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Let the Almighty God Grant him Eternal Rest!



MAR MATHEW ANIKKUZHIKATTIL
BISHOP EMIRITUS OF IDUKKI



Eparchy of Mississauga



*Farewell
Greetings*



Rev. Fr. Saji CMI

Heartfelt Thanks and Congratulations for your
Wonderful Services as Associate Pastor,
Youth Apostolate Director, Charismatic and
Renewal Director.

Silver Jubilee Greetings

Sr. Celin Rose CMC



BISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS

MAY 2020



**BISHOP'S
ENGAGEMENTS**

| Date | Time | Program |
|------|----------|---|
| 1 | 7.00 pm | Marian Consecration and Holy Qurbana at Cathedral |
| 3 | 10.00 am | Holy Qurbana at Cathedral |
| 4 | 11.00 am | Monthly Recollection for Priests and Sisters |
| 6 | 10.00 am | Curia Meeting |
| 8 | 11.00 am | College of Consultors Body Meeting |
| 10 | 11.30 am | Holy Qurbana at Cathedral |
| 11 | 05.00 pm | Presbyteral Council Meeting |
| 20 | 05.00 pm | Eparchial Assembly Team Meeting |
| 24 | 10.00 am | Holy Qurbana at Cathedral - First Anniversary of elevation to Eparchy |
| 31 | 11.30 am | Holy Qurbana at Cathedral |



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PASTORAL LETTER

April 25, 2020

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PENTACOST- 2020 FOR NEW VIGOUR AND VITALITY

Holy Spirit is the gift of Risen Jesus. “When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit” (Jn 20:22). Even though they had received Holy Spirit, unfortunately the disciples could not experience him till the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. They remained the same- as timid, unfaithful, inconsistent and unmotivated. Even after seeing the Risen Lord they could not experience him or could not witness him. Moreover, those who were called to be the fishers of men had gone back for fishing under the leadership of Simon Peter (Jn 21:3). So, Jesus “ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father” (Acts 1:4). Further Jesus explained his great pastoral plan: “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8). Accordingly, they returned to Jerusalem, constantly devoted themselves to prayer, together with Mary the mother of Jesus (Acts 1:12-14). Let this preparation of the first Pentecost be an inspiration for our Pentecost 2020 for a new vigour and vitality.

Have I made room for the Holy Spirit so that he could act? How is it possible? I would like to suggest four means to make room for Holy Spirit in our hearts. 1. Walking with the Lord 2. Building the Church of Christ 3. Witnessing the Lord 4. Mother Mary, sure

path to Holy Spirit. The first three are inspired by first historical speech of Pope Francis on 13 March 2013.

1.Walking with the Lord:

God created us for fellowship with Him and He desires us to walk with Him (Micah 6:8). Before the fall, Adam and Eve would walk and talk with God in the garden of Eden, but after they had sinned, they were ashamed and hid when they heard him coming (Gen 3:8). Their sin separated humanity from God (Rom 5:12). But Jesus came to offer us forgiveness and restoration. The sacrifice of Jesus enables us to have a personal and close relationship with God through the Holy Spirit (Jn 14:16–17). When you put your faith in Jesus, your relationship with God becomes the most important thing in your life. You want to talk with him, seek him, and please him in all your ways. This is walking with God. When you walk with God, you invite him into your everyday life and your decision making. You spend time praying and talking with him through out the day.

Walking with God also means you are in agreement with him and his ways (Amos 3:3). No one is perfect, but when you are walking with God your desire should be to see your own selfish desires die for the sake of seeing God, and transform you more and more into the image of his Son: “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come”(2Cor5:17).

Another name for walking with God that is commonly used in the New Testament is “walking in the Spirit” (Gal 5:16; Rom 8:4). When Jesus ascended into heaven, He left the Holy Spirit with us. The Holy Spirit, being on the earth and in us when we believe in Christ, is our direct link to God (Rom 8:9–11).

People who walk with God display the fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22–23). Therefore Christ’s followers live in contrast to the ways of the world surrounding them (Phil2:15).

Walking with God is a way of life, and it is a choice. We can walk in God’s ways or the ways of the world, but we cannot do both (Mat 6:24). Let the Holy Spirit help to make the right choice.

2. Building the Church of Christ:

It is good to know God’s plan to build the Church. Christ says, “And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church and gates of hades will not prevail against it” (Mat. 16:18). Jesus tells Peter he is the rock of the Church. He affirms Peter’s faith and character, and says that he will be the foundation of the Kingdom community as it grows. Christ is building the Church, and we need to find out how he is building it so we can partner with him.

Jesus teaches *Kingdom*, not building. The Gospel narratives are filled with vivid parables, all about the Kingdom of God. They were Jesus’ central teaching. But this kingdom he speaks about is ‘not a where but a when’. It is the state of the world when people acknowledge God; when God is honored and worshipped and respected—the Kingdom is present. The Church was never about brick and mortar. Christ is the builder and people are the building block.

In short, there are mainly three things that the Kingdom of God means: 1. The rule of Jesus Christ on earth. 2. The blessing and advantage that flow from living under Christ’s rule. 3. The subject of the Kingdom, or the Church. Therefore, it is about a way of being in the world. Being Christians, our life should be attractive. Pope Francis calls it “evangelization through attraction”. The sweet fragrance of our virtuous life should be able to attract people to Christ and build his Church.

3. Witnessing for Christ

Before the Lord Jesus ascended into heaven, his last words were, “You shall be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8). The disciples boldly testified, “We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard” (Acts 4:20).

Why do I need to witness? This can be seen from four dimensions: God, the believers, the unbelievers, and Satan.

1. From God’s side: God commanded us. Witnessing was a command, not a choice.
2. From the believers’ side: We are chosen branches set in the vine to bear fruit. It is that we would go forth and be fruitful, speaking to others so that they also would become sharers of this life.
3. From the unbelievers’ side: They need to hear to believe. Mankind has a desperate spiritual need. What is our responsibility toward our fellow human beings? We can see it in Paul’s words in Romans 1:14: “I am debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to foolish.” Every believer is a debtor. Therefore St. Paul admires, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” (Rom 10:15).
4. From Satan’s side: His kingdom will suffer loss. Witnessing for Christ also defeats Satan’s strategy of keeping people under his authority. The Lord Jesus needs us to speak the gospel to people, “To open their eyes, to turn them from darkness to light and from the authority of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me” (Acts 26:18).

How do we witness for Christ? The most important witnessing is through our life, through our personal experience of Christ. ”we declare

to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ” (1 Jn 1:3).

4. Mother Mary, Sure Path to Holy Spirit

At Pentecost the Blessed Virgin Mary received the Holy Spirit with unique fullness because hers is the purest human heart. The Lord promised to those who love Him: we will come to him and make our home with him (Jn 14:23). In Our Lady this promise is most fulfilled since she, the masterpiece of God is most prepared to be the living tabernacle of the Son of God and temple of the Holy Spirit. When the Angel greeted Mary: Hail, full of grace (Lk 1:28), she was already possessed by the Holy Spirit and filled with his grace. Yet, at Pentecost the Holy Spirit descended upon Mary and filled her soul in a new way. Because of this gift of sublime grace, she far surpasses all creatures, both in Heaven and on earth. (*Lumen gentium*, 53).

At Pentecost Mary is presented as “the Mother of Jesus.” Undoubtedly, although Peter is head of the Eleven, Mary represents the heart of the group, the unifying core of all who have come together to pray and prepare for the coming of the Paraclete. Here we can see, as John Paul II says, that “the Marian dimension of the Church precedes the Petrine dimension, although both are complementary” (*Address*, 12/22/87).

The descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost prepared Mary and the Apostles for their respective post Ascension missions. The tongues of fire that appeared in the Upper Room infused their hearts and minds with charisms and gifts required for their vital mission of evangelizing the world: worshipping, preaching, teaching, healing, administering, serving and unifying the people of God. The Holy Spirit effected their transformation into Christ.

Finally, this experience of prayer with Mary, to invoke the Holy Spirit, is not something that belongs to the past. Pope Benedict said that “wherever Christians gather in prayer with Mary, the Lord gives his Spirit”. Let us have the courage and generosity to renew our prayer in union with the Virgin Mary. Let us ask her to intercede for us before Jesus so that, as in the wedding at Cana, she may turn to her Son and say, “They have no wine.” With her powerful intercession, Mother Mary will bring about a second Pentecost in our souls, in our family, in our Eparchy and in the entire Church.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, starting with a cross symbol and followed by a stylized name.

+ Mar Jose Kalluvilil

Bishop of Mississauga

NB. Please read this Pastoral letter on May 17, 2020, during Holy Qurbana in all our parishes and missions.



CURIA NEWS

Curia Meeting

Virtual Curia meeting was convened on April 20, 2020. Bishop Jose Kalluvilil presided over the meeting. Curia evaluated and updated the pandemic situation and online activities of Eparchy Crisis Team, Parishes and Departments.

Eparchy Presbyteral Council

The second meeting of the Presbyteral Council was held on April 23, 2020. It was a Zoom online meeting as any sort of gatherings is prohibited because of the outbreak of Covid 19 pandemic. All the members were present for the meeting. Meeting started with an introductory prayer by Bishop Jose Kalluvilil.

Owing to the small numerical strength of the Eparchy, there is a situation that all matters are discussed in various forums comprising of same members. Hence to clarify the need of the existence of a Presbyteral Council His Excellency Mar Jose Kalluvilil, Eparchy of Mississauga once again reiterated the Canonical relevance and necessity of a Presbyteral Council in an Eparchy. It was then agreed upon that the Presbyteral Council will continue to exist in the Eparchy fulfilling the specific responsibilities. The Chancellor clarified that the specific topics of discussion in the Presbyteral Council are Eparchial Financial account and Administrative matters concerning a Forane, a Parish etc like erection of a new forane, erection of a new parish and so on. The Proto Syncellus, Fr. Pathros also addressed the meeting.

