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Welcome



EPARCHY OF MISSISSAUGA



Rev. Fr. Johny Kunnathu

FESTAL GREETINGS

Celebrating with you on this blessed day. May your heavenly patron ever be your guardian and guide.



Sr. Jisa AO
Nov.5



Sincy CHF
Nov. 22

HAPPY PROFESSION DAY



Sr. Christy CMC
Nov. 30.



Sr. Mercy CHF
Nov. 16



EPARCHY OF MISSISSAUGA

For the Glory of God

Prot. No.155/2022

October 27, 2022

CIRCULAR

Dear priests, religious, parents, youth, catechists, and beloved children,

May Almighty God bless you all abundantly as we celebrate the second Catechetical Sunday in our eparchy on November 6th. We celebrate the feast of St. Charles Borromeo, the patron of catechists on November 4th and the Convention of catechism teachers on November 5th.

Catechetical Sunday is a remarkable occasion to reflect on the role that each person plays, by the virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. The ministry of teaching in the name of the Church has a profound dignity. The Catechetical Sunday offers an opportunity for all to strengthen the Catechetical ministry and set apart a day to appreciate and pray for those who serve as Catechists in our Parish communities. Further, this day invites you all to reflect on our responsibility to uphold and share our faith with others.

It is a source of joy to greet you all today because I am deeply aware of your commitment to the transmission of faith. You join the Church's responsibility of imparting the joy of Good News to many people- children, young people and adults who intensely strive to carry out a journey of faith. Our priests and religious sisters are first and foremost are catechists who are called



to resonate the Gospel in the heart of every person and their genuine efforts are praiseworthy.

Who is a Catechist?

The New Directory for Catechesis points out that “while all the baptized have some share in the mission of the Church to pass on the faith, there are those who have a particular calling or vocation to this ministry: These people are catechists” (NDC 111). The catechists “unite the transmission of right doctrine with personal testimony, with the firm commitment to live according to the commandments of the Lord and with the lived experience of being faithful and active members of the Church” (Pope Benedict XVI). There are two important aspects of the catechist’s identity. First, the catechist is grounded in a community and serves from within the community. Second, the catechist accompanies others as a sign of the care of the community and on behalf of the community. Thus, catechists bear witness to (the Church’s) living Tradition and become a mediator who facilitates the incorporation of new disciples of Christ into His ecclesial Body.

Church reminds you catechists of the greatness of your ministry by using different images and titles to describe who is a catechist. Here are a few examples:

- 1) Catechist is a witness of faith: one who bears witness to their own personal encounter with the person of Jesus.
- 2) Catechist is a keeper of the memory of God: one who awakens the memory of God’s saving history to the members of the Church.
- 3) Catechist is a teacher: an icon of Jesus the teacher and Christ’s spokesman, enabling Christ to teach with his lips. Thus, catechists transmit the content of faith.



- 4) Catechist is a mystagogue: one who introduces others to the mystery of God.
- 5) Catechist is an accompanier: one who is able to listen and travel with others with patience in his/her faith journey.
(NDC)

Dear catechists be proud of your divine ministry entrusted to you in the Church and for the Church. You accompany our younger generation to guide them to belong to the Church as a devout member of the community. Our parishes, mission centers and the entire eparchy is blessed by the divine ministry of our catechism teachers. I express my deep gratitude to our catechism teachers for sharing my responsibility of imparting the true of the Church in our eparchy.

What is Catechesis?

Catechesis speaks to the totality of the Church's efforts to make disciples of all people, to help them "believe that Jesus is the Son of God so that believing they might have life in his name, and to educate and instruct them in this life, thus building up the body of Christ" (CCC 4; CT 1,2).

The primary and essential object of catechesis is, "the mystery of Christ" and the "heart of catechesis is Jesus". Catechizing is in a way to lead a person to study this mystery in all its dimensions. So, by seeking to understand the meaning of Christ's actions and words and of the signs worked by Him, mystery of Christ is revealed to the finite human intellect. It is in the Person of Christ God revealed and fulfilled the whole of God's eternal plan for us. Accordingly, the definitive aim of catechesis is to put people not only in touch but in communion, in intimacy, with Jesus Christ: only He can lead us to the love of the Father in the Spirit and make us share in the life of the Holy Trinity (*Catechesi Tradendae*, 5).



Personal Encounter with Christ

The *kerygma* is the first proclamation of faith; the essence of this *kerygma* or the proclamation is the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ that is both the foundation of the Church and the foundation of faith. Catechesis is what helps each of us to grow in our faith once there has been conversion inspired by the *kerygma*. If the Holy Spirit sows the seed of faith through *kerygma*, catechesis helps that seed to grow, develop strong roots, and produce good fruit. That growth is a lifelong journey. As Pope Francis emphasizes, “catechesis is the echo of the Word of God. At the heart of the proclamation is a person, Jesus Christ; therefore, catechesis is a privileged space for a personal encounter with Him (Pope Francis to the members of Italy’s National Catechetical Office, 30 Jan 2021).

Dear children, your catechism class is a privileged place to encounter with Jesus Christ, your Saviour and to enter into a personal relationship with Him. “Jesus Christ loves you; He gave His life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you” (*Joy of the Gospel*, 164). This encounter with Christ will touch your heart, mind and senses. This internalization of your faith will transform you to a Christian personality. Changes in behavior ought to follow from your relationship with Christ. The motive for rejecting the evils and sins that endanger our life emanate from your relationship with Jesus. To put it in the words of the Gospel, “if you love me, you will keep my commandments” (Jn. 14:15).

Internalization of faith is reflected in your affective relationships, community life in the parish, Messiah experience in the Holy Qurbana and other sacraments and your service to others. Thus, you become a missionary disciple of Jesus who not only follow Jesus, your saviour but a disciple who share the



mission of witnessing Jesus and profess that Christ is the Saviour of the world.

Role of Parish and Families

Catechesis is the most responsible activity of the Church and the faithful community. A person who is united to Jesus Christ by faith and is endeavoring to consolidate that faith by catechesis needs to live in communion with those who have taken the same step. Ecclesial community has the twofold responsibility of providing the adequate space for faith formation and of welcoming them into an environment where they can live as fully as possible what they have learned. The parish community is the prime mover and pre-eminent place of faith formation and accompanies all of us to grow into a mature faith (Cf. CT). The paschal mystery celebrated in the Holy Qurbana and other sacraments in a parish community is the heart of all Catechesis, the cornerstone of Christian faith and paradigm of the Christian life, both for individuals and for a community of faith.

Dear parents, you are the primary catechists of your children at the families, that is 'Domestic Church'. Through the sacrament of marriage, you have the vocation to enrich the spiritual life and the faith life your children. Preserve the good values and spiritual practices of our families in a changing world. Parents are obliged to ensure the regular participation of your children in Holy Qurbana, reception of sacraments, Catechism classes, family prayer, Bible reading, observance of Lent and Fasting.

Finally, I am glad to bring to your notice that Department of Catechesis in our eparchy has commenced *Mission Catechesis - A Virtual Academy of Faith Formation* in this academic year exclusively for children from the locations where we do not have



regular catechism classes. Thus, we reach out to the remote places of our eparchy to sow and nurture the seeds of faith to everyone.

I appreciate the dedication and the different initiatives in faith formation by the Department of Catechesis, Catechetical Commission, principals, catechists and the faithful community involved in this sacred ministry.

May God bless you to become a joyful messenger of the Gospel with fidelity to the Church.

May God Bless us All!

Yours in Christ,



Mar Jose Kalluvilil

Bishop, Eparchy of Mississauga

NB: *This circular is to be read in every parish and mission centers of the eparchy of Mississauga on November 06,2022*



EPARCHY OF MISSISSAUGA

For the Glory of God

CIRCULAR

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October 27, 2022

World Youth Day -2022

Dear Rev. Priests, Religious, Brothers and Sisters, and my dear young friends in Jesus Christ,

At the conclusion of the Eucharistic celebration of the Solemnity of Christ the King on November 20, 2020, Pope Francis announced, starting in 2021, the World Youth Day, which was traditionally held on Palm Sunday, would now be held on the Solemnity of Christ the King Sunday. The theme of the Panama World Youth Day 2019 was, "I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word" (Lk 1:38). After that event, we are journeying towards a new destination - Lisbon 2023. In 2020, we meditated on Jesus's words: "Young man, I say to you, arise!" (Lk 7:14). Last year we were inspired by the figure of the Apostle Paul, to whom the Risen Lord said: "Arise! I appoint you as a witness of what you have seen" (cf. Acts 26:16). Along the route before arriving in Lisbon, we are meditating on Virgin of Nazareth who, immediately after the Annunciation, "arose and went with haste" (Lk 1:39).

With a joyous heart and utmost gratitude, I share with you, how our youth has welcomed the message of Pope Francis in their heart. From June 17th to 22nd, fourteen youth from our Eparchy were blessed to partake in "Arise 2022" - the first Syro Malabar



youth leader's summit organized by Syro Malabar Combined Mission consisting of the Eparchies of Chicago, Melbourne, Mississauga, Great Britain, and Apostolic visitation to Rome. Our youth were blessed with the opportunity to have a private audience with Pope Francis and received a personal blessing from the Holy Father. In his address to the Syro Malabar youth on June 18, 2022, Pope Francis reminded: "Our lives find substance and meaning whenever we say, 'yes' to Jesus." Throughout the past year, it has become very apparent that the young people of our eparchy have taken our beloved Pope's words to heart and consistently said 'yes' to Jesus. Through the program Arise 2022, the fire of the Holy Spirit was undoubtedly alive within these fourteen youths who hailed from across our Eparchy. Upon returning home, they have shared their experiences with their local communities and resultingly, have ignited a new passion among all the youth of our Eparchy.

Since Arise2022 our SMYM has continued to say 'yes' to Jesus. They identified a new goal: to feel more connected with the fellow youth of our eparchy, and to partake in the combined mission and be more connected with youth beyond the borders of Canada. To this end, the program "Connect 2022" was designed. On October 14th to 16th, 160 youth delegates from the Eparchy of Mississauga and the Eparchy of Chicago met together in Niagara, for the first North American Syro Malabar Youth Summit. The event was very successful, and the power of a connected and unified youth movement centred on Syro Malabar identity was at its best display during this program.

Upon this event, our SMYM has decided that they want to continue on the journey to unify the youth of our eparchy through regional conferences. I urge all of you to encourage and support these Forane level programs to the best of your capacity. We must



ensure that not a single young person is excluded from experiencing the abundance of blessings offered through these leadership summits.

Throughout both the Arise and Connect programs, there has been a larger goal in the minds of all our youth: World Youth Day 2023. Our young people have been in preparing their hearts and minds for the upcoming World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal. However, with the program fast approaching, they have now begun taking practical steps toward attending. This is the best platform for them to experience the universal Catholic Church and deepen their faith alongside fellow youth who are committed to Jesus and His Church. As a part of the Syro Malabar Combined Mission, I look forward to a significant presence from our Eparchy at World Youth Day 2023.

In the spirit of international World Youth Day, Pope Francis has reinstated the celebration of World Youth Day 2022 on November 20, 2022 in local Churches throughout the world on the Solemnity of Christ the King. I encourage all of you to celebrate World Youth Day 2022 in each parish and mission. The theme for World Youth Day 2022 is “Mary arose and went with haste” (Lk 1:39). In his message for World Youth Day 2022, Pope Francis says, “It is my dream that at World Youth Day you will be able to experience anew the joy of encountering God and our brothers and sisters.” Sharing in His Holiness’ dream, I pray that through our eparchial World Youth Day, all the youth of our Eparchy may come together to experience the love of God and find joy in sharing their faith with one another.

I urge all of you to encourage the youth of our parishes to participate in the online Eparchial World Youth Day on November 19, 2022 at 08.30 pm EST. It is our responsibility and need that the



youth of our Eparchy continues to grow in their faith and involvement within the church – let us please continue to prioritize them within our pastoral ministries.

