).

“**Fear not**”. This was the first gift sent from heaven to men when Jesus Christ was born. It was not similar to the tranquillizing message given to people like Abraham, Isaac, Gideon, Daniel, or Zacharias. But to the shepherds of Bethlehem, the angel came with a new power and significance. It is inspiring to note that the phrase “**Fear not**” is found around 170 times in the Bible. We all know that it has great significance in Christmas story.

The birth of Jesus Christ is the answer to the fears of the world. We must admit that 2021 as 2020 has been a fearful year which isolated us from each other by Corona Virus and its various variants like Omicron. But we should recall that the numerous issues of the pandemic did not surpass God’s power and love. Paul writes **”For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind” (2 Timothy 1:7)**. This virus, just like other viruses, will eventually run its course and we will have a normal state of life. As we see the days of 2021 decrease and the hope for 2022 increase, let’s confidently believe “This too shall pass”, and let the phrase “**Fear not**” echo in our ears. Let’s rejoice at the **good news of great joy for all the people that the Saviour is born this day in the city of David**. As Pope Francis says “let the **Christmas** season provide reason for hope amid the difficulties and fears of the **coronavirus** pandemic”.

The salvation history reminds the fact that fear captured human minds as sin entered in their hearts (Cf. Gen 3:8-10). Adam and Eve who are supposed to be with God, enjoying his lovely presence, fled away from him in fear and trembling. However, God the Father didn’t disregard, on the contrary, he consoled: “Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand” (Is 41:10). Jesus is the sign of God’s steadfast love,

“Look, the virgin is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel” (Is 7:14). We understand that this Immanuel prophecy is fulfilled at the birth of Jesus (Lk 2:10-11). Within that glory was the love of God; and all that it might disclose must come from him who so loved the world that he had sent his beloved Son to be born, to suffer, and to die for men. There must, indeed, be awe in coming near to God, in realizing how near he comes to us to fill our hearts with joy instead of fear.

The words “Fear not” which the angel spoke were just anticipations of the words with which Jesus himself has made us familiar. As J. G. Greenhough, a theologian and prolific writer rightly states” Christ came to speak the word, ‘Fear not’. We hear from his own lips continually— “Fear not.” He meets us at every turn of life with that cheery invocation. He went through his ministry day by day repeating it. It was the watchword of his mission. The disciples heard it every time they were troubled, cast down, and afraid. When they fell at his feet trembling, he lifted them up with the words “Fear not!” When their ship was sinking in the storm, they heard the cry “Fear not!” When they shivered at the thought of all the foes and dangers which awaited them, there came reassurance with the voice, “Fear not, little flock.” When he was leaving them, one of his last words was: “Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

As the angels had left them, the shepherds went with haste in that cold night and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. They accepted him and worshipped him; having shared the good news with many they returned, glorifying, and praising God for all they had heard and seen (cf. Lk 2:16-20). So also, the wise men from East could find Jesus and receive the blessings. The same good news was conveyed to king Herod who did not care to come out of his cozy comforts to receive him; on the contrary, when he heard this, “he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him” (Mt 2:3). Our joy or fear depends on the acceptance or rejection of the good news of the birth of the Saviour who is the source of peace and joy.

Let’s turn to Jesus and prepare our hearts during this season of Annunciation to receive him most worthily and enjoy his blessings.

Yours sincerely in Jesus the Saviour,

Mar Jose Kalluvellil

Bishop, Eparchy of Mississauga

NB: Please read this Circular on December 05, 2021, in all our parishes and missions.



CURIA NEWS

Meeting

Curia meetings were held on November 4, 10, 17, 24.

Synodal Church

The Eparchial level inauguration of the Synod on Synodality was done by H. E. Mar Jose Kalluvilil, our bishop on November 20, 2021, and the Orientation session on the theme: “Synod 2021- 23- For a Synodal Church: communion, Participation and Mission” was held with the participation of the Priests, Consecrated Men and Women, Pastoral Council and Finance Council Members, Heads of the Departments and Associations of the Eparchy, Trustees and Parish Council Members. The Orientation sessions were led by Rev. Dr. Thomas Vadakkal (Secretary, CBCI office for Doctrine and Asst. Professor at *Paurastya Vidhyapitham*, Vadavathoor and Rev. Dr. Sebastian Chalakkal, Professor at *Paurastya Vidhyapitham*, Vadavathoor.

The Year of St. Joseph

The Eparchial level closing ceremony of the year of St. Joseph will be held virtually on December 11, 2021, at 11. 30 am to 1. 00 pm. The occasion will be blessed by the presence and keynote address of H. E. Archbishop Ivan Jurkovic, the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada and H. E. Jose Kalluvilil, Bishop of Mississauga.

Relieving

Rev. Fr. Toby Devasia is relieved from all his Eparchial ministries with effect from December 7, 2021. The Eparchy of Mississauga extends its heartfelt thanks for all the valuable services he rendered to the Eparchy during his tenure of office here and wishes the abundant blessings of the Lord in all his future endeavors in his home Archeparchy. The Eparchy of Mississauga also expresses its heartfelt gratitude to the Archeparchy of Changanacherry for supporting this pastoral collaboration.

Marriage Celebration

In accordance with the tradition of the Syro Malabar Church and keeping the penitential spirit of the liturgical season of Annunciation, the celebration of marriage is prohibited from December 1- 24.



INAUGURATION OF THE EPARCHIAL PHASE OF THE SYNOD 2021-2023

On November 20, 2021, His Excellency, Mar Jose Kalluvilil, officially launched the Eparchial phase of the Synod 2021-2023 in the Eparchy of Mississauga. Due to COVID related restrictions, the inauguration function was held at the Zoom meeting and about 85 members representing the Eparchy's Pastoral Council and Finance Council, various departmental heads, Kaikarans/Trustees of Syro Malabar Parishes and Missions and the parish council members across Canada attended the function. In the inaugural address, Mar Jose Kalluvilil, the Bishop of Eparchy of Mississauga explained about the Synod 2021-2023, and the role of the Eparchy of Mississauga in Canada. His Excellency stated that the Synod 2021-2023 is an exceptional two-year journeying together with God and His Church. He urged everyone in the Eparchy to come together as God's own children and to journey together to build up a participatory planning Church for the Church of this millennium. In the subsequent meeting, the eminent scholars and resource persons from India, Rev. Dr. Thomas Vadakkal (Secretary, CBCI Office for Doctrine and Assistant Professor, Paurastya Vidyapitham, Vadavathoor), and Rev. Fr. Sebastian Chalackal (Professor, Paurastya Vidyapitham, Vadavathoor) gave orientation sessions for the members on "**For a synodal Church: communion, participation, and mission**". After the seminar, His Excellency Mar Jose Kalluvilil formed a seven-member Diocesan Synodal Team that consists of a priest, a religious woman, and five lay members from the Syro Malabar community, for the Eparchial level coordination of the Synod 2021-2023. The lay representatives of the committee are Dr. Tibu Thomas (Edmonton), Mr. Saji George (Mississauga), Mrs. Sheeja Niju (Ottawa), Mr. Jerin Raj (Youth/SMYM-Canada) and this committee will be headed by Rev. Fr. Augustine Kallumkatharayil, Diocesan Contact person

for the synodal process in the Eparchy. The eparchial synodal process will bring together the voices of the People of God reflecting how is this “*journeying together*” happening today in the local Church and what steps does the Holy Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our “*journeying together*”. Very Rev. Fr. Pathros Champakkara, Proto-Syncellus of the Eparchy, Fr. Augustine Kallumkatharayil, Mr. Saji George, and Dr. Tibu Thomas addressed the meeting.

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Eparchial Contact Person

സത്യത്തിലും സ്നേഹത്തിലും വ്യാപരിക്കുക

(തിരുവചനഭാഗം: 2 യോഹ 1,1-13)

സത്യവും സ്നേഹവും ക്രിസ്തീയജീവിതത്തിന്റെ അന്തഃസത്തയായി അവ തരിപ്പിക്കുന്ന ഒരു ലേഖനമാണ് വി. യോഹന്നാന്റെ രണ്ടാം ലേഖനം. ഈ ലേഖനത്തെ താഴെക്കാണുംവിധം വിഭജിക്കാം.

1. സഭാശ്രേഷ്ഠന്റെ അഭിവാദനം (1,1-3)
2. സത്യത്തിൽ വ്യാപരിക്കുക; സ്നേഹത്തിൽ ജീവിക്കുക (1,4-6)
3. വഞ്ചകരും അന്തിക്രിസ്തുവും (1,7-8)
4. മിശിഹായുടെ പ്രബോധനത്തിൽ നിലനില്ക്കുക (1,9-11)
5. മുഖാഭിമുഖം സംസാരിക്കാമെന്ന പ്രത്യാശ (1,12-13)

വിശ്വാസികളുടെ സമൂഹത്തിനു യോഹന്നാൻശ്ലീഹാ നല്കുന്ന ഈ ഉപദേശത്തിന്റെ വെളിച്ചത്തിൽ, പുരോഹിതർ തങ്ങളുടെ ശുശ്രൂഷയിൽ ശ്രദ്ധിക്കേണ്ട കാര്യങ്ങൾ എന്തെന്നു മനസ്സിലാക്കാൻ ശ്രമിക്കാം.

1. സഭാശ്രേഷ്ഠന്റെ അഭിവാദനം

“തെരഞ്ഞെടുക്കപ്പെട്ട മഹതിക്കും അവളുടെ മക്കൾക്കും സഭാശ്രേഷ്ഠൻ എഴുതുന്നത്. നമ്മിൽ വസിക്കുന്നതും എക്കാലവും നമ്മോടൊത്തുണ്ടായതുമായ സത്യത്തെ മുൻനിറുത്തിയും സത്യത്തിന്റെ പേരിലും ഞാൻ നിങ്ങളെ സ്നേഹിക്കുന്നു; ഞാൻ മാത്രമല്ല സത്യമറിയാവുന്നവരെല്ലാം നിങ്ങളെ സ്നേഹിക്കുന്നു. പിതാവായ ദൈവത്തിൽനിന്നും അവിടുത്തെ പുത്രനായ ഈശോമിശിഹായിൽനിന്നുമുള്ള കൃപയും കരുണയും സമാധാനവും സത്യത്തിലും സ്നേഹത്തിലും നമ്മോടുകൂടെ ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കും” (2 യോഹ 1,1-3).

യോഹന്നാൻശ്ലീഹാ തന്റെ ആത്മീയാധികാരത്തിലുള്ള സഭാമക്കളോടാണ് ഇവിടെ സംസാരിക്കുന്നത്. ‘ശ്രേഷ്ഠൻ’ എന്നതു ‘പ്രസിദ്ധിത്തെരോസ്’ എന്ന ഗ്രീക്കു പദത്തിന്റെ വിവർത്തനമാണ്. ശ്ലീഹന്മാരോടൊപ്പം, അവരുടെ പിൻഗാമികളായി സഭാസമൂഹത്തിനു നേതൃത്വം നൽകുന്നവരാണ് ഈ പദം സൂചിപ്പിക്കുന്നത്. നടപടിഗ്രന്ഥത്തിൽ ജറുസലേം കൗൺസിൽ കൂടിയപ്പോൾ അതിന്റെ അംഗങ്ങളായിരുന്നവർ ശ്ലീഹന്മാരും ശ്രേഷ്ഠന്മാരുമായിരുന്നല്ലോ (ശ്ലീഹ 15,6). അതുകൊണ്ട് ഇവിടെ യോഹന്നാൻശ്ലീഹാതന്നെയാണു തന്റെ വിശ്വാസികളെ സംബോധന

ചെയ്ത് അഭിവാദനമർപ്പിക്കുന്നത്. തന്റെ വ്യക്തിപരമായ നിലയിലെന്നതിനെക്കാൾ സഭയുടെ നേതൃത്വം വഹിക്കുന്ന ശുശ്രൂഷയ്ക്കു പ്രാധാന്യം നൽകിക്കൊണ്ടു സംസാരിക്കുന്നുവെന്നുള്ളു. തന്റെ ഉപദേശത്തിന്റെ ആധികാരികതയും ഇതിലൂടെ സൂചിപ്പിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്.

