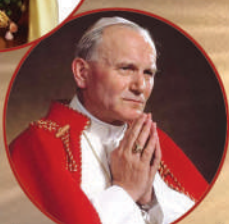




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Inauguration of Decennial Celebrations & Eucharistic Year

**28
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*Congratulations &
Prayerful Best Wishes*



REV. FR. JACOB EDAKALATHUR

New Syncellus

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Ordination Day Greetings



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Bishop's Engagements

OCTOBER 2024

Date	Time	Program
01		Pastoral Visit at St. Jude Syro- Malabar Parish, Winnipeg
02	01.00 pm	Return to Toronto
03	11.00 am	Curia meeting
07-09	07.30 am 11.15 am 12.00 pm	Holy Qurbana at CMC, Mississauga Monthly Recollection ACBO Fall Plenary Assembly, Toronto
10	11.00 am 08.30 pm	Curia meeting ISSSA Board meeting
11	03.55 pm	Travel to Halifax
12-14	10.00 am	Pastoral visit to Halifax and Berwick
14	10.30 am	Meeting with Most Rev. Brian Joseph Dunn, Archbishop of Halifax
15	11.25 am	Return to Toronto
16	11.00 am	Curia meeting
20		SOF Promotion
21	11.00 am	Golden and silver Jubilees of Sr. Prasanna and Sr. Pauline at CHF Convent, Mississauga
23	11.00 am	Curia meeting
26	08.00 am 04.00 pm	Travel to Ottawa Holy Qurbana and Parish Day celebrations at St. Mother Theresa Syro-Malabar Church, Ottawa
27-28	09.00 am 04.00 pm	Pastoral visit at St. Mother Theresa Syro-Malabar Church, Ottawa Holy Qurbana
29	10.00 am	Return to Toronto
30	11.00 am	Curia meeting





MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

FOR THE 110th WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 2024

(Sunday, 29 September 2024)

GOD WALKS WITH HIS PEOPLE

Dear brothers and sisters!

Last 29 October marked the conclusion of the First Session of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. This session allowed us to deepen our understanding of synodality as part of the Church's fundamental vocation. "Synodality is mainly presented as a joint journey of the People of God and as a fruitful dialogue between the charisms and ministries at the service of the coming of the Kingdom" (Synthesis Report, Introduction).

Emphasizing the synodal dimension allows the Church to rediscover its itinerant nature, as the People of God journeying through history on pilgrimage, "migrating", we could say, toward the Kingdom of Heaven (cf. *Lumen Gentium*, 49). The biblical narrative of Exodus, depicting the Israelites on their way to the promised land, naturally comes to mind: a long journey from slavery to freedom prefiguring the Church's journey toward her final encounter with the Lord.

Likewise, it is possible to see in the migrants of our time, as in those of every age, a living image of God's people on their way to the eternal homeland. Their journeys of hope remind us that "our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Phil 3:20).

The images of the biblical exodus and of migrants share several similarities. Like the people of Israel in the time of Moses, migrants often flee from oppression, abuse, insecurity, discrimination, and lack of opportunities for development. Similar to the Jews in the desert, migrants encounter many obstacles in their path: they are tried by thirst and hunger; they are exhausted by toil and disease; they are tempted by despair.

Yet the fundamental reality of the Exodus, of every exodus, is that God precedes and accompanies his people and all his children in every time and place. God's presence in the midst of the people is a certainty of salvation history: "The Lord your God goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you" (Deut 31:6). For the people who came out of Egypt, this presence manifested itself in different forms: a pillar of cloud and fire showing and illuminating the way (cf. Ex 13:21), the meeting tent that protected the ark of the covenant, making God's closeness tangible (cf. Ex 33:7), the pole with the bronze serpent assuring divine protection (cf. Nm 21:8-9), manna and water (cf. Ex 16-17) as God's gifts to the hungry and thirsty people. The tent is a form of presence especially dear to the Lord. During David's reign, God chose to dwell in a tent, not a temple, so that he could walk with his people, "from tent to tent and from dwelling to dwelling" (1 Chr 17:5).

Many migrants experience God as their traveling companion, guide and anchor of salvation. They entrust themselves to him before setting out and seek him in times of need. In him, they find consolation in moments of discouragement. Thanks to him, there are good Samaritans along the way. In prayer, they confide their hopes to him. How many Bibles, copies of the Gospels, prayer books and rosaries accompany migrants on their journeys across deserts, rivers, seas and the borders of every continent!

God not only walks with his people, but also within them, in the sense that he identifies himself with men and women on their journey through history, particularly with the least, the poor and the marginalized. In this we see an extension of the mystery of the Incarnation.



For this reason, the encounter with the migrant, as with every brother and sister in need, "is also an encounter with Christ. He himself said so. It is he who knocks on our door, hungry, thirsty, an outsider, naked, sick and imprisoned, asking to be met and assisted" (Homily, Mass with Participants in the "Free from Fear" Meeting, Sacrofano, 15 February 2019). The final judgment in Matthew 25 leaves no doubt: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (v. 35); and again "truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me" (v. 40). Every encounter along the way represents an opportunity to meet the Lord; it is an occasion charged with salvation, because Jesus is present in the sister or brother in need of our help. In this sense, the poor save us, because they enable us to encounter the face of the Lord (cf. Message for the Third World Day of the Poor, 17 November 2019).

Dear brothers and sisters, on this day dedicated to migrants and refugees, let us unite in prayer for all those who have had to leave their land in search of dignified living conditions. May we journey together with them, be "synodal" together, and entrust them, as well as the forthcoming Synod Assembly, "to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a sign of sure hope and consolation to the faithful People of God as they continue their journey" (XVI Ordinary General Assembly Synthesis Report: Proceeding Along the Journey).

PRAYER

God, Almighty Father,
we are your pilgrim Church
journeying towards the Kingdom of heaven.

We live in our homeland,
but as if we were foreigners.

Every foreign place is our home,
yet every native land is foreign to us.



Though we live on earth,
our true citizenship is in heaven.
Do not let us become possessive
of the portion of the world
you have given us as a temporary home.
Help us to keep walking,
together with our migrant brothers and sisters,
toward the eternal dwelling you have prepared for us.
Open our eyes and our hearts
so that every encounter with those in need
becomes an encounter with Jesus, your Son and our Lord.

Amen.

**Rome, Saint John Lateran, 24 May 2024, Memorial
of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Help of Christians.**

FRANCIS





CURIA NEWS

Monthly Recollection: Monthly recollection for Priests and Sisters for the month of October will be conducted on October 7, 2024 at 11am. The spiritual sharing will be done by Rev. Fr. Bobby Joy Muttathuvalayil and the adoration by CMC sisters.

Syncellus of the Eparchy of Mississauga

Very Rev. Fr. Jacob Edakalathur is appointed to be the Syncellus of the Eparchy of Mississauga for the ecclesiastical district of Edmonton w. e. f. September 28, 2024. "Hearty congratulations and prayerful wishes for the new assignment.

Decennial Celebrations

The inauguration of the Decennial year of the Eparchy of Mississauga was conducted at St. Alphonsa Syro- Malabar Catholic Forane Church, Edmonton on Saturday, September 28, 2024. The decennial year was declared as the "Eucharistic Year" to thank God for His abundant blessings during the past ten years. H. E. Archbishop Ivan Yurkovic, the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada and His Grace Archbishop Richard William Smith, the Archbishop of Edmonton were the chief guests of the inaugural day. The Holy Qurbana was celebrated at 10.00 am followed by the public meeting. The meeting began with a prayer dance and a warm welcome was given to all by Very Rev. Fr. Pathros Champakkara, ProtoSyncellus of the Eparchy of Mississauga. H. E. Mar Jose Kalluvellil, the Eparchial Bishop delivered his presidential address and declared the Eucharistic Year. The decree of the appointment of Very Rev. Fr Jacob Edakalathur as the Synchronus of the Eparchy of Mississauga for the ecclesiastical district of Edmonton was read by the Chancellor of the Eparchy, Rev. Fr. Tenson Paul. The inaugural address was delivered by H. E. Archbishop Ivan Yurkovic, the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada and the benedictory speech and the decennial year logo releasing by His Grace Archbishop Richard William Smith, the Archbishop of Edmonton. The Acts of the Post Eparchial Assembly was released after the benedictory speech. The felicitation speeches were given by Very Rev. Fr Jacob Edakalathur, the newly appointed Syncellus and Edmonton Forane Vicar, by Ms. Mariavian Kalapurayil, SMYM Eparchial General Coordinator and by Mr. Nivin Markose, Pastoral Council Secretary. The public meeting ended with a vote of thanks by Ms. Sandra Maria Joseph, secretary, Edmonton parish. The lunch was served to all present.



മുഖപാൻ മാതൃ ബുള്ളറ്റിൻ

സഹനത്തിലൂടെ സമാശ്വാസം

(തിരുവചനഭാഗം: 2 കോറിന്തോസ് 1,1-24)

ക്രിസ്തീയശുശ്രൂഷ സഹനത്തിന്റെയും സമാശ്വാസത്തിന്റെയും ശുശ്രൂഷയാണെന്ന് വ്യക്തമാക്കിക്കൊണ്ടാണ് കോറിന്തോസുകാർക്കെഴുതിയ രണ്ടാം ലേഖനം പൗലോസ് ശ്ലീഹാ ആരംഭിക്കുന്നത്. ഈ തിരുവചനഭാഗം താഴെക്കാണുംവിധം വിഭജിക്കാം.

1. സമാധാനാശംസ (1,1-2)
2. സഹനവും സമാശ്വാസവും (1,3-7)
3. രക്ഷയിലുള്ള പ്രത്യാശ (1,8-11)
4. ശ്ലൈഹികശുശ്രൂഷകരുടെ ആധികാരികത (1,12-22)
5. സന്ദർശനം മാറ്റിവയ്ക്കാനുള്ള കാരണം (1,23-24)

ഈ വചനഭാഗം അജപാലകർക്കു നൽകുന്ന സന്ദേശങ്ങൾ മനസ്സിലാക്കാൻ ശ്രമിക്കാം.

1. സമാധാനാശംസ

“ദൈവതിരുമനസ്സാൽ ഈശോമിശിഹായുടെ ശ്ലീഹായായ പൗലോസും സഹോദരൻ തിമോത്തേയോസും കോറിന്തോസിലുള്ള ദൈവത്തിന്റെ സഭയ്ക്കും അക്കായിയായിലെങ്ങുമുള്ള വിശുദ്ധർക്കും എഴുതുന്നത്. നമ്മുടെ പിതാവായ ദൈവത്തിൽനിന്നും കർത്താവായ ഈശോമിശിഹായിൽനിന്നും നിങ്ങൾക്കു കൃപയും സമാധാനവും” (1,1-2).

മറ്റു ലേഖനങ്ങളിൽ നിന്നു വ്യത്യസ്തമായി ഇവിടെ കാണുന്ന പ്രത്യേകത പൗലോസ് തനിക്കുതന്നെ കൂടുതൽ വിശേഷണങ്ങൾ നൽകുന്നില്ല എന്നതാണ്. “ദൈവതിരുമനസ്സിനാൽ ഈശോമിശിഹായുടെ ശ്ലീഹാ” എന്നത് അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ ആധികാരികതയും ശ്ലൈഹികസ്ഥാനവും എടുത്തു പറയുന്നു. തിമോത്തേയോസിനെയും ലേഖനകർത്താവിനൊപ്പം ചേർക്കുന്നത്, അദ്ദേഹത്തിന് പൗലോസിനോടുള്ള ബന്ധവും അതുവഴി കൈവരുന്ന ആധികാരികതയും കോറിന്തോസുകാരുടെ മേലുള്ള ന്യായമായ അവകാശങ്ങളും സ്ഥാപിക്കുന്നതാണ്. ‘കോറിന്തോസിലെ ദൈവത്തിന്റെ സഭയ്ക്ക്’ എന്നത് സഭ ദൈവത്തിന്റെ സ്വന്തമായ, ദൈവത്തോടു പ്രത്യേകമായി ബന്ധം പുലർത്തുന്ന, കൂട്ടായ്മയാണെന്നു സൂചിപ്പിക്കുന്നു.

കോറിന്തോസിലെ സഭയ്ക്ക് പൗലോസ് ആശംസിക്കുന്നത് പിതാവായ ദൈവത്തിൽ നിന്നും കർത്താവായ ഈശോമിശിഹായിൽ നിന്നുമുള്ള കൃപയും സമാധാനവുമാണ്. 'കൃപ' പൗലോസിന്റെ ജീവിതത്തിലെ ഏറ്റവും നിർണ്ണായകമായ ദൈവാനുഭവമാണ്. പുതിയനിയമത്തിൽ നൂറ്റിയൻപത്തിയഞ്ചു പ്രാവശ്യം ഉപയോഗിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന ഈ വാക്കിൽ നൂറും പൗലോസിന്റെ കൃതികളിലാണ്. ദൈവത്തിന്റെ കരുതലും സഹായവുമാണ് കൃപയിൽ ഉൾച്ചേർന്നിരിക്കുന്നത്. മനുഷ്യരക്ഷയ്ക്കായി സ്വന്തം പുത്രനെ ലോകത്തിലേക്കയച്ച ദൈവത്തിന്റെ പദ്ധതിയാണ് ഈ കൃപയുടെ അത്യുദാത്തമായ പ്രകാശനം (റോമ 5,8; 2 കോറി 8,9). ഈ കൃപയുടെ പൂർണ്ണതയാണ് ഇന്നും ദൈവം നമ്മിൽ ചൊരിയുന്ന സ്നേഹവും സംരക്ഷണവും. കൃപയോടൊപ്പം പൗലോസ് ശ്ലീഹാ സമാധാനവും ആശംസിക്കുന്നു. ഹീബ്രു ഭാഷയിലെ 'ഷാലോം' എന്ന വാക്കിന്റെ പരിഭാഷയായിട്ടാണ് ഗ്രീക്കു ബൈബിളിൽ ഈ വാക്ക് ഉപയോഗിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളത്. അപരന്റെ നന്മയും സമൃദ്ധിയും സന്തോഷവുമെല്ലാം ഉൾക്കൊള്ളുന്ന ആശംസയാണിത്. മിശിഹായുടെ മരണത്തിലൂടെ മനുഷ്യകുലത്തിനു മുഴുവനും കൈവരുന്ന യഥാർത്ഥമായ ശാന്തിയാണിവിടെ അർത്ഥമാക്കുന്നത്. ഈ കൃപയും സമാധാനവും ഓരോരുത്തരെയും നന്മയിലേക്കും വിശുദ്ധിയിലേക്കും നയിക്കുന്നു എന്നത് വിശ്വാസികളെ അജപാലകർ പഠിപ്പിക്കണം.