The Decisions arrived at are:

1. Decided to constitute Eparchial statutes for the Presbyteral Council at the earliest.

2. A committee comprising of Fr. John Mylamvelil, Fr. Boby Muttathuvalayil and Fr. Augustine Kallunkatharayil, was constituted to prepare the statutes of the Presbyteral Council.
3. According to the Syro-Malabar Church statutes, the Presbyteral Council should be constituted prior to the constitution of Consultors Body. It will then meet the requisite that all the members of the Consultors Body should be members from the Presbyteral Council. Before the elevation of Exarchate into Eparchy, due to the shortage of priests, we had only Consultors Body and no Presbyteral Council. The decision arrived at after discussion on this disparity is that the status quo will continue, and rectification will be done when new members are nominated to the Consultors Body.
4. With regard to the Eparchial Assembly, it was decided that the preparations will continue as scheduled and the Lineamenta will be ready by May 20, 2020.
5. There was a decision to have more comprehensive statutes for the Eparchy as the ad experimentum statutes have not touched upon some important areas. It was decided that further discussion on this will be done during Live and Learn 2020, scheduled for July.
6. It was decided to have the next Presbyteral Council meeting on May 11, 2020 Monday.

The meeting concluded with a prayer led by Fr. Pathros.
Fr. Martin SDB
Presbyteral Council Secretary

Eparchial Assembly: Team Meeting Report

The Central Committee of the Eparchial Assembly convened a meeting on April 22, 2020. Ten members participated in the virtual meeting which was presided over by Bishop Mar Jose Kalluvilil. The

committee evaluated the progress in the preparation of 'Lineamenta'. It is under preparation by the experts with the guidance of the Directors of the respective departments in the Eparchy. The final draft of the Lineamenta will be published on May 20, 2020 for further study and discussion. The possibility of conducting the Parish Assembly during this unprecedented time was also under discussion.

For the Central Committee of the Eparchial Assembly
Secretary, Fr. Augustine Kallumkatharayil

Monthly Recollection for Priests and Sisters

Monthly Recollection for Priests and Sisters for the month of May will be held on May 4 Monday, 2020. Fr. John Mylamvelil will help us with the priestly empowerment topic - Priests and Sisters: A Spiritual Fatherhood and Motherhood.

Curia Meeting

Next Curia Meeting will be convened on 06 Wednesday 2020 at 10.00 am.

College of Consultors Body Meeting

Next College of Consultors Body Meeting will be held on 08, Friday 2020 at 11.00 am.

Presbyteral Council

The next Presbyteral Council will be held on 11 May 2020 at 05.00 pm.

First Anniversary of Elavation to Eparchy

First Anniversary of elevation to Eparchy will be celebrated on May 24. Sunday in Cathedral with solemn Holy Qurbana.

പൗരോഹിത്യ ആഖ്യാത്മികത: വചനവിചിന്തനങ്ങൾ

മല്പാൻ മാത്യു വെള്ളാനിക്കൽ

പുരോഹിതജീവിതം: സുവിശേഷപ്രഘോഷണം

(തിരുവചനഭാഗം: ശ്ലീഹ 28,1 -31)

പൗലോസ് ശ്ലീഹാ മാൾട്ടായിൽനിന്നും റോമിലെത്തുകയും അവിടെ കരുതൽ തടങ്കലിൽ താമസിച്ചുകൊണ്ട് സുവിശേഷപ്രഘോഷണം നടത്തുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നതാണ് ഈ അവസാന അദ്ധ്യായത്തിന്റെ ഉള്ളടക്കം. ഈ അദ്ധ്യായത്തെ താഴെക്കാണുവിധം വിഭജിക്കാം:

1. പൗലോസ് മാൾട്ടായിൽ (28,1-10)
2. പൗലോസ് റോമയിൽ എത്തുന്നു (28,11-16)
3. യഹൂദനേതാക്കന്മാരെ കാണുന്നു (28,17-22)
4. യഹൂദരോട് സുവിശേഷം പ്രസംഗിക്കുന്നു (28,23-28)
5. റോമിലെ പ്രസംഗവും പ്രബോധനവും (28,29-31)

സഭയുടെ നെടുതുണുകളിലൊരാളാണ് പൗലോസ് ശ്ലീഹാ. അതിനുകാരണം പൗലോസിന്റെ റോമൻ സാന്നിധ്യമാണ്. റോമിലാണ് പൗലോസ് ശ്ലീഹായുടെ മരണം സംഭവിച്ചതെങ്കിലും അതെപ്പറ്റി നടപടിഗ്രന്ഥത്തിൽ സൂചനയൊന്നുമില്ല. സഭയുടെ അടിസ്ഥാനപരമായ സുവിശേഷപ്രഘോഷണദൃശ്യവുമായി ബന്ധപ്പെടുത്തിയാണ് പൗലോസ് ശ്ലീഹായുടെ റോമൻ സാന്നിധ്യത്തെ ഇവിടെ അവതരിപ്പിക്കുന്നത്. പുരോഹിതശുശ്രൂഷയും സുവിശേഷപ്രഘോഷണവും തമ്മിലുള്ള അഭേദ്യമായ ബന്ധത്തെയാണ് ഈ അവതരണം വ്യക്തമാക്കുന്നത്.

1. പുരോഹിതൻ: സുവിശേഷം പ്രഘോഷിക്കുന്നവൻ

“പുണ്ണിയൂസിന്റെ പിതാവ് പനിയും അതിസാരവും പിടിപെട്ട് കിടപ്പിലായിരുന്നു. പൗലോസ് അവനെ സന്ദർശിച്ചു പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുകയും അവന്റെമേൽ കൈകൾവെച്ചു സുഖപ്പെടുത്തുകയും ചെയ്തു. ഈ സംഭവത്തെത്തുടർന്ന് ദ്വീപിലുണ്ടായിരുന്ന മറ്റു രോഗികളും അവന്റെയടുക്കൽവന്നു സുഖം പ്രാപിച്ചുകൊണ്ടിരുന്നു. അവർ ഞങ്ങളെ വളരെയേറെ ബഹുമാനിച്ചു. ഞങ്ങൾ കപ്പൽയാത്ര

യ്ക്കൊരുങ്ങിയപ്പോൾ ഞങ്ങൾക്ക് ആവശ്യമുള്ളതെല്ലാം അവർ കൊണ്ടുവന്നു തന്നു.” (28,8-10).

പൗലോസുൾപ്പെടെ കപ്പലിലുണ്ടായിരുന്നവരെല്ലാം കരയ്ക്കെത്തി തീകൂട്ടി തണുപ്പുമാറ്റാൻ ശ്രമിക്കുന്നതിനിടയിൽ പൗലോസിന്റെ കൈയിൽ ഒരു അണലിപ്പാമ്പ് ചുറ്റിതുങ്ങി. എങ്കിലും വിഷബാധയേൽക്കാതെ പൗലോസ് രക്ഷപെടുന്നു. മർക്കോസിന്റെ സുവിശേഷത്തിൽ ഈശോമി ശിഹായിലുള്ള വിശ്വാസംമൂലം സർപ്പവിഷത്തിൽനിന്നു രക്ഷ ലഭിക്കുന്ന കാര്യത്തെ ഇത് അനുസ്മരിപ്പിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്: “അവൻ അവരോടു പറഞ്ഞു: നിങ്ങൾ ലോകമെങ്ങുംപോയി, എല്ലാ സൃഷ്ടികളോടും സുവിശേഷം പ്രസംഗിക്കുവിൻ. വിശ്വസിച്ചു സ്നാനം സ്വീകരിക്കുന്നവൻ രക്ഷിക്കപ്പെടും; വിശ്വസിക്കാത്തവൻ ശിക്ഷിക്കപ്പെടും. വിശ്വസിക്കുന്നവരോടുകൂടെ ഈ അടയാളങ്ങൾ ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കും: അവർ എന്റെ നാമത്തിൽ പിശാചുക്കളെ ബഹിഷ്കരിക്കും. പുതിയ ഭാഷകൾ സംസാരിക്കും. അവർ സർപ്പങ്ങളെ കൈയിലെടുക്കും. മാറകുമായ എന്തു കുടിച്ചാലും അത് അവരെ ഉപദ്രവിക്കുകയില്ല. അവർ രോഗികളുടെമേൽ കൈകൾ വയ്ക്കും; അവർ സുഖം പ്രാപിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യും” (മർക്കോ 16,15-18). അതുപോലെതന്നെ, പൗലോസിനും കൂട്ടർക്കും മൂന്നുദിവസം ആതിഥ്യം നല്കിയ ആ ദ്വീപിന്റെ ഭരണാധിപനായിരുന്ന പുബ്ലിയോസിന്റെ രോഗബാധിതനായ പിതാവിനെ പൗലോസ് കാണുകയും അയാളുടെമേൽ കൈവെച്ച് പ്രാർത്ഥിച്ച് അയാളെ സുഖപ്പെടുത്തുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നു. അതേത്തുടർന്ന് രോഗം പിടിപെട്ട മറ്റാളുകളും ശ്ലീഹായെ സമീപിക്കുകയും പൗലോസിന്റെ പ്രാർത്ഥനയിലൂടെ സൗഖ്യം നേടുകയും ചെയ്തു.

ഇതെല്ലാം സൂചിപ്പിക്കുന്നത് പൗലോസ് ശ്ലീഹായുടെ സുവിശേഷപ്രഘോഷണാഭിമുഖ്യത്തെയാണ്. എവിടെച്ചെന്നാലും അവിടെയെല്ലാം അടയാളങ്ങളോടുകൂടി സുവിശേഷപ്രഘോഷണം നടത്താനുള്ള പരിശ്രമം ശ്ലീഹാ നടത്തിയിരുന്നു. പുരോഹിതന്റെ പ്രഥമദൗത്യം സുവിശേഷപ്രഘോഷണംതന്നെയാണ്. ‘പ്രഘോഷണം’ എന്ന വാക്ക് പ്രത്യേകം ശ്രദ്ധിക്കണം. അത് കേവലം പ്രസംഗമല്ല. മറിച്ച്, സുവിശേഷാത്മകമായ ജീവിതവും ദൈവത്തിന്റെ സ്നേഹസ്പർശനങ്ങളായ അത്ഭുതങ്ങളോടും അടയാളങ്ങളോടുംകൂടിയ സുവിശേഷപ്രഘോഷണവുമാണ്. ഇപ്രകാരമുള്ള സുവിശേഷപ്രഘോഷണമാണ് പുരോഹിതരുടെ ഏറ്റവും പ്രധാനമായ ദൗത്യം.