‘സത്യം’ ദൈവത്തിന്റെ വചനം തന്നെയാണ് (യോഹ 17,17). വചനം സ്വീകരിച്ചവരുടെ സമൂഹമാണല്ലോ സഭ (ശ്ലീഹ 2,41). വചനം ദൈവത്തിന്റെ സ്വയം വെളിപ്പെടുത്തലാണ്. ദൈവം സ്വയം വെളിപ്പെടുത്തിയത് ഈശോമിശിഹായിലൂടെയാണല്ലോ. അതുകൊണ്ട് ഈശോയിൽ വിശ്വാസജീവിതം നയിക്കുന്ന സഭാംഗങ്ങളെല്ലാവരെയുമാണു യോഹന്നാൻ ശ്ലീഹാ അഭിവാദനം ചെയ്യുന്നത്. കൃപയും കരുണയും സമാധാനവും ഒരുമിച്ചു പുതിയനിയമത്തിൽ കാണുന്നുണ്ട് (1 തിമോ 1,2; 2 തിമോ 1,2). ‘കൃപ’ ദൈവത്തിനു തന്റെ സൃഷ്ടികളോടുള്ള സ്നേഹത്തെ സൂചിപ്പിക്കുന്നു (സങ്കീ 83,12; 1 കൊറി 15,10). ‘കരുണ’ എന്ന ആശയത്തിനും ഇതേ അർത്ഥമുണ്ട്. ക്രൈസ്തവന്റെ ആത്മീയശക്തിയുടെ ഉത്ഭവം പിതാവായ ദൈവവും അവിടുത്തെ പുത്രനായ ഈശോമിശിഹായുമാണ്. വിശ്വാസിയെ മിശിഹായാകുന്ന പ്രകാശത്തിൽ നടക്കാനും നന്നായി ജീവിക്കാനും ദൈവം പ്രാപ്തനാക്കുന്നു. “പിതാവായ ദൈവത്തിൽനിന്നും അവിടുത്തെ പുത്രനായ ഈശോമിശിഹായിൽ നിന്നുമുള്ള കൃപയും സമാധാനവും സത്യത്തിലും സ്നേഹത്തിലും നമ്മോടുകൂടെയുണ്ടായിരിക്കും” എന്നുള്ള ആശംസ യുഗാന്ത്യംവരെ നിലനിൽക്കുന്ന വലിയ ഉറപ്പാണ്. ഈ ഉറപ്പു വിശ്വാസികൾക്കു നൽകുവാൻ അജപാലകർ പ്രത്യേകം ശ്രദ്ധിക്കണം.

2. സത്യത്തിൽ വ്യാപരിക്കുക; സ്നേഹത്തിൽ ജീവിക്കുക

“പിതാവിൽനിന്നു നാം സ്വീകരിച്ച കൽപനയ്ക്കനുസൃതമായി നിന്റെ മക്കളിൽ ചിലർ സത്യത്തിൽ വ്യാപരിക്കുന്നതു കണ്ടു ഞാൻ അത്യന്തം സന്തോഷിച്ചു. അല്ലയോ മഹതീ, ഞാൻ നിന്നോടഭ്യർഥിക്കുന്നു. ഒരു പുതിയ കൽപനയായിട്ടല്ല, ആരംഭംമുതലേ നമുക്കു ലഭിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന ഒന്നായിട്ടാണു ഞാൻ ഇത് എഴുതുന്നത്: നാം പരസ്പരം സ്നേഹിക്കണം. ഇതാണു സ്നേഹം: നാം അവിടുത്തെ കൽപനകളനുസരിച്ചു നടക്കുക. കൽപനയാകട്ടെ, ആരംഭംമുതലേ നിങ്ങൾ ശ്രവിക്കുന്നതുപോലെ സ്നേഹത്തിൽ വ്യാപരിക്കുക എന്നതും” (1,4-6).

ക്രൈസ്തവജീവിതശൈലി സത്യത്തിന്റെയും സ്നേഹത്തിന്റെയും ശൈലിയാണ്. ഒരുപക്ഷേ ഈ സമൂഹത്തിൽ നിന്നു കുറെപ്പേരോ അല്ലെങ്കിൽ ഈ സമൂഹത്തെ സന്ദർശിച്ച മറ്റു ചിലരോ യോഹന്നാനെ സന്ദർശിച്ച് ഈ സഭയിലെ കാര്യങ്ങൾ പങ്കുവെച്ചുകാണും. കുറെപ്പേർ സത്യത്തിലും സ്നേഹത്തിലും ജീവിക്കുന്നു (1,4-6). എന്നാൽ വേറെ കുറെപ്പേർ അപ്രകാരം ജീവിക്കുന്നില്ല (1,7-8). തെറ്റായ പഠനങ്ങളും വിഭാഗീയതയും ഈ സഭയിലെ പ്രശ്നങ്ങളാണ്. അതി

നാൽ സഭാശ്രേഷ്ഠനും വീണ്ടും വീണ്ടും പറയാനുള്ളതു യഥാർത്ഥ സത്യത്തിലും സ്നേഹത്തിലും വ്യാപരിക്കേണ്ടതിന്റെ ആവശ്യകതയെക്കുറിച്ചാണ്.

‘സത്യം’ ഈശോതന്നെയാണ് (യോഹ 14,6). യഥാർത്ഥ പിതാവായ ദൈവത്തെ വെളിപ്പെടുത്തുന്നവനെന്ന നിലയിലാണ് ഈശോ ‘സത്യം’മായിരിക്കുന്നത്. ഈശോയിലൂടെ വെളിപ്പെടുത്തപ്പെട്ട സത്യങ്ങളെക്കുറിച്ചുള്ള ബോധ്യങ്ങൾക്കനുസൃതമായ ജീവിതം നയിക്കുമ്പോഴാണ് നാം സത്യത്തിൽ വ്യാപരിക്കുക. മാത്രമല്ല ഈശോയോടുള്ള വ്യക്തിപരമായ ഒരു സ്നേഹബന്ധവും പ്രതിബദ്ധതയും പുലർത്തുന്ന ജീവിതവും നയിക്കുവാൻ വിശ്വസിക്കുന്നവർക്കു കഴിയണം. ഇന്നു മിശിഹാ സഭയിൽ ജീവിക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ട് സഭയെ സ്നേഹിക്കുകയും സഭാജീവിതം സജീവമായി നയിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യണം. അതുപോലെതന്നെ, ഈശോ നൽകിയ ഏകകല്പന ‘പരസ്പരം സ്നേഹിക്കുക’ എന്നതാണ്: “ഞാൻ പുതിയൊരു കല്പന നിങ്ങൾക്കു നൽകുന്നു. നിങ്ങൾ പരസ്പരം സ്നേഹിക്കുവിൻ” (യോഹ 13,34-35). ക്രൈസ്തവന്റെ മുഖമുദ്ര ഇപ്രകാരമുള്ള പരസ്പര സ്നേഹമാണ്. ഇപ്രകാരം സത്യത്തിൽ വ്യാപരിക്കുകയും സ്നേഹത്തിൽ ജീവിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നതിന് വിശ്വാസികളെ പരിശീലിപ്പിക്കുവാൻ അജപാലകർ നിരന്തരം ജാഗ്രതയോടെ ശ്രദ്ധിക്കണം.

3. വഞ്ചകരും അന്തിക്രിസ്തുവും

“വളരെയധികം വഞ്ചകർ ലോകത്തിലേക്ക് ഇറങ്ങിയിട്ടുണ്ട്. ഈശോമിശിഹാ മനുഷ്യശരീരം ധരിച്ചു വന്നു എന്നു സമ്മതിക്കാത്തവരാണ് അവർ. ഇങ്ങനെയുള്ളവനാണു വഞ്ചകനും അന്തിക്രിസ്തുവും. ഞങ്ങളുടെ അധ്യാനഫലം നിങ്ങൾ നഷ്ടമാക്കാതെ അതു പൂർണ്ണമായി നേടാൻ ശ്രദ്ധിക്കുവിൻ” (1,7-8).

യോഹന്നാന്റെ സമൂഹത്തിൽ നിന്നു കുറെപ്പേർ യഥാർത്ഥ വിശ്വാസത്തിൽനിന്നും വിട്ടുപോയിട്ടുണ്ട്. ഇവരെയാണ് ‘സത്യത്തിലും സ്നേഹത്തിലും വ്യാപരിക്കാത്തവർ’ എന്ന് യോഹന്നാൻശ്ലീഹാ പറയുന്നത്. ഇതിന്റെ സൂചനകൾ യോഹന്നാന്റെ ഒന്നാം ലേഖനത്തിലും കാണുന്നുണ്ട്. യോഹന്നാൻ പറയുന്നു: “കുഞ്ഞുമക്കളേ, ഇത് അവസാനമണിക്കൂറാണ്. അന്തിക്രിസ്തു വരുന്നു എന്നു നിങ്ങൾ കേട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടല്ലോ. ഇപ്പോൾത്തന്നെ അനേകം വ്യാജക്രിസ്തുമാർ പ്രത്യക്ഷപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ട്. ഇത് അവസാനമണിക്കൂറാണെന്ന് അതിൽനിന്നു നമുക്കറിയാം. അവർ നമ്മുടെ കൂട്ടത്തിൽനിന്നാണ് പുറത്തുപോയത്, അവർ നമുക്കുള്ള വരായിരുന്നില്ല. നമുക്കുള്ളവരായിരുന്നെങ്കിൽ നമ്മോടുകൂടെ നില്ക്കുമായിരുന്നു” (1 യോഹ 2,18-19). ഈശോമിശിഹാ മനുഷ്യശരീരം ധരിച്ചുവെന്ന് വിശ്വസിക്കാത്തവരാണ് ഇക്കൂട്ടർ. ഇവരെ യോഹന്നാൻ വഞ്ചകരെന്നും അന്തിക്രിസ്തുമാരെന്നും വിളിക്കുന്നു. ‘അന്തിക്രിസ്തു’ (ക്രിസ്തുവിനെതിരായവർ) മാരുടെ പ്രധാന ജോലി വിശ്വാസികളെ വിശ്വാസത്തിൽനിന്നും വ്യതിചലിപ്പിക്കുക എന്നതാണ്.

“ഞങ്ങളുടെ അദ്ധ്യാനഫലം നിങ്ങൾ നഷ്ടമാക്കാതെ അതു പൂർണ്ണമായി നേടാൻ ശ്രമിക്കുവിൻ” (1,8) എന്നു യോഹന്നാൻസ്ത്രീഹാ സഭാംഗങ്ങളെ ഉപദേശിക്കുന്നു. സ്റ്റൈഹികശുശ്രൂഷയുടെ പ്രധാനപ്പെട്ട ലക്ഷ്യം സുവിശേഷപ്രഘോഷണം നടത്തുകയും സുവിശേഷത്തിൽ വിശ്വസിക്കുന്ന സമൂഹത്തെ രൂപപ്പെടുത്തുകയും ചെയ്യുക എന്നതാണ്. പുരോഹിതന്റെ പ്രഥമദൗത്യം സുവിശേഷപ്രഘോഷണമാണ് (P.O. 4). ക്രിസ്തീയപുരോഹിതശുശ്രൂഷയെക്കുറിച്ചു വിശുദ്ധ പുരോഹിതസ്ത്രീഹാ ഇപ്രകാരമാണ് പറയുന്നത്: “വിജാതീയരാകുന്ന ബലിവസ്തു സ്വീകാര്യവും പരിശുദ്ധാത്മാവിനാൽ പവിത്രീകൃതവുമാകുവാൻവേണ്ടി ഞാൻ ദൈവത്തിന്റെ സുവിശേഷത്തിനു പുരോഹിതശുശ്രൂഷ ചെയ്യുന്നു” (റോമാ 15,16). ദൈവത്തിനു സ്വീകാര്യമായ ബലിവസ്തു സുവിശേഷത്തിൽ വിശ്വസിക്കുന്ന മനുഷ്യജീവിതങ്ങളാണ്. അപ്രകാരമുള്ള ബലിയർപ്പിക്കണമെങ്കിൽ പുരോഹിതൻ ആദ്യം സുവിശേഷപ്രഘോഷണത്തിലൂടെ ജനങ്ങളെ മാനസാന്തരപ്പെടുത്തി അവരെ യഥാർത്ഥ വിശ്വാസികളാക്കി മാറ്റണം. അപ്രകാരം വിശ്വസിക്കുന്നവരുടെ ജീവിതമാണ് ഈശോയുടെ ബലിയോടുചേർത്തു പുരോഹിതരും വിശ്വാസികളും അർപ്പിക്കേണ്ടത്. അതുകൊണ്ടു സ്റ്റൈഹികശുശ്രൂഷയുടെ ഫലമായി ലഭിച്ച വിശ്വാസം അവികലമായി കാത്തുസൂക്ഷിക്കുകയും ആ വിശ്വാസത്തിൽ ജനങ്ങളെ വളർത്തുകയും ചെയ്യേണ്ടത് അജപാലകരുടെ ഏറ്റവും പ്രധാനപ്പെട്ട ദൗത്യമാണ്.