To my dearest youth, you have demonstrated to us all your eagerness to say ‘yes’ to Jesus and to work for the glory of God. I encourage you to nurture this passion and let it take you to new heights in your efforts to share the Good News of Jesus. In keeping with the theme of World Youth Day, I echo his Holiness’ message that you can all find a role model in Mother Mary as you continue in your ministries: “She arises and sets out, for she is certain that God’s plan is the best plan for her life. Mary becomes a temple of God, an image of the pilgrim Church, a Church that goes forth for service, a Church that brings the good news to all!” Let us pray together for the youth of our eparchy who are God’s “Today”.

May God Bless us All!

Yours in Christ,



Mar Jose Kalluvelil

Bishop, Eparchy of Mississauga

NB: *This circular is to be read in every parish and mission centers of the eparchy of Mississauga on November 13,2022*



BISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS

NOVEMBER 2022

Date	Time	Program
1	07.00 pm	All Saints Day Qurbana at Cathedral
	8.30 pm	Meeting with JY Leaders
2	11.00 am	Curia Meeting
	06.30 pm	Holy Qurbana at Scarborough
5	11.00 am	Eparchial Catechetical Convention
	04.00 pm	Parish Night at St Joseph Parish Hamilton
6	01.00 pm	Holy Qurbana at Timmins
7	11.00 am	Monthly Recollection for priests and Sisters
8	08.30 pm	Finance Council Meeting
9	11.00 am	Curia Meeting
12	11.00 am	PAC Leaders Seminar
	06.00 pm	Testimonial Dinner in Honour of David Peters
16	11.00 am	Curia Meeting
18	09.00 pm	SMYM Animators Online Session
19	08.00 pm	Flight to Calgary Online Eparchial WYD 2022
20	09.00 am	Holy Qurbana at Calgary, WYD at Parish Level
	04.00 pm	Holy Qurbana at Medicine Hat
21	09.00 pm	Baptism and Solemn Holy Communion at Calgary
22		Flight to Toronto
23	11.00 am	Curia Meeting
26,27		Mission Visit to Windsor, Sarnia, and Chatham
30	11.00 am	Curia Meeting



CURIA NEWS

Monthly Recollection

Monthly recollection for priests and sisters for the month of November 2022 is scheduled on November 07, 2022. The spiritual talk will be given by Rev. Fr. John Paleethottathil SDB.

Appointments

Rev. Fr. Moolayil Daris Cherian is appointed as the Director of the Bible Apostolate in the Eparchy of Mississauga. w. e. f. November 1, 2022.

World Youth Day 2022

Pope Francis invites all of us to celebrate World Youth Day in local Churches throughout the world on 20 November 2022, the Solemnity of Christ the King. I request you to celebrate the WYD in our parishes and missions on November 20, 2022

World Youth Day 2023 at Lisbon, Portugal

Eparchy of Mississauga under the leadership of Combined Mission (Eparchies of Chicago, Melbourne, Great Britain, and Apostolic Visitation to Europe) is arranging WYD 2023 package for the youth. We will be presenting ourselves as Syro-Malabar Youth Movement. Please contact parish priest or youth director for more information.

Informative Session for Priests, Trustees and Accountants

An informative session on CRA and Accounting is scheduled for all the priests, trustees and accountants of all the parishes and missions on December 03, 2022, at 8.30 pm EST.

Parish Share / Therattu Fee

It is highly recommended to submit the Parish share / *Therattu* fee of 2022, from each parish and mission to the finance office of Eparchy of Mississauga before the year end. Thank you for all the parishes and missions who have already submitted by monthly or trimonthly.

സഭ: പുതിയ ദൈവജനം

(തിരുവചനഭാഗം: റോമാ 9,1 –33)



പഴയനിയമദൈവജനത്തിന്റെ സ്ഥാനത്ത് പുതിയ ദൈവജനമായി സഭ രൂപംകൊണ്ടതിനെപ്പറ്റിയാണ് പൗലോസ്സ്റ്റീഹാ ഇവിടെ പ്രതിപാദിക്കുന്നത്. ഈ വചനഭാഗത്തെ താഴെക്കാണുംവിധം വിഭജിക്കാം.

1. ദൈവജനത്തിന്റെ മാഹാത്മ്യം (9,1-5)
2. ദൈവവിളിയും തിരഞ്ഞെടുപ്പും (9,6-13)
3. ദൈവത്തിന്റെ കരുണയുള്ള സ്നേഹം (9,14-18)
4. ദൈവമഹത്വം വെളിപ്പെടുത്തൽ (9,19-23)
5. ദൈവത്തിന്റെ വിശ്വസ്തത (9, 24-33)

പുതിയ ദൈവജനമായ സഭയിലെ അജപാലകർക്ക് ഇതിലൂടെ നൽകപ്പെടുന്ന സന്ദേശം എന്താണെന്നു നമുക്കു പരിശോധിക്കാം.

1. ദൈവജനത്തിന്റെ മാഹാത്മ്യം

“അവർ ഇസ്രായേൽമക്കളാണ്. പുത്രസ്ഥാനവും മഹത്വവും ഉടമ്പടികളും നിയമത്തിന്റെ അവകാശവും ശുശ്രൂഷയും വാഗ്ദാനങ്ങളും അവരുടേതാണ്. പൂർവപിതാക്കന്മാരും അവരുടേത്; മിശിഹായും വംശമുറയ്ക്ക് അവരിൽനിന്നുള്ളവൻതന്നെ. അവർ സർവാധിപനായ ദൈവവും എന്നേക്കും വാഴ്ത്തപ്പെട്ടവനുമാണ്, ആമേൻ” (9,4-5).

പഴയദൈവജനമായ ഇസ്രായേൽക്കാരെക്കുറിച്ചുള്ള ദുഃഖമാണ് പൗലോസ്സ്റ്റീഹാ ഈ അദ്ധ്യായത്തിൽ പ്രകടമാക്കുന്നത്. ദുഃഖത്തിനു കാരണം നമുക്ക് അനുമാനിക്കാം. ഈശോയിലൂടെ കൈവന്ന ദൈവികരക്ഷയെ അവിശ്വസിക്കുകയും നിരസിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തതിലൂടെ തന്റെ സമകാലികരായ യഹൂദരിൽ ഭൂരിപക്ഷവും ദൈവത്തിന്റെ രക്ഷാകരപദ്ധതിയുടെ പൂർത്തീകരണത്തിൽനിന്ന് പുറംതള്ളപ്പെട്ടു. ശാരീരികമായി യഥാർത്ഥ ഇസ്രായേലാകാൻ



ഭാഗ്യം ലഭിച്ച യഹൂദർ അവിശ്വാസം മൂലം രക്ഷ നഷ്ടപ്പെടുത്തി. വിശ്വാസം വഴിയുള്ള രക്ഷയുടെ പ്രാധാന്യം ക്രൈസ്തവരെ ഓർമ്മിപ്പിക്കാനാണ് പൗലോസ് ശ്രമിക്കുന്നത്. വിശ്വാസിയുടെ മനഃസാക്ഷിയും പരിശുദ്ധാത്മാവും ഒരേ ലക്ഷ്യത്തിനായി ഒരുമിച്ചു പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്നു എന്ന ആദ്ധ്യാത്മീകരഹസ്യവും പൗലോസ് സ്ത്രീഹാ ഇതിലൂടെ വ്യക്തമാക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. പുതിയ ദൈവജനമായ സഭാംഗങ്ങളെ ഈ വസ്തുത മനസ്സിലാക്കിക്കൊടുക്കണം. ദൈവജനമായതുകൊണ്ടുമാത്രമല്ല രക്ഷ കൈവരിക്കുന്നത്. പിന്നെയോ പരിശുദ്ധാത്മാവിന്റെ കൃപാവരത്തോട് സഹകരിച്ചുകൊണ്ട് വിശ്വാസജീവിതം നയിക്കുന്നതിലൂടെയാണ് നാം രക്ഷപ്രാപിക്കുന്നത്.

യഹൂദരുടെ മഹത്ത്വവും മാഹാത്മ്യവുമാണ് പൗലോസ് വർണ്ണിക്കുന്നത്. ആദത്തിന്റെ പാപം മൂലം നഷ്ടമായ മഹത്ത്വം മിശിഹായിലൂടെ വീണ്ടെടുക്കപ്പെട്ടതിന്റെ വിവരണം (റോമാ 8,12-30) നൽകിയതിനുശേഷമാണ് പൗലോസ് യഹൂദരുടെ മഹത്ത്വം വർണ്ണിക്കുന്നത്. ശാരീരികമായി വാഗ്ദാനത്തിന്റെ സന്തതികളായ യഹൂദർക്ക് ദൈവം വാഗ്ദാനം ചെയ്തിരുന്ന മഹത്ത്വമത്രയും അവിശ്വാസംവഴി നഷ്ടമായപ്പോൾ വിശ്വാസംവഴി അതു നേടിയെടുത്തത് ക്രിസ്ത്യാനികളാണെന്ന പരോക്ഷസൂചനയാണ് പൗലോസ് നൽകുന്നത്. യഹൂദരുടെ മഹത്ത്വം വർണ്ണിക്കുന്നതിലൂടെ ഈശോയിൽ വിശ്വസിക്കുന്നവർക്കു കൈവന്ന മഹത്ത്വത്തെക്കുറിച്ചുതന്നെയാണ് പൗലോസ് സൂചിപ്പിക്കുന്നത്. ഇസ്രായേലിന്റെ സർവ്വമഹത്ത്വങ്ങളുടെയും പൂർണ്ണത മിശിഹായുടെ ജനനമായിരുന്നുവെന്നും, ആ സമ്പൂർണ്ണ മഹത്ത്വത്തെ തിരസ്കരിക്കുകവഴി മറ്റ് അനുബന്ധമഹത്ത്വങ്ങൾ അവർക്കു നഷ്ടമായി എന്നുമാണ് പൗലോസ് വാദിക്കുന്നത്. അതുകൊണ്ട് ക്രൈസ്തവജീവിതത്തിന്റെ മഹത്ത്വം നാം മനസ്സിലാക്കണം. അത് ക്രൈസ്തവരെ മനസ്സിലാക്കിക്കൊടുക്കുവാൻ അജപാലകരും ശ്രദ്ധിക്കണം.