2. പുരോഹിതൻ: സ്നേഹത്തിന്റെ സുവിശേഷം പ്രഘോഷിക്കുന്നവൻ

“അവിടെനിന്നു തീരം ചുറ്റി റേജിയും എന്ന സ്ഥലത്തു വന്നുചേർന്നു. ഒരു ദിവസം കഴിഞ്ഞപ്പോൾ ഒരു തെക്കൻകാറ്റു വീശുകയാൽ രണ്ടാം ദിവസം ഞങ്ങൾ പുത്തെയോളിൽ എത്തി. അവിടെ ഞങ്ങൾ ചില സഹോദരരെ കണ്ടു. ഒരാഴ്ച തങ്ങളോടൊപ്പം താമസിക്കാൻ അവർ ഞങ്ങളെ ക്ഷണിച്ചു. പിന്നെ ഞങ്ങൾ റോമായിൽ വന്നുചേർന്നു. അവിടെയുള്ള സഹോദരർ ഞങ്ങളെക്കുറിച്ചു കേട്ടറിഞ്ഞ് ഞങ്ങളെ സ്വീകരിക്കുവാൻ ആപ്പിയുസ്പുരവും ത്രിമൺഡപവുംവരെ വന്നു. അവരെക്കണ്ടപ്പോൾ പൗലോസ് ദൈവത്തിനു നന്ദിപറയുകയും ധൈര്യം ആർജ്ജിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തു. ഞങ്ങൾ റോമാപട്ടണത്തിൽ പ്രവേശിച്ചുകഴിഞ്ഞപ്പോൾ ഒരു പടയാളിയുടെ കാവലോടെ ഇഷ്ടമുള്ളിടത്തു താമസിക്കാൻ പൗലോസിന് അനുവാദം ലഭിച്ചു” (28,13-15).

പൗലോസും കുട്ടരും മാൾട്ടായിൽനിന്നും യാത്രതുടർന്ന് ഒരു അലക്സാണ്ട്രിയൻ കപ്പലിൽ റോമിലേക്കു പോകുന്നു. സിറാക്കൂസ്, റേജിയും, പുത്തെയോൾ എന്നീ തുറമുഖപട്ടണങ്ങൾ കടന്നാണ് അവർ റോമിലേക്കു പോയത്. പുത്തെയോൾ പട്ടണത്തിൽനിന്നും ഏതാനും കിലോമീറ്റർ ദൂരം കരമാർഗ്ഗം യാത്ര ചെയ്താൽ ആപ്പിയുസ്പുരത്തും അവിടെനിന്നാരംഭിക്കുന്ന ആപ്പിയൻ വഴിയിലുമെത്തും. റോമിലേക്കുള്ള പ്രധാനറോഡായിരുന്നു ഈ പൊതുവഴി. ‘പുത്തെയോൾ’ പട്ടണം ഇറ്റലിയുടെ തീരത്തുള്ള നേപ്പിൾസ് ഉൾക്കടലിൽ സ്ഥിതി ചെയ്യുന്ന ഒരു വലിയ തുറമുഖപട്ടണമായിരുന്നു. അവിടെ ക്രിസ്ത്യാനികളും ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു. പൗലോസിനെ സ്വാഗതം ചെയ്യുവാൻ റോമിലെ ക്രിസ്ത്യാനികൾ അവിടെവരെയും വന്നിരുന്നു. അവരെ കാണുവാൻ പൗലോസ് ശ്ലീഹായ്ക്ക് അത്യധികം സന്തോഷമുണ്ടായിരുന്നു. റോമാ സന്ദർശിക്കുവാനുള്ള ആഗ്രഹം ശ്ലീഹാ വർഷങ്ങൾക്കുമുമ്പെഴുതിയ ലേഖനത്തിൽ പ്രകടമാക്കിയിരുന്നല്ലോ (റോമാ 1,9-11; 15,24). ആ ആഗ്രഹം സഫലീകൃതമായ സന്ദർഭത്തിൽ കൃതജ്ഞതാ നിർഭരനായി അദ്ദേഹം ദൈവത്തെ സ്തുതിക്കുന്നുമുണ്ട് (ശ്ലീഹാ 28,15).

പൗലോസ് ശ്ലീഹായെയും സഹചാരികളെയും തങ്ങളോടുകൂടി കുറെ ദിവസങ്ങൾ താമസിക്കുവാൻ അവർ ക്ഷണിക്കുകയും, ആ ക്ഷണം സ്വീകരിച്ച് അവർ ഒരാഴ്ച അവിടെ പാർക്കുകയും ചെയ്തു. വിശ്വാസികളുടെ ക്ഷണം സ്വീകരിച്ച് അവരുടെ കൂട്ടായ്മയെ പരിപോഷിപ്പിക്കുകയും അവർക്കു വിശ്വാസപ്രബോധനം നല്കുകയും ചെയ്യുക പൗലോസിനു

വളരെ താല്പര്യമുള്ള കാര്യമായിരുന്നു. വിശ്വാസികളുടെ കൂട്ടായ്മ, സുവിശേഷപ്രഘോഷണത്തിന്റെ അവശ്യ പശ്ചാത്തലമാണ്. സുവിശേഷപ്രഘോഷണം ഒറ്റപ്പെട്ട പ്രവർത്തനമല്ല. അത് സഭാത്മകവും സഭാകൂട്ടായ്മയോട് അവശ്യം ബന്ധപ്പെട്ടതുമാണ്. പുരോഹിതൻ തനിക്കേല്പിക്കപ്പെടുന്ന വിശ്വാസികളുടെ സമൂഹത്തെ കൂട്ടായ്മയിൽ കെട്ടിപ്പടുക്കുവാൻ പ്രത്യേകം ശ്രദ്ധിക്കുകയാണെങ്കിൽ, നല്ല സുവിശേഷപ്രഘോഷകനാകാൻ അദ്ദേഹത്തിനു കഴിയും.

3. പുരോഹിതൻ: സ്നേഹസംഭാഷണം നടത്തുന്നവൻ

“ഇക്കാരണത്താൽത്തന്നെയാണ് നിങ്ങളെ കണ്ടു സംസാരിക്കാൻ ഞാൻ നിങ്ങളെ വിളിച്ചുകൂട്ടിയത്. എന്തെന്നാൽ, ഇസ്രായേലിന്റെ പ്രത്യേക ശയ്യെ പ്രതിയാണ് ഞാൻ ഈ ചങ്ങലകളാൽ ബന്ധിതനായിരിക്കുന്നത്. അവർ അവനോടു പറഞ്ഞു: നിന്നെക്കുറിച്ചു യൂദയായിൽനിന്നു ഞങ്ങൾക്ക് കത്തൊന്നും ലഭിച്ചിട്ടില്ല. ഇവിടെ വന്ന സഹോദരിലാരും നിനക്കെതിരായി വിവരംതരുകയോ നിന്നെ കുറ്റപ്പെടുത്തി സംസാരിക്കുകയോ ചെയ്തിട്ടു മില്ല. എന്നാൽ, നിന്റെ അഭിപ്രായങ്ങളെന്തെല്ലാമാണെന്നു നിന്നിൽനിന്നു തന്നെ കേൾക്കാൻ ഞങ്ങൾ ആഗ്രഹിക്കുന്നു. ഇതു ഞങ്ങൾക്കറിയാം, ഈ മതവിഭാഗത്തെ എല്ലായിടത്തും ആളുകൾ എതിർത്തു സംസാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്” (28,20-22).

റോമിലെത്തിയ പൗലോസിനെ സ്വീകരിക്കുവാൻ അവിടുത്തെ ക്രിസ്തീയവിശ്വാസികൾ വന്നിരുന്നല്ലോ. അവരെ കണ്ടപ്പോൾ പൗലോസ് ദൈവത്തിനു നന്ദി പറയുകയും ധൈര്യം ആർജ്ജിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തു (28,15). അവിടെ നേരിട്ടുപോയി സുവിശേഷപ്രഘോഷണം നടത്തുവാനുള്ള സ്വാതന്ത്ര്യം പൗലോസിനില്ലായിരുന്നു. എങ്കിലും മറ്റു തടവുകാരിൽനിന്നുമാറി ഒരു കാവൽപടയാളിയോടുകൂടി തനിച്ചുതാമസിക്കുവാൻ പൗലോസിന് അനുവാദം ലഭിച്ചു. അങ്ങനെ താമസിക്കുമ്പോൾ പൗലോസ് റോമിലുള്ള യഹൂദനേതാക്കന്മാരെ താൻ താമസിച്ചിരുന്ന സ്ഥലത്ത് ക്ഷണിച്ചുവരുത്തി അവരോടു സംസാരിച്ചു. അവരുമായുള്ള ആദ്യസംഭാഷണത്തിൽ റോമിൽ വരാനുള്ള സാഹചര്യമാണ് പൗലോസ് വിവരിച്ചത്. താൻ ജറുസലേമിലെ യഹൂദന്മാരോട് ക്രിസ്തീയവിശ്വാസത്തെപ്പറ്റി സംസാരിച്ചു വെന്നും ക്രിസ്തീയസുവിശേഷം യഹൂദപാരമ്പര്യത്തിനെതിരല്ല, പൂർത്തീകരണമാണെന്നു പറഞ്ഞപ്പോൾ അതു മനസ്സിലാക്കാതെ തന്നെ പിടിച്ചു

റോമാക്കാരെ ഏല്പിച്ചുവെന്നും, റോമാക്കാരായ ഭരണാധിപന്മാർ വധശിക്ഷയ്ക്കർഹമായി യാതൊരു കുറ്റവും തന്നിൽ കാണാതിരുന്നപ്പോഴും യഹൂദനേതാക്കന്മാർ ആ വിധിക്കെതിരായി ശബ്ദമുണ്ടാക്കിയതുമൂലം തനിക്ക് സീസറിനെ അഭയം പ്രാപിക്കേണ്ടി വന്നുവെന്നും പൗലോസ് വിശദീകരിച്ചു.