2. സഹനവും സമാധാനവും

“നമ്മുടെ കർത്താവായ ഈശോമിശിഹായുടെ ദൈവവും പിതാവും, കരുണയുടെ പിതാവും സകല സമാധാനത്തിന്റെയും ദൈവവുമായവൻ വാഴ്ത്തപ്പെട്ടവനാകട്ടെ! ദൈവം ഞങ്ങൾക്കു നൽകുന്ന സാന്ത്വനത്താൽ ഓരോ തരത്തിലുള്ള വ്യഥകളനുഭവിക്കുന്നവരെ ആശ്വസിപ്പിക്കാൻ ഞങ്ങൾ ശക്തരാകേണ്ടതിനും, ഞങ്ങൾ ദൈവത്തിൽനിന്ന് അനുഭവിക്കുന്ന അതേ ആശ്വാസംതന്നെ അവരും അനുഭവിക്കേണ്ടതിനും അവിടുന്ന് ഞങ്ങളെ എല്ലാ ക്ലേശങ്ങളിലും സമാശ്വസിപ്പിക്കുന്നു. മിശിഹായുടെ സഹനങ്ങളിൽ ഞങ്ങൾ സമൃദ്ധമായി പങ്കുചേരുന്നതുപോലെ മിശിഹായിലൂടെ സമാശ്വാസത്തിലും ഞങ്ങൾ സമൃദ്ധമായി പങ്കുചേരുന്നു. ഞങ്ങൾ ക്ലേശങ്ങളനുഭവിക്കുന്നെങ്കിൽ അതു നിങ്ങളുടെ സമാശ്വാസത്തിനും രക്ഷയ്ക്കും വേണ്ടിയാണ്; ഞങ്ങൾക്ക് ആശ്വാസം ലഭിക്കുന്നെങ്കിൽ അതു നിങ്ങളുടെ ആശ്വാസത്തിനുവേണ്ടിയാണ്, ഞങ്ങൾ സഹിക്കുന്ന പീഡകൾതന്നെ നിങ്ങളും ക്ഷമയോടെ സഹിക്കുന്നതിന് നിങ്ങൾക്കു ശക്തി ലഭിക്കുന്നതിനുവേണ്ടിയാണ്. ഞങ്ങൾക്കു നിങ്ങളിൽ ഉറച്ച പ്രത്യാശയുണ്ട്. ഞങ്ങളുടെ ക്ലേശങ്ങളിൽ നിങ്ങൾ പങ്കുചേരുന്നതുപോലെ ഞങ്ങളുടെ സമാശ്വാസത്തിലും നിങ്ങൾ പങ്കുചേരും എന്നു ഞങ്ങൾക്കറിയാം” (1,3-7).

പൗലോസിന്റെ ലേഖനങ്ങളിലെല്ലാം ആമുഖവാക്യങ്ങൾക്കുശേഷം നന്ദിയുടെയും പ്രാർത്ഥനയുടെയും വാക്കുകളാണ്. രണ്ടാം കോറിന്തോസ് ലേഖനവും ഈ ശൈലിയിൽ നിന്നും വിഭിന്നമല്ല. എന്നാൽ ഈ ലേഖനത്തിലെ കൃതജ്ഞതാ പ്രകാശനഭാഗം വായനക്കാർക്കു ലഭിച്ച ദൈവകൃപയെ അനുസ്മരിച്ചുകൊണ്ടല്ല

എന്നതു ശ്രദ്ധേയമാണ്. കഠിനമായ പീഡകളുടെയും സഹനങ്ങളുടെയും നടുവിൽ താനും സഹപ്രവർത്തകരും അനുഭവിച്ച സമാശ്വാസത്തെക്കുറിച്ചാണ് പൗലോസ് ദൈവത്തിനു നന്ദി പറയുന്നത്. വായനക്കാർ പൗലോസിന്റെ പരാമർശത്തിൽ ഉൾപ്പെടുന്നത് അവർക്കുവേണ്ടിയാണ് ശ്ലീഹാ ഈ പീഡകൾ സഹിക്കുന്നത് എന്നതിൽ മാത്രമാണ്. തന്റെ സഹനങ്ങളിൽ അവർ പങ്കുചേരുന്നതുപോലെ തന്റെ സമാശ്വാസത്തിലും അവർ പങ്കുചേരുവാൻ ഇടയാകട്ടെയെന്ന് ശ്ലീഹാ ആശിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നു.

രണ്ടുകാര്യങ്ങൾ ഈ ഭാഗത്ത് പ്രത്യേകം ശ്രദ്ധിക്കേണ്ടതുണ്ട്. ഒന്ന്, ഈ വാക്യങ്ങൾ പഴയനിയമത്തിലെ അനുഗ്രഹപ്രാർത്ഥനയോട് ഏറെ സാമ്യം പുലർത്തുന്നു (സങ്കീ 105,106). യഹൂദരുടെ പ്രാർത്ഥനയായ സ്തുതിപ്പുകൾക്ക് സമാന്തരമാണിത്. അതേസമയം ഇവിടെ ദൈവത്തെ വിശേഷിപ്പിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നത് കർത്താവായ ഈശോമിശിഹായുടെ പിതാവ് എന്നാണ്. ഇത് ദൈവത്തെ ക്രിസ്തീയ വീക്ഷണങ്ങളിലാണ് കാണുന്നത് എന്നു സൂചിപ്പിക്കുന്നു. മിശിഹായെ ലോകത്തിലേക്കയച്ച്, അവൻ വഴി സ്വയം വെളിപ്പെടുത്തുന്ന ദൈവത്തെയാണ് പൗലോസ് ശ്ലീഹാ ഇവിടെ അവതരിപ്പിക്കുന്നത്. 'സമാശ്വാസം' എന്ന വാക്ക് പത്തു പ്രാവശ്യം ഈ വാക്യങ്ങളിൽ പ്രത്യക്ഷപ്പെടുന്നു എന്നതു ശ്രദ്ധേയമാണ്. മിശിഹായിലൂടെ സാധ്യമായിത്തീർന്ന രക്ഷയുടെ അനുഭവമാണ് ദൈവത്തിന്റെ കരുണയിലൂടെ ലോകത്തിനു നൽകപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്നത്. ദൈവത്തിന്റെ കരുണയും അവിടുന്ന് നൽകുന്ന സമാശ്വാസവും ശ്ലീഹായുടെ ജീവിതത്തിലെ ഏറ്റവും നിർണ്ണായക ശക്തികളാണ്. ക്രിസ്തീയജീവിതത്തിലെ സഹനങ്ങളും പീഡകളും വലിയ സമാശ്വാസത്തിനുള്ള കാത്തിരിപ്പിനാണ് എല്ലാവരെയും ക്ഷണിക്കുന്നതെന്ന് അജപാലകർ അജഗണങ്ങളെ ഉദ്ബോധിപ്പിക്കണം.

3. രക്ഷയിലുള്ള പ്രത്യാശ (1,8-11)

“സഹോദരരേ, ഏഷ്യയിൽ ഞങ്ങൾ അനുഭവിച്ച ക്ലേശങ്ങളെപ്പറ്റി നിങ്ങൾ അറിഞ്ഞിരിക്കണമെന്നു ഞങ്ങൾ ആഗ്രഹിക്കുന്നു. മരണഭയം ഉണ്ടാകത്തക്കവിധം അത്രമാത്രം കഠിനമായും ദുസ്സഹമായും ഞങ്ങൾ പീഡിപ്പിക്കപ്പെട്ടു. മാത്രമല്ല, ഞങ്ങൾ മരണശിക്ഷയ്ക്കു വിധിക്കപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്നെന്നു ഞങ്ങൾക്കു തോന്നി. എന്നാൽ, ഇത് ഞങ്ങൾ ഞങ്ങളിൽതന്നെ ആശ്രയിക്കാതെ, മരിച്ചവരെ ഉയിർപ്പിക്കുന്ന ദൈവത്തിൽ ആശ്രയിക്കുന്നതിനുവേണ്ടിയായിരുന്നു. അത്ര ഗൗരവമേറിയ ഒരു വിപത്തിൽനിന്നു ദൈവം ഞങ്ങളെ രക്ഷിച്ചു; തുടർന്നും രക്ഷിക്കും; രക്ഷിക്കുമെന്ന് ഞങ്ങൾ അവനിൽ പ്രത്യാശിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നു. ഞങ്ങൾക്കുവേണ്ടിയുള്ള പ്രാർത്ഥനകൾവഴി നിങ്ങൾ ഞങ്ങളെ സഹായിക്കണം. അങ്ങനെ, അനേകരുടെ പ്രാർത്ഥനയുടെ ഫലമായി ഞങ്ങൾക്കു ലഭിച്ച അനുഗ്രഹത്തിന് അനേകമാളുകൾ ഞങ്ങളെപ്രതി സ്തോത്രമർപ്പിക്കാൻ ഇടയാകട്ടെ” (1,8-11).

സഹനങ്ങളെയും സമാശ്വാസത്തെയുംകുറിച്ച് പൊതുവായി പരാമർശിച്ച ശേഷം വ്യക്തിപരമായ ചില കാര്യങ്ങൾക്കുടി ശ്ലീഹാ ഇവിടെ പരാമർശിക്കുന്നു.

ഏഷ്യയിലെ സുവിശേഷ പ്രഘോഷണത്തിൽ തങ്ങൾ അനുഭവിച്ചതും ഇപ്പോഴും അനുഭവിച്ചുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നതുമായ പീഡകളെക്കുറിച്ചുള്ള സൂചനകളാണിവിടെ. എഫേസോസിലെ പീഡകളും ജയിൽ വാസവുമെല്ലാം പൗലോസിന്റെ പരാമർശത്തിൽ കണ്ടെത്താം. തങ്ങളുടെ പീഡകളിലല്ല പൗലോസ് ഊന്നൽ കൊടുക്കുന്നത്. എന്തുകൊണ്ട് ദൈവം ഇവയെല്ലാം അനുഭവിച്ചു എന്നതിലാണ് പൗലോസ് ഇവയുടെ അർത്ഥം കണ്ടെത്തുന്നത്. ഇത്, അവർ, അവരിൽത്തന്നെ ആശ്രയിക്കാതെ, മരിച്ചവരെ ഉയിർപ്പിക്കുന്ന ദൈവത്തിൽ ആശ്രയിക്കുന്നതിനു വേണ്ടിയായിരുന്നു.

നന്ദിയുടെയും പ്രാർത്ഥനയുടെയും ഈ ഭാഗം അവസാനിക്കുന്നത് കോറിന്തോസുകാരുടെ പ്രാർത്ഥന യാചിച്ചുകൊണ്ടാണ് (1,11). മദ്ധ്യസ്ഥ പ്രാർത്ഥനയുടെ ഫലദായകതയെ സംബന്ധിച്ച് പൗലോസിനു ബോധ്യമുണ്ടായിരുന്നു. അക്കാരണത്താൽ തന്റെ മിക്ക ലേഖനങ്ങളിലും പൗലോസ് ശ്ലീഹാ പ്രാർത്ഥന യാചിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. കോറിന്തോസുകാരോടു പ്രാർത്ഥന യാചിക്കുന്ന ശ്ലീഹാ ഇതുവഴി തനിക്ക് പീഡകളിൽ നിന്നു മുക്തി കിട്ടുവാൻ മാത്രമല്ല അപ്രകാരം ചെയ്യുന്നത്. മറ്റുള്ളവരുടെ പ്രാർത്ഥന ദൈവപരിപാലനയ്ക്ക് നന്ദിപ്രകാശനമായ സ്തുതിഗീതങ്ങളാകണം എന്നതാണ് പൗലോസിന്റെ ആഗ്രഹം. പ്രാർത്ഥനയിൽ സ്തുതിയും കൃതജ്ഞതയും യാചനയും മദ്ധ്യസ്ഥപ്രാർത്ഥനയും സമന്വയിപ്പിക്കാൻ അജപാലകർ അജഗണങ്ങളെ പരിശീലിപ്പിക്കണം.

4. ഐക്യകൃത്യശുഷകരുടെ ആധികാരികത (1,12-18)

“ഞങ്ങൾ ലോകത്തിൽ, പ്രത്യേകിച്ചു നിങ്ങളുടെയിടയിൽ, വിശുദ്ധിയോടും പരാമർശത്തോടുംകൂടെ വ്യാപരിച്ചു എന്ന മനസ്സാക്ഷിയാണ് ഞങ്ങളുടെ അഭിമാനം. അതു ഭൗതികജ്ഞാനത്താലല്ല, ദൈവകൃപയാലാണു സാധിച്ചത്. നിങ്ങൾക്കു വായിക്കാനും മനസ്സിലാക്കാനും സാധിക്കുന്നതൊഴിച്ചു മറ്റെന്തും ഞങ്ങൾ എഴുതുന്നില്ല. ഇപ്പോൾ നിങ്ങൾ ഞങ്ങളെ ഭാഗികമായി മനസ്സിലാക്കുന്നതുപോലെ, നമ്മുടെ കർത്താവായ ഈശോയുടെ ദിനത്തിൽ നിങ്ങൾ ഞങ്ങളുടെ അഭിമാനവും ഞങ്ങൾ നിങ്ങളുടെ അഭിമാനവുമാണെന്നു നിങ്ങൾ സമ്പൂർണ്ണമായും ഗ്രഹിക്കുമെന്നു ഞാൻ പ്രത്യാശിക്കുന്നു. ഈ വിശ്വാസത്തോടെയാണ്, നിങ്ങൾക്കു വീണ്ടും കൃപ ലഭിക്കേണ്ടതിന് നിങ്ങളുടെ അടുത്തുവരാമെന്നു ഞാൻ നേരത്തെ നിശ്ചയിച്ചത്. മക്കദോനിയായ്ക്കു പോകുന്നവഴി നിങ്ങളെ സന്ദർശിക്കണമെന്നും, അവിടെനിന്നു നിങ്ങളുടെ അടുത്തു തിരിച്ചെത്തണമെന്നും അവിടെനിന്ന് നിങ്ങൾ എന്നെ യുദ്ധയാലിപ്പേക്കു യാത്രയയയ്ക്കണമെന്നും ആയിരുന്നു എന്റെ ആഗ്രഹം. എന്റെ ഈ തീരുമാനത്തിൽ ഞാൻ ഉറപ്പില്ലാത്തവനായിരുന്നുവോ? ഒരേ സമയം അതേ എന്നും അല്ല എന്നും പറയാൻ മുതിരുന്ന ലൗകിക മനുഷ്യനെപ്പോലെയാണോ ഞാൻ പദ്ധതികൾ തയ്യാറാക്കുന്നത്? നിങ്ങളോടുള്ള ഞങ്ങളുടെ വാക്കുകൾ ഒരേ സമയം അതേ എന്നും അല്ല എന്നും ആയിരുന്നില്ല എന്നതിനു വിശ്വസ്തനായ ദൈവം സാക്ഷിയാണ്” (1,12-18).