2. ദൈവവിളിയും തിരഞ്ഞെടുപ്പും

“ദൈവത്തിന്റെ വചനം ഒരിക്കലും പരാജയപ്പെട്ടിട്ടില്ല. എന്തെന്നാൽ, ഇസ്രായേൽ വംശജരെല്ലാം ഇസ്രായേൽക്കാരല്ല. അബ്രാഹത്തിന്റെ സന്തതിയായതുകൊണ്ട് അവരെല്ലാം മക്കളായിരിക്കണമെന്നില്ല. ഇസഹാക്കുവഴിയുള്ളവരായിരിക്കും നിന്റെ സന്തതികളായി അറിയപ്പെടുക. അതായത്, വംശമുറയ്ക്കുള്ള മക്കളല്ല ദൈവത്തിന്റെ മക്കൾ; പ്രത്യുത, വാഗ്ദാനപ്രകാരം ജനിച്ചവരാണു യഥാർഥ മക്കളായി കണക്കാക്കപ്പെടുന്നത്. വാഗ്ദാനം ഇതാണ്: ഒരു നിശ്ചിതസമയത്തു ഞാൻ വരും. അന്നു സാരായ്ക്ക് ഒരു മകൻ ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കും. മാത്രമല്ല, നമ്മുടെ പൂർവപിതാവായ ഇസഹാക്ക് എന്ന ഒരേ ആളിൽനിന്നു റെബേക്കായും കുട്ടികളെ ഗർഭംധരിച്ചു. എന്നാൽ, അവർ



ജനിക്കുകയോ, നന്മയോ തിന്മയോ ആയി എന്തെങ്കിലും പ്രവർത്തിക്കുകയോ ചെയ്യുന്നതിനുമുമ്പുതന്നെ അവൾക്ക് ഇപ്രകാരം അറിയിപ്പുണ്ടായി: ജ്യേഷ്ഠൻ അനുജന്റെ സേവകനായിരിക്കും. ദൈവത്തിന്റെ തെരഞ്ഞെടുപ്പിന്റെ ലക്ഷ്യം പ്രവൃത്തികൾമൂലമല്ല, അവിടുത്തെ വിളിമൂലം തുടർന്നുപോകേണ്ടതിനാണ് ഇതു സംഭവിച്ചത്. യാക്കോബിനെ ഞാൻ സ്നേഹിച്ചു. ഏസാവിനെയാകട്ടെ ഞാൻ വെറുത്തു എന്നാണല്ലോ എഴുതപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്നത്.” (9,6-13)

ജഡപ്രകാരമുള്ള ഇസ്രായേലും വാഗ്ദാനപ്രകാരമുള്ള ഇസ്രായേലും തമ്മിലുള്ള വൈരുദ്ധ്യാത്മകത, അബ്രാഹത്തിന്റെ സന്തതികളിൽ വാഗ്ദാനപ്രകാരം ജനിച്ച ഇസഹാക്കും ജഡപ്രകാരം ജനിച്ച ഇസ്മായേലും തമ്മിലുള്ള വൈരുദ്ധ്യത്തിനു സമാനമാണ്. ഇസഹാക്കും ഇസ്മായേലും അബ്രാഹത്തിന്റെ സന്തതികളായിരുന്നുവെങ്കിലും സാരായുടെ പുത്രനായിരുന്നു വാഗ്ദാനത്തിന്റെ പുത്രൻ. ഉൽപത്തി 18,10.14 ൽ അബ്രാഹത്തിനു ലഭിച്ച വാഗ്ദാനത്തിന്റെ അവകാശം ഇസഹാക്കിനു മാത്രമുള്ളതായിരുന്നു. ശാരീരികസന്താനങ്ങളിൽ നിന്നും ദൈവം തിരഞ്ഞെടുക്കുന്നവർ മാത്രമേ അവകാശികളാകുന്നുള്ളൂ എന്നാണ് പൗലോസ്സ്തീഹാ അർത്ഥമാക്കുന്നത്. സമാനമായൊരു തിരഞ്ഞെടുപ്പാണ് ശരീരപ്രകാരം അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ സന്തതികളായ യഹൂദരുടെയിടയിൽ നടന്നിരിക്കുന്നത്. ഈശോയിൽ വിശ്വസിക്കാൻ വൈമുഖ്യം കാട്ടുന്ന യഹൂദർ ഇസ്മായേലിന്റെ തലത്തിൽ വ്യാപരിക്കുന്നവരും രക്ഷാകരപദ്ധതിയിൽ അപ്രസക്തരുമാണ്. അതുകൊണ്ട് ദൈവവിളിയും തിരഞ്ഞെടുപ്പുമാണ് പ്രാധാന്യമർഹിക്കുന്നത്. നമ്മൾ പുതിയ ദൈവജനമായ സഭയുടെ അംഗങ്ങളായിത്തീർന്നത് ദൈവത്തിന്റെ വിളിയുടെയും തിരഞ്ഞെടുപ്പിന്റെയും ഫലമായിട്ടാണ്. ഈ ഒരവബോധം വിശ്വാസികൾക്കു നൽകുവാൻ അജപാലകർ പ്രത്യേകം ശ്രദ്ധിക്കണം.

പുതിയ ദൈവജനമെന്ന നിലയിൽ സഭയുടെ മാഹാത്മ്യവും ജനങ്ങളെ പറഞ്ഞുമനസ്സിലാക്കേണ്ടതുണ്ട്. വെറും മനുഷ്യരായിരുന്ന നമ്മൾ മാമ്മോദീസായിലൂടെ ദൈവത്തിന്റെ മക്കളായിത്തീർന്നു. “അബ്രാഹത്തിന്റെ സന്തതിയാ യ തു കൊണ്ട് അവരെല്ലാം മക്കളായിരിക്കണമെന്നില്ല. ഇസഹാക്കുവഴിയുള്ളവരായിരിക്കും നിന്റെ സന്തതികളായി അറിയപ്പെടുക. അതായത്, വംശമുറയ്ക്കുള്ള മക്കളല്ല ദൈവത്തിന്റെ മക്കൾ; പ്രത്യുത, വാഗ്ദാനപ്രകാരം ജനിച്ചവരാണു യഥാർഥ മക്കളായി കണക്കാക്കപ്പെടുന്നത്. വാഗ്ദാനം ഇതാണ്: ഒരു നിശ്ചിതസമയത്തു ഞാൻ വരും. അന്നു സാരായ്ക്ക് ഒരു മകൻ ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കും”. ദൈവമക്കളെന്ന നിലയിൽ ദൈവപുത്രനായ മിശിഹായുടെ പുത്രത്വത്തിൽ പങ്കുചേരാനും, ദൈവത്തെ ‘ആബ്ബാ, പിതാവേ’ എന്നു വിളിക്കാനും, ദൈവപുത്രർക്കടുത്ത സാഹോദര്യത്തിലും സ്നേഹ



ത്തിലും ജീവിക്കാനും, അവസാനം ദൈവപുത്രനായ ഈശോയുടെ സ്വർഗീയ മഹത്വത്തിൽ പങ്കുചേരാനും നാം വിളിക്കപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്നു (റോമാ 8,15-17). പുതിയ ഉടമ്പടിജനതയെന്ന നിലയിൽ, 'ദൈവത്തിന്റെ സ്വന്തം ജനം' എന്ന നിലയിൽ ഉടമ്പടിബന്ധം സ്ഥാപിച്ച്, പുതിയ ഉടമ്പടിയുടെ കല്പനയായ സ്നേഹത്തിന്റെ പ്രമാണം പാലിച്ചുകൊണ്ട് ഈശോയ്ക്കു സാക്ഷ്യം വഹിക്കുവാനും (യോഹ 13,34-35) നാം വിളിക്കപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്നു. ഈ ബോധവൽക്കരണം നല്കി ഇടവകയെ ദൈവമക്കളുടെ കുടുംബമായി കെട്ടിപ്പടുക്കുവാനും അജപാലകർ ശ്രദ്ധിക്കണം.

3. ദൈവത്തിന്റെ കരുണയുള്ള സ്നേഹം

“അപ്പോൾ നാം എന്തുപറയണം? ദൈവത്തിന്റെ ഭാഗത്ത് അനീതിയുണ്ടെന്നോ? ഒരിക്കലും അല്ല. എനിക്കു ദയ തോന്നുന്നവരോടു ഞാൻ ദയ കാണിക്കും; എനിക്ക് അനുകമ്പ തോന്നുന്നവരോട് അനുകമ്പയും എന്ന് അവിടുന്ന് മോശയോട് അരുളിച്ചെയ്യുന്നു. അതുകൊണ്ട്, മനുഷ്യന്റെ ആഗ്രഹമോ പ്രയത്നമോ അല്ല, ദൈവത്തിന്റെ ദയയാണ് എല്ലാറ്റിന്റെയും അടിസ്ഥാനം” (9,14-16).

ദൈവം അനീതി പ്രവർത്തിച്ചോ? എന്നു ചേദിച്ചുകൊണ്ട് ഈ ഭാഗം ആരംഭിക്കുന്നു. ദൈവത്തിന്റെ വിളിയിലും തിരഞ്ഞെടുപ്പിലും അനീതിയല്ല അവിടുത്തെ കരുണയാണ് വെളിപ്പെടുന്നത്. പുറപ്പാടുപുസ്തകത്തിൽ മോശ മലമുകളിൽ ദൈവവുമായുള്ള ഉടമ്പടി നടത്തുന്ന സമയത്ത് താഴ്വരയിൽ ജനം കാളക്കൂട്ടിയെ ആരാധിച്ചു എന്നതിനാൽ ഇസ്രായേലിന്റെ ചരിത്രത്തിലെ ഏറ്റവും ക്രൂരമായ പാപം എന്ന നിലയിലാണ് ഈ പാപത്തെ മനസ്സിലാക്കിയിരുന്നത്. എന്നാൽ ഈ ഘോരപാപത്തിലും ദൈവം കുറച്ചുപേരോട് കരുണ കാണിച്ചു. കരുണയെ സൂചിപ്പിക്കുന്ന 'ഏലെയോസ്' എന്ന നാമരൂപവും 'ഏലെയോ' എന്ന ക്രിയാരൂപവും റോമാ 9-11 അദ്ധ്യായങ്ങളിലെ മുഖ്യപ്രമേയമാണ്. തുടർന്ന് ഉദ്ധരിക്കുന്ന വാക്യം (9,17) പുറപ്പാട് 9,16 ൽ നിന്നുള്ളതാണ്. ഫറവോയുടെ അഹന്തയ്ക്ക് ഉടനടി ശിക്ഷകൊടുക്കാതെ ദൈവം കരുണ കാണിക്കുന്നതാണ് സന്ദർഭം. അതുകൊണ്ട് ദൈവത്തിന്റെ സ്നേഹത്തിന്റെ പ്രത്യേകത, അത് കരുണയുള്ള സ്നേഹമാണെന്നതാണ്.

ദൈവത്തിന്റെ സ്നേഹം കരുണയുള്ള സ്നേഹമാണെന്നുള്ളത് പുതിയനിയമത്തിൽ പ്രത്യേക പ്രാധാന്യമർഹിക്കുന്നതാണ്. സുവിശേഷങ്ങളിൽ ദൈവത്തിന്റെ പരിപൂർണ്ണതയായിട്ടാണ് ദൈവത്തിന്റെ കരുണയുള്ള സ്നേഹം കരുതപ്പെടുന്നത്. മത്തായിയുടെ സുവിശേഷത്തിൽ ശത്രുസ്നേഹത്തെപ്പറ്റി പറയുമ്പോൾ ഈശോ പറയുന്നു: “നിങ്ങളുടെ സ്വർഗസ്ഥനായ പിതാവ് പരിപൂർണ്ണനായിരിക്കുന്നതുപോലെ നിങ്ങളും പരിപൂർണ്ണരായിരിക്കുവിൻ” (മത്താ 5,48). ഈ വാചകം തന്നെ ലൂക്കായുടെ സുവിശേഷത്തിൽ കൊടുത്തിരിക്കു



നൽ ഇപ്രകാരമാണ്. “നിങ്ങളുടെ പിതാവ് കരുണയുള്ളവനായിരിക്കുന്നതു പോലെ നിങ്ങളും കരുണയുള്ളവരായിരിക്കുവിൻ” (ലൂക്കാ 6,36). ദൈവത്തിന്റെ പരിപൂർണ്ണത നാം കാണേണ്ടത് അവിടുത്തെ കരുണയുള്ള സ്നേഹത്തിലാണെന്ന് അതു നമ്മെ ഓർമ്മിപ്പിക്കുന്നു. പാപബദ്ധനായ മനുഷ്യനെ ദൈവം സ്നേഹിക്കുന്നത് അവിടുത്തെ സ്നേഹം കരുണയുള്ള സ്നേഹമായതുകൊണ്ടാണ്. ഇത് സഭാംഗങ്ങളെല്ലാം മനസ്സിലാക്കേണ്ട ഒരു യാഥാർത്ഥ്യമാണ്. സഭ സ്നേഹത്തിനു സാക്ഷ്യം വഹിക്കേണ്ട ഒരു കൂട്ടായ്മയായി നിലനിൽക്കണമെങ്കിൽ കരുണയുള്ള സ്നേഹം അജപാലകരും അജഗണങ്ങളും നിരന്തരം അഭ്യസിക്കുകയും പ്രാവർത്തികമാക്കുകയും ചെയ്യണം.