4. മിശിഹായുടെ പ്രബോധനത്തിൽ നിലനില്ക്കുക

“മിശിഹായുടെ പ്രബോധനത്തിൽ നിലനിൽക്കാതെ അതിനെ അതിലംഘിച്ചു മുമ്പോട്ടുപോകുന്ന ഒരുവനു ദൈവമില്ല. അവന്റെ പ്രബോധനത്തിൽ നിലനിൽക്കുന്നവനു പിതാവും പുത്രനും ഉണ്ട്. പ്രസ്തുത പ്രബോധനവുമായിട്ടല്ലാതെ ആരെങ്കിലും നിങ്ങളെ സമീപിച്ചാൽ, അവനെ നിങ്ങൾ വീട്ടിൽ സ്വീകരിക്കുകയോ അഭിവാദനം ചെയ്യുകയോ അരുത്. എന്തെന്നാൽ, അവനെ അഭിവാദനം ചെയ്യുന്നവൻ അവന്റെ ദുഷ്പ്രവൃത്തികളിൽ പങ്കുചേരുകയാണ്” (1,9-11).

മിശിഹായുടെ ബലിയർപ്പകനാണു പുരോഹിതനെങ്കിൽ, ആ ബലി ശരിയായ രീതിയിൽ അർപ്പിക്കണമെങ്കിൽ, അർപ്പിക്കുന്ന പുരോഹിതനും പുരോഹിതന്റെ അജപാലനശുശ്രൂഷയ്ക്ക് ഏല്പിക്കപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്ന ജനങ്ങളും അവരുടെ വിശ്വാസജീവിതത്തിൽ അവികലമായി വളർന്നുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കണം. അതുകൊണ്ട് യഥാർത്ഥ വിശ്വാസത്തിൽനിന്നും വ്യതിചലിപ്പിക്കുവാൻ പോരുന്ന അന്തിക്രിസ്തുമാരുടെ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളെപ്പറ്റി മുന്നറിയിപ്പു നൽകുകയാണ് യോഹന്നാൻസ്ത്രീഹാ. രണ്ടു മുന്നറിയിപ്പുകളാണ് അവരെക്കുറിച്ചു യോഹന്നാൻസ്ത്രീഹാ നൽകുന്നത്. ഒന്നാമത് വഞ്ചകരിലൂടെ ചതിക്കപ്പെട്ടാതിരിക്കുവാൻ സൂക്ഷിക്കുക (1,9). അതായതു, സഭയുടെ ശരിയായ വിശ്വാസത്തിൽനിന്നും വ്യതിചലിക്കാതിരിക്കാൻ ശ്രദ്ധിക്കുക. രണ്ടാമത്, വ്യാജപ്രബോധകരെ സ്വീകരിക്കാതിരിക്കുക, അഥവാ അവർക്ക് ആതിഥ്യം നൽകാതിരിക്കുക (1,10). ഇതു സുവിശേഷങ്ങളും ലേഖനങ്ങളും

ആഹ്വാനം ചെയ്യുന്ന പരസ്നേഹത്തിനോ ആതിഥേയത്വത്തിനോ എതിരല്ല. മറിച്ച്, അത്തരം സന്ദർഭങ്ങൾവഴി വിശ്വാസം നഷ്ടമാകാതിരിക്കാനുള്ള ഒരു മുൻകരുതലാണ്.

ഇക്കാലഘട്ടത്തിലും കത്തോലിക്കാസഭയുടെ വിശ്വാസത്തിൽനിന്നും വിശ്വാസികളെ വ്യതിചലിപ്പിക്കുവാൻ പോരുന്ന നിരവധിയായ സാഹചര്യങ്ങൾ നിലവിലുണ്ട്. വിവിധ അകത്തോലിക്കാസഭകളും ക്രൈസ്തവസമൂഹങ്ങളും, അവരുടേതായ രീതികളിൽ വിശ്വാസം പ്രചരിപ്പിക്കുവാനും അംഗസംഖ്യ വർദ്ധിപ്പിക്കുവാനും ശ്രമിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. പ്രത്യേകിച്ച്, ഇന്ന് ദൈവാലയങ്ങളിൽ ആരാധനാകർമ്മങ്ങളിൽ സംബന്ധിക്കുവാൻ പരിമിതികളുള്ളതുകൊണ്ട്, ഓൺലൈനായി ആകർഷകമായ രീതിയിൽ വിശ്വാസസംബന്ധമായ പരിപാടികൾ ആസൂത്രണം ചെയ്യുന്ന സാഹചര്യങ്ങളുമുണ്ട്. അതെല്ലാം സത്യവിശ്വാസത്തിനു യോജിച്ചതാവണമെന്നില്ല. അതോടൊപ്പം പലതരം 'ജിഹാദ്'കളിലൂടെ യുവജനങ്ങളെ വിശ്വാസജീവിതത്തിൽനിന്നും വ്യതിചലിപ്പിക്കുന്ന സാഹചര്യങ്ങളുമുണ്ട്. അതുകൊണ്ട് കത്തോലിക്കാവിശ്വാസത്തിൽ വിശ്വാസികളെ ഉറപ്പിക്കുവാൻ ഉതകുന്ന വിശ്വാസപരിശീലനപദ്ധതികൾ കാലാനുസൃതമായ രീതികളിൽ പുരോഹിതർ നടപ്പിലാക്കേണ്ടതുണ്ട്.

5. മുഖാഭിമുഖം സംസാരിക്കാമെന്ന പ്രത്യാശ

“ഇനി വളരെക്കാലങ്ങൾ നിങ്ങൾക്കെഴുതാനുണ്ട്. എങ്കിലും, അതിനു കടലാസും മഷിയും ഉപയോഗിക്കാൻ എനിക്കു താല്പര്യമില്ല. എന്നാൽ, നമ്മുടെ ആനന്ദം പൂർണ്ണമാകുന്നതിനുവേണ്ടി, നിങ്ങളുടെയടുത്തുവന്നു മുഖാഭിമുഖം സംസാരിക്കാമെന്നു ഞാൻ പ്രത്യാശിക്കുന്നു. നിന്റെ തെരഞ്ഞെടുക്കപ്പെട്ട സഹോദരിയുടെ മക്കൾ നിന്നെ അഭിവാദനം ചെയ്യുന്നു” (1,12-13).

നേരിട്ടുകണ്ടു സംസാരിക്കാമെന്ന പ്രത്യാശയോടുകൂടിയാണ് യോഹന്നാൻസ്ത്രീഹാ തന്റെ രണ്ടാം ലേഖനം അവസാനിപ്പിക്കുന്നത്. അത്യാവശ്യമായി എഴുതേണ്ടകാര്യങ്ങൾ ഹ്രസ്വമായി എഴുതി അവസാനിപ്പിക്കുന്നു. സത്യത്തിൽ വ്യാപരിക്കുവാനും സ്നേഹത്തിൽ ജീവിക്കുവാനും അവരെ ആഹ്വാനം ചെയ്തു. ക്രൈസ്തവജീവിതത്തിന്റെ അന്തഃസത്തയാണ് സത്യവും സ്നേഹവും. 'സത്യം' ദൈവവചനമാണ് (യോഹ 17,17). ദൈവത്തിന്റെ സ്വയംവെളിപ്പെടുത്തൽ സ്വീകരിച്ച് അതിനു പ്രത്യുത്തരം നൽകുന്നതാണ് വിശ്വാസം. ദൈവം സ്വയംവെളിപ്പെടുത്തിയത് ഈശോയിലൂടെയാണ്. അതു സ്നേഹത്തിന്റെ ഭാഷയിലുമാണ്. 'ദൈവം സ്നേഹമാണ്' എന്നുവരെ യോഹന്നാൻ തന്റെ ഒന്നാം ലേഖനത്തിൽ എഴുതി വെച്ചു (1 യോഹ 4,8.16). അതുകൊണ്ട് ദൈവത്തിന്റെ രക്ഷാകരസ്നേഹം അവിടുത്തെ പുത്രനായ ഈശോമിശിഹായിലൂടെ സ്വീകരിച്ച്, ഈശോസ്നേഹിച്ചതുപോലെ പരസ്പരം സ്നേഹിക്കുന്ന ഒരു ജീവിതം നയിക്കണ

മെന്നുള്ള ഏറ്റവും പ്രാധാന്യമേറിയ ആഹ്വാനമാണ് ഇതിലൂടെ യോഹന്നാൻസ്ത്രീഹാ തന്റെ വിശ്വാസികൾക്ക് പ്രസ്ഥമായി എഴുതി നൽകിയ സന്ദേശം.

അതോടൊപ്പം നേരിട്ടുകണ്ടു സംസാരിക്കാമെന്ന പ്രത്യാശയും യോഹന്നാൻസ്ത്രീഹാ പ്രകടിപ്പിക്കുന്നു. അതു നമ്മുടെ ആനന്ദം പൂർണ്ണമാകുന്നതിനുവേണ്ടിയാണെന്നും എടുത്തുപറയുന്നു. ഇതു യോഹന്നാൻസ്ത്രീഹായുടെ ക്രിസ്തീയജീവിതത്തെക്കുറിച്ചുള്ള പ്രത്യേക കാഴ്ചപ്പാടിനെ സൂചിപ്പിക്കുന്നതാണ്. ക്രിസ്തീയജീവിതം ഒരു ദൈവികകൂട്ടായ്മയാണെന്നും ആ കൂട്ടായ്മയാണ് മനുഷ്യജീവിതത്തിന്റെ ഏറ്റവും വലിയ സന്തോഷമെന്നും ഇതു സൂചിപ്പിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. യോഹന്നാൻസ്ത്രീഹാ തന്റെ ആദ്യലേഖനത്തിൽ ഈ കാഴ്ചപ്പാട് ആമുഖത്തിൽത്തന്നെ അവതരിപ്പിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. മിശിഹാനുഭവം നമ്മെ ത്രിത്വകൂട്ടായ്മയിൽ വളർത്തുമെന്നും അത് ജീവിതത്തിന്റെ സന്തോഷം വർദ്ധിപ്പിക്കുമെന്നും അവിടെ വ്യക്തമായി പറയുന്നു (1 യോഹ 1,1-4). ഈ കൂട്ടായ്മയുടെ സന്തോഷം നൽകികൊണ്ടാണ് ഈ രണ്ടാം ലേഖനവും യോഹന്നാൻസ്ത്രീഹാ അവസാനിപ്പിക്കുന്നത്: “നിന്റെ തിരഞ്ഞെടുക്കപ്പെട്ട സഹോദരിയുടെ മക്കളുടെ”, അതായത്, യോഹന്നാൻസ്ത്രീഹാ ഏതു പ്രാദേശികസഭയിൽനിന്നെഴുതുന്നുവോ, അവിടുത്തെ സഭാംഗങ്ങളുടെ അഭിവാദനമാണ് അവിടെ നൽകുന്നത്. ഇപ്രകാരം സഭാകൂട്ടായ്മ ക്രിസ്തീയസന്തോഷത്തിന്റെ അടിസ്ഥാനമായി കാണുവാനും അജപാലകർ അജഗണങ്ങളെ പരിശീലിപ്പിക്കണം.