പൗലോസ് ശ്ലീഹാ കോറിന്തോസുകാരെ സന്ദർശിക്കുന്നതു സംബന്ധിച്ച് മുൻകൂട്ടി പറ്റാത്ത വാക്കുകൾ പാലിച്ചില്ല എന്ന ആരോപണം കോറിന്തോസുകാരുടെ ഭാഗത്തുനിന്നുയർന്നു. ഇതു പൗലോസിന്റെ ആത്മാർത്ഥതയ്ക്കുനേരെയുള്ള ചോദ്യചിഹ്നമായി ശത്രുക്കൾ ഉയർത്തിക്കാണിച്ചു. ഈ പശ്ചാത്തലത്തിലാണ് താൻ എന്തുകൊണ്ടാണ് അവരെ സന്ദർശിക്കാതിരുന്നത് എന്ന് അദ്ദേഹം വിശദീകരിക്കുന്നത്. താൻ കോറിന്തോസുകാരെ സന്ദർശിക്കുമെന്ന് ആദ്യലേഖനത്തിൽ എഴുതിയിരുന്നു (1 കോറി 16,5). എന്നാൽ സഭയിൽ സംജാതമായ പ്രത്യേക സാഹചര്യത്തിൽ ഈ യാത്രാപദ്ധതിയിൽ മാറ്റം വരുത്തേണ്ടതായി വന്നു. ഈ മാറ്റം തന്റെ സ്വന്തം ഇഷ്ടപ്രകാരമായിരുന്നില്ലെന്നും ദൈവഹിതപ്രകാരമായിരുന്നെന്നും കോറിന്തോസുകാരുടെ നന്മയാണ് ഇതിനടിസ്ഥാനമെന്നും ശ്ലീഹാവ്യക്തമാക്കുന്നു.

കോറിന്തോസുകാരുടെമേൽ ഏകപക്ഷീയമായി ആധിപത്യം പുലർത്തുവാനല്ല പൗലോസ് ലക്ഷ്യമിടുന്നത്. ചില കോറിന്തോസുകാർ അപ്രകാരം ചിന്തിക്കുകയും അത്തരത്തിൽ സംസാരിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തിരിക്കാം. സഭയിലെ ശുശ്രൂഷകൾ ദൈവജനത്തെ ശുശ്രൂഷിക്കുവാനാണ്; അവരുടെമേൽ ആധിപത്യം പുലർത്തി അവരെ ഭരിക്കുക എന്നതല്ല സഭാശുശ്രൂഷകരുടെ ധർമ്മം. എന്നാൽ സഭയുടെ നേതൃത്വം നൽകപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്ന വ്യക്തി എന്ന നിലയിൽ ശുശ്രൂഷകൻ ജനങ്ങളുടെ ഇഷ്ടപ്രകാരം മാത്രം പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്നവനല്ല. തന്നെ നിയോഗിച്ചവന്റെ ഹിതം അനുവർത്തിക്കുകയാണ് അയാളുടെ കടമ. ശ്ലീഹന്മാരെ അഭിഷേകം ചെയ്യുകയും തന്റെ ശുശ്രൂഷയ്ക്കായി നിശ്ചയിച്ചു സ്ഥാപിക്കുകയും ചെയ്ത പരിശുദ്ധാത്മാവിന്റെ മൂദ്ര അവരുടെ സുവിശേഷ പ്രഘോഷണത്തിന്റെ ആധികാരികതയ്ക്ക് അടിസ്ഥാനമായി നിലകൊള്ളുന്നു. അത്ര വലിയ കാര്യം ആധികാരികമാണെങ്കിൽ, തീർത്തും നിസ്സാരമായ യാത്രാപദ്ധതിയെ സംബന്ധിച്ച വാക്കുകളും ആധികാരികവും ദൈവനിശ്ചയപ്രകാരമുള്ളതും, അതിനാൽ തന്നെ സഭാസമൂഹം വിശ്വാസത്തിലെടുക്കേണ്ടതുമാണ്. ശ്ലൈഹികശുശ്രൂഷകരുടെ ആധികാരികതയെപ്പറ്റിയുള്ള ശരിയായ അവബോധം ജനങ്ങൾക്കു നൽകുവാൻ അജപാലകർ ശ്രദ്ധിക്കണം.

5. സന്ദർശനം മാറ്റിവെയ്ക്കാനുള്ള കാരണം (1,23-24)

“നിങ്ങളുടെ ഗുണത്തിനുവേണ്ടിയാണ് ഞാൻ കോറിന്തോസിലേക്കു വരാതിരുന്നത്. ഇതിന് എന്റെ ജീവനെച്ചൊല്ലി ദൈവത്തെ ഞാൻ സാക്ഷിയാക്കുന്നു. നിങ്ങളുടെ വിശ്വാസത്തിന്മേൽ ഞങ്ങൾ ആധിപത്യം പുലർത്തുന്നില്ല. നിങ്ങൾ വിശ്വാസസ്ഥിരതയുള്ളവരായതുകൊണ്ടു നിങ്ങളുടെ സന്തോഷത്തിനുവേണ്ടി ഞങ്ങൾ നിങ്ങളോടൊത്തു ജോലിചെയ്യുന്നു” (1,23-24).

താൻ തന്റെ യാത്രാ പദ്ധതികൾ മാറ്റിവെച്ചതിന്റെ കാരണം തുടർന്നു ശ്ലീഹാവ്യക്തമാക്കുന്നു. ദൈവത്തെ സാക്ഷിയാക്കിക്കൊണ്ട് തന്റെ ഉദ്ദേശശുദ്ധിയെ പൗലോസ് ശ്ലീഹാ എടുത്തു കാണിക്കുന്നു. കോറിന്തോസുകാരുടെ നന്മയെക്കരുതിയാണ് താൻ വീണ്ടും ഒരു സന്ദർശനം വേണ്ട എന്നു വെച്ചത് എന്നദ്ദേഹം പറയുന്നു.

ന്നുണ്ട്. എന്തായിരുന്നു ആ നന്മയെന്നു വ്യക്തമല്ല. എന്നാൽ ലേഖനത്തിന്റെ അവസാനഭാഗം (13,1-14,10) നൽകുന്ന സൂചനകൾ അനുസരിച്ച് കോറിന്തോസിലെ ചിലരുടെമേൽ ചില ശിക്ഷകൾ നടപ്പിലാക്കുന്നതാണ് പൗലോസ് ശ്ലീഹാ ഉദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നത് എന്നു മനസ്സിലാക്കാം. താൻ വീണ്ടും വരുന്നപക്ഷം ആദ്യസന്ദർശനത്തോടനുബന്ധിച്ച് തെറ്റായി പെരുമാറിയ ചിലരെ ശിക്ഷിക്കാൻ നിർബന്ധിതനായിത്തീരും. അത്തരം ഒരു സാഹചര്യം ഒഴിവാക്കാനാണ് ആ യാത്ര വേണ്ടെന്നുവെച്ചത്. “നിങ്ങളുടെ വിശ്വാസത്തിന്മേൽ ഞങ്ങൾ ആധിപത്യം പുലർത്തുന്നില്ല. നിങ്ങൾ വിശ്വാസസ്ഥിരതയുള്ളവരായതുകൊണ്ട്, നിങ്ങളുടെ സന്തോഷത്തിനുവേണ്ടി ഞങ്ങൾ നിങ്ങളോടൊത്തു ജോലി ചെയ്യുന്നു” (1,24) എന്ന പ്രസ്താവനയിൽ ഈ സൂചനയുണ്ട്. സഭാസമൂഹം അടിസ്ഥാനപരമായി വിശ്വാസികളുടെ സമൂഹമാണ്. മാമോദീസയിലൂടെ ഒരാൾ സഭയുടെ വിശ്വാസത്തിലേക്കു പ്രവേശിക്കുകയാണ്. വിശ്വാസികളുടെ സമൂഹമായി സഭയെ പടുത്തുയർത്തുക എന്നതാണ് അജപാലനശുശ്രൂഷയുടെ പ്രഥമലക്ഷ്യം. അപ്രകാരം സഭാസമൂഹത്തെ വിശ്വാസം, സ്നേഹം, പ്രത്യാശ എന്നീ ദൈവികപുണ്യങ്ങളിൽ വളർത്തുവാൻ തക്കവിധം അജപാലനശുശ്രൂഷ നിർവഹിക്കുവാൻ അജപാലകർ ശ്രദ്ധിക്കണം.

ജീവിതസൂചിക

1. തന്റെ രക്ഷാകര പ്രവർത്തനത്തിലൂടെ മിശിഹാ നൽകുന്ന കൃപയും സമാധാനവും വിശുദ്ധിയിൽ വളരുന്നതിനു വേണ്ടിയാണെന്ന് ഞാൻ ജനങ്ങളെ പഠിപ്പിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?
2. ക്രിസ്തീയജീവിതത്തിലെ സഹനങ്ങളും പീഡനങ്ങളും സമാധാനത്തിനുള്ള കാത്തിരിപ്പിനായി നമ്മെ ക്ഷണിക്കുന്നുവെന്ന് ഞാൻ ജനങ്ങളെ ഉദ്ബോധിപ്പിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ ?
3. പ്രാർത്ഥനയിൽ സ്തുതിയും കൃതജ്ഞതയും യാചനയും മാദ്ധ്യസ്ഥപ്രാർത്ഥനയും സമന്വയിപ്പിക്കുവാൻ ഞാൻ ജനങ്ങളെ പരിശീലിപ്പിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?
4. സഭാശുശ്രൂഷകരുടെ ആധികാരികതയെക്കുറിച്ച് ഞാൻ ജനങ്ങളെ പഠിപ്പിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?
5. വിശ്വാസികളെ ദൈവികപുണ്യങ്ങളിൽ വളർത്തുവാൻ തക്കവിധമാണോ ഞാൻ അജപാലന ശുശ്രൂഷ നിർവ്വഹിക്കുന്നത്?



NEWS FROM DEPARTMENTS

DEPARTMENT OF CATECHESIS

Catechetical Academic Year Inauguration 2024-2025

The 2023-2024 Catechism Academic Year started on September 08, 2024, as regular in-person classes in all Parishes and Mission Centres across Canada. The official inauguration of the academic year was conducted at St. Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Cathedral, Mississauga.



New Catechist's Orientation Seminar

The Department of Catechesis, Eparchy of Mississauga, conducted Orientation Seminars for all newly appointed Catechists and Youth Associates of 2024- 2025 in the Eastern Region on Sep 21, 2024. Rev. Fr. Jomis Kodakasseril, Doctoral Student in Rome led the session on Catechesis and its Objectives. Rev. Fr. Augustine Kallumkatharayil, Director of Catechesis, Syro-Malabar Catholic Eparchy of Mississauga led a session on Introduction to Catechism Textbooks. Rev. Fr. Francis

Akkarapattiakal, Mrs. Sharon Vince and Mrs. Deepa Sabu conducted the session for Youth Associates. 135 New Catechists and 55 Youth Associates attended the sessions. The next Orientation Seminar for the Western Region will be on Oct 05, 2024, from 10.30 am to 01.00 pm MDT.

Upcoming Events

October 05, 2024 - Orientation Seminar for New Catechists of Western Region (10:30 AM - 01:00 PM EST)

October 17, 2024 - ECC & Principal's Meeting

October 19, 2024 - Diploma Course in Theology

November 02, 2024 - Eparchial Convention for Catechists

November 03, 2024- Eparchial Catechetical Sunday



Let the children come to me and do not stop them, for the kingdom of God belongs to them. (Luke 18:16)



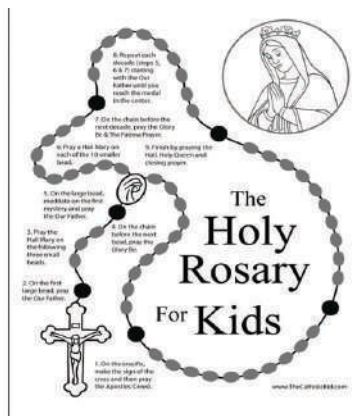
Monthly Planner October - 2024

1. The Word of God : Genesis 1:27
God created Man in His own Image
2. Theme : God is the creator of Human
3. The Message : God is our Creator
4. Study : The Sign of Cross (Solemn forms)
4. Work : Coloring the picture below



The Saint of the Month : The Queen of Rosary

NB: (1) There are few more parishes still to give the names of the Animators, so please give the names by this month. Please send the Names and Phone numbers to Animator Sister (+1 (437) 425 4722).



DEPARTMENT OF NURSES MINISTRY

Monthly Prayer

The Nurses Ministry continues to conduct monthly prayer meetings with all regions across Canada.



Daily online Zoom Prayer

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

Prayer meetings

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

Chain Rosary

Most of the regions conducted chain Rosary on 13th September from 5:30 am to 6:00pm which prayed for the parish, Catholic Church, all the nurses around the world, all the leaders, world peace and the souls of purgatory.

Special Events

On September 1-8, Canada nurse's ministry held "The Harvest of Grace". 8 days of continuous chain rosary all over world for the feast of Mother Mary. Canada nurses ministry got the time slot on September 4 th 2.30 pm-2.30 am.

On 11th September the Nurses Ministry started free NCLEX exam training inaugurated by Our Spiritual Director Fr. Daris and former director Fr. Pathros Chambakkara. This is a fantastic opportunity for aspiring nurses to enhance their skills and prepare for the NCLEX exam.



DIVINE ACADEMY

Divine Academy officially inaugurated its academic year 2024-25 with a solemn yet vibrant ceremony on September 21, 2024 at 10.00AM. Over the past five years, Divine Academy has expanded its horizons, offering a variety of services through the Divine Academy of Learning (DAL) for tutoring and the Divine Academy of Music to nurture the creative talents of students. The academy takes pride in its talented teaching staff who continually guide students in both intellectual and creative endeavors. A special note of gratitude was extended to parents for their unwavering trust in the academy, as they continue to enroll their children at Divine Academy.