4. ദൈവമഹത്ത്വം വെളിപ്പെടുത്തൽ

“അപ്പോൾ നിങ്ങൾ എന്നോടു ചോദിച്ചേക്കാം: അങ്ങനെയെങ്കിൽ, അവിടുന്ന് എന്തിനു മനുഷ്യനെ കുറ്റപ്പെടുത്തണം? അവിടുത്തെ ഹിതം ആർക്കു തടുക്കാൻ കഴിയും? ദൈവത്തോടു വാഗ്ദാനം നടത്താൻ മനുഷ്യൻ, നീ ആരാണു? നീ എന്തിനാണ് എന്നെ ഈ വിധത്തിൽ നിർമ്മിച്ചത് എന്നു പാത്രം കുശവനോടു ചോദിക്കുമോ? ഒരേ കളിമൺ പിൻഡത്തിൽനിന്നു ശ്രേഷ്ഠമോ ഹീനമോ ആയ ഉപയോഗത്തിനുള്ള പാത്രങ്ങൾ നിർമ്മിക്കാൻ കുശവൻ അവകാശമില്ലേ? ദൈവം തന്റെ ക്രോധം വെളിവാക്കാനും ശക്തി അറിയിക്കാനും ആഗ്രഹിച്ചുകൊണ്ട് നശിപ്പിക്കപ്പെടാൻവേണ്ടി നിർമ്മിച്ച ക്രോധ പാത്രങ്ങളോടു വലിയ ക്ഷമ കാണിച്ചെങ്കിൽ അതിലെന്ത്? അത്, താൻമഹത്ത്വത്തിനായി മുൻകൂട്ടി തയ്യാറാക്കിയിരുന്ന കൃപാപാത്രങ്ങൾക്കുവേണ്ടിയുള്ള തന്റെ മഹത്ത്വത്തിന്റെ സമ്പത്ത് വെളിപ്പെടുത്താൻ വേണ്ടിയാണ്” (9,19-23)

ഇസ്രായേൽചരിത്രത്തിലെ പ്രവാസകാലഘട്ടമാണ് ഇവിടെ വിവക്ഷിക്കപ്പെടുന്നത്. എല്ലാം ദൈവത്തിന്റെ പദ്ധതിയനുസരിച്ചാണു നടക്കുന്നതെങ്കിൽ മനുഷ്യന്റെ തെറ്റുകൾക്കും പരാജയങ്ങൾക്കും അവനെ കുറ്റപ്പെടുത്താനാകുമോ എന്ന അടിസ്ഥാനപരമായ താത്വികപ്രശ്നമാണ് ഇവിടെ അവതരിപ്പിക്കുന്നത്. രണ്ടു പഴയനിയമപ്രവചനങ്ങളെ ആധാരമാക്കിയാണ് ലേഖനകർത്താവ് ഇതിനു ഉത്തരം നൽകുന്നത്. ആദ്യമായി കുശവന്റെയും കളിമണ്ണിന്റെയും കഥ പറയുന്ന ജറെ 18,5-17 ലേതും, രണ്ടാമതായി, അവിശ്വസ്തരായ ഇസ്രായേലിനുള്ള ശിക്ഷാവിധിയെപ്പറ്റി പറയുന്ന ഏശ 29,16 ലേതും. പ്രവാസത്തിനും ശിക്ഷാവിധിയ്ക്കുംശേഷം ദൈവം സൗഭാഗ്യം നൽകും. ഇവിടെ ശിക്ഷാവിധി ലഭിക്കുന്നവർ ഈശോയിൽ വിശ്വസിക്കാത്ത യഹൂദരും സൗഭാഗ്യം നേടുന്നവർ ഈശോയിൽ വിശ്വസിച്ചവരും ആണ് എന്നു നമുക്കു മനസ്സിലാക്കാം. വിശ്വാസമില്ലായ്മ ശിക്ഷാവിധിയ്ക്കും വിശ്വാസം സൗഭാഗ്യത്തിനും കാരണമാകുമെന്നുള്ളത് വിശ്വാസികളും അജപാലകരും മനസ്സിലാക്കേണ്ടതാണ്.

കുശവനും കളിമണ്ണും തമ്മിലുള്ള ബന്ധത്തിന്റെ പ്രതീകാത്മക വിവരണത്തിലൂടെ ദൈവത്തിന്റെ പ്രവർത്തനത്തെ ചോദ്യം ചെയ്യാനുള്ള മനുഷ്യന്റെ അവകാശം



ഞെയാണ് പൗലോസ്സ്ത്രീഹാ നിഷേധിക്കുന്നത്. മണ്ണു കുഴയ്ക്കുന്നതും നിയതരു പത്തിലാക്കുന്നതും ചൂടുന്നതുമെല്ലാം ശിക്ഷാവിധിയായി കരുതാമെങ്കിൽ നിർമ്മിക്കപ്പെട്ട കലം പുതിയൊരു തുടക്കത്തിന്റെ സൂചനയാണ്. പ്രവാസമോ തിരസ്കരണമോ ദൈവത്തിന്റെ കോപമൂലം സംഭവിക്കുന്നതല്ല. കാരണം തിരസ്കരിച്ചത് ദൈവമല്ല. മനുഷ്യൻ ദൈവത്തെയാണു തിരസ്കരിച്ചത്. ഫറവോയോട് കരുണ കാണിച്ചു തുപോലെ അവിശ്വാസികളായ വിശ്വാസികളോടും ദൈവം കരുണ കാണിക്കുകയാണ്. 'കാരുണ്യത്തിന്റെ പാത്രങ്ങളും' 'ക്രോധപാത്രങ്ങളും', അന്ത്യവിധിയിലെ ചെമ്മരിയാടുകളും കോലാടുകളും (മത്താ 25,31-44) എന്നതിനു സമാനമായി മനസ്സിലാക്കാം. യഹൂദരും വിജാതീയരും ഉൾക്കൊള്ളുന്ന ക്രൈസ്തവസമൂഹം ദൈവമഹത്വത്തിന്റെ വെളിപ്പെടുത്തലായി കാണേണ്ടതാണെന്ന് അജപാലകർ അജഗണങ്ങളെ പഠിപ്പിക്കണം.

5. ദൈവത്തിന്റെ വിശ്വസ്തത

“യഹൂദരിൽനിന്നു മാത്രമല്ല, വിജാതീയരിൽനിന്നുകൂടിയും വിളിക്കപ്പെട്ട നമ്മളും ആ പാത്രങ്ങളിൽപ്പെടുന്നു. അവിടുന്നു ഹോസിയായവഴി അരുളിച്ചെയ്യുന്നതുപോലെ, എന്റെ ജനമല്ലാത്തവരെ എന്റെ ജനം എന്ന് ഞാൻ വിളിക്കും; പ്രിയപ്പെട്ടവളല്ലാത്തവളെ പ്രിയപ്പെട്ടവളെന്നും. നിങ്ങൾ എന്റെ ജനമല്ല എന്ന് അവരോടു പറയപ്പെട്ട അതേ സ്ഥലത്തുവെച്ചു ജീവിക്കുന്ന ദൈവത്തിന്റെ മക്കൾ എന്ന് അവർ വിളിക്കപ്പെടും. ഇസ്രായേലിനെക്കുറിച്ച് ഏഴയ്യായും വിലപിക്കുന്നു: ഇസ്രായേൽമക്കളുടെ സംഖ്യ കടലിലെ മണൽപോലെയാണെന്നിരിക്കിലും, അവരിൽ ഒരു ചെറിയഭാഗം മാത്രമേ രക്ഷിക്കപ്പെടുകയുള്ളൂ. എന്തെന്നാൽ, കർത്താവ് ഭൃതിയുടെമേലുള്ള വിധി അന്തിമമായി ഉടൻതന്നെ നിർവഹിക്കും. ഏഴയ്യായ പ്രവചിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതുപോലെ, സൈന്യങ്ങളുടെ കർത്താവു നമുക്കു മക്കളെ അവശേഷിപ്പിച്ചില്ലായിരുന്നെങ്കിൽ, നമ്മൾ സോദോം പോലെ ആയിത്തീരുമായിരുന്നു; ഗൊമോറായ്ക്കു സദൃശരാവുകയുംചെയ്യുമായിരുന്നു. അപ്പോൾ നമ്മൾ എന്തു പറയണം? നീതി അന്വേഷിച്ചു പോകാതിരുന്ന വിജാതീയർ നീതി, അതായത് വിശ്വാസത്തിലുള്ള നീതി, പ്രാപിച്ചു എന്നുതന്നെ. നിയമത്തിലധിഷ്ഠിതമായ നീതി അന്വേഷിച്ചുപോയ ഇസ്രായേലാകട്ടെ, ആ നിയമം നിറവേറ്റുന്നതിൽ വിജയിച്ചില്ല. എന്തുകൊണ്ട്? അവർ വിശ്വാസത്തിലൂടെയല്ല പ്രവൃത്തികളിലൂടെയാണ് അന്വേഷിച്ചത്. ഇടർച്ചയുടെ പാരമേൽ അവർ തട്ടിവിടുന്നു. ഇതാ! തട്ടിവിട്ത്തുന്ന കല്ലും ഇടർച്ചയ്ക്കുള്ള പാരയും സീയോനിൽ ഞാൻ സ്ഥാപിക്കുന്നു. അവനിൽ വിശ്വസിക്കുന്നവർക്കു ലജ്ജിക്കേണ്ടിവരുകയില്ല എന്ന് എഴുതപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്നു” (9,24-33)

ഹോസിയപ്രവാചകന്റെ പുസ്തകത്തിൽനിന്നുള്ള രണ്ട് ഉദ്ധരണികളാണ് (1,10; 2,23) ഈ ഭാഗത്തെ പ്രമേയം. 'ജനമല്ലാത്തവർ', 'പ്രിയപ്പെട്ടവരല്ലാത്തവർ' എന്നീ പദപ്രയോഗങ്ങൾ ദൈവികഉടമ്പടിയുടെ ഭാഗമല്ലാതിരുന്ന വിജാ



തീയരെയൊന്നു സൂചിപ്പിക്കുന്നത്. ദൈവം അവരെ “വിളിച്ചു” എന്നത് ദൈവികതിരഞ്ഞെടുപ്പിന്റെയും രൂപീകരണത്തിന്റെയും അടയാളമായി കരുതാം. ദൈവം വിജാതീയരെ പേരുവിളിച്ച് യഹൂദരോടു ചേർത്തതോടെ, വിജാതീയരും യഹൂദരും ചേരുന്ന ദൈവമക്കളുടെ സമൂഹമാകുന്ന സഭ രൂപംകൊണ്ടു. പൗലോസ്സ്ത്രീഹാ സഭയിൽ ഉത്ഥിതനായ മിശിഹായെ കണ്ടനുഭവിച്ചതുകൊണ്ടാണ് യഹൂദമതത്തിൽനിന്നും വ്യത്യസ്തമായി യഹൂദരും വിജാതീയരുമുൾപ്പെടുന്ന സഭ രൂപംകൊണ്ടത്. ഇതിലൂടെയാണ് ദൈവം അബ്രാഹത്തിനു കൊടുത്ത വാഗ്ദാനം (ഉൽപ 12,1-3) പൂർത്തീകരിക്കപ്പെട്ടത്. ഇവയിലൂടെയെല്ലാം വെളിപ്പെട്ടത് ദൈവത്തിന്റെ അചഞ്ചലസ്നേഹവും മാറ്റംവരാത്ത വിശ്വസ്തതയുമാണ്.