ജീവിതസൂചിക

1. ഈശോമിശിഹായിലുള്ള വിശ്വാസത്തിലൂടെ പിതാവായ ദൈവത്തിന്റെ സ്നേഹത്തിലും പ്രത്യാശയിലും ജീവിക്കുവാൻ എനിക്കു സാധിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ? അപ്രകാരം ജീവിക്കാൻ ജനങ്ങളെ പഠിപ്പിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?
2. സത്യത്തിൽ വ്യാപരിക്കാനും സ്നേഹത്തിൽ ജീവിക്കാനും ഞാൻ ജനങ്ങളെ എപ്രകാരം പരിശീലിപ്പിക്കുന്നു?
3. കത്തോലിക്കാസഭയുടെ വിശ്വാസം കാത്തുസൂക്ഷിക്കുവാനും അതിനു വിരുദ്ധമായ പ്രബോധനങ്ങളെ ചെറുത്തു ജീവിക്കുവാനും ഞാൻ എപ്രകാരമാണ് ജനങ്ങളെ പ്രബോധിപ്പിക്കുന്നത്?
4. മിശിഹായുടെ യഥാർത്ഥമായ പ്രബോധനത്തിൽ നിലനില്ക്കുവാൻ ജനങ്ങളെ ഞാൻ എപ്രകാരമാണു പരിശീലിപ്പിക്കുന്നത്?
5. യഥാർത്ഥ സന്തോഷത്തിന്റെ അടിസ്ഥാനമായി സഭാകൂട്ടായ്മയെ കാണുവാനും അപ്രകാരം കൂട്ടായ്മയെ കെട്ടിപ്പടുക്കുവാനും ഞാൻ ജനങ്ങളെ പരിശീലിപ്പിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

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



YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH EPARCHY OF MISSISSAUGA

The SJY central committee met during the month of November to plan the concluding ceremony to be held on December 11th virtually. For this special occasion we are honored and blessed to have H. E. Most Reverend Ivan Jurkovic, the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada who will deliver the keynote address. We will also have our dear Bishop H.E. Mar Jose Kalluvilil who will give the Presidential address. During the concluding ceremony there will be prize distribution for all Eparchy level competition winners and the logo design winners for CML. We will also be honoring families with 5 or more children across our Eparchy. We request you all to join on December 11th2021@ 11:30 am EST.

The St. Joseph Year (SJY) Eparchy competitions have now concluded, and Eparchy level winners in all departments were announced in November. Year of St. Joseph Central Committee congratulates all the participants and the winners in the parish, forane, and eparchial level competitions. I would like to extend our appreciation and gratitude to the directors of Pious Associations for Children, SMYM and Family Apostolate, and all the coordinators and judges for your valuable time and effort to organize this Talent Fest in the Year of St. Joseph.

ST. JOSEPH'S YEAR TALENT FEST- EPARCHIAL LEVEL WINNERS

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY APOSTOLATE

Event	Winner	Parish
Video Skit	Family Apostolate	St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Catholic Forane Church, Scarborough Unit
	Mr. Finoj Paul and Team	St. Mother Teresa Syro Malabar Catholic Church, Ottawa
Video Dance	Mrs. Siji Roobin and Team	St. Mother Teresa Syro Malabar Catholic Church, Ottawa
	St. Mary's Family Unit	St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Catholic Forane Church, Scarborough

PIOUS ASSOCIATIONS FOR CHILDREN

Category	Event	Student	Parish
Category 1 (JK & SK)	Singing	Caitlin Ouseph	St. Mother Teresa Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, Ottawa
		Nakshatra Sijin	St. Alphonsa Syro Malabar Catholic Church, Vancouver
	Story Telling	Saina Maria Santhosh	St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Catholic Forane Church, Scarborough
Category 2 (Grade 1 & 2)	Singing	Therese Sijo Vadakkumchery	St. Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Catholic Cathedral, Mississauga
		Dionne Ouseph	St. Mother Teresa Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, Ottawa
	Story Telling	Matthew Jolly	St. Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Catholic Cathedral, Mississauga
		Alvina Rose Suneesh	St. Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, Cambridge
Category 3 (Grade 3-5)	Singing	Angelina Jose	St. Mother Theresa Syro Malabar Catholic Church, Calgary
		Aleena Joys	St. Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Catholic Cathedral, Mississauga
	Speech	Swathi Dewassy	St. Joseph Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, Oshawa
		Anna Elsa Gince	St. Joseph Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, Oshawa
		Isabel Abraham	St. Alphonsa Syro Malabar Catholic Church, Vancouver
Category 4 (Grade 6-8)	Singing	Ann Ria Paul	St. Alphonsa Syro Malabar Catholic Forane Church, Edmonton
		Eva Shine	St. Mary's Syro Malabar Catholic Church, London
	Speech	Aiden Abraham	St. Alphonsa Syro Malabar Catholic Church, Vancouver
		Caitlin Angel Clibert	Holy Family Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, Halifax
		Edwina Ann Shibu	St. Mary's Syro Malabar Catholic Church, London

SMYM CANADA – VIDEO COMPETITION WINNERS

Category	Winner	Parish
SMYM Senior	Giselle Joseph and Team	St. Mother Teresa Syro Malabar Catholic Church, Ottawa
SMYM Junior	Joe Joseph and Team	St. Mother Teresa Syro Malabar Catholic Church, Hamilton
	Nikhil Kavalam and Team	St. Mother Teresa Syro Malabar Catholic Church, Ottawa

NB: The above are the best 2 in each category and the list has been sorted alphabetically by the first name of the participant.

Winners will be recognized in the Year of St. Joseph Closing Ceremony on December 11, 2021. All winners are invited and expected.

Eparchy Level Talent Fest Winners will be awarded cash Prize.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Augustine Kallumkatharayil
Convener, Year of St. Joseph Central Committee
Eparchy of Mississauga

NEWS FROM DEPARTMENTS

PIOUS ASSOCIATIONS FOR CHILDREN

Dear Parents of Pious Members,

As we begin to enter into the season of Advent, I begin with this quote from John 1:23 that reads, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord.’”. John the Baptist preached in order to prepare the way for Christ. Today we should urge each of our PAC members to prepare the way for our Lord for Jesus to enter their lives and transform them completely so that they may receive the gift of eternal salvation. I trust that each of you will do something special for our Lord this Advent season.

Below are some of the highlights of our activities during the month of November 2021.

Power to Empower – Leaders Seminar & Birthday Wishes for our Patron

The first leaders meet for 2021-22 was conducted on 13th November which was attended by 50 plus leaders from all parishes across our Eparchy. The guest speaker, Mr. Jacob Chacko, principal of St. Thomas Forane,



SPIRITUAL BOUQUET FOR OUR BELOVED PITHAVU

FROM THE PAC FAMILY EPARCHY OF MISSISSAUGA

25,000 Hail Mary's

Happy 66th Birthday!

Philadelphia took a very informative class on empowerment and gave practical tips to our leaders on how to lead by example. PAC members, animators and leaders also offered a spiritual bouquet to our beloved Patron His Excellency Bishop Mar Jose Kalluvilil on November 13th as a gift for His Birthday as part of our Leaders Meet.

PAC Eparchy Level Competitions

Below are the results of the St. Joseph Year Eparchy Level Competitions conducted by Pious Association and Catechism Department (Note: this is the best 2 in each category and the list has been sorted alphabetically by the first name of the participant). All participants have performed exceptionally well and it was a very stiff competition. A special congratulations to all children and their parents for their extraordinary work. The winners will be recognized and presented with the prize money as part of the SJY Concluding Ceremony on December 11th. We would also like to extend our appreciation and gratitude to all the judges and coordinators for their valuable time and effort.

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			Edwina Ann Shibu

CML Animators Seminar

As we celebrate the CML Platinum Jubilee Year, a seminar was conducted by the CML National Team exclusively for the Animators in the US and Canada, on November 27 at 8pm EST via Zoom. CML Animators from our Eparchy participated in this seminar



along with their North American counterparts from US and the PAC Central Team.

Upcoming Activities

Year of St. Joseph Concluding Ceremony

December 11th @11:30am EST via zoom

EPAC Christmas Celebration

January 8th, 2022, via Zoom from 3-5pm EST

For more information, please contact Sr. Jeslin CMC at paceofm@gmail.com.

DEPARTMENT OF CATECHESIS

Combined meeting of ECC & Principals

Department of Catechesis conducted a combined meeting of the Eparchial Catechetical Commission and Principals on November 05, 2021. The meeting was blessed to have the esteemed presence and valuable advice from His Excellency Mar Jose Kalluvelil. Bishop requested Catechists to reflect seriously about how to impart the Christ experience in our younger generation, adopt measures to engage the youth in Church activities and extend the catechetical services to the youth, even after grade 12 graduation.

Highlights of the Meeting:

The meeting decided on the:

- * Collection of Statistics from the Parishes through a standardized format formulated at the Eparchy level.
- * Submission of a half-year report at the end of each term.
- * Midterm Evaluation on January 30th, 2021, using centralized question papers prepared at Eparchy level.
- * Question papers are prepared by a Question Paper Setting Team and reviewed by the Eparchial Catechetical Examination Board.

Important Deadlines

- * Deadline for submission of questions from each Parish: December 5, 2021.
Deadline for submission of ECEB verified question papers to the Director: January 08, 2022.
- * Question Papers will be sent to the Parishes on January 24, 2021.
- * First- term Project for Grade 9-12:
- * Parishes have to send the first term project topics on or before Dec 01, 2021.
- * Question Paper Setting Team must prepare and submit the project topics and guidelines on or before December 10, 2021.
- * The project topics reviewed and verified by the ECEB will be distributed to students on December 19, 2021.
- * Students have to submit the completed projects to respective class teachers on or before January 04, 2022.

Upcoming Events

Eparchial Examination Board Meeting on December 18, 2021

Christmas Message & Greetings

The Messianic mystery is remembered and experienced through the nine seasons in the liturgical year of the Syro Malabar Church. The first season of the liturgical year is the Season of Annunciation in which we prepare for the mystery of the birth of Jesus, our Saviour. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1, 14) and the Saviour of the world was born in a manger at Bethlehem. The angel of the Lord announced, “I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord” (Lk 2, 10-11). Let us prepare for Christmas by praying more with a pure heart and doing little sacrifices. I encourage you all to help children to prepare for Christmas. Merry Christmas!

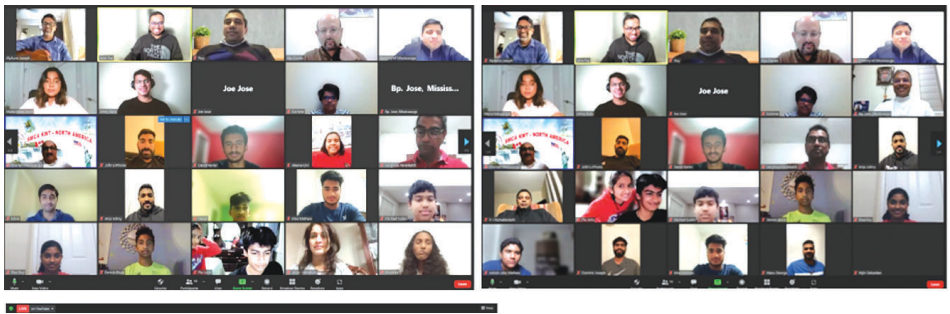
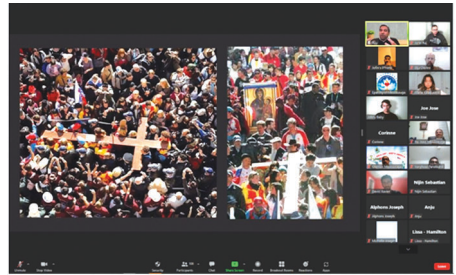
SYRO MALABAR YOUTH MOVEMENT (SMYM)

World Youth Day Celebration- Eparchial Level

The World Youth Day 2021 was celebrated online on November 21, 2021, as a National Youth Event by the Youth Apostle of the Eparchy of Mississauga, Canada.

The event was inaugurated by Bishop Jose Kalluvilil by echoing the theme of World Youth Day 2021; Stand up, I appoint you as a witness of what you have seen (Acts 26:16).

The Youthful event was attended by youngsters from across Canada. The program consisted of sharing and song by the Chief Guest Alphons Joseph a well-known Malayalam music director and singer



who has attended World Youth Days from 2002 to 2016, performance by SMYM Hamilton, Catholic Youth Bands Seraphim and Throneway, sharing by Corinne Lobo, Felix Roy David and JofinLorance. Tezza and Ann Paul reminded the participants, the memory of World Youth Day 2002 conducted in Toronto with the beautiful rendition of the theme song. Program was hosted by Johnny Baby and Mariavian Kalapurayil.

The World Youth Day 2021 reminded the Youth that they are the future of the Church, an invitation to be an integral part of the Catholic Church and an inspiration to attend World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal. The celebration concluded with the Pastoral Blessings of Bishop Jose Kalluvelil.

SMYM National Eparchial Team – Installation

The SMYM National Team Installation Ceremony was conducted on Sunday, November 28, 2021. The new National Team pledged their responsibilities for the upcoming two years 2022 and 2023.

The installation ceremony started off with an opening prayer by Lissa Matthew, the Coordinator for the Animators and a welcome by Fr. Jojo Changanamthundathil, Director of SMYM Canada.

Ebby Kayaniyil, The President of the previous SMYM National Team has expressed the gratitude and shared the cherished memories during the Presidential Address.

Mariacristina Chirayath read and submitted the report of team's programs and activities for the longest working years of the former National Team from 2012 to 2021.