The inauguration commenced with a prayer, invoking God's blessings, followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp—a traditional gesture symbolizing knowledge and the removal of ignorance. The ceremony was graced by the presence of His Excellency Bp Jose Kalluvilil, Patron of Divine Academy, Rev. Fr. Augustine Kallumkatharayil, the Chairman, and Rev. Fr. Jacob Edakalathur, the Ex-Chairman (2020-2022).



His Excellency Bp Jose Kalluvelil led the congregation in prayer, blessing the students and the academy for the new academic year. This was followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, symbolizing the illumination of knowledge and wisdom. The lamp was lit by a group of representatives who played significant roles within the Divine Academy: His Excellency Bp Jose Kalluvelil, Patron of Divine Academy, Rev. Fr. Augustine Kallumkatharayil Chairman of Divine Academy, Project Coordinators Sr. Rose Christy and Sabu Pappu, Teacher Representative Dona Rosita John, and Student Representatives Hannah and Michael.

The event marked a beautiful beginning to a new academic year, fostering a spirit of learning, creativity, and community, with blessings from above and the encouragement of teachers, parents, and mentors. The inauguration set the tone for a year filled with opportunities, growth, and the holistic development of every student at Divine Academy.

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY APOSTOLATE

The Family Apostolate of Eparchy of Mississauga conducted the Marriage Preparation Course from Sep 14 to 16 2024, with a total of 75 enthusiastic participants. The course was designed to provide essential knowledge and guidance for couples preparing for marriage, covering various important topics related to marital life.

The course featured an esteemed group of instructors from the MPC Teaching Staff, who delivered engaging sessions on different aspects of marriage and family life.



Participant feedback for the course was overwhelmingly positive. The attendees expressed their gratitude for the comprehensive content, expert instructors, and engaging delivery. The course provided them with valuable knowledge, skills, and insights to better navigate their journey into marriage and family life.



Upcoming Course

November 16-18 2024

FAMILY APOSTOLATE
SYRO MALABAR, EPARCHY OF MISSISSAUGA

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE 2024

NOVEMBER 16, 17, 18

FOR MORE INFORMATION
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Fr. Thomas Venmanthara
Director

Sr. Jyothi AO
437 229 7144

- Applicants must be a registered member in the Parish.
- Application form with a fee of \$150 should be interar to the mentioned email address.
- Signature of the parish priest is mandatory in the application form.

OFFICE

St. Thomas Syro Malabar Catholic Forane Church,
Scarborough, Toronto

FAMILY APOSTOLATE
SYRO -MALABAR EPARCHY OF MISSISSAUGA

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE 2025

SATURDAY, SUNDAY, MONDAY

JANUARY	11, 12, 13
MARCH	15, 16, 17
MAY	10, 11, 12
JUNE	14, 15, 16
JULY	12, 13, 14
AUGUST	23, 24, 25
OCTOBER	11, 12, 13
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NEWS FROM PARISHES

MISSISSAUGA FORANE

ST. ALPHONSA CATHEDRAL MISSISSAUGA

Farewell - Sr. Cini CMC

After two years of ministry in the diocese and the cathedral, Sr. Cini C.M.C. has been transferred to the province of Coimbatore for new responsibilities. On 1 September, the parish arranged a farewell for her following the 8.30 am Holy Qurbana. The Reverent Fathers, Trustees and other representatives expressed their gratitude towards sister for her numerous services and good deeds.



8 Sept - Feast of the Nativity of the Mother Mary

In preparation for the Feast of the Nativity of Mother Mary, 2000 Hail Mary were offered following the Holy Qurbana. In addition to that, on the 8 days prior to the Feast, Holy Rosary was conducted prior to the Holy Qurbana led by various Family Units. Finally, the Feast Day was celebrated with a solemn Holy Qurbana and "pachor nercha" was distributed at the end.

6 Sept - First Friday

On the First Friday of the month, Holy Qurbana, Talk and Worship were held at the church for parents and at the same time, Holy Qurbana, Talks and Worship were also conducted at the Kannampuzha Hall for children and youth.

12 Sept - Seniors' Picnic

The Seniors' Picnic conducted for all those 55 years and above was conducted on Thursday, 12 September beginning with the celebration of the Holy Qurbana at the



Cathedral. Approximately 45 seniors attended the picnic, which was held at Center Island, Toronto. Everyone enjoyed the day which was filled with mutual sharing, games and frolics.

14 Sept - Feast of Exaltation of the Holy Cross:

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross was celebrated at the Cathedral with a Solemn Holy Qurbana.

Birthday

The birthday of our pastor, Rev.Fr Augustine Kallumkatharayil was celebrated on 18 September 18. The parishioners came together following both Holy Qurbana on that day to wish and greet our beloved Pastor.

Donation

Through the gracious donations of our faithful, we were able to raise \$10767 as a for helping our fellow brethren affected in the Wayanad and Vilangad landslides.



Catechism

2024-2025 Catechetical Year Inauguration

"Catechesis is an integral part of the Church's mission of evangelization. It helps to deepen the faith and understanding of the Christian message."- Pope John Paul II



The inauguration of the 2024-2025 Catechetical Year for both the Eparchy and Parish level took place on 8 September 2024, marking the beginning of another year of faith formation for students from JK to Grade 12. The event was graced by the presence of our Parish Priest and Catechetical Director of our Eparchy, Rev. Fr. Augustine Kallumkatharayil, and our Associate Pastor, Rev. Fr. Francis Samuvel.

The lighting of the lamp was initiated by Rev. Fr. Augustine, followed by Rev. Fr. Francis, Catechism Principal Vijay Jose, Parish Trustee Sunny Kunnappilly, Representatives of PTA, Teachers, Youth and Students selected through an online draw system. This symbolic act highlighted the collective commitment to nurturing the spiritual growth of our parish children.

After the lamp-lighting, all of the teachers participated in the oath-taking ceremony, led by Rev. Fr. Augustine, affirming their dedication to the catechetical mission. The event concluded with a brief photograph session. With the support of the parish leadership and the dedication of our teachers, we pray for God's blessings as we embark on this new catechetical journey.

SMYM National Youth

SMYM has regularly been having their Friday Fire Gatherings for the youth after evening Holy Qurbana. It has been running regularly the summer and having a great start with a good number of youth attending every Friday. In the past couple of weeks, we have been focusing on taking a more complex but cooler side to the Seven Sins, really going into depth about the different areas, issues and ways to help sustain us through this all. We are continuing to look at different spiritual topics, working to enlighten our youth and become more connected to God. We have been having around 30-40 kids each week, and we hope to see more youth join us!

On Sunday September 15, SMYM had a payasam and cotton candy bake sale as a way of fundraising funds for the disasters at Wayanad-Vilangad. After the disastrous landslides and tragedies that had taken place in these regions, the youth came together to help them with funds raised through the church towards the needs of the people affected. As it also landed on Onam, they served payasam of different sorts, working hard together, to make the payasam from scratch and raise funds among the community. This was a great hit with the community, being completely sold out of the payasam and having long lines for



cotton candy. We want to take this time to congratulate and appreciate the SMYM Team and all the uncles that worked tirelessly behind this, under the leadership of Antony Uncle. We were able to raise a good amount to send to Wayanad for their needs.

Nurses Ministry

A chain rosary was conducted by the Nurses Ministry on 13 September from 5:30 am to 6 pm. The Nurses ministry also committed to continuously participate in Adoration at St. Alphonsa cathedral on weekdays from Tuesday to Friday from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Prayer to Saints is our monthly prayer tool for the month of September. In addition to that, we had our monthly meeting on 22 September 2024 after 8.30 am Holy Qurbana. The meeting was presided over by Rev Fr Augustine Kallumkatharayil and began with a prayer led by the Nurses Ministry animator, Rev Sr. Mercy CHF. Altogether, around 30 nurses attended the meeting.



Jesus Kids, HCA & CML Associations

Bon Voyage Sr. Cini!

The animators and leaders of Jesus Kids, HCA and CML associations and joined together to organise a heartfelt farewell to our beloved Rev Sr. Cini CMC who held a vital role in coordinating the Jesus Kids, HCA and CML associations in our parish on 6 September 2024. Association Animators offered and presented the spiritual bouquet of 1000 word of God and 5000 Hail Mary to Sr. Cini. Rev. Fr. Augustine Kallunkatharayil and Rev. Fr. Francis Samuvel had presided over the meeting. Animators and leaders delivered the felicitations in tribute to the Sr. Cini's valuable services and support to our parish. In

addition, animators and leaders presented various art programmes in association with the farewell gathering including dance and singing. During the programme Sr.Cini addressed to the members; thanked everyone and advised to lead a good spiritual and physical life. Thank you to Sr.Cini for all your services and support. Best wishes for your future endeavours!



CKCC Opens Mississauga Chapter

The Canadian Kerala Catholic Congress (CKCC) celebrated the opening of its Mississauga chapter at St. Alphonsa Cathedral on 22nd September 2024, marking a significant milestone for the organization. The event attracted a robust turnout, with approximately 70% of its members attending the meeting, signifying strong community support and engagement.

The meeting was presided over by CKCC Canada President and Global Vice President, Jolly Joseph, who delivered a presidential address articulating the organization's vision. He stated that CKCC will strive to improve the lives of the community, anchored by Catholic faith and values. Joseph emphasized the importance of unity and collaboration within the community.



Following his address, Fr. Augustin Kallumkatharayil, director of the Mississauga Chapter, shared his insights on the chapter's goals and initiatives. The meeting also featured speeches from national executive members, including Jijo Alappat, Thomas Varghese, and Siju Mathew, who highlighted the chapter's commitment to addressing the sociocultural, economic, and political needs of the community.

One of the highlights of the event was the members' recognition segment, where Tomy Kokkat and Praveen Varkey were honored for their leadership aspirations in the Canadian political arena. Their

contributions were celebrated as inspirational examples for the community.

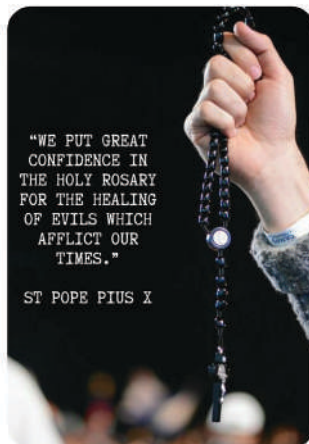
A key component of the event was the election of the executive committee members for the 2024-2026 term, which includes:

Mathew Jacob- President - Thresiamma Johnson - Vice President - Theresa Joy - General Secretary - Sebin Sebastian - Joint Secretary - Siju Mathew - Treasurer The executive members are: - Biju Punnoran - Jai Joseph - Amal Somichan - Santhosh Joseph - Joseph Sibichan- Dr. Bobby Chandy- Jimmy Varghese.

During the interactive Townhall session, members had the opportunity to raise questions and express their views, which were addressed by the national executive committee members, fostering an open dialogue and community engagement.

The evening concluded with a delightful dinner, providing an opportunity for all members to interact cordially with the newly elected executives and fellow attendees.

The successful meeting underscored the CKCC's dedication to serving the community and its various aspirations, setting a promising tone for the newly established chapter in Mississauga.



ST JOSEPH PARISH HAMILTON

Celebration of Ettu Nommbu Thirunaal and Parish Picnic

On 8th September, the St Joseph Parish of Hamilton celebrated Mother Mary's feast at the Confederation Park, Hamilton. After the Holy Qurbana, the Parish Picnic ensued where our small community come together for an afternoon of fun and laughter.

Food and snacks were prepared by Mr. Sony Poulose and team.

Games were organized by Mrs. Cibi Vadakken and team.



Cricket Tournament

The first Inter-Family Unit Cricket tournament was conducted on 21st September. It was a fun day of healthy competition among our parish members.

Winner: St. Thomas and St. Theresa Family Unit (Combined team)

Runners Up: St. Chavara Family Unit




Catechism - New Academic Year

Children donating school supplies to the needy with the Hamilton community.

Inauguration of the new Catechism Year by Fr. Tomy Chittinappilly, Mr. Sandeep Eikos, Principal and Trustees.

Catechism Teachers

Catechism teachers taking the pledge.





CATECHISM INAUGURATION & BLESSING OF BACKPACKS
Sunday, 15 Sept 2024

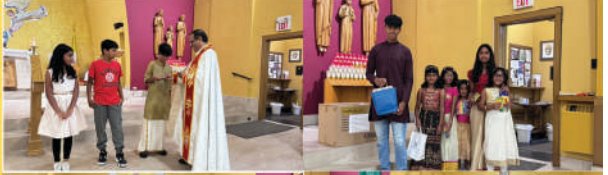
Before mass:
Kids move as a procession towards the Altar with the Priest and Altar Servers.

During mass:
Kids will be invited to come forward and place the school supplies they wish to donate in the donation box during Offertory.

After mass:
Catechism and PAC Inauguration
Blessing of Backpacks
Kids are encouraged to bring school supplies for donation



Sacred Heart Church, 19 Viewpoint Avenue



Agape Kitchen

The Agape Meals is preparing to serve meals under new leadership Mrs. Asha Kappen and team. A training session was conducted on 18th September 2024 at the St. Stephen on the Mount Anglican Church.



International Students

A small gathering of the international students of Hamilton was organized on 15th September at Sacred Heart Church which was presided by Fr. Tomy Chittinappilly.



ST. MOTHER TERESA PARISH, NIAGARA

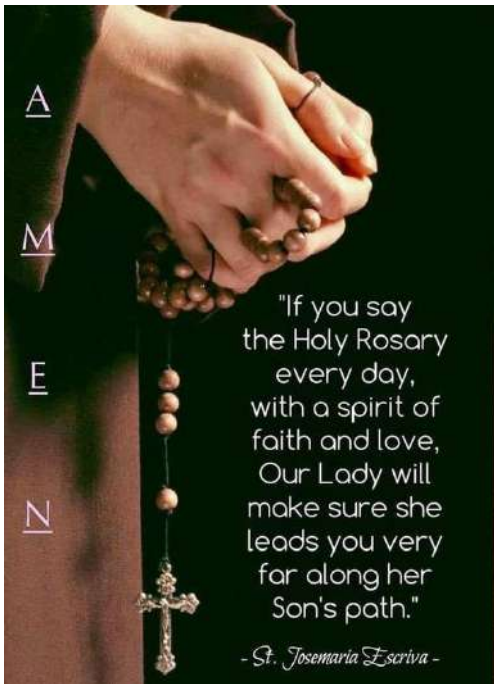
St Mother Teresa parish celebrated the parish feast on September 1 very solemnly. Celebrated the feast after nine days of novena for spiritual preparation. There was a committee headed by Lijesh Pudusery and Alex Thomas as conveners. 167 prasudenthis supported the feast.