സുവിശേഷപ്രഘോഷണത്തിന് എതിർപ്പുണ്ടാകുന്ന സാഹചര്യങ്ങളിൽ എപ്രകാരമാണ് പുരോഹിതൻ വർത്തിക്കേണ്ടത് എന്നതിന് ഇവിടെ പൗലോസ് മാതൃകയാകുന്നുണ്ട്. എതിരാളികളെ വിളിച്ച്, അവരോട് സ്നേഹപൂർവ്വം കാര്യം പറഞ്ഞു മനസ്സിലാക്കുവാനാണ് പുരോഹിതൻ ശ്രമിക്കേണ്ടത്. ന്യായവാദത്തിലൂടെ എതിരാളികളെ തോല്പിക്കാൻ ശ്രമിക്കാതെ, സ്നേഹപൂർവ്വം അവരെ നേരിടുകയും തന്റെ വിശ്വാസത്തിന്റെ വിശദീകരണം നല്കി അവരെ ബോധ്യപ്പെടുത്താൻ ശ്രമിക്കുകയുമാണ് ചെയ്യേണ്ടത്. ദൈവവചനം ദൈവവും മനുഷ്യനും തമ്മിലുള്ള സംഭാഷണമായതുകൊണ്ട്, വചനപ്രഘോഷണവും ആ 'ഡയലോഗ്' സ്വഭാവം കാത്തുസൂക്ഷിക്കേണ്ടതുണ്ട്.

4. പുരോഹിതൻ: മിശിഹാനുഭവത്തിന് സാക്ഷ്യം വഹിക്കുന്നവൻ

“അവനുമായി സംസാരിക്കാൻ അവർ ഒരു ദിവസം നിശ്ചയിച്ചു. അന്ന് നിരവധിയാളുകൾ അവന്റെ വാസസ്ഥലത്തു വന്നുകൂടി. രാവിലെ മുതൽ സന്ധ്യവരെ അവൻ മോശയുടെ നിയമത്തെയും പ്രവാചകന്മാരെയും അടിസ്ഥാനമാക്കി ഈശോയെക്കുറിച്ച് അവരെ ബോധ്യപ്പെടുത്താൻ ശ്രമിക്കുകയും ദൈവരാജ്യത്തെക്കുറിച്ച് പരസ്യമായി സാക്ഷ്യപ്പെടുത്തുകയും ചെയ്തു” (28,23-24).

നേരത്തെ നിശ്ചയിച്ചതനുസരിച്ച് യഹൂദനേതാക്കന്മാർ പൗലോസ് താമസിച്ചിരുന്ന സ്ഥലത്ത് വീണ്ടും ഒരുമിച്ചുകൂടി. നേതാക്കന്മാരോടൊപ്പം മറ്റു നിരവധിയാളുകളുമുണ്ടായിരുന്നു (28,23). അവരോട് പൗലോസ് ശ്രീഹാശരിക്കും സുവിശേഷപ്രഘോഷണം നടത്തി. “നിയമത്തെയും പ്രവാചകന്മാരെയും അടിസ്ഥാനമാക്കി ഈശോയെക്കുറിച്ച് അവരെ ബോധ്യപ്പെടുത്താൻ ശ്രമിക്കുകയും ദൈവരാജ്യത്തെക്കുറിച്ച് പരസ്യമായി സാക്ഷ്യപ്പെടുത്തുകയും ചെയ്തു” (28,23). ഈശോയുടെ ഉത്ഥാനത്തിലധിഷ്ഠിതമായ തന്റെ ക്രിസ്തീയവിശ്വാസവും തനിക്കുണ്ടായ മിശിഹാനുഭവവും ആയിരിക്കണം പൗലോസ് അവരോടു പ്രഘോഷിച്ചത്. പൗലോസിന്റെ മിശിഹാനു

ഭവത്തെ അടിസ്ഥാനമാക്കിയുള്ള പ്രഭാഷണം സ്വീകരിക്കുവാൻ കേൾവികാരിൽ ഒരു കൂട്ടം പേർ തയ്യാറായി. മറ്റുള്ളവർ, ഒരുപക്ഷേ ഔദ്യോഗിക യഹൂദമതത്തെ പ്രതിനിധാനം ചെയ്തവർ, അത് തിരസ്കരിച്ചു. ഇതുതന്നെയാണ് മറ്റു സ്ഥലങ്ങളിലും സംഭവിച്ചത്.

ഇപ്രകാരം സംഭവിച്ചപ്പോൾ യഹൂദർ തിരസ്കരിച്ച സുവിശേഷം വിജാതീയർക്കു പ്രഘോഷിക്കപ്പെടുന്നു എന്നത് ദൈവത്തിന്റെ പരിപാലനയിൽ സംഭവിച്ചതാണ് എന്നു പ്രസ്താവിച്ചുകൊണ്ടാണ് പൗലോസ് തന്റെ പ്രഭാഷണം അവസാനിപ്പിക്കുന്നത്. ഇവിടെ അതിനായി പൗലോസ് ഉദ്ധരിക്കുന്ന പ്രവാചകവചനം, ഏഴ് 6,9-10, സുവിശേഷങ്ങളിൽ ഈശോതന്നെ ഉദ്ധരിക്കുന്നതായി കാണാം (മത്താ 13,14; മർക്കോ 4,12; ലൂക്കാ 8,10). അപ്രകാരം പൗലോസിന്റെ റോമിലെ സുവിശേഷപ്രഘോഷണം സഭയുടെ തുടർന്നുള്ള സുവിശേഷപ്രഘോഷണത്തിനു നിർണ്ണായകമായിത്തീരുന്നു. പൗലോസ് സഭയുടെ സുവിശേഷപ്രഘോഷണത്തിന്റെ നിർണ്ണായക വിധിതാവും മാതൃകയുമായി നിലനില്ക്കുന്നു. പൗലോസ് തന്റെ സഭാശുശ്രൂഷയെ 'സുവിശേഷത്തിനുള്ള പുരോഹിതശുശ്രൂഷ'യായിട്ടാണ് വിശേഷിപ്പിക്കുന്നത് (റോമാ 15,16). അതുകൊണ്ട് പുരോഹിതന്റെ ജീവിതംതന്നെ ഒരു സുവിശേഷപ്രഘോഷണമായി മാറണം. ഇതു സാധ്യമാകണമെങ്കിൽ പുരോഹിതൻ പൗലോസ്സ്റ്റീഹായെപ്പോലെ സഭയിൽ ഉത്ഥിതനായ മിശിഹായെ അനുഭവിച്ചറിയുന്നവനും, ആ മിശിഹായ്ക്ക് ജീവിതംകൊണ്ട് സാക്ഷ്യം നല്കുന്നവനുമാകണം.

5. പുരോഹിതജീവിതം: സുവിശേഷപ്രഘോഷണം

“അവൻ സ്വന്തം ചെലവിൽ ഒരു വീടു വാടകയ്ക്കെടുത്തു രണ്ടു വർഷം മുഴുവൻ അവിടെ താമസിച്ചു. തന്നെ സമീപിച്ച എല്ലാവരെയും അവൻ സ്വാഗതം ചെയ്തിരുന്നു. അവൻ ദൈവരാജ്യം പ്രസംഗിക്കുകയും കർത്താവായ ഈശോ മിശിഹായെക്കുറിച്ച് നിർബാധം ധൈര്യപൂർവ്വം പഠിപ്പിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തു” (28,30-31).

പൗലോസ്സ്റ്റീഹായുടെ, റോമിലുള്ള രണ്ടു വർഷത്തെ സുവിശേഷപ്രഘോഷണംകൊണ്ട് നടപടിഗ്രന്ഥം സമാപിക്കുകയാണ്. പൗലോസ്സ്റ്റീഹായുടെ പിന്നീടുള്ള സുവിശേഷപ്രഘോഷണശുശ്രൂഷയെപ്പറ്റിയോ റോമിൽവെച്ചു സംഭവിച്ച മരണത്തെപ്പറ്റിയോ നടപടിഗ്രന്ഥം ഒന്നും പറയുന്നില്ല. ഇതു വളരെ പ്രാധാന്യമർഹിക്കുന്ന ഒരു വസ്തുതയാണ്. പൗലോസ്സ്റ്റീഹായാണ് യഹൂദമതത്തിൽനിന്നും വ്യതിരിക്തമായി ക്രിസ്തീയസമൂഹം രൂപംകൊള്ളുവാൻ നിർണ്ണായകമായ വ്യക്തി. വിജാതീയരുടെയും

ഇസ്രായേൽമക്കളുടെയും മുമ്പിൽ തന്റെ നാമം വഹിക്കാൻ ദൈവം പ്രത്യേകമായി തിരഞ്ഞെടുത്ത പാത്രമായിരുന്നു പൗലോസ് (ശ്ലീഹാ 9,15). അതുകൊണ്ട് പൗലോസ് ശ്ലീഹായുടെ ചരിത്രം സഭയുടെ ചരിത്രമായി താദാത്മ്യപ്പെടുകയാണ്. സഭയുടെ നെടുംതൂണുകളാണല്ലോ പത്രോസും പൗലോസും. സഭയുടെ അടിസ്ഥാനപരമായ ശുശ്രൂഷ സുവിശേഷപ്രഘോഷണ ശുശ്രൂഷയാണ്. സഭാസമൂഹം സുവിശേഷം സ്വീകരിച്ചവരുടെയും ജീവിക്കുന്നവരുടെയും അത് പ്രഘോഷിക്കുന്നവരുടെയും സമൂഹമാണ്. സഭയുടെ ചരിത്രം അവതരിപ്പിക്കുന്ന നടപടിഗ്രന്ഥം ഈ വസ്തുത എന്നും ഓർമ്മിപ്പിക്കുന്ന ഒരു ഗ്രന്ഥമാണ്. അതുകൊണ്ടാണ് പൗലോസ് ശ്ലീഹായുടെ റോമിലുള്ള സുവിശേഷപ്രഘോഷണം ഇപ്പോഴും തുടർന്നുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നു എന്നു തോന്നത്തക്കവിധത്തിൽ നടപടിഗ്രന്ഥം അവസാനിപ്പിക്കുന്നത്.