Vicar General Fr. Pathrose Chembakkara honoured and expressed the gratitude and appreciation for the previous National Team.

SMYM Director, Fr. Jojo Changanamthundathil presented the Vision, Mission, and explanation of the Emblem of SMYM followed by the introduction of the new team by SMYM Animator, Biju Kannampuzha.

The new team was officially installed by the announcement of Bishop Jose Kalluvelil, and SMYM Director Fr. Jojo Changanamthundathil stated the pledge for the team members.

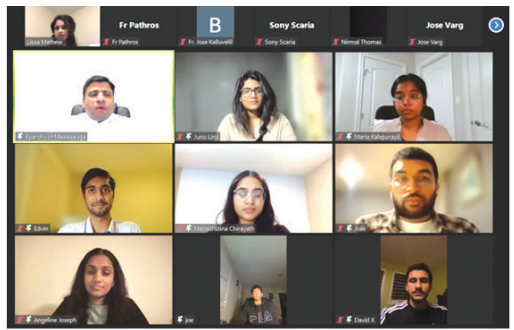
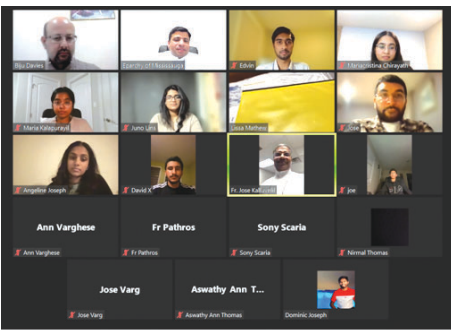
Ann Mary Varghese congratulated the new team and assured ongoing support on behalf of the former National Team.

Edvin George thanked the former team on behalf of the new National Team and requested the support and blessings from everyone.

The former team members were Animator Boban Mathew, National Associate Directors Nirmal Thomas and Ann Mary Varghese, team members Ebby Kayaniyil, Aswathy Ann Thomas, Shawn Xaviour, Meryl Mechery, Christopher Kannampuzha, Alan Joy, Ashley Thomas and Mariacristina Chirayath.

The new team members are Animator Biju Kannampuzha, Coordinator for the Animators Lissa Mathew, Joe Joseph, Jose Manadan, Juno Mariya Lins, David Xavier, Edvin George, Mariavian Kalapurayil, Angeline Joseph, Mariacristina Chirayath. Shawn Xaviour, Nirmal Thomas and Ann Mary Varghese are appointed as the Forane Animators.

Meeting concluded with a Vote of thanks by Lissa Mathew, Coordinator of the Animators and Final blessing by Bshop Jose Kalluvilil.



NURSES MINISTRY

Chain Rosary

Nurses Ministry conducted a chain rosary on November 13th, 2021, with all regions across Canada.

Daily Online Zoom Prayer

Nurses from all over Canada continue to pray online for all the nurses and the whole World every day at 3 pm.

Prayer Meetings

All regions joined the monthly virtual prayer meeting every Monday from 8.30 pm to 10.30 pm. Every first Monday, the international resource team gives the word of God.

Monthly Regional Meeting

All regions continue to gather for monthly prayer meetings and some regions resumed the prayer meeting in person.

International Nurses Conference

On November 11th, 2021, an international nurses conference was conducted namely, **GLORY 2021** which was led by the most respected, Dr John D.

Birthday Celebration of Bishop Mar Jose Kalluvellil

On November 15th, in celebration of the 66th birthday of our Bishop of Eparchy of Mississauga, Mar Jose Kalluvellil, the Nurses ministry team conducted a prayer meeting, rosary and a presentation of a spiritual bouquet of 66 Apostles creed.

Night Vigil

On November 26th, Nurses ministry in Canada and USA together conducted a night vigil lead by the international team.

Upcoming Events

Canada Nurses Ministry invites everyone to join Holy Mass and St Joseph's Novena from November 30th till December 8th, 2021 at 8pm via zoom link. The mass is led by Fr Thomas Venmanthara, Fr Daris Cherian, Fr Jomon Kalladanthiyil.



NEWS FROM PARISHES



MISSISSAUGA FORANE

ST. ALPHONSA CATHEDRAL, MISSISSAUGA

As part of St. Joseph Year 2020-2021, with the initiative of Pithruvedi, the families with four and more children were honored in the Parish. The Holy Mass on October 30, 2021 at 9.15am was offered for this intention. Rev. Fr. Jacob Edakalathur delivered an inspiring homily and appreciated the families and gave them gifts as our expression of our love for them.



As part of St. Joseph's Year celebration, the couples with the name of Joseph and Mary were honored on October 31, 2021 Sunday, after the Holy Mass at 10.00 am.

All Souls Day

All Souls' Day was celebrated in the Cathedral on November 02, 2021 with the prayer service held in the Assumption Cemetery, Brampton at



5.00 pm. The Prayer service was led by Bishop Mar Jose Kalluvilil. Rev Fr. Jacob Edakalathur prayed the *office for the dead* at the tombs of the beloved ones of the parishioners in the cemetery. We had a solemn Holy Mass specially for all souls at 7.30pm in the Cathedral. The main celebrant was our Bishop Jose Kalluvilil.

New Trustee Francis Ouseph was sworn in on November 07, 2021. Rev. Fr. Jacob Edakalathur blessed and welcomed the new trustee. He also thanked the current trustee Sophy Xaviour for her dedicated and selfless service to the parish.

We celebrated the Birthday of Rev. Fr. Tenson Paul on November 07, 2021 after the 8.30 am Holy Mass. Fr. Jacob Edakalathur wished him Happy birthday. Trustee Sophy Xaviour gave him the bouquet on behalf of all the parishioners.

We celebrated the Birthday of Our beloved Bishop, Mar Jose Kalluvilil on November 15, 2021. With gratitude and prayers, Rev Fr. Jacob Edakalathur, Trustee Mr. Francis Ouseph along with parishioners wished and thanked God for all the graces we receive through our Bishop to our Eparchy and Cathedral. The Bishop offered the thanksgiving Holy Mass at 7.30 pm and prayed for the Divine providence upon our Eparchy.

Rev. Fr. Sebastian who was assisting in liturgical services in our



parish, whenever a need arises, was given a warm farewell, on November 07, 2021 after the Holy Mass at 8.30 am. Rev. Fr. Tenson offered a bouquet, in the presence of Rev. Fr. Jacob Edakalathur the vicar and parishioner.

The Eparchial level inauguration of “Synodality on Synodal Church” was held in our Cathedral on November 20th, at 11.00am. The Trustees, Parish Council Members, Animators of Associations were cordially invited for the meeting. Bishop Mar. Jose Kalluvellil inaugurated the ceremony by lighting the traditional lamp.

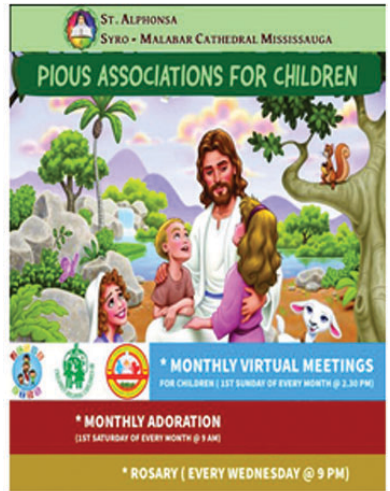


Pious Association

Monthly adoration and Holy Mass for children was conducted on November 06, Saturday at 9.00am and Rev. Fr. Tenson Paul was the main celebrant.

PAC Monthly meeting: The monthly PAC gathering was held on 7th November 2021, from 2.30pm - 3.30 pm, on the Zoom online platform. Our parish received around 366 children registrations for the PAC 2021-2022.

The PAC leaders from our Cathedral actively participated in the Eparchy level Program, which was held on November 13 from 12.00 noon to 1pm. Our parish PAC family participated in the Spiritual bouquet offering to our beloved Bishop Mar Jose Kalluvellil on his 66th birthday. Planning for the parish level PAC Christmas celebration is in progress.



Youth Ministry

The World Youth Day was celebrated in the Cathedral, on November 21, 2021 Sunday. Bishop Mar Jose Kalluvellil offered the Holy Mass at 10.00

am. The representatives of Youth and Animators participated in the procession, to mark the day.



Knights of Columbus

The newly elected team of the Office bearers of Knights of Columbus in our cathedral, had their installation ceremony on November 4, 2021. The ceremony was conducted after the Holy Mass at 7.30 pm, by Rev Fr. Jacob Edakalathur. Immediate Past State Deputy, Bro. David Peters presided over the function, with the District Deputy, Bro. Jacinto and other officers.



Blood Donation Drive

A blood donation drive was carried out by the Brother Knights on Nov 20, 2021 at Heartland Centre, Mississauga from 12.10 pm. Bro. Abhilash and Bro. Paul Mathew gave leadership for this noble venture, this year.

Nurses Ministry

Mississauga Nurses Ministry conducted a pilgrimage to Marmora on October 9, 2021. It was a day of prayer, fun activities and fellowship for the Ministry members. Chain Rosary was held on October 13, 2021 from 5.30 am to 6.00pm. The Night Vigil was held on October 29, 2021 from 8.30pm to 10.30pm.



ST. ALPHONSA PARISH, CAMBRIDGE

Parish Council Meeting

The parish council meeting was held virtually on November 25, 2021 to discuss about the international youth retreat, Christmas Qurbana, accounts presentation and planning for next years new committee members.

The choir members also joined the meeting in the latter part as Fr. Thomas walked us through the changes in the revised Syro Malabar Qurbana. Fr. Anish had read out the related circular sent out by our Pithavu on Christ the King Feast Day and the changes will be enforced from first Sunday of Advent, Holy Qurbana.

International Youth Retreat

A one-day retreat “Ephphatha” was conducted in Malayalam for the international youth on November 27, 2021 by the combined efforts of our Bishop Mar Jose Kalluvellil, Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry and the Cambridge Parish.

Fasting, prayer preparation, and planning led to the success of this retreat. The faith and Christ centered talks by Mar Jose Kalluvellil, Bro. Toby Manimalethu, Mrs. Sapna Joseph, Mr. Toms Mathew were spiritually awakening. Sr. Celine Rose CMC, Sr. Jeslin CMC and Sr. Mercy CHF were available for spiritual sharing.



Our youth co-ordinator Mrs. Shanty Varghese and Marthruvedhi members helped to volunteer. Some of the Cambridge Parish Council members including the trustees Mr. Siby Varghese and Mr. Antony Jose were actively involved in the retreat. Everyone was served lunch by the kind favor of one of our generous sponsors Dr. Joy Kuncheria.

The enthusiasm, keen spirit and unity of the AFCM members and all volunteers were remarkable. The skit presented by Mr. Paul Antony, Ms. Thankam Chacko and the AFCM team was quite meaningful. The energizing and brilliant music led by Mr. Jomon Joseph, Amal George and the AFCM Music team added to the spirit of the retreat.

The retreat was made possible through the kind favor of Rev. Fr. Joe Selvanayagam. Pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic Church Cambridge as he so willingly offered the venue to conduct the retreat. Not just that but we greatly appreciate the hospitality shown by Fr. Joe and his team. May God bless them graciously!

News from the Catechism Department

Principals and ECC Meeting

A combined meeting of principals and ECC members was held virtually on November 5, 2021. Our Pithavu, Mar Jose Kalluvellil in his address, urged the catechists to focus on deepening the faith amongst younger generations through faith based activities so that they continue to grow in our faith even when they step outside into the real world.

The points of discussions in the meeting included statistics and half yearly report from various parishes, preparation of a common basic prayer book, textbook/workbook status, Liturgia 2021, basic courses for Catechists, mid term evaluation etc.

Staff Meeting

A staff meeting was held on November 2021 to discuss the key points related to the ECC and principals meeting, mid term exam guidelines, question paper prep work and deadlines for their submissions to the ECEB. Fr. Thomas led the meeting with an opening prayer and winded up the meeting with blessings.

Pious Association for Children

Leaders Meet

Four of our PAC leaders attended the PAC leaders meeting held at Eparchy level and to wish our pithavu Bishop Mar Jose Kalluvellil on his birthday. Phil Mootheril presented the vote of thanks.