Thirunal lucky lot conducted by Pithruvedi and Mathruvedi on September 1.



Catechism Inauguration On 8 September by lightening the Lamp. This year there are 209 students and 42 catechism teachers under the leadership of the principal Bindhya John.

Bishop Mar Jose Kalluvilil administered the sacraments of initiation to the fifth child Jessica, daughter of Delight Sojan and Jincy in promotion of pro-life on 14 September. Informative session on Will by Adv Philip on 22 September.



"If you say
the Holy Rosary
every day,
with a spirit of
faith and love,
Our Lady will
make sure she
leads you very
far along her
Son's path."

- St. Josemaria Escriva -

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI MISSION, NORTH BAY

The feast of St Francis of Assisi was celebrated with pomp and gaiety. The nine-day Noveena, conducted online prior to the feast, prepared the faithful in a meaningful way for the feast. The feast day celebration began with Presudenthi Vazcha. The festive Qurbana began soon after the Presudenthi Vazcha. 150 people attended the Holy Qurbana. Fr. Jijimon, Vicar was the main celebrant. The holy Qurbana was followed by Ladheenju. A devout procession was taken out to pay homage to the saint and to give witness to Christ before the people of North Bay. It was indeed a fulfilling moment of Grace. The festal celebration was concluded with a sumptuous and delicious Snehavirunnu. The feast of St. Francis of Assisi was a powerful expression of God's presence among the people. Though, it was the first instance of such celebration, yet the parishioners, mainly youth, did everything in their capacity to make the feast a memorable one. One could really feel a sense of joy and accomplishment among them. Indeed, all, who participated in the feast, could experience the blessings of the St. Francis of Assisi through God.



ST. THOMAS FORANE PARISH, SCARBOROUGH

September marks a return to a more organized rhythm of life, a time for both spiritual and personal renewal. As we celebrate the grace-filled birthday of Mother Mary, with many following the eight days of fasting and prayer, we are reminded of the root source of her guidance. It is also a season of new beginnings for students, as they head back to school, realigning their priorities and focusing not only on academics but also on their catechesis and spiritual growth.

Feast of the Nativity of Mother Mary - 'Ettunoymbu'

The nine-day novena prayers culminated in the celebration of the Feast of the Nativity of Mother Mary at the Parish on September 8, with a large portion of the parish community participating. The highlights of the day were a Rosary procession followed by a nercha sadya.



Year of the Eucharist - Decennial Celebrations of the Eparchy

The 10th anniversary of the Eparchy of Mississauga, first established as an Exarchate and later elevated to a full diocese, will be celebrated across the Eparchy for a year starting on September 28, 2024. H.E. Mar Jose Kalluvilil declared the 'Year of the Eucharist,' commemorating the occasion with His Grace Ivan Jurkovich, Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, and His Grace Bishop Richard William Smith of Edmonton diocese. Rev. Fr. Baiju Chakkery represented the Parish at the inaugural celebrations at St. Alphonsa Forane Church in Edmonton.



Reception for Bishop Joy Alappatt

The Parish warmly welcomed H.E. Mar Joy Alappatt, Bishop of the Syro-Malabar Diocese of Chicago, on Saturday, September 14, as he visited for the first time to address the Annual Meeting of the Donors of Shepherds of Faith (SOF), a lay movement supporting the Diocese's pastoral initiatives. Bishop Mar Joy celebrated Holy Mass alongside Bishop Mar Jose Kalluvilil and praised the SOF initiative as a divine inspiration, nurtured by the Holy Spirit, to support the Church's mission of evangelization and pastoral care through selfless contributions.



Rev. Fr. Jojo Changanamthundathil, Rev. Fr. Augustine Kallumkatharayil, and Rev. Fr. Tenson Thannckal were also present. Rev. Fr. Baiju Chakkery, Rev. Fr. Shijo Karickal, and Trustees Saji Thomas and Veena Louis received the Bishops, guests, and SOF members.

Shepherds of Faith Donor Meeting

The Parish hosted the Annual Donor Meeting of the Shepherds of Faith on the afternoon of September 14. H.E. Mar Joy Alappatt delivered the keynote address, and H.E. Mar Jose Kalluvilil commended SOF for their commendable missionary work. Mr. Jolly Joseph, Executive Director, Fr. Jojo Changanamthundathil, Secretary, and Mr. Sabu George and Mr. Varghese Parekattil also spoke, highlighting the great work of the SOF and thanking members for their continued support. Parishioners performed a cultural show for the guests, followed by an agape- a meal of fellowship.

Catechetical Events

The Catechetical academic year 2024-2025 was inaugurated on September 15 in a prayerful atmosphere. The ceremonial lamp was lit by Fr. Baiju Chakkery, Fr. Jojo Changanamthundathil, Fr. Shijo Karickal, Principal Biju Kannampuzha, Parish Trustees, the PTA President, and representatives of Youth Associates, while the students choir singing invoking the Holy Spirit. The pledge of Teachers and Youth Associates was led by Rev. Fr. Baiju Chakkery, and Fr. Jojo Changanamthundathil, Director of SMYM, who was the chief guest. The former Principal, Mr. Jose Varghese, was recognized for his contributions to the School of Catechesis for the past 3 years. Trustees Saji Thomas, Veena Louis, and Cino Naduvilekoot were also present.



Catechism classes began on the same day with combined sessions led by the teachers. A new organizational framework was introduced to manage various events during the academic year. Teachers initiated a chain Rosary on Saturdays for the spiritual nourishment of catechists and students. The Teachers began with a spiritual preparation with a Holy Mass and gathering on September 7, 2024. Eight new teachers and three Youth Associates participated in a virtual orientation program organized by the Eparchial Catechesis Department on September 21.



Upcoming Catechetical Events

Parent-Teacher General Body Meeting: October 6

Holyween Saints Parade: October 31

Catechetical Day: November 3

Feast of St. Matthew, Patron of Our Priests

In celebration of the Feast of St. Matthew, parishioners greeted Rev. Fr. Baiju Chakkery, Pastor, and Rev. Fr. Shijo Karickal, Associate Pastor, on September 21, as both priests celebrated the feast of their patron saint. After the Holy Mass, they were honored with flowers, followed by a cake-cutting ceremony alongside other parishioners named after St. Matthew.



SMYM

National SMYM members coordinated outdoor events on September 15 to welcome students back to Catechism classes after the summer break, providing a refreshing start to the year.

The SMYM International Youth wing organized an online meeting on September 20, 2024, where they planned an event to welcome international students from the May and September intakes with engaging activities. The monthly adoration, led by SMYM took place on September 22, 2024, after the 5:00 pm Mass.

The Feast of St. Matthew was also celebrated by SMYM with both of our priests on September 21, cutting a cake with them, followed by coffee and snacks after the 5:00 pm Mass. Additionally, SMYM members celebrated the birthday of committee member Ann Crizzle Jose.

Parish Night 2024

The Parish Council announced the upcoming Parish Night, scheduled for Sunday, November 17, at the Chinese Cultural Centre in Scarborough. The event will feature a variety of cultural performances

and other events. A contest inviting catchy names for the event is underway, and the ticket launch is scheduled for October 6.

Santarts Dance Classes

Santarts has initiated dance classes with an initial batch of 10 students, practicing once a week under the guidance of Maria Babu.

Syro Malabar Sports Academy, Toronto

The Sports Academy announced its fall schedule starting on October 1. Weekly practice sessions will be organized for soccer, basketball, and volleyball, focusing on team building and promoting healthy sportsmanship. Registration is underway.

An immersive learning experience in Belgium and France

Allen Shibu Kurishummottil, Grade 12 Student

This summer, I participated in the prestigious Beaverbrook Vimy Prize program, a 10-day immersive experience in Belgium and France, as one of 12 Canadian youth selected. In preparation, I researched John Lambert, a 17-year-old private from Newfoundland, whose recently discovered body was reburied at New Irish Farm Cemetery, which I had the privilege of visiting. I also worked on a group project exploring the environmental effects of the First and Second World Wars, a topic often overlooked. During the trip, we visited key historical sites, including the Normandy beaches, the Juno Beach Centre, and several war cemeteries, hearing stories of soldiers from both sides.



We also explored places like Flanders Fields, the Canadian National Vimy Memorial, Notre Dame de Lorette Cemetery, and the Ring of Remembrance containing the names of over 576,000 soldiers from over 40 different countries who died in that region. In Ypres, Belgium, we learned about the destruction and rebuilding of historical sites like the Cloth Hall and St. Martin's Cathedral during WWI. This experience gave me a broader understanding of the world wars from





Allen Shibu, Grade 12 Student participated in the Beaverbrook Vimy Prize Program, enjoyed a 10 days Immersive learning experience in Belgium and France in August 2024 along with 12 Canadian youth



the perspectives of soldiers, civilians, and the environment. It was a transformative journey that deepened my appreciation for history and the human sacrifices involved, and I formed lasting friendships with participants from Canada, France, and Britain.

Marriage Preparation Course attracts Youth from all over.

The 3-day marriage preparation course continues to draw young participants from across the GTA and beyond. More than 70 attendees joined the program held on September 14, 15, and 16. Parish priests and resource persons guided the sessions. Fr. Thomas Venmanthara, Director of the Apostolate, led concluding session, celebrated Holy Mass along with Fr. Harold, and presented certificates to the participants.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH, OSHAWA

24-hour Eucharistic adoration

On September 7, our parish held our monthly 24-hour Eucharistic Adoration, providing a serene opportunity for parishioners to engage in prayer, reflection, and spiritual renewal. Many gathered in a spirit of devotion, seeking a deeper connection with God in this sacred time of worship.

Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council gathered on Sunday, September 8, after the 5:00 PM Mass, to address various financial matters and other key issues affecting the parish. The meeting provided an opportunity for members to engage in thoughtful discussions, ensuring the continued growth and prosperity of our church community.



Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary Celebration

On September 8th, our parish joyfully celebrated the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The special day began with a solemn Holy Mass, where parishioners gathered in devotion to honor the birth of Mother Mary. The church was filled with the spirit of prayer and reverence, as Fr. Tenson Paul led the Mass, emphasizing the significance of Mary's birth in the life of the Church. In preparation for the feast, we held a special Novena, beginning on September 1st, allowing parishioners to immerse themselves in prayer and reflection in 'Ettu Nombu' days.



Catechism Inauguration 2024-2025

The inauguration of the catechetical year 2024-2025 took place on September 5th, following the 9:30 AM Holy Mass. Mr. Leny V addressed the parish on catechetical matters, discussing the new arrangements and schedules, including the special Mass for children. Mr. Joshy Varghese introduced the teachers and youth associates for each class. The ceremony was highlighted by a lamp lighting, where Fr. Tenson Paul, Principal Mr. Leny V, Vice Principal Mr. Joshy Varghese, PTA representatives Ms. Ancy Kolenchery and Mr. Prince Kalappura Mathew, along with student representatives, lit the ceremonial lamp. Fr. Tenson Paul also provided special blessings for the children and a blessing for all teachers, marking the beginning of a blessed catechetical year.



Handwritten Bible Consecration

The handwritten Bible, lovingly written by parishioners, was consecrated on September 5th after the 9:30 AM Holy Mass. In a solemn procession, the Bible was brought to the church in a prayerful atmosphere and placed on the altar. Special prayers were offered, and Fr. Tenson Paul prayed for the intentions of the parishioners who had

written each chapter with deep devotion. It was a beautiful moment of unity and faith, marking a spiritual milestone for the parish community.

Release of New Parish Digital Bulletin

The parish proudly launched its new digital bulletin on September 5th, following the 9:30 AM Holy Mass. Fr. Tenson Paul led the launch, marking a significant step in connecting our community through technology. Special thanks were extended to the editorial board members, including Fr. Tenson Paul, Mr. Joshy Varghese, Ms. Jilu Jolly, Mr. Surya Peter, and Ms. Sindhura Rose Thomas, for their dedication. The bulletin will be published monthly, featuring parish and eparchial news, keeping everyone informed and engaged.



Thattukada Sale: A Delightful Success

After the 9:30 AM Holy Mass, a thattukada sale featuring a variety of delicious Kerala snacks-cutlets, egg puffs, pazhampori, uzhunnu vada, parippu vada etc-was held. Tea was also served, adding to the festive atmosphere. All proceeds from the sale will go to support the church. A heartfelt thank you to all the mothers who prepared the wonderful snacks and made the event a success.



Ecumenical Quiz Competition: Parish Shines with Third Prize

Our parish proudly secured third place in the Ecumenical Quiz Competition sponsored by KCEF. The winning team members-Joicy Bosco, Sherin Joby, and Sindhura Kurian-represented our parish with excellence. Several churches participated in this event, making the competition challenging and exciting. Congratulations to the winners for their remarkable achievement!



Junior Choir: Leading the Way in Worship

Our Junior Choir has taken on the special responsibility of leading the 11 AM Children's Mass every Sunday, showcasing their talent and dedication to creating a meaningful worship experience. Their youthful voices bring a vibrant energy to the liturgy, inspiring the congregation and enhancing the spiritual atmosphere of the Mass. We are deeply grateful to the dedicated mentors who have nurtured their talents and instilled in them a love for music and worship. Through their efforts, our parish continues to cultivate the next generation of musical leadership.



Mass Schedule

HOLY MASS TIMINGS	
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday	9:00 am
Wednesday, Friday	7:00 pm
Sunday	9:30 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm

Parishwide Adoration:

- All Divisions at 11:00 am
- 11:00 am Adoration in First Ministry

English Holy Mass for children:

- Every Second Saturday

Confession:

- Wednesday and Friday 8 pm - 8:15 pm

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ST. MOTHER THERESA PARISH, OTTAWA

Novena

Nine days of Novena was held from August 30th to September 07th and culminating with the Feast of Mother Mary on September 08th. Everyday different Parish associations or wards hosted the Nercha after the mass. The masses were also celebrated by different Priests from the vicinity.