സഭ ഒരു രാജകീയപുരോഹിതഗണമാണെന്ന് പത്രോസ് ശ്ലീഹാ പ്രത്യേകം അനുസ്മരിപ്പിക്കുന്നു (1 പത്രോ 2,9). പുരോഹിതജനമെന്ന നിലയിൽ സഭയുടെ പ്രഥമദൗത്യം സുവിശേഷപ്രഘോഷണംതന്നെയാണ്. സഭയുടെ വളർച്ച വചനത്തിന്റെ അഥവാ സുവിശേഷത്തിന്റെ വളർച്ചയായിട്ടാണ് നടപടിഗ്രന്ഥം വിശേഷിപ്പിക്കുന്നത് (ശ്ലീഹാ 6,7). അതുപോലെതന്നെ സഭയിലെ പുരോഹിതശുശ്രൂഷയെ സുവിശേഷത്തിനുള്ള പുരോഹിതശുശ്രൂഷ എന്നാണല്ലോ പൗലോസ് ശ്ലീഹായും വിശേഷിപ്പിക്കുന്നത് (റോമാ 15,16). അതുകൊണ്ട് സഭാസമൂഹത്തിന്റെയും പുരോഹിതഗണത്തിന്റെയും മുഖമുദ്ര സുവിശേഷജീവിതവും പ്രഘോഷണവുമായിരിക്കണം. ഇതു സാധ്യമാകണമെങ്കിൽ സഭയിലെ പുരോഹിതർ സുവിശേഷമാകുന്നവരും സുവിശേഷമേകുന്നവരുമായിരിക്കണം. അവരുടെ ജീവിതംതന്നെ ഒരു സുവിശേഷപ്രഘോഷണമായിത്തീരണം.

ജീവിതസൂചിക

1. ഈശോയെപ്പോലെ ദൈവസ്നേഹത്തിന്റെ അടയാളങ്ങളോടുകൂടി സുവിശേഷപ്രഘോഷണം നടത്തുവാൻ ഞാൻ ശ്രദ്ധിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?
2. സ്നേഹകൂട്ടായ്മയായി സഭാസമൂഹത്തെ കെട്ടിപ്പടുത്തുകൊണ്ട് സുവിശേഷപ്രഘോഷണം നടത്തുവാൻ ഞാൻ പരിശ്രമിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?
3. എന്റെ സുവിശേഷപ്രഘോഷണത്തിൽ 'ഡയലോഗി'ന് ഞാൻ എത്ര മാത്രം പ്രാധാന്യം കല്പിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്?
4. സഭയിൽ ജീവിക്കുന്ന മിശിഹായെ അനുഭവിച്ച് ആ മിശിഹാനുഭവത്തിന് സാക്ഷ്യം നല്കുവാൻ ഞാൻ എങ്ങനെ പരിശ്രമിക്കുന്നു?
5. എന്റെ ജീവിതംതന്നെ ഒരു സുവിശേഷപ്രഘോഷണമാക്കുവാൻ ഞാൻ എന്തുചെയ്യണം?

NEWS FROM DEPARTMENTS

PIOUS ASSOCIATIONS FOR CHILDREN

Dear Parents and Pious Members,

As we continue into another month of lockdown I hope everybody is doing well. During the Holy Week various activities were conducted by Pious association members and sent to all parishes.

Holy Bible Reading

Under the Eparchy we have started bible reading in many families last month. Initially this was started with the Pious Association members and then as we continued we started seeing miracles of reading the Word of God daily. This prompted us to continue promoting this and now we have over 250+ families reading bible daily for ½ hour from various parishes. Through this bible reading every family is hearing the Word of God and we hope that they are able to understand what God's desire is of His people i.e. you. The Word of God is powerful and heals our hearts. During this pandemic as many of us manage through various situations at hand, the Word of God will bring us comfort, strength and hope. Last but not least the Word of God protects each of us and guards us from bad decisions and against people who may wish us harm. I hope and pray that the Word of God brings small miracles in your life and you continue this path of your spiritual journey throughout your lives.

We continue with the many spiritual activities listed below to engage our children at home.

- Prayer service for healing from COVID 19 (Join the PAC Family Group virtually every day at 3 PM)

- Virtual prayer (PAC Family Prayer group says the Rosary every day at 6 PM through a dial in #)
- Adoration & Holy Mass at home (St. Alphonsa Cathedral has this at 7 PM daily)
- Chain bible reading (Sit at home and read loudly for 1/2 hour. After your time is done please call or text the next family on the list to let them know where you stopped. From there the next family will continue.)
- Encourage children to do PAC 2020
- Ask children to write bible verses e.g. Roman 16:20, Genesis 12:2, Isaiah 41:10

As we come to the end of the Pious year in May – I encourage all parishes to discuss continuing virtual Pious gatherings in the months of June-August.

May God continue to bless each of you and your loved ones. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” (John 1:1).

May Gathering

Monthly meeting for May we cannot come together but we will send you a link to do at home

Saint: St. Rita **Feast:** 22 May **Virtue:** Acceptance

Bible Verse: If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. (1 Cor.12:26-27)

Description:

Jesus Kids & HCA Junior: God wants us to make friends with everyone no matter how different they may look or act.

HCA Senior & CML: Acceptance is the ability to respect the dignity and rights of all persons, even those whose beliefs and behaviors differ from our own. Everyone should strive to love and respect their neighbor, as they love and respect themselves.

From the perspective of the Catholic Graduate Expectations, an accepting person:

- Finds meaning, dignity fulfillment and vocation in work which contributes to the common good
- Witnesses Catholic social teaching by promoting equality, democracy, and solidarity for a just, peaceful and compassionate society
- Respects and affirms the diversity and interdependence of the world's peoples and cultures
- Respects and understands the history, cultural heritage and pluralism of today's contemporary society

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

NURSES MINISTRY

During this difficult time of Novel Corona Virus pandemic, we, nurses would like to thank each one of you for embracing us in your reverent prayers and blessings. It is a great support and encouragement for all of us. Indeed there are many nurses and their families who are extremely scared and stressed out because of this recent outbreak in their facilities and communities, on the other hand we are fortunate to have many nurses who have great convictions about their vocation-NURSING- and admire that they are proud to be a nurse than ever before in their profession and thank God for choosing them to be a channel of His healing touch to many unfortunate lives who depend on their service.

Nurses Ministry in the Eparchy of Mississauga focuses on the spiritual enrichment and physical and emotional support of nurses and families, have undertaken certain measures and activities to assist the nurses and their families to triumph over this situation.

- ❖ Nurses Ministry has been conducting prayerline through zoom on every Wednesdays for more than an hour. It includes rosary, preaching, Word of God and praise and worship including special intentions of the week. These days Fr. Shaji Thumbachirayil is constantly preaching and raising our intentions to God during the prayerline. It provides great comfort and strength.
- ❖ Since the lockdown we started every day prayer service at 3PM with Divine Mercy Rosary and Stations of the Cross during the lent period and have extended it to the special devotion to Mother Mary with 33 days of “Vimalahrudaya Prathishtta”
- ❖ We opened up a platform for the nurses who can avail some of the PPEs free of cost
- ❖ Opportunities for spiritual sharing with Nuns from Holy Family and CMC congregation have also been arranged for those in need.
- ❖ We conducted Divine Mercy Night Vigil on the night of the feast of Divine Mercy (April 18). It included Holy Mass, Eucharistic adoration, preaching by anointed preachers, rosary and so on. It was attended by 184 participants throughout the Eparchy.
- ❖ On the prayerline and Night vigil we were blessed to have the presence of H.E. Mar Jose Kalluvilil who took a moment to bless our hands so that they may become a channel of God’s divine healing. This special action of consecration was wildly accepted by all the healthcare workers.

Upcoming Events of Nurses Ministry

- ❖ On May 12th, on the International Nurses Day, we are planning to observe a 12 hour prayerday inclusive of Holy Mass, Eucharistic adoration, preaching etc.

- ❖ We are planning to open a platform for nurse who are stressed out and scared to share their thoughts and fears with other nurses who have great convictions at this time.
- ❖ In their family units nurses are encouraged to call each other and extend their physical and emotional support to their counterparts. Those who are isolated under the circumstances of COVID + status or under observations are made sure that they get enough groceries and necessary supplies,
- ❖ We are financially supporting a nurse's family over a course of three months who is stuck with some morbidities and can not come back to Canada due to the lockdown
- ❖ We are extremely supported by Our Directors Fr. Pathrose Champakkara, Fr. Plogen Kannampuzha and Asst. Director Sr. Jaisemaria CMC at every point of time.

SOCIAL SERVICES

The department continues to work with the COVID 19 crisis management team and other departments of the Eparchy in helping with the various challenges presented during this pandemic. In addition, team members were actively involved in assisting seniors, international students, newcomers and families by providing information, resources and physical help.

Keeping in mind the social distancing requirements, the team actively participated in the various zoom meetings conducted. The team is also working on developing a document for the Eparchial assembly.

SMYM NATIONAL CANADA

With the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic in mind, the SMYM National team decided that prayer is the most powerful tool in supporting our frontline workers and their families. As a result, 'Pray for a Cause' initiative was launched on March 30th, 2020. 'Pray for a Cause' is a zoom Prayer session at 7 Pm led by the youth of different parishes on a daily basis. This initiative is still being carried out by the youth of St. Alphonsa Cathedral, Mississauga.

Another National Team initiative during this pandemic was to host a Facebook Watch party of the Passion of Christ movie during Good Friday. We were able to host two show of which we were able to attract about 30 – 40 youth in total for each of the sessions.