Second Sunday PAC Prayer

During the second Sunday PAC 3 p.m. prayer, the students recited the divine mercy chapter, followed by a presentation on Blessed Carlo Acutis by Leah Alex on the virtue of friendship.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH, HAMILTON

St. Joseph Year Celebration 2021

St. Joseph Syro-Malabar Parish celebrated St. Joseph Year momentously on November 20, 2021, at the Ancaster Fairgrounds, a large indoor facility. The celebration was organized under the leadership of Fr. Thomas Venmanthara and Trustees, Sojan Mathew and Jomy Vallippalam. The event was a great success and well appreciated by the parish community. His excellency, Bishop Mar Jose Kalluvellil, was the chief guest at the event and delivered a message to the parishioners. The bishop distributed medals to the participants of the St. Joseph Year competition and presented leadership awards to SMYM youth. The new parish website was officially inaugurated by Bishop Mar Jose Kalluvellil.

Fr. Thomas Venmanthara gave the welcome speech and presented appreciation plaques to all the sponsors of the event. Various entertainment programs were conducted including dances, group songs, drama, live music, and kadhaprasangam. The entertainment coordinators were Siji Joseph, Lissa Mathew, Fiji Biju, Mintu Mathew, Jolly Augusthy, Jiji Gikson, Sofia Antony, and Thomas Puthenkalayil. Namitha Gikson was the master of the ceremony during the event. Sojan Mathew and Saju James coordinated the stage setup and audio-visual systems. The hospitality team was led by Gikson Jose and Sumarani Vinu. Biju Devassy and Gikson Jose were the fundraising and sponsorship coordinators. A delicious dinner was served under the coordination of Joseph Thomas and Jinish Francis. Photography and videography of the event were carried out by Sherin Cleetus and Koshy Thomas respectively. Jomy Vallippalam gave the vote of thanks.

Approximately 300 parishioners attended the celebration, and we believe that it was a true blessing to have the opportunity to celebrate the year of our patron saint, St. Joseph. May God continue to shower blessings on us through the heavenly intercession of St. Joseph.





Catechism

Catechism classes for the month of November went smoothly. We are still on zoom. Catechists were encouraged to attend the Liturgia - 2021 Webinar on Liturgy. The first assessment details that will happen on January 30th were forwarded to catechists. Our Catechism students participated in the St. Joseph's Day program on November 20th. In total 62 students participated in multiple programs. Teacher's meeting is scheduled on November 29th to discuss the Christmas Nativity show and the First Term Exam scheduled on January 30th. For this month Jesus kids, Holy Childhood and CML did not have monthly meetings as they were working on St. Joseph Year Celebration programs.

ST. MOTHER TERESA PARISH, NIAGARA

Parish Council Meeting

A Parish Council meeting was held on Sunday, 21 November 2021 and decided to celebrate the annual Parish Night on 19 February 2022. The event is named as 'Kalaanisha 2022.

Plus Association Meeting

The Pius Association meeting is scheduled on the third Saturday every month. The prayer meeting of this month was held on 20 November 2020, on zoom.

Catechism Teachers' Meeting

A joint meeting of the catechism department and Pius Association coordinators was convened on 28th November 2021, to discuss the preparation for Parish night and Christmas Celebrations 2021. It was decided to organize a 20 minute event on 19th December, after the mass, ensuring participation of the children.

Nurses Ministry Prayer Meeting

The prayer meeting of the nurses ministry is a regular happening on the spiritual journey of our Parish. This month's prayer meeting of the ministry was organized on Friday, 19 the November 2021, at Twinkle and Jincy's residence.

Intercession Prayer for the Eparchy

Our parish took the lead on the intercession prayer for our Eparchy on Tuesday, 16 November 2021.

ST. THOMAS FORANE PARISH, SCARBOROUGH

Holyween Celebrated

Continuing the tradition of helping children learn about virtues of Saints and celebrating the life of them, Holyween was observed on October 30. After being dormant for several months due to the pandemic, many children grabbed the opportunity and enthusiastically dressed up in saintly costumes for Holyween parade in front of the symbolic heavenly float. Six best dressed students were presented gifts.



CATECHETICAL ACTIVITIES

Online and In-Person Classes

In-person class for high school seniors on November 14 was focussed on two themes: The evolution of Syro Malabar Liturgical Traditions led by Rev. Fr. Jose Alencherry and Maintaining a Catholic Identity in a Secular World led by Dr. Jacqueline Karathra. Students were given opportunities to interact and ask questions to the speakers. They also had icebreakers and refreshments.



In-person classes were also organized for students of Grades 1, 2, 7 and 8 during November with a variety of interesting activities. Fr. Toby

Pulickassery and Fr. Jose Alencherry presented valuable Syro Malabar faith traditions.

Catechesis Student Council Elected

Students in Grades 6 to 12 elected two leaders each from their classes to represent them in the Catechesis Student Council. The representatives elected an Executive team with Alex Kurishummoottil Shibu and TheresJoshy as Chairpersons (Shared responsibility), Irene Siji and Ann Christy as Vice-Chairpersons, Elsa Maria Saji as Secretary and Rosanne Manathara as Co-secretary. Six members to serve in the team are Lavina Jose, Allen Shibu. Anabel Bejoy, Joel Joshy, Aaron Joshy, Aaliya Anil, Sanjana Santhosh and Daniel George.

The new team assumed Office on November 21- the World Youth Day, in the presence of Bishop Mar Jose Kalluvilil. Principal Jose Varghese administered the Oath of Office. Bishop Mar Kalluvilil and Fr. Jose Alencherry congratulated the office bearers. The Bishop also gave a special blessing to the new team of budding leaders.



Parent-Teacher Council Sworn In

The newly elected Executive team of the Parent -Teacher Council took the Oath and assumed office on Sunday, November 14. The first meeting of the Council presided by Joshy P. Mathew, President discussed various ideas to strengthen Catechism and possibilities of offering parental education and support to fortify the faith life of students.



Pious Associations For Children (PAC)

Members of CML worked together and crafted a skit depicting the birth of Jesus Christ and presented it in a video format before the Kerala

Christian Ecumenical Fellowship, Toronto which was widely appreciated. The CML has planned to present the skit before an invited audience on Christmas eve. Congratulations to the entire team who worked hard for the skit and the adult coordinators, and animators guided the effort. Special thanks to Alexin Saji who edited the video skilfully.



Jubilee Celebration – Celebrating Wedding Milestones

To honour the couples in our parish who are celebrating their 25th, 30th, wedding anniversaries this year, a special mass was held on 20th November to celebrate their glorious milestone. 7 couples took part in the celebrations. A meeting was organized to congratulate the couples and commemorative mementos were presented to them. Cultural programs and some fun activities were staged. The celebration coordinated by the MathruPithruVedi members of our parish concluded with an agape.



World Youth Day 2021 - Encouraging Youth to Grow their Catholic Faith

World Youth Day acknowledges the role of youth in the Church. Pope Francis exhorted the Church across the Globe to celebrate it on the Feast of the Solemnity of Christ the King (Christ the King Sunday).

We observed World Youth Day 2021 in our parish on 21 Nov with a special Mass by Bishop Mar Jose Kalluvilil, followed by a get-together of the youth community in the hall. Catechism Student leaders from high school also joined the celebration. Bishop Mar Jose Kalluvilil Inaugurated the meeting and delivered the key-note, citing the significance



of the day as stated by St John Paul II, as “the Church proclaims the Kingdom of Christ, already present, but still growing in all its mystery towards its full manifestation and young people are indispensable bearers of the dynamics of the Kingdom of God, the hope of the Church and the world”. Br. Dylan Michael presented the role of Youth in the changing world and the need to grow connected to Christ, seeking His Grace. Vicar Fr. Jose Alencherry and Parish Trustee Jose Thomas offered congratulations to the parish youth team. Fr. Toby Pulickassery welcomed the guests and AnsenAnto, President, SMYM International offered the vote of thanks.

Parish youth also joined Eparchial level Celebrations of WYD 2021 via zoom meeting organized in the evening at 8 pm by SMYM Eparchial Team on behalf of the Youth Apostolate.

A New Home for Our Priests

We are in the process of buying a house for the priests’ residence. We have given advance for the house at 51 Treverton Dr, Scarborough. The price is \$1,410,000. This house is 1.4 km from our Church and it’s 3 minutes drive by car. It is fully renovated with two separate basement units and a separate entrance. Lot size: front 47 ft, 81ft at the back, and 136 ft deep.



We thank God for the house very conveniently located and continue to pray that everything will be completed successfully.

Upcoming Programs

Marriage Prep Course: Dec. 4-6

Feast of Immaculate Conception

Catechesis In-Person Classes: For Grades 9 to 12 on Sunday, Dec. 12 at 2.30 pm.

Parish Council: December 11 pm

Biblia 2021- Bible Quiz for Adults/Families: Dec.11, 18

Year of St. Joseph -Concluding Ceremony:
Dec.19

PAC: Christmas show: December 24, 7.00
p.m. & 7.30 p.m.

Christmas

Youth Retreat: Dec.29, 30



ST. JOSEPH PARISH OSHAWA

All Saint Day Celebration (Holywin)

”But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.” (1 Peter2:9). We celebrated all saint day (Holywin) with great zeal and zest on November 7, 2021, after the Holy Mass. Children from JK to grade 8 participated by dressing up, like their favourite saint and, each participant was given chance to speak about their favourite saint and mentioned how they inspired them. A great number of students participated in the event. A message on sainthood was shared on this day and the Rev. Fr. Tenson congratulated the Department of Catechism for organizing this programme and congratulated all the parents for encouraging and preparing the kids for the occasion and appreciated children by presenting them small token of appreciation. The celebration ended with snack distribution.





Birthday Wishes to Rev. Fr. Tenson Paul

Parishioners greeted the Parish Priest Fr Tenson Paul, for his birthday with a small surprise. On the behalf of all parishioners Kaikaran Mr Kurian Xavier greeted and thanked Fr Tenson for his dedication and for his selfless service for the community.



World Youth Day

A special Holy Mass celebrated for the youth of the parish. Youth members arranged offertory and actively participated in the Holy Mass. Activities for the upcoming Christmas celebration were planned by the youth.



Upcoming Mass Timing

Sunday	: 3: 30 pm.
Christmas Mass	: December 24: 11. 00 pm
December 25	: 07. 30 am
New Year Mass	: December 31: 11. 00 pm
January 1	: 07. 30 am

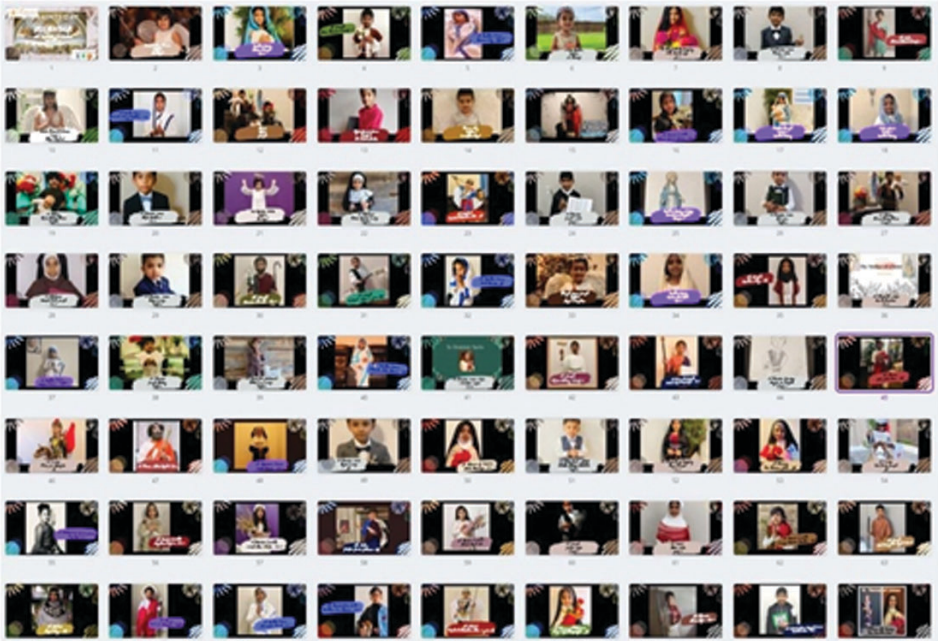
More details and all upcoming events are broadcasted in church website at stjosephsyromalabaroshawa.com

ST. MOTHER TERESA PARISH, OTTAWA

Halloween-All Saint's Day Celebration

The children of the Parish excitedly celebrated Halloween virtually on October 31st at 10:30 am. There was a “Guess the Saint” Kahoot Game. As requested by the parish, 72 children sent photos dressing up as their favorite saints and there was a presentation. Many children joined Holy Qurbana dressing up as their favorite saints at 05:00 pm and children were happy to collect candies from the church after the Holy Qurbana.