Joint Feast of St Mother Teresa, St Sebastian and Mother Mary at the Parish

The feast of St Mother Teresa, St Sebastian and Mother Mary was celebrated with mass on 09th September. Mass was preceded with Laddenju, followed by Novena led by Nurses Ministry. The main celebrant was Fr. Siju Kizhakkepallivathukal with a message from Fr Feby Pulickal. Attending priests were Fr. James Raphel and Fr Jomon Kalladanthiyil. Started with Presudenthi Vazhcha, Holy Qurbana, Ladeenju & Procession followed by AGAPE. There was a large number of Presudenthis, almost one member from each of the families in the Parish. Knights of Columbus organized the balloon and ice cream stall during the AGAPE.



Lottery

The building committee was instrumental in presenting a new fund raising initiative for the purpose of buy our own church or property to build a church. The first prize is 50,000/- dollars and is open to all supporters. Ticket prices are only \$50.00 and is available to anyone who would like to support our church.

Payasamela Organized by Mathruvedhi

On September 15th Mathruvedhi organized a fund raiser Payasamela with 08 different types of Payasam for sale. All proceeds were donated to the church



Catechism Department

Catechism started on 15th September and we had more children than previous years. More of the recent graduates joined as youth catechists. Catechism Teachers inauguration and blessing was done by the Vicar on the same day.

Auction

Church fundraising continues with Auction of plants and fruits.

ST. KURIAKOSE CHAVARA PARISH, BELLEVILLE

Monthly Parish Family Prayer Meetings

The parish community of St. Kuriakose Chavara Church continues to strengthen its bonds through the monthly family prayer meetings, which have become a cornerstone of faith and fellowship for many families. These gatherings are designed to provide a space for families to come together, share in prayer, and support one another in living out their

One of the highlights of the prayer meetings is the inclusion of children and young people. Special activities are organized for the younger members of the parish, helping them to participate in a meaningful way. The meetings emphasize the importance of involving the entire family in the faith experience.

The gatherings often conclude with a shared meal or refreshments, further encouraging fellowship and allowing families to build relationships with one another. The spirit of hospitality and community is a central part of the monthly meetings, reinforcing the idea that the parish is a spiritual

These monthly family prayer meetings have grown steadily in attendance, reflecting the parish's desire for spiritual growth and connection. As they continue, the parish hopes to expand participation and develop new ways to engage families in their shared journey of faith.

Catechism Classes Started

The catechism classes for the year began with a solemn and spiritually uplifting ceremony, symbolizing the passing of the light



of faith to the next generation. Parish priest, Fr. Johnny Kunnath led the ceremony with reverence and devotion.

The ceremony commenced with an introductory prayer, invoking the Holy Spirit's guidance for the students, teachers, and parents who gathered.



The highlight of the ceremony was when the parish priest lit a large candle, symbolizing Christ as the Light of the World. One by one, the catechism teachers approached the priest and received their candles, which he lit from the central candle. This gesture symbolized the passing of faith and the responsibility of catechists to spread the light of Christ through their teaching.

As the teachers held their candles aloft, a prayer was offered, dedicating their service to God and the growth of faith in their students. The priest then gave a short homily, emphasizing the importance of catechism in building a strong foundation of faith for the young generation. He urged both the students and teachers to engage with the lessons not only with their minds but also with their hearts, encouraging them to live out their faith in daily life.

After the lighting ceremony, the teachers stood before the altar as the priest blessed them, praying for wisdom, patience, and strength as they take on the sacred duty of instructing the children in the faith. Following this, the students and parents were invited to join in a final prayer, reaffirming their commitment to the church

This meaningful start to the catechism year set a tone of dedication and reverence, highlighting the importance of faith education within the parish community. The lighting of the candles served as a powerful reminder of the ongoing mission to pass on the light of Christ's teachings to future generations.

Special Prayers for School Opening at Church

On September 1, St. Kuriakose Chavara Church held a special prayer service for students as they prepared for the new school year. The ceremony, led by the parish priest, Fr. Johnny Kunnath gathered students, parents, and teachers to seek God's blessings for a fruitful and successful academic

The highlight of the ceremony was a special prayer dedicated to the students. The priest invited the children to come forward, where he individually blessed each one. As he prayed over them, he asked for wisdom, patience, and strength

for the students, that they may learn, grow, and succeed both academically and personally. In his homily, the priest reminded the students of the importance of balancing academic responsibilities with their spiritual lives, encouraging them to remember that God is always with them, helping them through their challenges and accomplishments. He urged them to be kind, compassionate, and hardworking, reflecting the values of their faith.



HOLY FAMILY PARISH HALIFAX

HOLY FAMILY PARISH HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES

The SMYM department of our parish conducted the Onam celebration titled "Aavesham" on September 7th, 2024, Saturday. The parish celebrated the feast of Mother Mary on September 8th along with the inauguration of the catechism's new academic year. This month's committee meeting was held on September 15th, 2024, reviewed and discussed the financial statements and matters related to the church's well-being. As part of the church's fund-raising efforts, the Onam bumper tickets are on sale. The parish decided to hold a Christmas evening on December 28th, featuring various cultural programs and activities. Our parish is invited to participate in a Eucharist procession on October 19th organized by the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth. The parish is focusing on implementing and maintaining a safe environment in accordance with the Eparchial safeguarding policy.



MATHRUVEDHI

On September 8th, our parish celebrated the feast of Mother Mary. On that occasion, Mathruvedhi provided pachore nercha for all devotees.



NURSES MINISTRY

The month of September was a blessed month for the Nurses Ministry. Holy mass and Holy Hour with our Eucharistic Lord were conducted this month during the first Saturday. It was a great experience for the nurses to bring in their praises, joy, pain, failure and suffering in the presence of our Lord. An opportunity for confession was available on the day of adoration for the nurses. A service team meeting was conducted on the second Sunday of September 2024. Fr. Daris Cherian chaired the meeting with 4 members present. It was a fruitful meeting with discussions on intercession and ways to creatively involve more nurses in this. Furthermore, considerations on how to strengthen the outreach ministry were made. The Month of September was indeed a spiritual fruitful month for the nurses Ministry through the most worthy intercession of Mother Mary.

CATECHISM REPORT

The inauguration and commencement of the new Academic year of Holy Family School of Catechism was held on September 8th, 2024, along with the feast day celebration of Mother Mary. The auspicious day began with the procession of catechism students reciting the Holy Rosary and getting prepared for the Holy Mass.

As part of the inaugural ceremony Rev. Fr Daris Cherian, our parish priest along with the Principal, Vice- Principal, PTA leaders and student representatives marked the commencement of the new academic year by lighting the lamp and teachers taking the oath for the new academic year.



The ceremony was followed by Holy Mass, Novena and Litany of Mother Mary followed by the blessing of the cross. Later a prayerful procession bearing the blessed cross and the statue of Mother Mary served as a reminder to uphold the faith, comfort and hope towards Mother Mary and be thankful for the blessings Mother Mary showered on us. The feast day celebration ended with the blessing of the "Nercha" which was later given to the devotees. It was a blessed day for the Holy Family Syro Malabar Catholic community to come together in faith and rejoice in the blessings of all mighty.

SMYM HALIFAX

"Armadham" was first initially discussed on June 1st, 2024, for



SMYM to organize a youth-exclusive Onam event in early September, in collaboration with the three major universities in Halifax (Dal, SMU, MSVU). The target



audience and participants were primarily youth, aged 18-35. Our vicar and director of SMYM Halifax approved of the event and expressed his support. We had many vibrant performances and a good time together in fellowship. Our Maveli, performed a dance that has passed 1 million views on Instagram reels. The general coordinators for Armadham were Paul and Anagha, elected on June 1st, 2024, to be the primary contact and overall coordinators. We had a total of 358 tickets that were sold through Kilikood.ca and a few cash spot registrations on the day of. The event, which happened on September 7th, 2024, consisted of the Onam Sadya, various games, cultural events and a DJ night. Overall, Armadham was a huge success thanks to the many people that took the initiative and helped. We have the coordinators that took the lead, including our director, trustees and animators. But more than that, the main reason for the success of Armadham were the many SMYM team members and friends that were there to work behind the stage and support these coordinators.

AVE MARIA MISSION BERWICK, NOVA SCOTIA

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF MOTHER MARY

On this blessed occasion of the Nativity of Mother Mary, we gathered in faith and fellowship to celebrate and reflect on her life and contributions. The evening prayer "Nithyasaahaya Mathavu "Novena was conducted via Zoom for 8 days, and we were delighted to see many families participate actively.

NURSES MINISTRY LAUNCH

In a wonderful initiative, Rev. Fr. Daris Cherian has established a WhatsApp group for all nurses within our community, marking the beginning of our Nurses Ministry. Nurses from Ave Maria Church have joined this group, which provides daily prayer sessions, weekly Word of God sharing, and training sessions to prepare for the NCLEX exam. We encourage all nurses to participate and support one another in this vital ministry.



CATECHISM CLASSES INAUGURATION

On September 8th, Fr. Daris inaugurated the Catechism classes for the academic year 2024-2025 with great enthusiasm. The ceremony was filled with excitement as the children gathered in the church hall, eager to embark on their journey of faith. Fr. Daris welcomed everyone, sharing inspiring words about the importance of nurturing their spiritual growth and understanding of the Catholic faith.

The children actively participated in the offerings, presenting flowers and prayers, creating a heartfelt atmosphere. Following the spiritual ceremony, we cut a celebratory cake not only to mark the beginning of the academic year



but also to honor Mother Mary's birthday. Vicar Fr. Daris and Principal Ancy Yohannan joined the children in this joyful moment, and laughter and cheers filled the hall as everyone enjoyed treats and shared their hopes for the year ahead.

The event concluded with an invitation for the children to engage in their upcoming lessons with enthusiasm and commitment, ensuring they make the most of this enriching year of learning about their faith.

PREPARATION FOR PARISH FEAST

In anticipation of our parish feast on September 22nd, parish council members conducted two meetings with Fr. Daris to finalize preparation plans. The involvement and enthusiasm of all parish council members were crucial in organizing this joyous occasion. They coordinated various activities, ensuring that every detail was taken care of to create a memorable celebration for our community.

FEAST DAY CELEBRATION ON SEPTEMBER 22ND

The parish feast was celebrated grandly, beginning with the flag hoisting ceremony led by Fr. Daris and Fr. Jomon. Following this, we gathered for the grand parish feast Mass, which was filled with prayers and heartfelt worship. The celebrations included a beautiful procession around the church, incorporating our cherished traditions of "nercha" and "kazhannu," allowing us to honor our faith and heritage.

After the Mass, all families joined together for a shared "Snehavirunnu", fostering community spirit and togetherness. The joyful gathering was a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and connection among parishioners. We also featured a video presentation showcasing the rich history of our church, followed by a delightful program presented by our Catechism students, highlighting their learning and involvement in our faith community.



ANTIGONISH CATHOLIC MISSION, NOVA SCOTIA



Catholic community at Antigonish, Nova Scotia gathered together on September 8th on the feast day of the nativity of Mother Mary at Antigonish under the leadership of Fr. Tom Stephen and celebrated Holy Mass and there after socialization and blessing of Nercha. Around 35 people participated in this Holy Mass and feast celebrations. They decided to have Holy Mass during important Festal celebrations and special occasions. The kids are actively participating in mission catechism.

ST. JOHN MISSION, SAINT JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK

On September 14th, Saturday Rev. Fr. Daris Cherian celebrated Holy Mass at 5:30 pm in Saint Rose Catholic Church, Saint John, New Brunswick. We began with the Rosary which was led by the members of the Nurses Ministry. The confession was available before and after the Holy Mass.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MOTHER MARY

We celebrated the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday, September 14th. After the Holy Mass, the celebration concluded with the blessing of Traditional Nercha by Rev. Fr. Daris and a fellowship gathering where mission members enjoyed desserts and shared in the joy of the feast day. The event was a testament to the community's dedication to their faith and the celebration of Mother Mary's birth.



SMYM SAINT JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK

Our Holy Mass began with a special blessing of new holy mass articles including Lectionary, Catechesis Prayer book, Kappa, Thaksa, Lekhanam and all the other essential items. Those articles were generously sponsored by the SMYM, who successfully raised the required funds on short notice to ensure their availability for the Holy Mass. We extended our heartfelt gratitude to Rev. Fr. Daris and all the SMYM members who supported our great cause.



INITIATION OF WRITING

After the Holy Mass, Rev. Fr. Daris performed the Initiation of Writing (Ezhuthiniruthal) ceremony, blessing three kids as they were initiated into the world of literacy. This ceremony is a significant part of the tradition, marking the beginning of their journey into the world of reading and writing. We express our sincere gratitude for the Guidance, Love and Support of Rev. Fr. Daris.

ST. THOMAS MISSION MONCTON, NEW BRUNSWICK

CATECHISM CLASSES

The first-ever catechism classes at St. Thomas Parish in Moncton were initiated on September 8th with a meeting attended by parents, children, and catechists. Approximately 42 children, from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12, were present along with their parents. The meeting provided an opportunity to introduce the new catechetical program and set expectations for the year ahead. The official inauguration of the catechism classes took place on September 21st, marked by the Malayalam Holy Mass celebrated by Rev. Fr. Daris Cherian. The event



was well attended and offered a spiritually meaningful start to this new catechism journey.

HOLY MASS

On September 21st at 5:30 PM, Malayalam Holy Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Daris Cherian. The Malayalam Mass, preceded by the Rosary, provided a spiritually enriching experience, and the faithful expressed their deep appreciation for the opportunity to come together as a community.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

After the Holy Mass, an Executive Committee meeting was held, where new members joined the committee and representatives for various roles were appointed. Fr. Daris Cherian emphasized the importance of acquiring necessary items for the parish and encouraged the committee to seek sponsors from the community. Additionally, there was a discussion on ensuring a stable financial foundation for the parish, which is essential for supporting future activities and maintaining growth.



ST. ALPHONSA PARISH, EDMONTON

The Nativity of Mother Mary

We celebrated the feast of the Nativity of Mother Mary on September 8. Rev Fr Jacob Edakalathur was the main celebrant for the Holy Qurbana. A good number of people participated in the celebration, with prior preparation.

Catechism Inauguration

The new Catechism academic year 2024-25 was inaugurated on Sunday, September 8th, following the 10 AM Holy Qurbana. The event was marked by a lamp-lighting ceremony led by Parish Vicar Fr. Jacob Edakalathur, Asst. Pastor Fr. Gijo Panthackal, Catechism Principal (St. Sebastian Qurbana Centre) Smitha Tijo, Catechism Principal (St. Alphonsa) Santhosh Pottokkaran, Trustee representative Joby Mundakken, PTA representative Sanju James, and student representative Femiya Mathew.



Fr. Jacob Edakalathur delivered the presidential address and officially inaugurated the event. Fr. Gijo Panthackal shared a message with the Catechism students.