On April 22nd 2020, it was truly a blessing to join with SMYM Intl youth in helping mobilization a session with Fr. Rob Galea; a Maltese-Australian Roman Catholic priest and contemporary Christian singer-songwriter. Fr. Rob session was truly inspiring and encouraging especially

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John 3:16

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PASSION FRIDAY

The Passion of the Christ viewing on Facebook watch party

 SMYM Canada

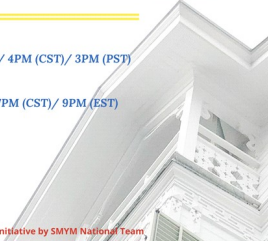
April 10th, 2020

1st Viewing:
6PM (Eastern ST)/ 4PM (CST)/ 3PM (PST)

2nd Viewing:
6PM (Pacific ST) 7PM (CST)/ 9PM (EST)



An initiative by SMYM National Team



as we live through these unprecedented times.

SMYM National Team worked along with SMYM Global Team on a project called 'SMYM Global with you'. This is a great initiative put together by the SMYM Global Team to connect all youth around the globe as we fight this crisis together.

"The Lord awakens so as to reawaken and revive our Easter faith"
Pope Francis at Urbi et Orbi

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**PRAY
FOR A
CAUSE**



ON ZOOM EVERYDAY AT 7:00 PM (EST)
PRAYER SESSION IN ENGLISH

MEETING ID - 133 523 636

Led by SMYM St. Alphonsa, Cambridge
April 7th, 2020



An initiative by SMYM St. Alphonsa Mississauga along with SMYM National Team

SMYM INTERNATIONAL CANADA

April was indeed a great month in terms of SMYM activities. In the present scenario of Covid-19, with full of negative news around, SMYM Canada under the Eparchy of Mississauga was successful in holding a variety of online sessions giving hope and strength to the youth, thus boosting their spirit in this crucial situation. As we all know, there are tens of thousands of International students in Canada in which a major part is from India. Due to the current lock down, most of them either lost their jobs, were laid off or have reduced work hours at their workplaces. During these difficult times, the youth leaders of SMYM Canada has been conducting daily rosaries along with various sessions providing information about legal, medical and revenue aspects including the detailed method of applying for EI (Employment Insurance / CERB (Canada Emergency Response Benefit) / CESB (Canada Emergency Student Benefit).

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The first session was conducted by Adv. Chris Lamannil helping students to clarify their doubts whether to apply for CERB / EI / EI sickness benefit. It was undoubtedly a brilliant session and we saw the maximum participation of about 200 for this session;



however only 100 people could be accommodated at a time. The second session was conducted by Dr. Mimi Puthuparampil. Dr. Mimi addressed the general concerns and fears among the student/ youth community and various measures to be taken specially in this crisis in order to reduce the risk of exposure to Covid-19. The third session was conducted by Paul Joseph Karintholil and his wife Babitha Paul. They were really excited to teach everyone to make 'Kozhukkattas' online. The session was more of a fun filled cookery show involving interactions from all the participants which made it a memorable evening.

In the next session, we had a celebrity guest-the playback singer, Mr. Alphonse Joseph. We were more than happy and honoured to have him with us for about 2 hours. It was a beautiful session filled with

music, sharing, testimonies and much more. We received a very positive feedback from Alphonse Joseph and he has promised to join us in more sessions in future. The next session was conducted by Prashant Srivastava, Director of South Asia-Seneca International. This session was about the direct impact of Covid-19 on International student community and various ways to tackle it. Being a person working with students, he was better able to understand the needs of the students and communicate to them in an effective manner. The next session was conducted by Advocate Simmi Chacko addressing the emergency concerns of the youth. Advocate Simmi

Chacko delivered a very fruitful session highlighting the key legal issues to be considered by everyone in the present situation.

The next guest we had is a well-known Movie director and script writer, Mr. Leo Thaddeus. This session was more of a sharing and interactive one. The guest spoke about his struggles, survival and success in his life along with the events that shaped his career. The next session was conducted by Mr. Akhil Mookan (Media Officer, Peel Regional Police) and Mr. Binoj Joseph (Rapid Response Team, Peel Regional Police). They conducted the session on Civil protection act and clarified the participants' questions on Civil Laws. This was indeed a very useful session to the attendees. The next session was conducted by Mr. Saji George (MSW, R.S.W), a social worker on how to better manage stress and mental health during a pandemic. As most of the youth is under a

Ace Script writer and movie Director Leo Thaddeus LIVE

Leo's Stories

Sharing the journey of his struggle, survival and success

April 11, 2020 | 9:30 PM
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'Action-Cut' Q & A Session

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CIVIL PROTECTION ACT defined

Questions Answered

Akhil Mookan
Media Officer
Media & Public Relations
Peel Regional Police

Binoj Joseph
Rapid Response Team
Peel Regional Police

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stressful situation with low income and other fears around, this session proved to be quite pacifying.

The next one was quite an interesting one. The well-known band, Masterplan UAE joined our zoom meeting. The session was filled with songs, music, personal sharing of every band member and so on. It will always be a special one for the participants, the reason being that by the end of the session, they felt more like our own family. The next 2 sessions

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was conducted by Mr. Reji Koovakkada who is working with the CRA. Mr. Reji addressed all the questions regarding CERB / CESB. There was a detailed explanation provided on how to apply for CERB and who can apply for CERB. Due to the increased requests from the youth, a second session was conducted by Mr. Reji in continuation to the first. These two sessions saw the maximum number of participant interactions as the students had ‘n’ number of doubts pertaining to CERB which were very patiently answered by both Mr. Reji

Koovakkada and Adv. Chris Lamannil.

Talking about the next session, is always a great privilege. We are more than happy and blessed to inform that the renowned priest, Fr. Rob Galea joined us from Australia. It was such a graceful experience for all those who attended. We received a lot of appreciation from many people across the globe for having conducted this session. We were humbled to have Fr. Rob who is an amazing singer, motivator and a celebrity himself. He graced the session with his soulful music, encouraging words, his sharing on vocation to priesthood. He also showed a lot of enthusiasm during the interactive session and words feel short to describe such a charming personality. Another major milestone accomplished was the launching of the Eparchial Crisis support helpline Canada-wide. This enables students to address their concerns to the church authorities in a much easier manner. The details are provided in the SMYM Canada Website. Also, a weekly Bible Quiz has been started in order to encourage the youth to know the Bible better and thus make their Quarantine life fruitful. The first quiz was conducted on April 26th, Sunday and will be conducted on every Sunday hereafter.

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 Multicultural Australian Roman Catholic priest and contemporary Christian singer/songwriter

April 22, 2020 | 9.30 p.m. EST
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NEWS FROM PARISHES

ST. ALPHONSA CATHEDRAL MISSISSAUGA

Holy Week Services

In view of the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic situation, St. Alphonsa Cathedral, Mississauga was live-telecasting the Holy Week services for parishioners with the help of limited resources.

We had two online Holy Masses. On Palm Sunday, Bishop Mar Jose Kalluvilil was the main celebrant for the Malayalam service and Vicar Rev. Fr. Jacob Edakalathur led the English service.



On Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter, Bishop Mar Jose Kalluvilil and Vicar Rev. Fr. Jacob Edakalathur led the Malayalam and English services. On all other days too, parishioners joined the online Rosary, Adoration and Holy Mass led by Fr. Shaji Thumpechirayil and participated in it with much devotions from their own homes, God's domestic churches.



During week days, there is live streaming on YouTube – from 7:00 pm starting with Rosary, Adoration & Holy Mass. On Saturdays and Sundays, Malayalam Mass at 10.00 am in addition to English Mass at 11.30am on Sundays.



Crisis Management Team:

St. Alphonsa Cathedral has developed a strong Crisis Management Team to respond to the needs of the present situation by offering mental support, supplying necessary materials and other voluntary services to the needy. The cathedral is well equipped to meet any urgent needs to a certain extent.

Catechism Classes offered via Distance Learning:

In view of the current state of Covid 19 pandemic and the uncertainty surrounding the extended duration and impact, First Holy Communion and Confirmation celebrations are postponed until further notice.

However, the Catechism department decided to continue the formal faith formation classes through distance learning, starting the weekend of April 25th-26th. This is for First Holy Communicants and students in grade 3 and up to grade 12. Teachers send instructions to parents via email and give assignments that aim at engaging students in each grade for 30 minute per week. These assignments are due on a biweekly basis. Marks from these assignments are recorded and counted towards their overall performance. Younger kids in Grades JK- Grade 2 are expected to memorise common prayers. This distance learning program is well executed with the great support from all catechism teachers and encouragement from the parents.

April 2020 Monthly Gathering of PAC

On April 4th, 2020, we had our first virtual gathering for the Pious Association for Children. Here we learned about St. George whose Feast is on April 23. Our virtue for the month was Love and we can relate this virtue with the Bible verse “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.”

The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these” (Mark12:30-31). The day started with special



Adoration for children, which was led by our Bishop Mar Jose Kalluvilil, followed by Holy Mass and Way of the Cross. After this there was a session where 2 of our leaders prepared lessons for all the children. During Holy Week our leaders also prepared various activities and the videos were shared with parents to help the children foster Holy Week activities in their own homes. Special classes were also delivered to children for Good Friday along with Children’s Mass throughout Holy Week. The animators sent out a survey to all parents towards the end of April requesting feedback on the online sessions conducted during the past few weeks. Under the leadership of Sr. Jeslin CMC, the animators also started Friday evening sessions for children, which is held every Friday from 6-7:30pm followed by Holy Mass.

Upcoming events

- ❖ May 2nd: Eighth Monthly Meeting – Virtual Gathering (Links will be sent to parents)

Other events

- ❖ PAC Family Group Chain Bible Reading – Daily 12 – 10 pm

- ❖ PAC Family Group Prayer service for healing from COVID 19 – Daily at 3 pm
- ❖ PAC Family Group Virtual Rosary – Daily at 6 pm
- ❖ Animators Telephone Rosary every Wednesday at 9 pm
- ❖ Young Ministers of Christ Telephone Rosary every Thursday at 9 pm
- ❖ Children’s Friday Prayer Service – every Friday 6-7:30 pm

Knights of Columbus

The Covid-19 Pandemic has hit us all quite bad in terms of the economy, job security, finances, education, transportation etc.

Knights of Columbus are called to step into the breach and leave no neighbor behind – especially in this time of crisis.