PAC Inauguration 2021

Pious Association for Children in our parish inaugurated the activity year on Oct 31st along with Holyween Celebration. The PAC animators, leaders and catechism teachers arranged activities for the children to participate in.



Parish Bulletin

The month of November started by the third release of the monthly bulletin "The Teresian". As readership gained momentum, Parish Priest, Fr. Augustine K, thanked each of the volunteers and contributors.

Novena to St. Mother Teresa

From November 2021, our parish has started the Novena to St Mother Teresa, our patron saint, every Wednesday.

World Youth Day Celebrations

On November 21st, we celebrated World Youth Day and all the national and international youth participated. The Holy Qurbana was celebrated by the Pastor, Fr. Augustine K. Following the Qurbana, there was a Eucharistic Adoration, and Praise and Worship session led by the 'Witness band' with songs, music. Powerful Word of God sharing was done by Mr. Abin Looka, catechism teacher at the parish.



Eparchial Winners- Year of St. Joseph

Our parish has achieved impressive results in the Year of St. Joseph competitions at the Eparchial level! It was a proud moment as many prizes were bagged by our teams. Some winners are as detailed below:



Caitlin



Vinayan



Dionne

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| JK & SK- Singing | - Caitilin Ouseph |
| Grade 1 & 2- Singing | - Dionne Ouseph |
| SMYM Senior | - Giselle Joseph & Team |
| SMYM Junior | - Nikhil Kavalam & Team |
| Video Skit | - Finoj Paul & Team |
| Dance: | - Siji Roobin & Team |

ST. THOMAS MISSION, CHARLETTOWN

നവംബർ 14 ഞായർ അഭിവന്ദ്യ കല്ലുവേലിൽ പിതാവ് ഫ്രിൻസ് എഡ്വേർഡ് ഐലൻഡിലെ സീറോ മലബാർ മിഷൻ വിശ്വാസികളോടൊപ്പം വിശുദ്ധ ബലി അർപ്പിച്ചു. സീറോ മലബാർ സഭയിൽ വരുന്ന പുതിയ കുർബാനക്രമമനുസരിച്ചായിരുന്നു പിതാവിന്റെ വിശുദ്ധ ബലിയർപ്പണം. ഏകദേശം 150ൽ അധികം വിശ്വാസികൾ ബലിയർപ്പണത്തിൽ പങ്കെടുത്തു. പിതാവിന്റെ ആഭിമുഖ്യത്തിൽ പാരിഷ് കമ്മിറ്റി, കുടുംബയൂണിറ്റ്, നേഴ്സസ് മിനിസ്ട്രി, വേദപാഠ അദ്ധ്യാപകർ എന്നിവരുടെ മീറ്റിംഗ് കൂടുകയുണ്ടായി.

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DIVINE MERCY MISSION, TRURO

Inaugural Holy Qurbana

It was indeed a Divine blessing to have our first Syro-Malabar Holy Qurbana and to inaugurate the new Syro-Malabar Mission in Truro under the Eparchy of Mississauga on 08 November 2021. This Syro-Malabar Mission is for the pastoral care of the faithful residing in Truro, in the province of Nova Scotia. The new Mission was inaugurated with the Solemn Holy Qurbana celebrated by His Excellency Mar Jose Kalluvellil, the Bishop of Mississauga at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Truro in the presence of 75 faithful from Truro. Fr Joseph Kizhakkedath, our pastor and Fr Dariusz Miskowicz, the pastor of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Truro con-celebrated the Holy Qurbana.



Pothuyogam

The new Syro-Malabar Mission in Truro is given the name Divine Mercy Syro-Malabar Mission and it is the first mission in the Eparchy of Mississauga in the name of Divine Mercy. In the meeting *Kaikarans* and the *Prathinidhiyogam* members were elected. Sunil and Shylesh are elected as the first *kaikkarans* of the new mission and Meju, Bins, James, Derin, Simi, Jisha and Ane Mariya are the elected members of the Committee. It is decided to have Syro-Malabar Qurbana on two Saturdays in the coming months. The meeting was followed with a **snehavirunnu**.



HOLY FAMILY PARISH, HALIFAX

Inaugural Solemn Holy Qurbana

Holy Family Parish, Halifax marked a major milestone in its growth in faith by leasing out St. Paul's Church and Hall at Herring cove, Halifax, NS for Holy Qurbana and other catechetical activities. The Inaugural solemn Holy Qurbana was celebrated by our Bishop His Excellency Mar Jose Kalluvellil at 10.30 am on Sunday, 07 November 2021 and our beloved parish priest Fr. Joseph Kizhakkedath, Fr. Thomas Thekkekara and Fr. Jose Thomas con-celebrated the Holy Qurbana. The homily given by the Bishop was touching and inspiring for all the parishioners and every one was reminded about the fact that the precious gift we received is accompanied by a great task.

A public meeting was held post the Holy Qurbana with a special guest Rev. Fr. Rob, the present pastor of Stella Maris Parish, Halifax. Parishioners expressed their deep gratitude and love towards all the people who worked relentlessly for the growth of this small community over the years by presenting a token of appreciation. Fr. Thomas shared his memories about the initial days of the church which was a sweet and prideful reminder for every parishioner. Welcome speech was by Mr. Bipin (kaikkaran) and vote of thanks by Mr. Linto Joseph. After the meeting *Snehavirunnu* was enjoyed by all parishioners. Halifax parish humbly realized Lord's blessings and witnessed that Lord is ahead of us and paving our way.



Rosary Month Celebration

Holy Family Syro-Malabar Parish, Halifax observed the Rosary devotion to mother Mary with a ten days of Holy rosary followed by adoration starting from 22 October to 31 October. The rosary celebration was led by different family units of the parish, catechism students and teachers. The final day was concluded with Solemn Holy Qurbana, adoration and *ladeenju*.

All Saints' Day

On the day of Halloween in Nova Scotia, we decided to turn the celebration to Holyween to commemorate All Saints Day. As in all the previous years children were asked to come dressed in Indian Saints' costumes and to present a trick or treat. All the catechism students came dressed up in their choice of saints, which was obviously a nice view in the church and picked a lot from the box that led them to trick or treat. Children who got to trick, presented a Bible Quote and received a bag of treats that of chocolates. And then they walked down to the parents wherein, on the way they received more chocolates from more parents. This is how, this year, with the preparations and initiative of PAC children in Halifax did not miss the experience of getting treats.



Bible Quiz

With much overwhelming happiness, the staff of Catechism in Halifax would like to announce that we started a Bible Quiz for the children

of Grade 2 to Grade 10, which is running with great appreciation and success that almost all our children are actively participating in it. This Bible Quiz happens on two Saturdays in a month, for which student-participants will be getting First to Third and consolation Prizes at the end of each 6th round. Besides that an average of 5 marks will be added to the total marks of the terminal assessment based on the participation in the Bible Quiz. In future, the Bible Quiz is expected to be extended to the parents as well.

Catechism @ New Church

Holy Family Parish at Halifax got a new venue on lease for Holy Qurbana and other catechetical activities for a year since November 07 and ever since, the Sunday Holy Mass is being held in the morning, which has now been a good thing for catechism classes that it can be held in the morning. Holy Family School of Catechism decided to go classes in-person from November 28 unless the province tightens Covid 19 regulations. The classes are set and the classrooms are ready in advance to accommodate the students.

Mid-Term Examination

Notification for the mid-term examination is declared to be held on the last Sunday of January. This examination will consist of External evaluation based on the textbook, Internal evaluation and an Assignment.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH MONTREAL

All Saints Day

St. Joseph's Church Montreal celebrated All Saints Day in a blessed way. Catechism students dressed up as their favourite saint and spoke about why they love them and what inspires them. 70 students across all age groups from tiny tots to teens actively participated in the celebration. A talk on the history of Halloween and reasons why Christians shouldn't celebrate it was given by a student. The celebration was followed by photo session and gift distribution.

Watch in YouTube :<https://youtu.be/yaXVIIInHmc>



All Souls' Day

All Souls' Day was celebrated in our parish on November 02, 2021, at 6.30 pm. As it is the day to remember all who have departed, the parish collected the names of the departed from all the families and offered masses throughout the month.

Remembrance Day in Cote Saint Luc

Fr. George Joseph (Jojo) pastor of St. Richard and St Joseph Community gave benediction at the Remembrance Day ceremony by the City of Cote Saint Luc, Montreal at the veterans park on November 11, 2021 . Let us all remember those who served our country.



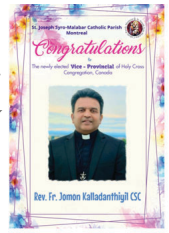
Memorial Mass for Mother of Fr Jaison MCBS

St. Joseph's Church Montreal celebrated requiem Holy Mass for the departed mother of Fr Jaison MCBS on November 01, Monday at 6.30 pm. 7 priests from across Montreal participated in the Holy Mass and prayed for the repose of her soul.



Congratulations to Fr Jomon CSC

Parish community extended warmth greetings to Fr Jomon Kalladanthiyil for being elected as the Vice Provincial of Holy Cross Congregation for the province of Canada.



Congratulations and Prayerful Greetings to Dn. Nathan

St Joseph parish community extended heartfelt congratulations and prayers to Dn Nathan on his 30th Ordination Day on Nov 05. May God fill him with choicest blessings.



World Youth Day

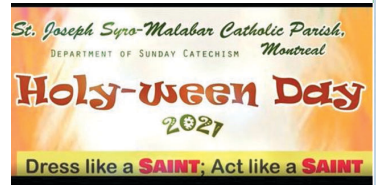
World Youth Day celebration was held on Nov 21st at St. Josephs Church, Montreal. Many youths and children participated in the celebration following the Holy mass. Lives of great saints such as Bl. Carlos, St. Gemma Galgani, Bl. Kiara, Bl. Janos were presented by Jesus Youth members.



All Saints Day Video in Big Screen

All saint's day video was launched on Nov 21st after the Holy Mass. A short video comprising of the Holyween day program was presented to all the parishioners.

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Christmas Raffle

The Coupon for fundraising by Christmas Raffle was distributed to all the parishioners throughout the month.

Christmas Tree Lamp Lighting

Christmas tree lamp lighting was held on 28th November. The event was organised after the Holy mass. A small prayer service was held, and Christmas carols were sung by the members of St. Richard's Parish and St. Joseph's Syro Malabar Parish. Fr. Jojo led the event and marked the beginning of advent.

ST. JUDE PARISH WINNIPEG

Parish Update

St Jude Parish Palliperunnal was celebrated with great enthusiasm and joy on October 31st 2021.

International Youth Day was celebrated at St. Jude Parish on Nov 20, 2021.



Sixty-five (65) International youth participated in the Holy Qurbana followed by a evening banquet and socializing.

St.Jude Parish Catechism school held their mid-term staff meeting. Plan to organize Xmas celebration for catechism kids on Dec 18th.

Social apostolate: Ongoing support to Missionaries of Charity and Indian missionary priests up-north.



ST. MOTHER TERESA PARISH, CALGARY

Holy-ween

On October 31st we celebrated as the all saints day. Children dressed up as saints impressed the spectators. Twenty-two children came forward to costume themselves as Saints. The catechism department organized the event well.



PAC Inauguration

In order to give age appropriate faith formation to our children we inaugurated the PAC in our parish on 31st October. After the Holy Mass the parish priest handed over the lighted candle to Miss Fintry, the PAC Animator, as a symbol that the animators are the light that reflect Jesus to the children.



All Souls Day

On November 2nd special Mass was said for the deceased.

Memorial Mass

Knight of Columbus hosted the Memorial mass for the deceased members of the Knight of Columbus on November 04. Rt. Rev. Dr. Henry, Bishop emeritus of Calgary Diocese was the main celebrant of the day.

CHRIST THE KING PARISH SASKATOON

Month of Holy Rosary – Rosary Rally

The whole month of October was celebrated as the month of Holy Rosary. To mark the conclusion of the month of Holy Rosary, a Rosary Rally was conducted in the church. It was held on October 31, Sunday with the Catechism class. At 4.30 pm, Fr. Martin gave a short session on the importance of Holy Rosary. It was followed by Rosary Rally. The catechism students, teachers and parents participated in the Rosary Rally. It was so prayerful and meaningful.



Saints' Presentation

Celebrating Holyween, there was all saints' presentation held in the church. All the catechism students participated in the saints' presentation. The students not only clad as their favorite saints but proclaimed the motto and a brief history of the respective saint. It was not only inspiring for the participants and the witnesses but also very informative.