This year, St. Alphonsa Church has a total of 477 students registered for Catechism, while St. Sebastian Qurbana Centre has 138 students. Supporting the students are 40 teachers at St. Alphonsa and 35 teachers at St. Sebastian.

A Night Under the Mantle of Our Lady

We, the parishioners under Rev. Vicar Fr. Jacob Edakalathur, conducted an all-night chain rosary from September 7th at 8:00 PM to September 8th at 8:00 AM, as a gift to Our Lady in celebration of her birthday on September 8th. The rosaries were recited in front of the exposed Holy Eucharist.

This was the third all-night chain rosary held this year. Youth,



families, and children found time to come and experience the love of Christ through the intercession of Mother Mary. The night chain rosary began with the exposition of the Holy Eucharist and concluded with a final blessing and the Holy Qurbana, celebrated by Rev. Fr. Gijo Panthackal, Assistant Vicar of St. Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Forane, Edmonton.

The first hour was dedicated to the youth, with SMYM leading the prayers, followed by Mathruvedi, Shalom, and the Nurses Ministry. Parishioners continued to join in even late into the night. It was truly a great blessing from Our Lord Jesus Christ through Our Lady.



Friendly soccer match with Calgary

There was a friendly soccer match between SMYM Edmonton and SMYM Calgary, on Aug. 31, and we are happy to share that we won the match. After the game, a BBQ party was graciously arranged by Rev. Fr. Roy and SMYM Calgary. We extended a special thanks to Fr. Roy and SMYM Calgary for their warm hospitality and generosity.

Onam Celebration

The youth celebrated Onam in the church on 14 September. Onam celebrations in Canada, especially among the Kerala youth, are a vibrant display of cultural pride and unity. Even far from home, Malayali communities gather to celebrate this festival with traditional elements like pookalams, thiruvathira dance, and the famous Onam Sadya. We conducted a lot of fun games after Onam Sadya. So many national and international students participated in the program arranged by SMYM.



ST. MOTHER THERESA PARISH, CALGARY

Parish Feast

St. Mother Teresa Syro Malabar Catholic Church, Calgary, celebrated its parish feast from September 6-8, honoring St. Mother Teresa, Blessed Virgin Mary, and St. Sebastian. The 9-day festivities included daily novenas, Holy Qurbana, and special intention prayers led by renowned priests. The main celebrations included the Flag hoisting by Rev. Fr. Jacob Edakalathur and Rev. Fr. Joseph Kizhakkedath, Solemn Eucharistic celebrations with Rev. Fr. Ploggen Kannampuzha and Rev. Fr. Jimmy Puttanickal as main celebrants, Eucharistic procession with kids who received First Holy Communion, and Procession highlighting saints, golden cross, and St. Mother Teresa's relic. The Syro Malabar Youth Movement served ice cream, while the Knights of Columbus organized games. The parish council hosted a banquet, and a cultural gathering followed with parishioners sharing songs. The feast concluded with a Holy Qurbana for deceased souls and flag lowering on September 9.

Sports and Activity Day by SMYM

On August 31, 2024, the SMYM Youth of St. Mother Teresa Syro Malabar Church in Calgary hosted a successful inter-city sports and activity day, uniting with St. Alphonsa Syro Malabar Church from Edmonton. The event began with registration at 9 am, followed by a soccer tournament at Seton soccer pitch, where both cities competed for the winning trophy. Afterwards, the group enjoyed a barbecue lunch and beach volleyball at Auburn Bay House, and later gathered at St. Mother Teresa Church for charades, dinner, and a Holy Mass dedicated to the youth. The day promoted bonding, spiritual heritage, and community building among Syro Malabar youth from both cities. The success of the event was made possible through the guidance of SMYM animators and parish priest Fr. Joseph Roy Kizhakkedath, as well as the collaborative efforts of the SMYM Calgary youth team. St. Mother Teresa Church looks forward to continuing to bring Syro Malabar youth together through similar initiatives.



Inauguration of Catechism Classes



St. Mother Teresa Syro Malabar Catholic Church's Catechism program commenced its 2024-2025 academic year with an inaugural ceremony on September 1st. Many children of 5 years old have joined the kindergarten class. All freshers were given a welcome kit by the parish priest. The Catechism Teachers were called upon to renew the vows and commit themselves to the wonderful ministry of teaching Catechism. A few new teachers were inducted into the ministry. The program officially began classes on September 15th, welcoming a dedicated team of 33 teachers and 6 youth associates. As of September 22nd, over 265 students have registered, with many more expected to join.

ST. JOHN PAUL II PARISH, REGINA

Parish Council Updates

On September 8th, we celebrated the Catechism Pravesholsavam with a special inaugural function to welcome all children to the new catechism year for 2024-2025. The event commenced at 4:45 PM in the parish hall, marking the beginning of the catechism year. Following this, we held an oath ceremony for our catechism teachers. This date also coincided with the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a significant day for Christians, and the Holy Mass was celebrated with a Ledinju and procession. The feast day concluded with a traditional Nercha, which was organized by the Holy Family Unit.

On September 15th, we celebrated our Family Meet. The festivities commenced with a Holy Mass at 4:15 PM, followed by a diverse range of paid games, an auction, and garage sales, and the amount generated from these activities will be sent to support those affected by the landslide in Wayanad, India. The festivities concluded with a traditional Kerala-style sadhya, featuring an array of delicious dishes meticulously prepared by the Mathruvedi members of our parish. The day was very memorable for all the parishioners.

Catechism Department Updates

Catechism Inauguration 2024-2025:

The catechism inauguration day was held on the auspicious day of the Nativity of Our Lady, 8th of September 2024, marking the beginning of a new year of faith formation for our children. The parish hall was decorated with welcome posters, balloons and Word of God banners creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere. The event was attended by parents, catechists, parish council members and our beloved priest Fr. Jerlin Francis, graced the event. The newly joined Jesus kids were offered balloons and crowns welcoming them specially as they embark on the journey of faith formation this year.





The day commenced with a prayer song led by our high school students Christina and Alvina.

A welcome speech was addressed by the Principal Mrs. Mithoo Jyxen to all the attendees emphasizing the importance of catechism in nurturing the faith of children. Special thanks were given to catechists for their dedication and commitment.

After the welcome speech lighting the lamp ceremony was held by Fr. Jerlin, Principal, Vice principal Junior and a Senior student, officially inaugurating the catechism program for the year 2024-2025

Fr. Jerlin Francis gave a remarkable and articulate speech highlighting the importance of faith formation to children and parents, and ways to remain engaged in the catechism program. Next Mrs. Danya James our Ex- Principal gave an in-depth introduction to catechism program and general guidelines that has to be followed throughout the catechetical year.

The event was concluded with a Vote of thanks by our Vice Principal, Mr. Sam Thomas who thanked all the attendees and the catechists

for making this event a successful and memorable one. After the inauguration ceremony there was a student-teacher interaction where teachers got to know their class students, took attendance, distributed textbooks and chocolates to the students.

Since the inauguration was held on the Nativity Day of Mother Mary children were involved in making Happy birthday cards to our blessed Mother on the theme "A card to Mama Mary".

All children were provided with papers and all were asked to bring pencils and colored pencils for the same. Children drew beautiful cards with happy birthday wishes to Mother Mary. These cards were kept on display in the parish hall. A big thank you card was also displayed on which every child wrote a thank you note to our dear Mother Mary for her powerful intercession.

After the engaging activity, all the children along with the catechists proceeded to the church for Holy Qurbana. Grade 1 children offered flowers, as offertory to Mother Mary during the entrance.

Fr. Jerlin blessed all the students who were about to begin the catechism program this year along with the catechists who gathered at the altar for special blessings and prayers invoking the guidance of the Holy Spirit on every catechist throughout the year.



After the blessing all the catechists, parents, parishioners and children attended the Hoy Qurbana followed by Litany, Procession and Neercha. Overall, by the Grace of God the Catechism Inauguration went off well and as planned. Around 80 students along with their parents and guardians attended the program making it a successful and memorable one.

Mathruvedi Updates

Feast of the Nativity of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary

We celebrated the Nativity of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary on Sunday, September 08, 2024.

The feast celebrations commenced on Sunday, the Sept. 1st, 2024, with Rev Fr. Jerlin Francis preaching the homily, explaining the history behind the beginning of the 8-day Lent (Ettunoyambu). Rev. Father encouraged all parishioners, especially the women, to rigorously observe the eight days of lent from the 1st day to 8th day of September, and thank Mother Mary for her intercessory prayers, care and love.

The Feast Day celebrations on Sept 08th were held with Holy Mass, Ladeenju, Procession and Nercha. The Holy Family Unit (East) arranged the Nercha, a big birthday cake to honor Mother Mary. Rev. Fr. Jerlin Francis blessed the Nercha, and the same was distributed among the parishioners. The church also conducted the inaugural ceremony for Catechism 2024-25 (Praveshanolsavam) on this auspicious day, and all the catechism students created Birthday cards for Mama Mary.

Family Meet

We celebrated our Parish Family Meet 2024 on Sunday, September 15, 2024.

The Annual Family Meet was a big celebration where almost all of our parish families gathered together, strengthened friendships and bonds as a church community united in Jesus Christ, and appreciated for the importance and goodness of family life. The celebrations started with the solemn Holy Mass at 4:15 pm by Rev. Fr. Jerlin Francis, receiving the blessings of our Lord Jesus Christ.





Together with an exciting bunch of fun and celebrations, the Family Meet 2024 stood apart this year with many interesting fundraising

events such as Auction, Garage Sale, Paid Games, and a 50-50 Raffle, conducted to extend a 'Hand of hope' to the people of Vilangadu, Kozhikkode, Kerala. We had a great time of fun and excitement with the children and adults equally participating in all the activities and games.

The highlight of the Family Meet 2024 was the "Potluck Dinner" organised by the Mathruvedi members jointly with the Family Unit Coordinators. Mathruvedi members and families demonstrated the biggest example of sharing and giving, by serving the 'Traditional Kerala Sadya' to approx. 250 participants in the Family Meet. The selfless commitment of 59 families, together with seven culinary artists of our parish, made the Sadya of 20 dishes a splendid experience. It was such a pleasure to enjoy a big variety of good food. Even the consumables for the potluck, viz. banana leaves, other disposables like cups, napkins, table cloth rolls and garbage collection bags were sponsored by the Mathruvedi members and their families, making it a 'Zero Expense' Dinner.

Our Family Meet 2024 was such a lovely evening that created lasting memories! It was a wonderful gathering that strengthened our ties with families, and friends, in the Unity of Faith and Christ's unending Love!

Nurses Ministry Updates

On September 1-8, Canada nurse's ministry held "THE Harvest of Grace". 8 days continuous chain rosary all over world for the feast of Mother Mary. Canada nurse's ministry got the time slot on September 4 th 2.30 pm-2.30 am. Regina nurses ministry is leading at 10.30 pm -11 pm.

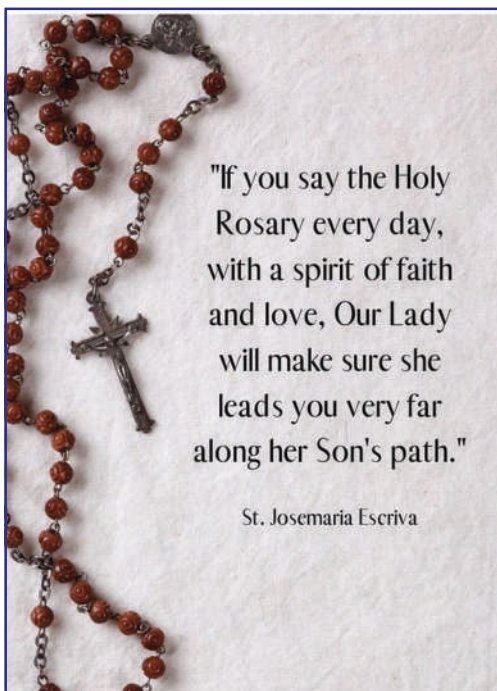
Canada nurse's ministry is planned to give free NCLEX Training. On September 11th, 12 noon our spiritual director Fr. Daris and Fr. Pathrose inaugurated the training session.

On September 9th, regina nurses ministry lead the rosary, on September 10-16 regina nurse's ministry lead the 3-o clock prayer.



Knight of Columbus Updates

The installation of new officers for the Knights of Columbus was held on September 23rd, with WDD Jim Langen and WST Agnel George in attendance. WC Fr. Jerlin Francis blessed the occasion.



"If you say the Holy Rosary every day, with a spirit of faith and love, Our Lady will make sure she leads you very far along her Son's path."

St. Josemaria Escriva

CHRIST THE KING PARISH, SASKATOON

Holy Communion Classes (August 15th to August 31st)

At Christ the King Parish, Catechism teachers Binu and Salamma, under the guidance of Rev. Fr. John initiated Holy Communion classes for young children who are prepared to welcome Jesus into their lives through the sacrament of Holy Communion. The classes aim to educate the children about the significance of the Sacrament and the Holy Eucharist, deepening their understanding and spiritual connection. The children have shown great enthusiasm and eagerness to engage with the teachings. The instruction involves both classroom lessons and practical preparation, ensuring that the children grasp the profound meaning of this sacred practice. The support from Rev. Fr. John and the dedication of Binu teacher and Salamma teacher highlight the parish's commitment to nurturing the children's faith journey. As the children progress, they will be better prepared to participate fully in the Mass and experience the spiritual nourishment that the Holy Eucharist provides.



Parish Pilgrimage to Duck Lake

On September 2, parishioners from Christ the King embarked on their annual pilgrimage to the Our Lady of Lourdes St. Laurent Shrine, located near Duck Lake, Saskatchewan, approximately 95 kilometers away. The day was marked by a communal spirit of devotion as the participants prayed the holy rosary together and attended a solemn Holy Mass led by Fr. John. Following the mass, the parish family gath-



ered for a delightful Onam Sadhya potluck, a traditional feast that celebrated the harvest festival of Onam. The event offered an opportunity for fellowship and cultural exchange. Special thanks is extended to the Parish Council and volunteers who contributed to the success of the potluck, providing a variety of delicious dishes that enhanced the communal experience.

Monthly Family Unit Prayer Meeting

On September 7th, Christ the King Parish organized a monthly Family Unit Prayer Meeting, which was graciously hosted at the home of Aster and Jyothis. The gathering brought together members of the parish's family unit. Parishioners collectively recited the rosary, offering prayers for personal intentions and the well-being of the community. After the prayers, the group enjoyed a time of fellowship, enjoying one another's company. The evening was not only a time for prayer but also a chance to support one another in faith and friendship.