റോമാ 9,27-29 ൽ പൗലോസ് തന്റെ വാദഗതി അവതരിപ്പിക്കുന്നത് ഏശശ്ശാ 10,22-23 നെ ആധാരമാക്കിയാണ്. അബ്രാഹത്തിനു ദൈവം കൊടുത്ത വാഗ്ദാനം പൂർത്തീകരിക്കപ്പെട്ടെങ്കിലും, രക്ഷാചരിത്രം മുന്നോട്ടുനീങ്ങുന്നത് വളരെ ചെറിയ ഒരു അവശിഷ്ടഭാഗത്തിലൂടെയാണ്. രക്ഷാചരിത്രത്തിന്റെ പൂർത്തീകരണം മിശിഹായിലാണ് സംഭവിക്കുന്നത്. മിശിഹായിലുള്ള വിശ്വാസം വിധിയുടെ മാനദണ്ഡമാണ്. വിശ്വസിച്ച ചെറിയ വിഭാഗം-ക്രൈസ്തവർ-രക്ഷാചരിത്രത്തിന്റെ തുടർച്ചയായി മാറുന്നു. ഇസ്രായേലിന്റെ ചരിത്രം പൂർവ്വപിതാക്കൾ മുതൽ പ്രവാസംവരെ വിശകലനം ചെയ്തതിലൂടെ പൗലോസ് എത്തിച്ചേരുന്ന നിഗമനം വ്യക്തമാണ്. അബ്രാഹത്തിന്റെ ശാരീരികസന്താനങ്ങളിൽ എല്ലാവരും രക്ഷിക്കപ്പെടുന്നില്ല. രക്ഷയുടെ മാനദണ്ഡം ദൈവത്തിന്റെ കൃപാപൂർണ്ണമായ തിരഞ്ഞെടുപ്പാണ്. ഈ ഒരു ബോധ്യം അജപാലകർക്കുണ്ടാവണം. അവരുടെ അജപാലനശുശ്രൂഷയ്ക്ക് ഏല്പിക്കപ്പെടുന്ന വിശ്വാസികൾക്കും ഈ ബോധ്യം നല്കണം.

ജീവിതസൂചിക

1. ക്രൈസ്തവജീവിതത്തിന്റെ മാഹാത്മ്യം ജനങ്ങളെ മനസ്സിലാക്കിക്കൊടുക്കുവാൻ ഞാൻ എപ്രകാരം ശ്രമിക്കുന്നു?
2. ദൈവമക്കളുടെ കുടുംബം എന്ന നിലയിൽ ഇടവകജനങ്ങളെ കുടുംബാ രൂപിയിൽ വളർത്തുവാൻ ഞാൻ ശ്രമിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?
3. ദൈവത്തിന്റെ കരുണയുള്ള സ്നേഹം എന്റെ അജപാലകസ്നേഹത്തിന്റെ മുഖമുദ്രയാക്കുവാൻ ശ്രമിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?
4. രക്ഷാകരചരിത്രം ദൈവമഹത്വത്തിന്റെ വെളിപ്പെടുത്തലായി മനസ്സിലാക്കാനും ജനങ്ങളെ അപ്രകാരം പഠിപ്പിക്കാനും സാധിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?
5. യഹൂദരും വിജാതീയരും ഉൾപ്പെടുന്ന സമൂഹമായി സഭ രൂപപ്പെട്ടതിൽ ദൈവത്തിന്റെ സ്നേഹവും വിശ്വസ്തതയും എപ്രകാരം ദർശിക്കാം?



NEWS FROM DEPARTMENTS

DEPARTMENT OF CATECHESIS

Mission Catechesis

The Department of Catechesis in the Eparchy of Mississauga has commenced *Mission Catechesis – A Virtual Academy of Faith Formation* in the academic year of 2022-2023. This program is exclusively for children from kindergarten to Grade 12 from the Mission / Mass Centers where we do not have regular catechism classes.

Mrs. Aann Abraham (Calgary) is the Principal and Mr. Santhosh George (Ottawa), is the Vice Principal of this new initiative in the Eparchy of Mississauga.

The official inauguration of Mission Catechesis was conducted on October 02, 2022. H.E Mar Jose Kalluvilil inaugurated this virtual academy of faith formation. A meeting of the online catechists was conducted on October 01, 2022. 23 catechists are devoting their valuable time in this ministry and there are 127 students from the different locations across Canada are attending the regular Online catechism classes.

DEPARTMENT OF CATECHESIS
EPARCHY OF MISSISSAUGA

Commencing.....

MISSION CATECHESIS 2022-2023
A Virtual Academy of Faith Formation

FOR WHOM

Kindergarten to Grade 12 Students from Mission Centres & other regions of the Eparchy


- Who have NO provision to attend regular Catechism classes
- Who can't access Catechism classes, due to any significant health concerns

Contact:
Parish or Mission Directors
missioncatechesismssga@gmail.com

More details

New Catechist's Orientation Seminar

Department of Catechesis, Eparchy of Mississauga, conducted Orientation Seminars for new Catechists and Youth Associates at three Forane levels (Edmonton, Mississauga, and Scarborough). The topic on 'Catechesis and its Objectives' were led by Rev Dr. Jacob Vennayappillil, Director of Catechesis- Archdiocese of Thalassery and the Introduction to Catechism Textbooks by Rev. Fr. Augustine Kallumkatharayil. Seminars were conducted on October 08 (Mississauga Forane), October 22 (Edmonton Forane) and October 29 (Scarborough Forane) respectively. Approximately 109 New Catechists / Youth Associates participated in the seminar.



Department of Catechesis
Syo Malabar Catholic Eparchy of Mississauga

Orientation Seminar

MISSISSAUGA FORANE

New Catechists & Youth Associates



◆ Catechesis & Its Objectives
Rev. Dr. Jacob Vennayappillil
Director of Catechesis, Thalassery


◆ Introduction to Catechism Textbooks
Rev. Fr. Augustine Kallumkatharayil
Director of Catechesis, Mississauga

OCTOBER 08 10:30 am - 01:00 pm EST

Meeting ID: 885 0234 0065 Passcode: faith

Catechists' Convention 2022

The Department of Catechesis is organizing the '2022 Eparchial Catechists' Convention' on November 05, 2022, in association with the feast of St. Charles Borromeo, the Patron Saint of the Catechists. The convention is for the Catechists and Youth Associates from the various Parishes and



2022 Eparchial Catechists' Convention


NOV 05

11 am - 12:30 pm EST

with
H.E. MAR JOSE PULICKAL
Chairman, Special Commission for Catechesis



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H.E. MAR JOSE KALLUVELIL
Bishop, Eparchy of Mississauga



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Syo Malabar Catholic Eparchy of Mississauga

Mission Centres across the Eparchy. H.E Mar Jose Pulickal, Chairman of the Synodal Commission for Catechesis, is the Chief guest of the ceremony. Principals who completed their tenure in the academic year 2021- 2022 and the Catechists who have served the Catechetical department continuously for 5, 10 and more years will be recognized and honoured in the ceremony.

Catechetical Sunday – November 06, 2022

Catechetical Sunday is a remarkable occasion to reflect on the role that each person plays, by the virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. The ministry of teaching in the name of the Church has a profound dignity. The Catechetical Sunday offers an opportunity for all to strengthen the Catechetical ministry and set apart a day to appreciate and pray for those who serve as Catechists in our Parish communities. Further, this day invites the entire community to reflect on our responsibility to uphold and share our faith with others. The Catechetical Sunday of this year in the Eparchy of Mississauga will be on November 06, 2022, in association with the Feast of St. Charles Borromeo, the Patron Saint of Catechists.

Mission Quest 2022

The Syro Malabar Mission Office, in association with the Commission for Catechism, is organizing a quiz program to deepen our knowledge about the Word of God, our Church and her

MISSION QUEST 2022

FOR THE ARCHDIOCESAN LEVEL

Prizes for Catechism Students and Adults

1st PRIZE ₹10,000
2nd PRIZE ₹5,000
3rd PRIZE ₹3,000

ON 30 OCTOBER SUNDAY, 2022 08:00 PM

FOR THE EPARCHIAL LEVEL

Prizes for Catechism Students and Adults

1st PRIZE ₹1,000
2nd PRIZE ₹750
3rd PRIZE ₹500

ON 30 OCTOBER SUNDAY, 2022 08:00 PM

mission, with the motto: *To Know the Mission And Be A Missionary.*

Mission Quest conducts quiz competitions separately for Catechism students and adults. Participation in the quiz is through Google Form which will be activated at 8:30 pm EST on October 30, 2022. Participants can be Catechists, Catechism Students, and other parishioners.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 30 or 31, 2022 - Holy-ween (All saints day)

November 05, 2022 - Catechists' Convention

November 06, 2022 - Catechetical Sunday

November 12, 2022 - Veritas Webinar

Everything
is possible
with God.

-Mark 10:27



DEPARTMENT OF SMYM CANADA

World Youth Day (WYD) 2023 & Syro Festival

Declaration of Interest

This form gathers information from the youth and young adults who are interested in attending World Youth Day 2023 from the EPARCHIES OF CHICAGO, GREAT BRITAIN, MELBOURNE, MISSISSAUGA, and the APOSTOLIC VISITATIONS OF EUROPE. Please provide your contact details and information so you can stay updated with the announcements about how we will be participating in this celebration! Please click the link to declare your interest. <https://forms.office.com/r/MJvFqhzxkn>

Please Note: This is not a registration form, but this declaration will help the project team prepare for registering everyone. The registration will be open in October 2022. All World Youth Day and Syro Festival activities are subject to change depending on public health measures enacted due to COVID-19 or any other associated risks.

Participants should be in the age bracket of 18 to 35 by the



time we depart on July 22, 2023, are permitted to go to WYD as part of the pilgrim group even though WYD is open for 16+.

Syro Festival

(July 26 -31, 2023) and World Youth Day 2023 (August 1 - 6, 2023)

SYRO-MALABAR COMBINED MISSION PILGRIMAGE

Organized by the Syro-Malabar Combined Mission

(EPARCHIES OF CHICAGO, GREAT BRITAIN, MELBOURNE, MISSISSAUGA AND THE APOSTOLIC VISITATIONS OF EUROPE)

What is Syro Festival?

Syro Festival is the “Days in the Dioceses” event organized by the SyroMalabar Youth Movement Combined Mission. In the week that precedes WYD Lisbon 2023, various dioceses in Portugal invite WYD participants to explore their diocese. We will spend time in the Leiria-Fatima Diocese with programs and activities planned at Minde and Leiria, as well as a pilgrimage to Fatima and more.

What is World Youth Day?

World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope. It is also a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church and an intense moment of evangelisation for the youth world. Although its Catholic identity is evident, WYD opens its doors to everyone, no matter how close to or distant from the Church they are.

What is the Estimated Cost to Attend?

Indicative cost is tentatively 960 Euros Per Person (subject to change based on release of official WYD registration fee pricing).

This indicative cost includes food, accommodation, welcome kit and World Youth Day registration. The fee covers the food and accommodation from Wednesday, July 26th dinner to Sunday,



August 6th dinner. The accommodation will be simple accommodation during these days. The indicative price excludes flights, insurance, visa and any other costs.

Theme:

“Mary arose and went with haste” (Lk 1:39)

Date:

Syro Festival: July 26 (Wednesday) to July 31 (Monday), 2023

World Youth Day: August 1 (Tuesday) to August 6 (Sunday),
2023

Location:

Syro Festival: Leiria-Fatima Diocese, including Minde and its
neighbouring parishes

World Youth Day: Lisbon, Portugal

Connect 2022, SMYM Residential Camp

On October 14/15/16, for the first time, SMYM Canada, in collaboration with DYA USA, conducted the first-ever SMYM North American youth summit, CONNECT 2022, in Niagara Falls, Ontario. Abide in Me, and I in you! With a total participation of 145 youths from various parishes across the Eparchies of Mississauga and Chicago, CONNECT 2022 successfully took place. With around 45 youth delegates from DYA USA and 100 youth delegates representing both SMYM Canada national and international youth attended and took part in the CONNECT 2022.

The various resources for CONNECT 2022 include Bishop Mar Thomas Tharayil, Fr. Paul Chalisserry Antony, Fr. Kevin Mundackal, Rohn Jose, and Lissa Mathew. The participants could engage in topics such as mental health, servant leadership, connecting with the Syro-Malabar identity, connecting with faith and many more. Upon arrival, the participants had the opportunity



to socialize with fellow CONNECT 2022 participants and collect their participants' IDs and CONNECT 2022 hoodies.

