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WELCOME

TO EPARCHY OF MISSISSAUGA



FR. JAISON KOONANICKAL



FR. LIJO KALAPARAMBATH

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ORDINATION DAY GREETINGS



**Fr. Francis Samuvel
Akkarapattiakal
November 18**



**Fr. Jerlin Francis
November 30**

Greetings

PROFESSION DAY



SR. MERCY ANTONY CHF
NOVEMBER 16



SR. ROSE CHRISTY CMC
NOVEMBER 30



SR. JISA AO
NOVEMBER 05

Aesal Greetings



Bishop's Engagements


NOVEMBER 2024

Date	Time	Program
01.	07.30 pm	All Saint's Day at Cathedral
02	09.00 am 11.00 am 01.00 pm	Holy Qurbana at Cathedral in connection with All Souls Day Online Catechism Convention, Eastern Region Online Catechism Convention, Western Region
03	10.15 am	Holy Qurbana at Cathedral (Catechetical Day)
04-07		Annual Retreat of Priests and Sisters, at St. Francis Centre of Religious Studies, Highway 9, Caledon
07 -08	7 th - 04.00 pm 8 th - 12.30 pm	Priest's Seminar begins Priest's Seminar at Valley of Mother of God, Orangeville
09	05.00 pm	Sight and sound shows at St. Joseph Syro-Malabar Hamilton
11	11.00 am	Holy Qurbana in connection with the Silver Jubilee celebration of Sr. Jisa AO, at Scarborough
12	02. 00 pm	(Italian Time) Online meeting of Focolare Movement
13	11.00 am	Curia meeting
14	08.00 pm	SOF Board Meeting
16	04.00 pm	'Koinonia' Parish Night Celebrations at Mother Teresa Syro-Malabar Parish, Niagra
19	07.30 am	Holy Qurbana at CMC Convent, Mississauga



20	11.00 am	Curia meeting
22	05.00 pm	Orthodox Church Blessing at Orange Town
23-25		Pastoral Visit at St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Parish, Scarborough
23	09.00 am	Holy Qurbana at St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Parish, Scarborough
	10.00 am	Meeting with Parish Council Members and Various heads of Departments
	06.00 pm	Parish Night at Cathedral
24	09.00 am	Holy Qurbana and SOF Gratitude Ceremony
	10.45 am	Holy Qurbana
	12.00 pm	Meeting with Catechists
	05.00 pm	Holy Qurbana and meeting with SMYM Members
25	09.00 am	Holy Qurbana
	11.30 am	Visiting the Sick
26	07.30 am	Holy Qurbana at CHF Convent, Mississauga
27	11.00 am	Curia meeting
28	08.00 am	Travel to Montreal
	07.30 pm	Installation of Bishop Most Rev. Alain Faubert, Diocese of Valley Field
29	09.00 am	Return to Toronto
30	10.30 am	Holy Qurbana and Family Jubilee celebrations at Scarborough
	06.00 pm	'Harmony Night 2024' at St. Joseph Syro-Malabar Parish, Oshawa





MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
FOR THE
XXXIX WORLD YOUTH DAY
24 NOVEMBER 2024

Those who hope in the Lord will run and not be weary (cf. Is 40:31)

Dear young people!

Last year we set out on the path of hope towards the Great Jubilee by reflecting on Saint Paul's words, "Rejoice in hope" (Rom 12:12). In order to prepare ourselves for the Jubilee pilgrimage of 2025, this year we can take inspiration from the prophet Isaiah, who says: "Those who hope in the Lord... will run and not be weary" (Is 40:31). These words are taken from the so-called Book of Consolation (Is 40-55), which heralds the end of Israel's exile in Babylon and the beginning of a new age of hope and rebirth for God's people, who can return to their homeland thanks to a new "highway" that the Lord is presently opening up for his children (cf. Is 40:3).

Today, we too live in times marked by dramatic situations that generate despair and prevent us from looking to the future with serenity: the tragedy of war, social injustices, inequalities, hunger and the exploitation of human beings and the natural environment. Often the ones who pay the highest price are precisely young people. You sense the uncertainty of the future and are not sure about where your dreams will lead. In this way, you can be tempted to live without hope, as prisoners of boredom, depression and even be drawn to risk-taking and destructive behaviours (cf. *Spes Non Confundit*, 12). For this reason, dear young people, I would like the message of hope to come to you, as was the case with Israel in Babylon. Today too, the Lord is opening a highway before you, and he invites you to set out on it with joy and hope.

1. The pilgrimage of life and its challenges

The prophet Isaiah speaks of “walking without tiring”. Let us reflect then on these two realities: walking and tiredness.