SMYM Executive Meeting

Following our Parish monthly Family Unit Prayer Meeting on September 7th, SMYM Executive members, with the guidance of Fr. John. Exec. Members joined together to plan future programs and ideas brought forward.



Recommencement of Catechism classes

On September 8th, the Catechism classes for the 2024-25 academic year officially recommenced, marking the return of students to continue their religious education. The day began with a talk from Principal Binu, who welcomed the students and set a positive tone for the year ahead. Following the opening address, the students united in a group prayer, seeking blessings and guidance for their spiritual journey throughout the year, followed by classes. A heartfelt thanks is extended to the parents for their commitment to bringing their children to the program, as well as to the dedicated volunteers who assisted with the smooth registration process, ensuring the day was a success.



Baptism of Mikhaael

We joyfully welcome Mikhaael, child of Bejoyz George and Nimisha Bejoyz, into our faith community through the Sacrament of Baptism. The baptism took place on Saturday, September 14th, 2024 at our church. May God's grace and blessings be upon this child and the family as they begin their journey in faith.



SMYM Onam Celebration

On September 15th, SMYM Saskatoon came together with the Malayalee youth of Saskatoon to celebrate the vibrant festival of Onam. The day was filled with joyful activities, starting with traditional games like tug of war and the lemon and spoon race, which brought out the competitive spirit and fun among the participants. The highlights of the event was the Onam Sadhya, a delicious and traditional Kerala

feast served on banana leaves. The celebration also featured lively performances, including dances and songs that showcased the rich cultural heritage of Kerala and India. A special thank you was extended to the SMYM Saskatoon Coordinators and Executive Members for their hard work and dedication in organizing such a memorable and enjoyable event.



ST. THOMAS MISSION, CHARLOTTETOWN, PEI

P.E.I-St.Thomas Syro Malabar Mission ദേവാലയത്തിലെ വിശ്വാസപരിശീലന പരിപാടിയുടെ 2024-25 വർഷത്തെ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾക്ക് പ്രാർത്ഥനനിർഭരമായ ചടങ്ങുകളോടെ തുടക്കം. പരിപാടിയിൽ വിശ്വാസപരിശീലകരായി പങ്കെടുക്കുന്ന മുഴുവൻ അധ്യാപകരെയും വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളെയും വികാരി ഫാ. ജോർജ്ജ് പാലമറ്റം സ്വാഗതം ചെയ്തു. പുതിയ വർഷത്തെ പ്രിൻസിപ്പലായി ശ്രീ. മനോജിനെ വികാരിയച്ചൻ പരിചയപ്പെടുത്തുകയും കൂട്ടായ്മയിലേക്ക് സ്വാഗതം ചെയ്യുകയും ചെയ്തു. പുതിയ വർഷത്തെ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾക്ക് പ്രാരംഭമായി വിശ്വാസപരിശീലകരും വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളും പ്രാർത്ഥനപൂർവ്വം മെഴുകുതിരികൾ തെളിച്ച് തുടക്കം കുറിച്ചു. സെപ്റ്റംബർ 22 മുതൽ തുടർച്ചയായി എല്ലാ ഞായറാഴ്ചയും വൈകിട്ട് 4 മണിക്ക് ക്ലാസുകൾ ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കും. ഏകദേശം എഴുപതോളം വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളാണ് ഇവിടെ വിശ്വാസ പരിശീലന പരിപാടിയിൽ പങ്കെടുത്തു വരുന്നത്.



ST. THOMAS MISSION, FORT MCMURRAY AB

CATECHISM 2024- 2025

St. Thomas Syro Malabar Catholic Mission started catechism classes for the year 2024- 25 on Sunday, 8 September 2024, after the 11:30 AM Mass at St. John the Baptist Church, Fort McMurray. Catechism for the year was inaugurated by Celinkutty Mathew, principal. All the students and parents were welcomed by the principal. This year we have about 40 students. The teachers include- Michael, Celin, Shaijan, Benby, Abin, Sherin, Anon, Merin, Ancy, Augustin, Joel and substitute teachers- Ashish, Sino, Bincy, Jigi, Bilsen, Alison, Shibin, and Rejith- secretary. Our students include children from the Roman Catholic Church, Coptic Catholics along with our Syro Malabar community.



CML (CHERUPUSHPA MISSION LEAGUE)

Rev Fr. Gijo George Panthackan, our assistant parish priest inaugurated the CML at the St. Thomas Syro Malabar Catholic Mission, Fort McMurray on Friday Sept 13, 2024. Our first CML coordinator is Peter Shaijan, and the animators are Leo Shaijan Peter, Edwin Biju Parathundathil and Merin Syriac. Members are Celestine, Emmanuel,

Evelyn, Miguel, Alex, Ashly, Aiden, Savio, Andrea, Emily and Emma. We follow the guidance of Rev Fr. Johny Kunnath CML director, Mississauga Diocese. Our members also help the Roman Catholic parish, in Sacramental preparation, visiting the sick and elderly, and they accompany the Communion ministers in distributing the Holy Communion in the hospital and old age homes.



JESUS KIDS

Our Mission in Fort McMurray proudly inaugurated Jesus Kids for the first time on Friday Sept 13, 2024 by Rev Fr. Gijo Panthackan. Currently there are nine children in Jesus Kids. Sherin Mary Joseph is the coordinator of Jesus Kids and the Animators are Bincy, Stephy, Maria and Aiswariya.



ST. THOMAS MISSION, ST. JOHN'S

Catechism Inauguration

St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Catholic mission St. John's laid a new milestone on September 08 when we inaugurated in person catechism in our mission. After the solemn mass our pastor lighted the nilavilakku along with students and parent representatives. Around hundred and five students have registered for catechism and twenty-five parents volunteered to be the catechism teachers.



Feast of Mother Mary

The Nativity of mother Mary was celebrated on 08 September. All the mothers present at the church offered flowers and prayed for their special needs. After the mass we served payasam as the nercha to the community



ST. ANTONY'S PARISH, BC VICTORIA

A special prayer was arranged for all children for the new academic year on 1st of September . All our Children present actively participated in the Holy Mass and prayers.

The Syro Malabar community at Courtney was blessed to have a Syro Malabar Holy Mass at Christ the King Church on 1st September; and they are all happy to have a Holy Mass once in every month.

We celebrated the feast of the nativity of Mother Mary and the feast of Mother Theresa of Calcutta together on 8th September. Mother Theresa unit led the celebration. The solemn Holy Mass, Ladheenju and socialization added more colour to the celebration. Unit members distributed payasam and other sweets to everyone on the occasion of their family unit, St. Euphrasia family unit celebrated their unit feast on 22nd of September. Solemn Holy Mass, Ladheenju and snehavirunnu arranged by the unit members was sumptuous for the festal celebration.



ST. ALPHONSA PARISH VANCOUVER

Feast of the Nativity

The Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary was joyfully celebrated on Sep 8th, marking the conclusion of Ettu Nombu. The evening began with the Rosary at 4:30 PM, followed by the Holy Qurbana at 5:00 PM, and concluded with the Novena. After the service, our Pithruvedhi group graciously served nercha - Pachoru, while the Mathruvedhi group held a successful fundraising sale.



Catechism Inauguration

On September 8, we inaugurated the 2024-25 Catechism Year. As we begin this new term, we ask for the Lord's blessing on all our students and teachers.



Ezhuthiniruthu

At the start of new school year, on September 1st,



many young kids who were entering school for the first time had an opportunity for special prayer (Ezhuthiniruthu) and blessing by Fr. Thomas.

Family Retreat

Annual Family Retreat is taking place from Friday, October 4th to Sunday, October 6th. This year's retreat will be led by the renowned speaker and music composer, Rev. Fr. Binoj Mulavarickal.



SMYM PRAISE & WORSHIP

On Sep 01 and Sep 15, 2024, SMYM held Praise & Worship sessions at Mission House followed by a social gathering.

SMYM ONAM CELEBRATION

SMYM members celebrated the vibrant festival of Onam with great enthusiasm and joy on Sep 22, 2024, at Beer Creek Park. The event brought together many youths for a day filled with cultural activities and games. The celebration began with a warm welcome by Rev. Fr. Thomas Venmanthara, followed by performances showcasing Kerala's rich cultural heritage including Thiruvathira, folk songs, Vadamvali and OnaSadhya.



SMYM YOUTH RETREAT

St. Alphonsa Syro- Malabar Catholic Church, Vancouver is organizing a three-day live-in retreat ABBA - 2K24, for the youth, 18 years and older, at Camp Hope on October 25, 26, & 27. The retreat will be led by Rev. Fr. Jison Paul Vengassery



Family Unit updates

- St. Sebastian Family Unit Onam Celebrations
- St. Jude Family Unit Onam Celebrations
- Chavara Family Unit gathering,
- St. Jude Family Unit gathering,
- St. George Family Unit gathering





Bishop's Diary

SEPTEMBER 2024

01	06.30 am	Celebrated Holy Qurbana at St. Thomas Apostolic Seminary, Vadavathoor
	08.30 am	Held a meeting with brothers of Mississauga at St. Thomas Apostolic Seminary, Vadavathoor
	09.30 am	Visited and gave message in connection with the <i>Sapthathi</i> celebration of Malpan Mathew Vellanickal at Spirituality Centre Vadavathoor
	03.00 pm	Blessed a marriage at St. Mary's Forane Church, Chalakudy
02-03	04.00 pm	Participated in the Batch gathering at DBCLC, Trichur
04	06.00 am	Celebrated Holy Qurbana and gave talk for Priests at Sehion Retreat Centre, Thavalam
07	10.00 am	Participated in the Golden Jubilee Celebration, Eparchy of Palakkad
08	08.30 am	Offered Holy Qurbana at St. Nithya Sahaya Matha church, Palakkad Town
09	06.30 am	Offered Holy Qurbana at Kanikkamatha Convent, Palakkad
	11.15 am	Participated in the Monthly Recollection
11	02.30 pm	Officiated the funeral of the sister of Rev. Sr. Prasanna CHF at Thalore Thrissur

12	04.30 pm	Returned from India
14	10.00 am 05.00 pm	Administered the Sacraments of Initiation at St. Mother Theresa Syro-Malabar Church, Niagara Celebrated Holy Qurbana and Presided over the SOF 5 th Annual Donor Meeting (ADM) at St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Forane Parish, Scarborough
15	04.00 pm	Celebrated Holy Qurbana in connection with the parish feast at St. Mary's Syro- Malabar Qurbana Centre, Listowel
17	11.00 am 04.00 pm	Presided over the Collage of Consultors Meeting Presided over the Presbyteral Council Meeting
18	11.00 am	Presided over Curia meeting
19	06.30 pm	Presided over Divine Academy Director Board Meeting
21	09.00 am	Celebrated Holy Qurbana at Cathedral and inaugurated Academic Year 2024-2025 of Divine Academy
22	11.30 am	Traveled to Quebec City
23	08.30 pm	Presided over the Finance Council Meeting
23-27	06.00 am	Participated in the CCCB Plenary meeting, Quebec City
27	7.30 am 12.20 pm	Online Meeting of the Syro Malabar Bishops Traveled to Edmonton
28	10.00 am 11.30 am 07.50 pm	Celebrated Holy Qurbana in Connection with the Inauguration of the Decennial Year, Eparchy of Mississauga at St. Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Forane church, Edmonton Presided over the Public Meeting of Decennial Celebration Traveled to Winnipeg
29	09.00 am 04.30 pm 06.30 pm	Blessed New Rectory at Winnipeg Celebrated Holy Qurbana in connection with the parish feast of at St. Jude Syro- Malabar Parish, Winnipeg Held a meeting with Most Rev. Albert LeGatt, Archbishop of St. Boniface
30		Pastoral Visit at St. Jude Syro- Malabar Parish, Winnipeg

2024 ഒക്ടോബർ ഏലിയാ-സ്ത്രീവ-മുശെ കാലങ്ങൾ

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| 13 | ഞായർ | ✘ മുശെ ഒന്നാം ഞായർ
പുറ 20:18-21; ജോയേ 2:1-11;
ഹെബ്രോ 10:19-25; മത്താ 25:31-46. |
| 14 | തിങ്കൾ | 1 കോറി 15:29-34; യോഹ 5:24-29. |
| 15 | ചൊവ്വ | കൊളോ 2:20-3:4; യോഹ 14:18-24. |
| 16 | ബുധൻ | 1 പത്രോ 4:12-19; യോഹ 10:1-15. |
| 17 | വ്യാഴം | റോമാ 8:35-39; യോഹ 12:20-26. |
| 18 | വെള്ളി | കൊളോ 4:10-15 (4:10-15 + 2 കോറി 8:16-24); ലൂക്കാ 10:1-9. |
| 19 | ശനി | 2 പത്രോ 3:14-18; ലൂക്കാ 14:15-24. |
| 20 | ഞായർ | ✘ മുശെ രണ്ടാം ഞായർ
ഉത്പ 19:23-29; മലാ 4:1-6;
1 തെസ 4:13-18; ലൂക്കാ 21:20-28. |
| 21 | തിങ്കൾ | ഫിലി 4:1-9; ലൂക്കാ 21:29-36. |
| 22 | ചൊവ്വ | വെളി 21:1-8; യോഹ 21:4-14 (21:4-17). |
| 23 | ബുധൻ | യാക്കോ 1:12-18; ലൂക്കാ 15:1-10. |
| 24 | വ്യാഴം | ഫിലി 2:12-18; ലൂക്കാ 13:22-30. |
| 25 | വെള്ളി | എഫേ 2:1-10; യോഹ 12:44-50. |
| 26 | ശനി | ഫിലി 1:27-2:4; ലൂക്കാ 9:49-56. |
| 27 | ഞായർ | ✘ മുശെ മൂന്നാം ഞായർ
നിയ 11:1-7; അനാനം 6:1-10;
1 തെസ 5:12-24; മത്താ 12:22-32. |
| 28 | തിങ്കൾ | എഫേ 6:10-17; യോഹ 15:18-25. |
| 29 | ചൊവ്വ | 2 കോറി 11:12-15; മത്താ 24:23-28. |
| 30 | ബുധൻ | 2 പത്രോ 2:1-10; മർക്കോ 13:1-8, 21-23. |
| 31 | വ്യാഴം | യൂദാ 1:8-16; ലൂക്കാ 11:37-44. |



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