The youth summit officially started on Friday at 11:45 PM with an MC's lead, 'Why we are here?' followed by Praise and Worship. CONNECT 2022 was formally inaugurated on Friday evening by our Beloved Bishop, Mar Jose Kalluvilil, with Bishop Mar Thomas Tharayil by the lighting of the lamb. Following the inauguration, our Bishop Mar Jose Kalluvilil gave the address, in which the bishop highlighted the importance of having Jesus as



our connecting point. The day ended with all participants having the opportunity to explore Niagara Falls and its nearby attractions.

Saturday, CONNECT 2022, was blessed to have the presence of bishops, where participants partook in the Holy Qurbana celebrated by Bishop Mar Jose Kalluvelil, Bishop Mar Joy Alappat, and Bishop Mar Thomas Tharayil. Throughout the day, many highlight sessions took place, such as the cultural program, where youths from the various parishes showcase their talents through music and dance, the performance of Prodigyl, and most importantly, the day ended with a Eucharistic adoration led by the CONNECT 2022 music ministry.

A unique highlight of CONNECT 2022 was that participants were also leading the various activities of each day. Through this, they learned to attend and also learned about taking leadership which they could bring back to their parishes and local youths. Huge thanks to all the volunteers who helped set up for CONNECT 2022 and the parishioner of the Niagara parish. CONNECT 2022 ended on Sunday at 2:00 PM, introducing the next big thing for SMYM Canada and DYA USA, ARISE 2023 and WYD 2023, one of the biggest days for Syro-Malabar and catholic youths.

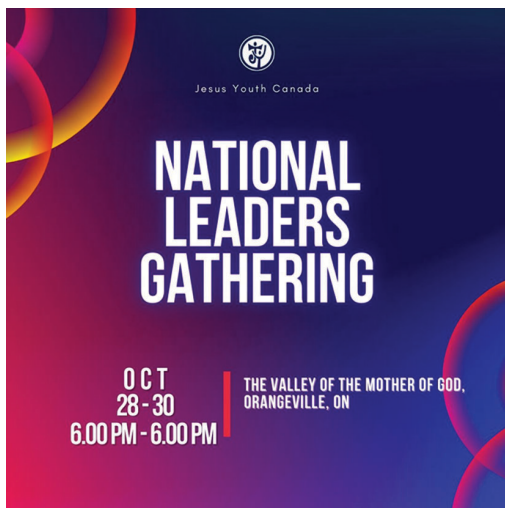
The dedication and hard work of the project team under the leadership of Fr. George Joseph, Fr. Paul Chalisserry Antony, and Fr. Kevin Mundackal were visible in the success of CONNECT 2022. The presence and cooperation of St Mother Theresa Parish Community was amazing. Throughout CONNECT 2022, participants created lasting connections and took inspiration from CONNECT 2022 for future local and regional SMYM events for our youth across the eparchy. In all and all, CONNECT 2022 was a success, and along with our bishop, we hope SMYM will be able to host more youth events for youth in the coming days and years.





Jesus Youth-National Leaders Gathering

Jesus Youth Canada hosted a National Leaders Gathering on October 28 to October 30th at The Valley Of The Mother Of God retreat centre Orangville, ON. There were around 105 participants from across Canada who attended the 3 day event. It was a time of renewal in helping the participants live out their call as a Missionary Disciple. The main resource for this gathering was Manoj Sunny, who is the International Formation Director of Jesus Youth. The first half of the program was focused more on the personal relationship with Jesus and progressed on to Christian Leadership and evangelization.



**Pray and have
faith, the
outcome and
timing are
God's decisions.**

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY APOSTOLATE

Activities of the Family Apostolate

1. Live Session for Couples and Families

Bishop Mar Thomas Tharayil led a session for couples and families on October 16th at St. Alphonsa Cathedral, Mississauga which was available Live on YouTube. Bishop Tharayil emphasized the need for creating an atmosphere of love and Joy in families as the foundation to grow spirituality, and closeness to God. When children recognize that their parents share the joy and happiness, they get peace of mind at home and naturally develop self confidence. Children should also listen from their parents that it was God who helped them the most, even in the most difficult times when nobody was to help . Eventually it will orient children to come to the Lord and pray to him...enable them to look forward to him even in times when all the other doors are closed. More than 1400 viewers joined to listen to the message delivered by Bishop Tharayil.



2. Marriage Preparation Course

Marriage preparation course was conducted virtually on October 22nd to 24th , with 40 participants joining from UK , Canada, and India.

Upcoming Events

Celebration of Marriage Jubilee of couples in Diocese:

November 26 Saturday.

Parish level Jubilee celebration At St. Thomas Forane:

November 12, Saturday

Next Marriage preparation course (MPC) :

November 26-28.



DEPARTMENT OF NURSES MINISTRY

Prayer Meetings

Every Monday, Nurses ministry members join the national zoom prayer meeting from 8:30 to 10:30, beginning with a rosary followed by praise and worship and the Word of God.

Monthly Regional Meeting

All regions continue to gather for monthly prayer meetings in person in their respective regions.

Farewell & Welcome to Animators

On October 6th, all regions of Canadian Nurses's ministry joined on Zoom to say goodbye to Sr.Celine Rose, served as the animator of the Nurses Ministry of Canada and welcomed Sr.Josy as the new animator of the Nurses Ministry.

Mississauga Nurses Ministry conducted a send-off party for our Nurses Ministry

Animator Sr. Celine Rose, on October 15 from 11:00 am – 1:30 pm. Members were able to spend time with Sr. Celine by playing games, dancing, singing, and having refreshments with her.



NEWS FROM PARISHS

MISSISSAUGA FORANE

ST. ALPHONSA CATHEDRAL MISSISSAUGA

Angels Meet 2022

Angels Meet was conducted on 1st Oct 2022 at 9.00am in St. Alphonsa Cathedral, Mississauga. All children who received first Holy communion between October 1st 2021 to September 30, 2022, participated in this meet. Fr. Jose Alencherry, the



Vicar welcomed the children to the Holy Qurbana. Mar Jose Kalluvilil was the main celebrant. It was a very graceful occasion. All children went to confession on Friday and the parents prepared the children spiritually. Catechism Department in association with the Pious Associations were instrument in conducting this program.

Annual Parish Retreat

The Annual Parish Retreat was held on Oct 7, 8 and 9 at St. Alphonsa Cathedral, Mississauga. There were separate sessions for adults, for children from JK to Grade 7, and for students of



Grade 8 to 12 on the same day. The retreat began at 5 pm with Rosary, Talk, Holy Qurbana and ended at 9.p.m. Fr. Jose Alencherry, the Pastor, welcomed everyone and inaugurated the Retreat. Fr. Joyal Joseph, the associate pastor, was the preacher. It was really a grace filled occasion.

Vegetable & Flower Garden Competitions

Vegetable and Flower Garden Competitions were held in St. Alphonsa cathedral. The Competitions were held from Family unit wise to parish level and the final round contestants were selected from parish level.

The Winners were given below; 1st Prize - Saji Varghese from St. Jude Family Unit (Ward IV), 2nd Prize - Siby Antony St. Antony Family Unit (Ward II) and 3rd Place- Binu Joseph – Fatima Matha Family Unit (Ward II) Flower garden winner is J ison Thomas – St. Thomas Family Unit (Ward I) out of 3 entries.

Seminar for Couples

The Department of the Family Apostolate conducted a seminar for couples. The meeting started after Holy Mass at 8.p.m on Sunday 16, 2022.St. Alphonsa Cathedral, Mississauga hosted the program. Almost 100 couples attended in person and more than one thousand others on Youtube.



Mar Thomas Tharayil, Auxiliary Bishop of Changanacherry conducted the class

10 Days Solemn Rosary

The 10 days Solemn Rosary at the church started on the 20th and will end on 31st October 2022. Rosary is recited after Holy

Qurbana and end with the Benediction of the Bl. Sacrament. Family Units also have taken great interest in reciting the rosary in common.

Talent Fest 2022

Parish Talent Fest was conducted on Saturday, October 22, 2022, from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm at St Joseph Secondary School Mississauga. Annual Parish Talent Fest is an event that brings out the God-given talents of parishioners in different performing arts, as well as literature. This includes music, songs, dance, speech, drawing, painting and drama. Many children, youth and adult participated in the program.



Bon Voyage

A farewell Function was conducted on October 16, 2022, immediately after the Holy Qurbana at 8.30 am. Fr. Jose Alencherry thankfully remembered the ministry of Rev. Fr. Tenson Paul, who is now relieved from the position of the Associate pastor of St. Alphonsa Cathedral, Mississauga and Regeena Mathew recalled the services of Sr. Jeslin CMC and Sr. Celine Rose CMC over the past years. Mr. Raju Davis gave vote of thanks and expressed the gratitude of the parish by offering a gift as a token of love to each of the retirees.



Catechism Teachers' Orientation

On October 16, 2022, the Core Team successfully held the

Catechism Teachers' Orientation. The event began with the Holy Qurbana at 8:30 AM and concluded at 4:00 PM. It was officially inaugurated at Kannampuzha Hall by Rev. Fr. Jose Alencherry and



was followed by a wonderful talk from His Excellency Mar Thomas Tharayil on "Culture and Identity" and "Transmission of Faith." All participants then took part in an engaging workshop before ending the day with tea and snacks.

The Core Team also organized a special farewell celebration for Rev. Sr. Jeslin Thalachira CMC and Rev. Sr. Celine Rose CMC. We are ever grateful for their contributions to the Catechism Department. May God bless and shower them with many blessings!



Annual Youth Retreat

St. Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Cathedral's Annual Youth Retreat – which took place between October 7-9, 2022, was led by Kevin Michael and Christine Michael for Grades 8-12. During the event, they discussed many relevant topics, hosted interactive activities, etc.

We thank Kevin Michael and Christine Michael for their wonderful leadership, and all youth who attended the retreat.



First PTA Meeting

On October 2, 2022, the Catechetical Core Team held the first PTA meeting of the school year from 10:15 AM to 1:15 PM, where we had an interactive session with all parents. The aim of the session was to find parent volunteers to be part of the Sunday School on behalf of the PTA. After an enlightening talk by Rev. Fr. Jose Alencherry, a team of 16 volunteers came forward to form the PTA Council.

The Core Team would like to extend our sincere gratitude to all parents and teachers who attended the meeting; we are ever thankful for your initiative and commitment.

New Teachers' [Eparchy-Level] Orientation Session

Teachers who joined the Catechism Department of the Eparchy through different parishes/ Missions this year attended the New Teachers' Orientation Session, which was held at the Eparchy-level. The seminar was conducted in three sessions for the three Foranes.

We sincerely thank all those who made the wonderful decision to join the Catechism Department as teachers and contribute their many gifts to the works of the Lord Almighty. We look forward to working with you for the 2022-2023 school year!



It's Time for...Holy-Ween!

The Core Team will be hosting our annual Holy-Ween event on October 31, 2022 with the Holy Qurbana, a saints' parade, and candy collecting!

We encourage all children to dress up as their favorite saints so that we can show our love for God and learn from His role models on Earth. We also have a wonderful prize that will be awarded to those who have the best costumes!



PAC Monthly Meeting

The first monthly PAC session for the academic year 2022-2023 was held on 2 October 2022. The PAC session was held for the last 30 minutes of the Catechism session. The PAC teaching was based on the virtue of the month- *Holy spirit gift-Wisdom*. Thanks to the leaders and the volunteers for the support in preparing and delivering the session.