As the corona virus pandemic continues, our duty is to lead our families, protect our parishes, and serve our communities, remembering always that where there’s a need, there’s a Knight. Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson has challenged Knights to take this moment as an opportunity to “deepen our commitment to the very principles which define us: charity, unity and fraternity.”

Knights of Columbus Order wide are encouraged to serve and sacrifice for those around us. Many, including in our own councils and parishes, are isolated and alone in quarantine. Food banks, blood centers, and other essential services have been depleted of their vital supplies. There are many people and places that require urgent help.

When crisis strikes, we respond with care, compassion and charity. It is time for all of us to answer the call – and leave no neighbor behind.

Quoting our Worthy Supreme Director Carl Anderson as below.

Responding to the pandemic, in March we launched a new initiative — “Leave No Neighbor Behind” — and councils worldwide

are already implementing it, providing critical support in neighborhoods and parishes, donating blood, and ensuring that no one is forgotten. The Supreme Council has also launched a multimillion-dollar campaign to support food banks in the United States and Canada, and we are providing a financial lifeline for dioceses as well,

During this pandemic we have also adapted from in-person meetings to having councils conduct essential business remotely.

Our actions have been a powerful witness, and a recent degree ceremony, held online, produced the largest number of new members from a single event in our Order's history. The Supreme Council is hosting our new Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity online every Thursday. In addition, our eMembership option continues to provide a quick and easy way for men to join our brotherhood.

The Knights of Columbus has risen to meet every challenge we have faced since 1882. In fact, COVID-19 is the third pandemic in our Order's history. As we have always done before, we will prevail and do immense good during this time. Not only will the Order come through this crisis; we will make a decisive difference in ensuring that our parishes, communities and countries do the same.

How is the Knights of St Alphonsa Council helping our Syro Malabar Community today?

The Knights of Columbus Grand Knight and some of our Officers are part of the Eparchy -led Crisis Management team and are taking an active part in discussions, helping to source one full skid of rice bags and green gram (pachai payaru)

These are being distributed to the most-needy of our community and did help some of our international students.

Help to reach food, cooked food, groceries and medical items to some of the recent Covid positive community members.

This year is critical for our own Churches in Canada. The Knights of Columbus has allocated usd. 100m to help our Churches with a 2 year line of credit.

By God's grace, The Knights of Columbus is pleased to have secured approval for our Syro Malabar Eparchy with a CAD 750,000 loan which was a critical need for our Eparchy.

We have launched an on-line membership drive to recruit more members to help our initiative and to continue to be the 'Right arm of the Church'. This is the time more than ever for our Parishioners to support the Knights of Columbus and be leaders to help our brothers and sisters.



SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY

Whatever the need, councils are encouraged to assess and creatively support their broader community.

മെയ് മാസ ആചരണത്തോടനുബന്ധിച്ച് കുടുംബങ്ങളിൽ ജപമാല പ്രാർത്ഥനയ്ക്കുശേഷം ചൊല്ലുന്നതിനായി ഫ്രാൻസിസ് മാർപാപ്പയുടെ പ്രാർത്ഥന

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ST. ALPHONSA PARISH CAMBRIDGE

Lent 2020:

For the first time in many years, the faithful witnessed retreat, adoration, mass and Easter Triduum through Zoom Meetings arranged by our Parish and the diocese of Mississauga. We were very privileged to have attended Fr. Shaji Thumpechirayil's retreat, who led the faithful in the presence of God, through Eucharistic Adoration and sharing personal experiences/songs/examples and the Word of God, thus helping the people seek God's mercy and grow in holiness.

Prayer Life during Pandemic:

Prayer is a vital necessity especially during this pandemic that has brought life to a standstill. At every Mass, although we pray for various needs of the faithful, the front line and essential workers are specially remembered, as they "Smell Christ" when they serve the community.

As St. Louis de Montfort once said, "It is not so much the length of a prayer, but the fervour with which it is said, which pleases Almighty God which touches His Heart." With the intention of the eradication of the Corona virus, the Catechism students of our Parish joined their hands together in prayer every day from Monday through Saturday @ 3:00 p. m and recited the Divine Mercy Chaplet, coupled with the message as simple as ABC: A- "Ask for His Mercy"; B- "Be Merciful"; and C- "Completely Trust in Jesus". Now in preparation for the Feast of Pentecost, the students pray for the outpouring of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit on themselves and their families, especially during this pandemic.

Some of our youth also join in prayers offered by different prayer groups in Mississauga.

Scripture Reading:

As St. John Paul II put it, "Prayer should accompany the reading of scripture, for prayer is the response of the Word of God encountered in Scripture under the inspiration of the Spirit." With already the adult's Bible reading in progress, now the Catechism students [JK (Read by Parents) through Gr. 11] of Cambridge Parish have begun the chain Bible reading every day, Monday through Saturday, from 9:30 a. m to 9:30 p. m in their homes. We hope the reading of our Sacred Scriptures will help the students as well as their families know and love Christ more and more.

Catechism Students at Work during Pandemic:

Besides completing the work assigned by their Catechism Teachers, some of our students have put in extra effort utilizing their time and creativity, and expressing their faith through these drawings either by remembering how much they miss attending Church physically or by celebrating 50 years of Earth Day caring for the protection of God's Creation-Our Earth, or honouring our own Original Earth Day Advocate, the Patron Saint of Animals or Ecologists-St. Francis of Assisi.



(The Planet I drew is our home planet Earth. The tree and rose represents the plants on earth, the butterflies represent the animals on Earth. God sent Angel to safe guard Earth and everything on earth. We as God's creatures, let's protect and save our Mother Earth. Ann Scaria-Grade 4)

Upcoming Event:

Logos Bee 2020:

The Parishioners (Beginners to Adults) are requested to prepare for the upcoming parish level Logos Bee 2020 Bible Quiz. The parish level winners will then participate in Eparchy Level Logos Bee Quiz. However, due to the current Covid-19 situation, the previously posted schedules have changed, and new dates will be announced later.

ST. THOMAS PARISH SCARBOROUGH

Prayers for Health Workers

Prayer sessions were conducted by Zoom for frontline health workers on March 30 and April 7.

Fr Shaji Thumpechirayil gave the talks which were very practical and inspiring. The Holy hour was conducted by Fr. Alencherry. Number of nurses and other health workers who are directly involved in helping Covid -19 patients attended the program. Christ-in-Action group, the prayer force in the parish, is praying every day for Covid -19 patients, their families and for health workers.

Lenten Retreat

A three-day retreat was conducted for the parish during the first week of April (on 3 to 5). Fr. Shaji Thumpechirayil was the preacher, who analyzing the Word of God encouraged the people to love God and to stay close to Jesus. This Lenten retreat was very inspirational during a time when the people were closed in a lonely mood due to the Corona Virus. The retreat ended on Palm Sunday.

Covid -19 Crisis Management Team

Covid -19 pandemic has affected the lives of people in every respect. A good number of the parishners have lost their jobs temporarily or permanently. Many find it difficult to meet the ends together as the steady flow of income ceased to exist. Many members of the parish, particularly the new arrivals and the international students have problems with paying rent and buying food items. The Canadian Civil authorities, both federal and provincial are helping the people immensely. However, some groups do not qualify for such aids or in some cases, the governmental support may not be enough. The parish has stepped in to help the needy. We have formed a Crisis Management Team with the Parish Council members and some other selected people as members to gather foods items and funds for the purpose. An on-line donation facility was created, and food items were collected. It was an encouraging experience to receive so much food items and a good amount of money. The Christ-in-Action group alone collected \$2260.00. So far, we have been able to help all who have sought help. The Crisis Management Team under the leadership of the Kaikarans is functioning very efficiently.

Liturgical and Spiritual Programs

Holy Mass, Adoration and other spiritual exercises are celebrated on-line daily. It is very well used by the people and they really appreciate such services. The Holy Week services also were done in the Church strictly observing the directives of the governments. These on-line services were followed by a large number of people.

Family Units

Family Units meet regularly and through Zoom facility families keep in contact with other members in the group. Attendance is better when it is done through Zoom. In some cases, the Units meet oftener on their on to pray the rosary or doing the Stations of the Cross.

Parish Council

During this locked-in period, the Parish Council met twice already through Zoom. The first meeting on March 21 discussed and assessed the Covid -19 situation and selected the Crisis Management Team to deal with the problem. The second meeting was on April 25th. It discussed the Annual Accounts of 2019, the budget for 2020 and the accounts of January to March of the current year. The accounts were presented by Cino Naduvilekutt, our accountant. After thorough examination and discussion, the Council approved the accounts. The budget was presented by Mr. Sabu Varghese, Chairman of the Finance Committee which also the Council approved. Fr. Alencherry, the Vicar thanked all members for their great support and hard work, particularly Mr. Shaju Vathikulam, the auditor, Cino Naduvilekkutt, the accountant and Sabu Varghese, the Chairman of the finance Committee. Fr. Daris did the prayer at the beginning and the end.

Sunday School

- 1) The teachers and the students did a prayer session on Zoom on Friday, April 3rd for people affected by Covid -19.
- 2) On April 10, the teachers and the students conducted the program 'Praying for the Nation' by Zoom. In this program they read Bible passages, and shared their reflections.
- 3) Catechism Classes were conducted for students of grade 4 to 12 through Zoom on April 11, 18, and 25. On April 18, Fr. Shaji Thumpechirayil conducted the classes for the students divided into three groups: grades 1-3, 4-8, 9-12. The students really enjoyed the sessions.
- 4) Fr. Shaji Thumpechirayil gave a special session to the Sunday School teachers of this Fonare on April 25. The theme of the talk was 'Being called to be a Sunday School Teacher in Canada'. 47 teachers participated in this session.

ST. JOSEPH SYRO MALABAR CATHOLIC CHURCH OSHAWA

Parish Council

The Parish Council met twice during this locked-in period. The first meeting discussed and assessed the situation created by Covid -19. It decided to do any necessary assistance to the needy and the Council to act as Crisis Management Committee. This meeting also decided to conduct the Family Units' election on-line on the 21st of March using the tool created by Nisha Siju, the IT specialist in the Council. The Pastor and the Kaikarans, were entrusted with the task of conducting the election.