Parish Feast 2021

The 4th Annual Parish Feast was held on November 21, Sunday. The parish is named after Christ the King. To prepare well for the feast, nine days of novena was held from November 12, Friday to November 20, Saturday. To mark the beginning of it all, a flyer of the Parish Feast was unveiled in the church. The Parish Priest Fr. Martin Augustin unveiled it and handed it to the trustee Felix Peter. Other Parish Council members were present too.



On November 19 and 20, the annual parish retreat was held. It was also an immediate preparation for the Parish Feast. Fr. Sebastian Kunnath, Pastor, St. Vittal, Battleford was the retreat preacher. He belongs to the diocese of Prince Albert. He animated the parish those two days speaking mainly on family life. The retreat was a good occasion for the parishioners to have a fitting spiritual preparation for the parish feast too.

On November 21, the actual Feast day, the services began at 2.30 pm. It was held in St. Anne Parish. The feast day celebration began with the Holy Rosary. At 3.00 pm the solemn procession commenced. The main celebrant of the day was Fr. Joseph Thazhathemuriyil VC, Pastor, Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, Davidson. The sermon was preached by Fr. Santhosh Thekkekulam VC, Pastor at St. James Catholic Church, Wilkie. We were blessed with the presence of His Excellency Most Reverend Bishop Mark A Hagemoen, Bishop of Saskatoon who concelebrated the Eucharistic Celebration. There were 139 *presudenthis* this year. There was *presudenthivazcha* right at the beginning just before the Eucharistic celebration.



After the Holy Mass, there was cultural programmes performed by the Catechism students, youth, catechism teachers and parishioners. It was so rich and enjoyable. Everyone who were present highly appreciated the programmes



At the conclusion of the cultural events, there was a delicious supper served for all.



ST. MOTHER THERESA MISSION, NORTH BATTLEFORD

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ST. JOHN PAUL II PARISH, REGINA

Welcome Back Parish Priest

Fr. Daris Cherian returned from his vacation on October 14th. He was stuck in Kerala for about 6 months due to the pandemic restrictions and delays associated with it. Parishioners welcomed their vicar with a flower bouquet and expressed their happiness.

Parish Feast Celebrations

Regina Parish celebrated the Feast of our Parish Patron, St. John Paul II on Sunday, October 24th. In preparation for the Feast, 9 days Novena began on October 15th. Daily services included Holy Rosary, Holy Mass and Novena to St. John Paul II.

Thirunnal Kodyett

The main 3 days celebrations of the Parish Feast commenced with Thirunnal Kodyett on Friday, October 22nd. Holy



Rosary recital was at 5:30 pm, followed by Kodyett and Holy Mass by the Parish priest, Fr. Daris Cherian.

Presudenti Vazhcha

We had 192 Presudentis this year, from the Parish and from all over Canada. Many people outside of the Parish joined as Presudentis and received blessings of St. John Paul II. PresudentiVazhcha was done during the Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. VarkeyThattuparambil. We would like to thank all the Presudentis and may God bless you all.



Feast Day Celebration

Regina Syro-Malabar Catholic Parish is blessed with the presence of dear Bishop Mar Jose Kalluvilil on Feast Day as the main celebrant for the Holy Mass. Archbishop of Regina, His Excellency Donald Bolen also joined for the Festal celebration and presented the felicitation. Feast day services began with Holy Rosary, Welcoming the Bishop to the Parish, Solemn High Mass, Novena, Ladeenju and Blessings.



Publishing the History of St. John Paul II Syro-Malabar Catholic Parish Regina

The history book of Regina Syro-Malabar Catholic Parish was very kindly prepared by one of our Pioneers, Mr. Mathew Thomas. Parish Priest, Fr. Daris handed over the copy to Bishop Mar. Jose Kalluvilil. After unveiling the book, it was presented to Archbishop Donald Bolen during the Festal Celebration.



Bishop's Pastoral Visit

During the one week visit to Regina, Bishop was very kindly willing to schedule his precious time for the following: Thirunnalkurbana at St. John Paul II Syro-Malabar Catholic Parish Regina, Meeting with Archbishop Don at his office, Holy Mass, retreat talk with Holy hour for Regina Syro-Malabar parish, Regina. Holy Mass for Regina Syro-Malabar parish followed by the parish. Holy Mass for St. Little Flower Syro-Malabar mission at Weyburn and Holy Mass for St. Mary's Syro-Malabar mission at Moosejaw. Regina Parish and the missions extend their heartfelt gratitude to Bishop.



Holy Mass at St. Little Flower Syro-Malabar Mission at Weyburn

Holy Mass at St. Mary's Syro-Malabar Mission at Moosejaw

Observation of Rosary Month

The month of October is dedicated to special attention and honour to Mother Mary and we do daily Holy Rosary prayers. The last 10 days of Rosary month were spiritually celebrated with Holy Rosary recital in the

church followed by Holy Mass. The Rosary month celebration was ended on Sunday, October 31st.

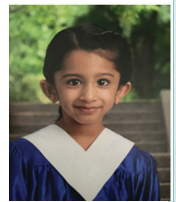
Catechism Department Updates - 2021-2022

The first meeting of the Catechism department for this new academic year was held on August 13, 2021, with the presence of Fr. Daris and teachers. New Principal (Renjini Joseph) and Vice-principal (Anju Chacko) were selected and three new teachers join our team. Catechism Department inauguration was done on September 19, 2021, after Holy

Mass by Fr. George Thattuparambil followed by his beautiful message. Catechism classes started on September 19, 2021, via a virtual platform. A total of 59 students have been registered in this new academic year with 16 teachers.

Pious Association

A new coordinator (Anju Chacko) was selected for this year. Forane level competition was conducted for the St. Joseph's Year talent fest 2021: Leann Anurag from Grade 1 won second prize in singing competition in Eparchy level. Congratulations Leann, Regina Parish is very proud of you!



Holyween Celebrations

Regina Parish celebrated Holyween on Sunday, October 31st after Holy Mass. Children aged 3 months to grade 8 dressed up as saints and performed at church. Catechism



department coordinated the holyween Saint's parade. Prizes were disturbed right after the Program.

SMYM Regina Parish

The world youth day celebration was conducted at Regina Parish under the leadership of the SMYM unit. The program started with Holy Mass, followed by a social gathering, welcoming and introducing new members. Small snacks and refreshments were provided.



St. John Paul II Knights of Columbus Council # 17190

In-person Exemplification of recently joined members of St. John Paul II Council of Knights of Columbus held on Sunday, November 14th after the Holy Mass. This was the first in-person exemplification conducted in the City since the pandemic hit. There were nine members of our council who received their 3rd-degree knight during this ceremony. New officers of the executive committee were installed as well the same day. Mathew Thomas, Best in Kurian, and Sony Joseph were installed as Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight and Financial Secretary respectively. Campion College K of C team carried out the Exemplification and the solemn event ended with social and light refreshments. Twenty-five new members have joined the order in recent months and \$250 was raised towards the annual charity appeal.

Nurses Ministry

Regina Nurses Ministry held a chain Rosary on Nov. 13th for the whole world, requesting the intercession of the Holy



Mother. Nurses' Ministry meeting was held on November 19th. The meeting decided to conduct the Nurses Ministry Christmas Celebration on Sunday, December 12th, after the Holy Mass. The team also decided to sing a Christmas song and send it to the national team. A choir practice session will be held on December 12th. In addition, we are looking forward to hearing more suggestions from the other members too for the Christmas celebration.



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NOVEMBER 2021

BISHOP'S DIARY

Date	Time	Program
1	05.00 pm 07.30 pm	Celebrated All Saints Day Holy Qurbana at St Jude Parish, Winnipeg Conducted Meeting with Archbishop of Boniface Bishop LaGat
2	05.00 pm 07.30 pm	Recited Office for the Dead at St Alphonsa Cemetry, Mississauga Celebrated All Souls Day Holy Qurbana at St Alphonsa Cathedral, Mississauga
3	06.00 pm	Presided over the St Joseph's Year Meeting
4	11.00 am 01.30 pm	Presided over the Curia Meeting Gave Sent Off to Fr. Sebastian O'Carm
5	11.00 am 05.30 pm 08.00 pm	Visited the Proposed New House for the Scarborough, Presbytery Conducted Meeting with Eparchial Finance Officers Joined in the ECC and Principals' Meeting
6-10		Pastoral Visit at Holy Family Parish, Halifax
	04.00 pm 06.30 pm	Presided over the Parish Council Meeting at Halifax Celebrated Holy Qurbana at Halifax
7	11.00 am 04.30 pm	Celebrated Holy Qurbana at Newly Rented Church at Halifax Celebrated Holy Qurbana at Berwick Mission
8	11.00 am 06.00 pm	Joined in the Monthly Recollection for Priests and Sisters Started New Mission at Truro, Divine Mercy Mission Truro, Halifax
9	09.00 am 04.00 pm 08.00 pm 09.00 pm	Joined in the Liturgy Committee Meeting Celebrated Holy Qurbana and Baptism at Berwick Celebrated Holy Qurbana at Lunenburg Joined in the Parish Council Meeting at Lunenburg
10	11.30 am 02.00 pm	Presided over the Curia Meeting Meeting with Archbishop Brian Joseph Dun, Halifax- Yarmouth
11	12.00 pm 05.00 pm	Meeting with Archbishop of Moncton-Valery Vienneau Celebrated Holy Qurbana at Moncton
12-14		Pastoral Visit at Charlottetown, PEI

13	12.00 pm 06.00 pm	Inaugurated PAC Leaders' Meet Conducted Meeting with Parish Council, Catechism Teachers and Nurses Ministry Leaders.
14	04.00 pm	Celebrated Holy Qurbana at Charlottetown, PEI
15	03.00 pm 07.30 pm	Gave Message to Nurses Ministry Prayer Team Celebrated Holy Qurbana at St Alphonsa Cathedral
17	11.30 am 01.00 pm	Presided over the Curia Meeting Joined in the ARC-B-Dialogue Meeting
20	11.00 am 05.00 pm	Inaugurated Synod on Sinodality in the Eparchy of Mississauga Joined in the St Joseph Year Celebration at Hamilton
21	10.00 am 05.00 pm 08.00 pm	Celebrated World Youth Day at St Alphonsa Cathedral Celebrated World Youth Day at St Thomas Forane Parish, Scarbourough Inaugurated the World Youth Day Celebration at Eparchial Level
22	08.00 am	Celebrated Holy Qurbana at CHF
24	06.30 am 11.30 am 08.00 pm	Joined in the SMYM Combined Meeting with Bishops and SMYM Directors Presided over the Curia Meeting Joined in the SMYM International Youth Team Meeting
27	11.00 am 02.30 pm	Administered Baptism at Cathedral Offered Holy Qurbana and Gave Message at International Youth Retreat, Cambridgeled by AFCM
28	12.00 pm 05.00 pm	Administered Sacrament of Initiation at Kingstone Administered Sacrament of Initiation and Solemn Holy Communion at Kingstone
29	08.00 am	Celebrated Holy Qurbana at CMC



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1	ബുധൻ	കൊളോ. 1:24-29, യോഹ. 5:31-36
2	വ്യാഴം	റോമ. 9:30-33, ലൂക്കാ 1:21-25
3	വെള്ളി	2 കോറി. 6:3-10, മത്താ. 5:1-12
4	ശനി	1 യോഹ 4:7-12, യോഹ 3:16-21
5	ഞായർ	മംഗലവാർത്ത രണ്ടാം ഞായർ ഉത്പ. 3:8-24, ജറെ 33:14-26 വെളി 5:1-5, ലൂക്കാ. 1:26-38
6	തിങ്കൾ	റോമാ 1:1-7, മത്താ. 22:41-46
7	ചൊവ്വ	എഫേ. 3:1-13, ലൂക്കാ. 1:39-45
8	ബുധൻ	പരിശുദ്ധ കന്യകാമറിയത്തിന്റെ അമലോത്ഭവത്തിനാൾ പ്രഭാ. 24:1-14, ഏശ. 7:10-16 ഹെബ്രോ. 1:1-3, 2:16-18 ലൂക്കാ. 1:46-55
9	വ്യാഴം	1 യോഹ 5:13-20, ലൂക്കാ. 1:67-75
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13	തിങ്കൾ	എഫേ. 1:3-14, ലൂക്കാ. 1:67; 76-80
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31	വെള്ളി	ഗലാ 4:1-7, ലൂക്കാ 8:19-21, 11:27-28



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