Bon Voyage Rev Sr. Jeslin CMC

Our parish PAC team has arranged a farewell gathering to Rev. Sr. Jeslin CMC on 18 October 2022 as a token of appreciation and gratitude for her sincere and valuable service towards the PAC community in our parish. Rev. Fr. Jose Alenchery presided over the meeting. Rev. Fr. Joyal Joseph delivered the felicitation for the occasion. Thanks to the ex-PAC animators and the current PAC



volunteers for their valuable support and contributions for arranging the session. The gathering was observed over zoom platform as well.

School Board Trustees

Congratulations to the Parish members of St. Alphonsa Cathedral who are elected for the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board Trustees from Mississauga & Brampton.



Mr. Thomas K Thomas

Dufferin-Peel Catholic
District School Board
Trustee for Mississauga
Wards-5



Mr. Shawn Xaviour

Dufferin-Peel Catholic
District School Board
Trustee Brampton
Wards 7-10



Ms. Anisha Thomas

Dufferin-Peel Catholic
District School Board
Trustee for Brampton
Wards 1,3, & 4



ST. ALPHONSA PARISH, CAMBRIDGE

Parish Feast

We celebrated the feasts of St. Alphonsa, the patroness of our parish and the nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary on Sunday, September 11, 2022. His Excellency Mar Jose Kalluvilil celebrated Pontifical Holy Qurbana and made a thought provoking and inspiring homily on faith formation. The solemn procession around the church with all the attendees was a beautiful scene. There were 40 kids as *Presudhendhis* and “Snehavirunnu” was arranged for all in the church hall.



Felicitations to Mrs. Leena Joy Kuncheria

Mrs. Leena Joy Kuncheria served our parish in the capacity of Catechism teacher and then as Principal of the Sunday school for the last 11 years. Her hard work and dedication to the parish is incredible. Her enthusiasm to work with passion is contagious. On September 25, 2022, the parish celebrated an appreciation day for Mrs. Leena. As a token of appreciation, the pastor and trustees presented her with a memento. She was presented with a “thank you” card prepared by her beloved catechism students.



Catechism School

- ✠ **New Academic Year:** Catechism classes for the new academic year started on September 18, 2022. Currently we have 125 students registered for the catechism classes. We are offering classes from JK to Grade 12. There are 16 Teachers (including Supply Teachers).
- ✠ **WORD OF GOD** - A new initiative was introduced this year to encourage Kids to learn the Bible verses. Students are asked to write one or many Bible verses on paper and asked to bring them to the class. Each week 3 students are picked to present their “Word of God”. As an encouragement these students are

presented with gifts.

- ✠ **Children's Choir:** A choir was formed for students. Students are given opportunities to sing prayer songs (English or Malayalam) during Catechism Assembly. Currently there are 14 Kids in the choir.
- ✠ **Rosary Month:** October is referred to as "Rosary" month in the Parish. Kids are encouraged to pray "Hail Mary" as many as possible during the October month, track the number of "Hail Mary" prayers and 1 Kid from each Grade will be recognized for maximum number of prayers during the month. All the Kids join Rosary prayer scheduled every Saturday at 3 PM EST via zoom platform.
- ✠ **Hollyween:** All Saints' Day is planned for October 30, 2022. 60+ Kids are registered to dress-up as Saints and will perform after the Holy Qurbana.

Mathruvedhi

Mothers in the parish are joined together every Saturday morning at 7 am, on Zoom for praise and worship, Rosary and Novena to the Mother of Perpetual help.



ST. THOMAS FORANE PARISH, SCARBOROUGH

Feast of St Theresa of Child Jesus

The feast of St Theresa of Child Jesus who is the patron saint of missions and florists was celebrated on 1st of October. St Theresa inspires us to live in simplicity and put love at the forefront of daily life. Novena prayers were offered after evening mass at 7 pm.

Pious Associations of Children (PAC) Inauguration

Parish PAC activities of the year was inaugurated on October 2nd following the Holy Mass.

Fr. Baiju Chakkery, Fr. Bobby Muttathuvalayil, Sr. Jessy, and Varsha Nigi Animators, and student leaders together lighted the lamp.

A brief report was presented by Varsha Nigi. New animators of the year Nehal Jacob - Chief Coordinator, Akhila Ann Mariya, and Irene Irimpan for Jesus Kids (JK & SK)

Jisna Shajan,
Arathy Antony, and



Launching of Pious Associations



Neethu Siji for Holy Childhood (Grades 1 - 4) and

Daisy Joseph and Rani George for CML (Grades 5 - 8) were introduced.

Jinu Tais, Sherin Santhosh and Alexin Saji will be supporting animators.

Parish Retreat

The annual parish retreat was held from October 7 to 9 for our parishioners to strengthen their spiritual needs and grow more closer to God. The retreat was led by Rev. Fr. Jomon Memana which was attended by a sizeable number of parishioners.



Revive-Renew – Retreat for Children

A retreat for Children 'Revive and Renew' was also organized for three days by a team of Jesus Youth Ontario mixed with interesting activities, music, Praise and



worship, Adoration, and theme sessions for two age specific groups. A final blessing was given by Fr. Baiju Chakkery. Parish also appreciated the great teamwork of JY Ontario and thanked the team members.

Retreat for Priest and Sisters

Our parish priest and sisters had attended the Eparchial retreat in Orangeville from October 10-13th, led by Bishop Mar Thomas Tharayil.



'CONNECT 2022'

A parish delegation of 23-member youth team including four animators attended Connect 2022, the first North American Youth Summit organized by SMYM, Eparchy of Mississauga and the Diocesan Youth Apostolate (DYA), Syro Malabar Diocese of Chicago at Niagara Falls from October 14 to 16. It came up as an offshoot of Arise 2022, the first Syro Malabar Youth Conference with Pope Francis in Rome in June this year and helped young leaders of today to learn, draw inspiration and motivate themselves to connect spiritually, socially, and culturally with the Church and youth across North America. Segments promoting leadership, emotional and mental well-being, and discourses on understanding and maintaining Syro Malabar heritage and Identity was part of the. Bishop Mar Thomas Tharayil, Bishop ar Jose Kalluvellil, Bishop Mar Joy Alappatt, Fr. Kevin Mundackal, Fr. Paul Chalissery, Fr. Jojo. Changanamthundathil and Animators and Youth leaders led sessions.

Holy Mass and talk by Bishop Mar Thomas Tharayil

H.E Bishop Mar Thomas Tharayil Auxiliary Bishop, Archeaparchy of Changanassery visited our parish on Sunday, October 23rd. Bishop addressed parents following the morning Mass and offered Holy Mass with children at 11 AM. The Bishop was in Canada to lead the retreat for priests and sisters.

Conclusion of Rosary Month

On October 31, a solemn high Mass was celebrated to conclude the month of Holy rosary devotion followed by a



candlelight procession around the church grounds and benediction. During the prior week starting October 21st each of the family units led rosary prayers at the church before mass for 10 days.

Holyween Celebration- Saints Parade

As part of Holyween a Saints Parade was organized for children where kids came dressed as saints. Sweet treats were gifted to all of them.

Catechetical Activities

Our new Catechists attended the Orientation organized for our Forane on October 29.

We also initiated the fifth lap of our 'Bible Companion Program' focused on the Gospel of John, lasting 12 weeks, with the goal of encouraging children read Bible and draw the key messages, in a supportive environment.

Accolades to Our Students for Public Speaking

Congratulations our young students Saina Maria Santhosh and Sanjana Theresa Santhosh (both sisters) who won the first place for public speaking in the novice division, and Sanjana Theresa won second place in the Junior division from among the six finalists in 'The Sixth Canada International Youth Public Speaking & Debate Tournament' based on

the theme 'Your New World' on October 22, open for youth aged 6-17 of all nationalities organized virtually by Royal Commonwealth Society, Canada and Canada Youth Educational Society (YES) and hosted by Vancouver Institute of Public Speaking & Debate. Saina Maria won the first place for public speaking in the novice division, and Sanjana Theresa won second place in the Junior division from among the six finalists.



ST. MOTHER THERESA PARISH OTTAWA

Thanksgiving Food Drive

St Mother Teresa parish, SMYM National members, undertook a thanksgiving food drive to provide essential groceries including baby diapers, baby food and formula, rice, etc to the underprivileged members of the general community. Collections were requested every Sunday from Sep 25-Oct 09th and then donated to the Ottawa food bank.

Annual Retreat for the Priests and Couples Retreat

Our Pastor, Fr Augustine K attended the Annual retreat for priests held at the Eparchy of Mississauga and was in Toronto from Oct 10 - 15th. The retreat encouraged spiritual rejuvenation of the priests and religious of the eparchy and Achan was all praise for Bishop Mar Thomas Tharayil. All couples were encouraged to participate in the couples' retreat, on October 16th, delivered online by Bishop Mar Thomas Tharayil.

Mathruvedhi Association of St Mother Teresa Parish

The Mathruvedhi association celebrated the success of their parish day programs by inviting all mothers of the parish for a dinner at the Mandarin Buffet, Ottawa. It was an evening to socialize and get to know new members of the Mathruvedhi Mothers group. An executive meeting was convened on 16 Oct 2022. More events are planned for the future.



October Rosary Month

All the Parish Family Units conducted 10 days of Rosary from Oct 10 – 20th at different houses in the unit. There was active participation from all unit members and on the concluding day, Fr. Augustine K joined the prayers to lead and share the word of God. From October 21st to 30th, the rosary would continue on zoom or at the mission house, after Holy Qurbana. This would be led by the different Parish organizations.

Mission Sunday

Mission Sunday Qurbana was celebrated by had a special homily by visiting priest Rev Fr. Tony OFM. There was a small speech by Catechism student - Michelle Mina Joseph who expounded on the meaning of Mission Sunday and its activities.

Catechism

Catechism classes were underway in full swing under the leadership of Catechism Principal, Mrs. Tresa Rose and Vice-Principal, Mrs. Jency Benny. Every week, a Catechism student would recite a prayer, after Holy Qurbana and before the start of Catechism classes. The numbers of students have grown significantly year by year and is a very encouraging sign to see the graduating youth coming back as teachers.

Sanjo Mission House

An offer has been given for purchasing the Sanjo Mission house. Mortgage has been approved conditionally and current fund-raising drives are nearing the required targets. The Parish is still short of the total amount but praying that this could be achieved with support from all Parishioners.



ST. JOSEPH PARISH MONTREAL

Family Unit Prayers and Rosary Celebration

The parish has started the family unit prayers and rosary celebration.



Catechism Classes

All the catechism classes are full pledged with total of 156 students and 20 teachers. Thank you, all parents, teachers and students, for your amazing cooperation.



HOLY FAMILY PARISH HALIFAX

Catechetical Inauguration

Catechism classes resumed after two months of vacation on September 11, 2022. We now have a new Principal Ms. Ann Febin and a new Vice Principal Mr. Bibin Sebastian. The number of staff members has gone over to 25 people and obviously with the number of Catechism students. Classes are all from grade Pre Primary to Grade 11.



The day of inauguration marked the lighting of the light of wisdom and teachers gathered before the altar for the oath that was administered by the pastor. Students walked into the church in class lines along with their teachers and made an offertory with an intercessory prayer. Finally, before going to the class everyone gathered for a photo session.

Inauguration of Pious Associations for Children & Angels' Meet

Pious Associations for Children was inaugurated with the lighting of the candle by the Pastor and the new PAC co-ordinators on October 16, 2022. Ms Josna Nyjo will be the new co-ordinator and Ms Stephy Lijo will be the assistant co-ordinator for PAC. The associates and the leaders took the oath and prayed to the Holy Spirit for the blessings for the activities of the year. Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe is the centre of all the activities of PAC



and as a symbolic representation of Christ the King the children were given the Crown, Orb and the Sceptre by the Pastor. The kids who dressed up like the patron saints of Jesus Kids, Holy Childhood and CML brought a



heavenly atmosphere in the church. Various age sections and the teachers in-charge were introduced on the occasion. After the Holy Mass, all first Holy communicants gathered for Angels meet and were given small mementos.