The second meeting of the Council discussed and approved the Annual Accounts of 2019 and the Budget for 2020 presented by Anoo George, the accountant. Mr. Shaju Vathikulam audited the accounts. The Council also decided to buy a house for the parish which can be used for various purposes. FR. Alencherry, the Vicar and Saji karyadi and Joshi Koottummel, the Kaikarans, thanked the Parish Council members for their support and cooperation

Family Units' Election

The various coordinators and the Parish Council member of all five Family Units were elected on the 21st of March. This on-line election was very successful and conducted very smoothly. The Vicar and Joshy Koottummel were the coordinators and the results were published on the 23rd. The Parish Council is approved by Mar Jose Kalluvelil and Curia.

SMYM, Oshawa

The SMYM members are meeting every week and pray for security from the present pandemic under the leadership of Rachin Joy.

This Zoom program is very inspiring and the Youth Animators, Mrs. Babbi Rajeev and Nirmal Benny play a big role in conducting it.

Catechetical Department

The Catechetical Department under the leadership of the Acting Principal, Jishi Valookaran has very successfully conducted the classes via Zoom for all the classes. Almost 99% of the students were present.

Pious Associations

The members of Pious Associations of this parish participate regularly through You Tube in the program conducted by the central team. Besides, the SMYM members conduct interactive sessions for the children.

Mass and Other Spiritual Services

The members of the parish participated in the Lenten Retreat conducted from Scarborough Forane Church and take part in Sunday Masses and other spiritual services broadcasted from there also.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH HALIFAX

Holy Week and Daily Holy Qurbana

During this unique and different situation around the world Holy Family church, Halifax is using social media platforms to help the parishioners in their spiritual needs.

Our community celebrated Holy Week with the limited available resources, but with absolute dedication and devotion. Vicar Fr. John Mylamvelil and Fr. Joseph Kizhakkedath led the Holy Week celebra-

tions starting from Palm Sunday to Easter and parishioners could view and participate online which was different but a divine experience for all. Holy Qurbana is being celebrated everyday and streamed online as per schedule and parishioners attend and enrich their soul at this much needed time. Amidst this crisis situation, our parish is praying Divine Mercy chaplet everyday to remember and support all the people in need of His mercy around the world.

Parish Council

The parish council was conducted online on 17th of April, 2020 in the special situation of pandemic to introduce the members of the Council and the various responsibilities and duties of each member of the council to Fr. Joseph Kizhakkedath.

Catechism and Pious Associations for Children



Holy Week Activities for Kids

The Pious Association Coordinators with the extended support from Sunday School teachers conducted some Holy Week activities for the kids observing the importance of each day of the Holy Week starting from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. Making use of the present lock down situation the children celebrated the Holy Week in a very creative and meaningful way by preparing some Holy Week crafts like palm leaves,

tomb of Jesus, vachana maram, conducting five finger prayers and kids' Way of the Cross, practising Bible Reading, action songs, learning Bible quotes and doing little deeds of charity at home and so on. Each day's activity was posted in the previous evening to the WhatsApp groups of different grades and the children worked on the given activities at home and posted their videos and stills on the following day. The various activities helped the children as well as their parents to go through the spirit of passion week in a meaningful and an inspirational way.

Online Catechism Classes

As the services at the church are closed, a suggestion was proposed to continue catechism classes through Zoom application and is well executed by the determined teachers and the enthusiastic children of Halifax with the great support and encouragement from the parents, since 5th of April.

Online Sunday School Registration

It's a happy fact that we have some new students joining the Sunday classes now and to get them enrolled without fail an online registration has been introduced. Parents of newly joining students are utilizing this facility.

Crisis Management Team

The crisis Management team of the Parish responds to the needs of the present situation by offering material helps and voluntary services to the needy. We have equipped ourselves to a certain extend to meet any needs of urgency.

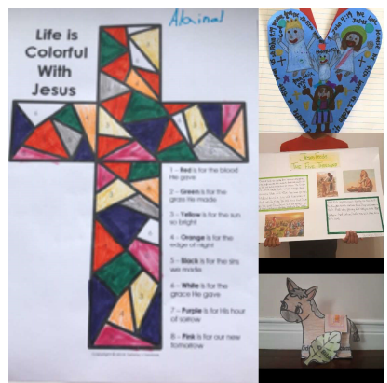
ST. JOSEPH SYRO-MALABAR PARISH HAMILTON

Holy Week Services

St. Joseph's Syro- Malabar Catholic Parish held services for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday virtually. Despite not being able to physically attend the Holy Qurbana, a holy experience was had by parishioners in their homes.

Pious Association Activities

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the three Pious Associations were not able to hold their monthly gatherings at the Mission House. However, this did not stop the children from completing many different activities. They have been interceding for the whole world, praying Psalm 91 daily and learning a Bible verse daily. They completed many activities during Holy Week such as colouring pages, worksheets, crossword puzzles, trivia and much more.



Catechism

Due to the closure of Sunday services, the Catechism Department at St. Joseph's Syro-Malabar have been in the process of moving Catechism classes online. Many teachers have been conducting online classes with their students through social media.

Talk and Adoration by Fr. Shaji Thumpechirayil

On April 22 , Fr. Shaji Thumpechirayil held a virtual talk and adoration for the youth of St. Joseph's Syro- Malaber Parish. It was a truly divine experience for the youth.

Adoration and Holy Mass

Daily Adoration and Holy Mass are being offered by Fr. Thomas Venmanthara, Pastor, to intercede for the global coronavirus pandemic.

ST. MOTHER TERESA PARISH NIAGARA

Catechism Staff Meeting

Online virtual staff meeting was conducted on April 5, 2020 which was presided over by Fr Thomas Venmanthara to plan the academic and faithful activities for the catechism children during this Pandemic period. Accordingly, the class teachers formed online groups to give catechism instructions, daily bible verses for students to write down and to practice basic prayers.

Youth

There was an Online Way of the Cross for Youth on Good Friday led by Fr Thomas Venmanthara. Online session by Rev. Fr Shaji

Thumpechirayil for Youth was held on April 22, 2020, where he appreciated the activities of Youth in the Parish and encouraged the youth to grow in faith throughout their life to emanate as model for the entire community.

Nurses Ministry

Nurses' ministry, is very active during this crisis period, where its members are frontline fighters of the pandemic, instilling confidence, courage, and vigil rooted in hope and divine love as taught by Christ. The entire Parish joined the online adoration and holy Qurbana was conducted by Fr Thomas Venmanthara to support the health care workers that infused motivation, courage and hope among nurses. Members of nurses ministry participated in the Adoration, Night vigil, way of cross and Divine Mercy Chaplet led by different Priests, on April 18, 2020.

ജപമാല (ROSARY)



റോസാസൂക്കളുടെ പുനോട്ടം, റോസാസൂക്കൾ ചേർത്തുണ്ടാക്കിയ മാല എന്നിങ്ങനെ അർത്ഥം വരുന്ന 'റോസാരിയും' എന്ന ലത്തീൻ വാക്കിൽ നിന്നാണ് 'റോസറി' എന്ന വാക്കിന്റെ ഉത്ഭവം. മലയാളത്തിലെ 'കൊന്ത്' എന്ന പദം 'കോന്തോ' (Conto) എന്ന പോർട്ടുഗീസ് ധാതുവിൽ നിന്നും വരുന്നതാണ്. എണ്ണുക എന്നതാണ് ഈ വാക്കിന്റെ അർത്ഥം. 16-ാം നൂറ്റാണ്ടിൽ പാശ്ചാത്യ സഭയിലാണ് ജപമാല ഭക്തി വളർന്നു പ്രചരിച്ചത്.

**BISHOP'S
DIARY
APRIL 2020**

| Date | Time | Program |
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| 1 | 08.00 pm | Presided over Covid-19, Crisis Management Team Meeting |
| 2 | 05.00 pm | Presided over, Western Canada Priest's Meeting |
| 5 | 10.00 am | Officiated Holy Qurbana at Cathedral on Palm Sunday (Live Stream) |
| 6 | 11.00 am | Discussed with priests on Financial planning in the outbreak. |
| | 12.00 pm | Participated in the Monthly Recollection for Priests and Sisters |
| 7 | 07.00 pm | Presided over, Crisis Management Spiritual Team Meeting |
| 8 | 05.00 pm | Gave Maundy Thursday Message to Shekinah TV |
| | 09.30 pm | Gave message and blessing for Nurses Ministry Prayer |
| 9 | 7.30 pm | Officiated Maundy Thursday Qurbana at Cathedral (Live Stream) |
| 10 | 10.00 am | Officiated Good Friday Ceremonies at Cathedral (Live Stream) |
| | 09.30 pm | Gave message to SMYM |

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| 11 | 10.00 am | Officiated Holy Qurbana at Cathedral (Live Stream) |
| | 05.00 pm | Gave Easter Message to Shekinah TV |
| | 07.30 pm | Officiated Easter Vigil Holy Qurbana at Cathedral |
| 12 | 10.00 am | Officiated Easter Qurbana at Cathedral for Children (Live Stream) |
| 14 | 10.00 am | Officiated the Funeral Service of Mr. John Thachile |
| 16 | 05.00 pm | Presided over Priest's Gathering |
| 17 | 07.30 pm | Conducted question and answer session for PAC members |
| 19 | 06.30 am | Adoration and blessing for Nurses Ministry Night Vigil |
| | 10.00 am | Officiated Holy Qurbana and Conclusion of Eparchial chain prayer. |
| 20 | 11.00 am | Presided over the Curia Meeting |
| 22 | 05.00 pm | Presided over the Eparchial Assembly Team Meeting |
| 23 | 11.00 am | Officiated Silver Jubilee Qurbana of Rev. Sr. Celine Rose CMC |
| | 05.00 pm | Presided over the Presbyteral Council |
| 26 | 10.00 am | Officiated Holy Qurbana at Cathedral (Live Stream) |
| 29 | 05.00 pm | Inaugurated and gave introductory talk on YOUCAT, Youth Faith Formation |



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