Mission Sunday

Mission Sunday was observed on October 23. Children were addressed with the history of mission Sunday and its need to observe. Parishioners brought useful things in donations to church which were put to auction to find money for helping those actively engaged in Christ's Mission around the globe.



Month of Rosary

The church is observing a 10 days rosary that will end on the last Sunday of the month. Leading of each day's rosary is entrusted to each family unit in the parish.



ST ALPHONSA PARISH EDMONTON

Dukrana Thirunal

Our parish celebrated *Dukrana Thirunal* on July 3rd. The Holy Mass was celebrated by our Vicar Rev. Fr Jacob Edakalathur. There was *Ladeenju* & procession, and *Nercha* followed by possession.

Catholic Congress Life Membership Campaign

Catholic Congress Edmonton, started officially life membership campaign inauguration on July 3rd after the holy mass. Global

President of the Catholic Congress Adv. Biju Parayannilam inaugurated the function on the virtual platform. Our vicar Very Rev. Fr. Jacob Edakalathur received life membership applications. Felicitation speeches were delivered by Jolly Joseph, Catholic Congress - Canada President, and Roy Chacko, President of St Alphonsa Catholic Congress, Edmonton.

Parish Picnic and BBQ

BBQ and Parish picnic was conducted on July 9th, Saturday from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. The day was fun filled with different games, sports, competitions, food, and other entertainments. Over 400 families participated in the picnic and BBQ.

Parish Feast of St. Alphonsa

We celebrated the feast of St. Alphonsa on July 31, 2022. Rev. Vicar Fr. Jacob Edakalathur hoisted the flag on July 24th and there was 9 days Novena in preparation for the celebration of the Feast. On July 30th we celebrated the First Holy Communion of 20



children in the presence of Mar Jose Kalluvelil. *Prasidenthi Vazhcha* was on July 31st followed by Holy Mass and the main celebrant was Mar Jose Kalluvelil. The procession followed Holy Mass was outstanding and the centre of attraction was *Chenda Melam*. There was *Nercha* and *Kazhunnedupu* followed by *Sneha Virunnu*. St Alphonsa Parish members from Edmonton are so thankful to God for the blessings we received through our Patron St. Alphonsa.

Catechism Inauguration

The registrations of the new students and renewals started in the month of August and the official inauguration of catechism classes was on September 11th.

In-person catechism classes started on September 18th.



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Catechism Inauguration

Parish Picnic



ST. JUDE PARISH WINNIPEG

Orientation Seminar

We have 11 catechism teachers, including 4 youth associates are attending the seminar.

St' Jude Feast and Pastoral Visit

St Jude Syro-Malabar parish Winnipeg celebrated their parish feast day on October 30th.

There was 9 days of solomn Novena to st Jude with the special intentions of each family prayer groups and other ministries.

His excellency Mar Jose Kalluvilil has made his pastoral visit on 27th till 30th . Parish priest, Rev fr Thomas Venmanthara welcomed him representing the parish, with a lighted candle.



Bishop held consecutive meetings with all of the groups responsible for the material and spiritual needs of the parish. This includes the Parish council, the Building Committee, Catechism teachers,



students and youth. The Bishop then celebrated the Mass and given homilies.

His excellency Mar Jose Kalluvelil released the parish calendar with the year plan of 2023 to building committee convener Mr. Stephen Joseph.

We got 6 sponsors to meet its expenses.

1. Thomasukutty Baby
2. Linto Kuruvilla
3. Nibu Jose
4. Jijo George
5. Mithun Abraham
6. Jaison Rappai

There were 71 “presuthethies” and approximately 400 parishnors present in the church for holy mass.

After mass the community gathered everyone for both entertainment and fellowship . Feast day concludes with “Fiesta 2022”. Varieties of cultural programs were co ordinated from catechism students and youth . 66 students participated in the cultural programs from catechism ministry. His excellency Mar Jose Kalluvelil, Rev Fr Thomas Venmanthara, Rev Fr Gerry Sembrano, Rev Fr Ani Xavier were present at the dais.

The celebration brought the community together once again.





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Sunday: 8:00 am
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JANUARY 2023

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PASTRAL VISIT AND ST. JUDE FEAST 2022





Holyween: Special service is offered on Holyween eve, October 31st. All children are given an opportunity to present in church wearing Christian saints costumes. We will distribute them plenty of candies.



FORT MCMURRAY ST. THOMAS SYRO MALABAR CATHOLIC MISSION



Celebrating 50th wedding anniversary of Porunju Keettikkal & Mary Kavungal and Tony Pazhayattil & Mercy Aricat

Catechism teachers share immense joy and enthusiasm with our vicar Fr. Jacob Edakalathur.

St. Thomas Syro Malabar Catholic Mission, Fort McMurray AB, celebrated October Rosary Month and conducted 9 days of household rosary (Oct 12 to Oct 20) and celebrated Oct 21, 10th day rosary at church. Fr. Jacob blesses PAACHORU at the end of the qurbana and shares it to all the parishioners.



BISHOP'S DIARY

OCTOBER 2022

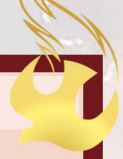
1	10.00 am	Concelebrated in the Installation Ceremony of Bishop Joy Alappattu
2	08.30 am 09.30 pm	Joined in the Honouring Session of Rev. Fr Sebastian Arikat at Cathedral parish Joined in the Online Sent Off Meeting to Rev.Fr Martin SDB by Saskatoon Parish
3-5		Participated in the ACBO Fall Plenary Assembly
6	11.30 am 07.00 pm	Presided Over the Curia Meeting Celebrated Holy Qurbana at AO Convent Scarborough
7	11.00 am	Joined in the Online meeting with Archbishop Michael Mulhall of Kingstone Archdiocese on Pastoral Collaboration
8	10.30 am 06.00 pm	Inaugurated Activity Year of PAC and Angels Meet Administered Solemn Holy Communion at Cathedral
9	11.00 am 04.00 pm	Celebrated Holy Qurbana at Cathedral Mississauga Administered Solemn Holy Communion at Barrie
11-14		Participated in the Annual Retreat for Priests and Sisters
14-16		Inaugurated and Joined in the SMYM North American Summit- Connect 2022
17	08.00 am	Celebrated Holy Qurbana at CHF Convent
18	06.00 pm	Joined in the Sent Off Meeting to Rev. Sr. Jesline CMC by DA and Welcomed New Sisters to DA

19	08.00 am	Celebrated Holy Qurbana at CMC Convent
20-23		Pastoral Visit to Saskatoon
21-22	06.00 pm	Meeting with Catechists and SMYM Celebrated Holy Qurbana at North Battleford and Llyod Minister Missions
23	09.00 am 11.00 am 04.00 pm	Presided Over the Parish Council Meeting Celebrated Holy Qurbana at Christ the King Parish Saskatoon Celebrated Holy Qurbana on Parish Feast at St John Paul II Parish Regina
23-26		Pastoral Visit at Regina and other Mission Centers
24-25		Celebrated Holy Qurbana at Regina
25	11.30 pm 09.00 pm	Meeting with Archbishop Don Bolen of Archdiocese of Regina Joined in the Meeting of Priests and Trustees on ABA Status Check and Update
26	06.00 pm	Holy Qurbana and Parish Council Meeting at Regina
27-30		Pastoral Visit at St Jude Parish, Winnipeg
27	06.30 pm	Meeting with Archbishop LeGatt of Archdiocese of Boniface
28	07.00 pm 08.30 pm	Celebrated Holy Qurbana Presided Over the Parish Council Meeting. Joined in the Online meeting with Archbishop Michael Mulhall of Kingstone Archdiocese on Pastoral Collaboration
29	10.30 am 11.00 am 07.00 pm	Meeting with Catechism Teachers Celebrated Holy Qurbana at St Jude Parish Winnipeg St. Emile Parish, Winnipeg, Cultural Program
30	04.30 pm 07.00 pm	Celebrated Holy Qurbana on Parish Feast at St Jude Parish Winnipeg Cultural Eve
31		Flight to Toronto



2022 നവംബർ

പള്ളിക്കൂടാശ - മംഗളവാർത്ത കാലങ്ങൾ



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| 1 | ചൊവ്വ | 2 കോറി 5:1-5, ലൂക്കാ 15:11-24 |
| 2 | ബുധൻ | 1 പത്രോ 5:1-4, യോഹ 21:15-19 |
| 3 | വ്യാഴം | എഫേ 3:1-6, മത്താ 8:5-13 |
| 4 | വെള്ളി | എഫേ 6:1-9, മത്താ 21:28-32 |
| 5 | ശനി | റോമാ 12:9-18, ലൂക്കാ 10:25-37 |
| 6 | ഞായർ | ✠ പള്ളിക്കൂടാശ രണ്ടാം ഞായർ
പുറ 6:1-8, ഏശ 49:1-7, 1 പത്രോ 1:3-7, മത്താ 19:23-30 |
| 7 | തിങ്കൾ | കൊളോ 1:12-20, മത്താ 16:13-20 |
| 8 | ചൊവ്വ | 2 പത്രോ 1:12-21, ലൂക്കാ 9:28-36 |
| 9 | ബുധൻ | വെളി 19:1-10, മത്താ 22:1-14 |
| 10 | വ്യാഴം | 2 കോറി 11:1-4, യോഹ 3:22-30 |
| 11 | വെള്ളി | 2 കോറി 12:1-5, യോഹ 3:31-36 |
| 12 | ശനി | വെളി 22:1-5, മത്താ 19:13-22 |
| 13 | ഞായർ | ✠ പള്ളിക്കൂടാശ മൂന്നാം ഞായർ
ഉത്പ 29:15-30, പ്രഭാ 11:20-27, 2 തെസ 3:6-15, മത്താ 25:14-30 |
| 14 | തിങ്കൾ | 1 കോറി 13:1-10, മർക്കോ 12:28-34 |
| 15 | ചൊവ്വ | 1 കോറി 4:1-5, ലൂക്കാ 16:1-13 |
| 16 | ബുധൻ | 1 കോറി 6:1-11, ലൂക്കാ 16:13-17 |
| 17 | വ്യാഴം | കൊളോ 1:3-11 , മത്താ 13:10-23 |
| 18 | വെള്ളി | ഹെബ്ര 12:4-13 , യോഹ 15:1-8 |
| 19 | ശനി | 2 തിമോ 4:1-8, യോഹ 17:1-8 |
| 20 | ഞായർ | ✠ പള്ളിക്കൂടാശ നാലാം ഞായർ
മിശിഹായുടെ രാജത്വത്തിരുന്നാൾ
ഉത്പ 14:17-24, 1 സാമു 8:1-9, വെളി 19:11-16, യോഹ 18:33-37 |
| 21 | തിങ്കൾ | എഫേ 2:14-22, യോഹ 14:1-14 |
| 22 | ചൊവ്വ | 1 പത്രോ 2:1-10, യോഹ 10:7-16 |
| 23 | ബുധൻ | എഫേ 1:3-12, ലൂക്കാ 1:46-55 |
| 24 | വ്യാഴം | ഹെബ്ര 13:9-16, ലൂക്കാ 10:17-21 |
| 25 | വെള്ളി | വെളി 7:9-12, മർക്കോ 12:18-27 |
| 26 | ശനി | വെളി 21:22-27, യോഹ 4:19-26 |
| 27 | ഞായർ | ✠ മംഗളവാർത്ത ഒന്നാം ഞായർ
ഉത്പ 17:15-22 (17:1-27), ഏശ 43:1-7; 10-11 (42:18-43:13)
എഫേ 5:21-6:4 (5:21-6:9), ലൂക്കാ 1:5-25 (1:1-25) |
| 28 | തിങ്കൾ | ഗലാ 3:9-14, ലൂക്കാ 9:37-43a |
| 29 | ചൊവ്വ | റോമാ 13:8-14, ലൂക്കാ 1:18-20 |
| 30 | ബുധൻ | 1 കോറി 1:4-9, യോഹ 8:26-30 |