Our life is a pilgrimage, a journey that pushes us beyond ourselves, a journey in search of happiness. The Christian life in particular is a pilgrimage towards God, our salvation and the fullness of every good thing. Our goals, achievements and successes along the way, if they remain only material, will, after an initial moment of satisfaction, still leave us hungry, longing for something greater. They cannot completely satisfy our soul, because we were created by One who is infinite; as a result, we have an innate desire for transcendence, a constant restless drive towards the fulfilment of higher aspirations, towards “even more”. That is why, as I have often said to you, “looking at life from a balcony” is not enough for you young people.

Still, it is normal that, while we set out on our journeys with enthusiasm, sooner or later we will begin to feel tired. In some cases, anxiety and inner fatigue are brought on by social pressures, the need to attain certain levels of success in our studies, our work and our personal life. This produces a certain despondency, as we live running from one thing to another in an empty “activism” that makes us fill our days with a thousand things and, in spite of this, feel that we never manage to do enough and never quite measure up. This tiredness is often accompanied by a certain ennui, the apathy and dissatisfaction that affects those who never set out, choose, decide, take risks, preferring to remain in their own comfort zone, closed in on themselves, seeing and judging the world from a distance, without ever “dirtying their hands” with problems, with other people, with life itself. This kind of tiredness is a kind of wet cement in which we stand; eventually it hardens, weighs us down, paralyzes us and prevents us from moving forward. I prefer the tiredness of those who are moving forward, not the ennui of those who stand still with no desire to move!

The solution to tiredness, oddly enough, is not to stand still and



rest. It is to set out and become pilgrims of hope. This is my invitation to you: walk in hope! Hope overcomes all weariness, every crisis and every worry. It gives us a powerful incentive to press forward, for it is a gift received from God himself. The Lord fills our life with meaning, sheds light on our path and shows us its ultimate direction and goal. The Apostle Paul uses the image of an athlete in the stadium racing to receive the prize of victory (cf. 1 Cor 9:24). Those of you who have taken part in a sports competition – not just as spectators but as athletes – know how much inner strength it takes to reach the finish line. Hope is precisely a new kind of strength that God instils in us, enabling us to persevere in the race, to see beyond present difficulties and to press forward to the goal of communion with him and the fullness of eternal life. If a beautiful goal exists, if life has an ultimate meaning, if nothing of what I dream, plan and accomplish will ever be lost, then it is worth the effort to keep walking, exerting ourselves, overcoming obstacles and fatigue, because the ultimate prize is magnificent beyond measure!

2. Pilgrims in the desert

In the pilgrimage of life, there will inevitably be challenges to face. In earlier times, long pilgrimages involved coping with changing seasons and climates, crossing pleasant meadows and cool forests, but also snow-capped mountains and parched deserts. Even for those who are believers, the pilgrimage of life and the journey to our ultimate goal can prove tiring, as the journey through the desert to the Promised Land was for the people of Israel.

And for all of you! Those who have received the gift of faith know happy moments when we can feel God's presence and closeness, but other moments too, when we experience the desert. It can happen that our initial enthusiasm for school or work, or for following Christ – whether in marriage, the priesthood or consecrated life – can be followed by moments of crisis, that make life seem like a difficult trek in the desert. Those times of crisis, however, are not wasted or useless: they can become important times of growth. They are moments when



hope is purified! In crises, many false “hopes”, hopes too small for our heart, fade into significance; they are revealed for what they are and we find ourselves alone in facing the fundamental questions of life, with no illusions. And in those times, each of us can ask: what are the hopes on which I have based my life? Are they real hopes or simply mirages?

At those times, the Lord does not abandon us. Like a father, he draws near to us and constantly gives us the bread that renews our strength for the journey. Let us remember that to the people in the desert he gave manna (cf. Ex 16) and to the prophet Elijah, weary and discouraged, he twice offered bread and water, so that he could walk for “forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mountain of God” (cf. 1 Kings 19:3-8). In those biblical stories, the faith of the Church has seen prefigured the precious gift of the Eucharist, the true manna, the true food for the journey, that God gives us to sustain us on our way. As Blessed Carlo Acutis said, the Eucharist is the highway to heaven. Carlo made the Eucharist his most important daily appointment! In this way, in union with the Lord, we can walk without tiring, for he is walking alongside us (cf. Mt 28:20). I encourage all of you to rediscover the great gift of the Eucharist!

In those inevitable moments of fatigue in our pilgrimage in this world, let us learn, then, to rest like Jesus and in Jesus. He told his disciples to rest after they returned from their mission (cf. Mk 6:31); he also recognizes your own need for bodily rest, time for recreation, for enjoying the company of friends, for sports and for sleep. Yet there is a deeper kind of rest, the repose of the soul, which many seek and few find, for it is to be found in Christ alone. Realize that all your inner weariness can find repose in the Lord, who says to you: “Come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest” (Mt 11:28). When the weariness of the journey weighs you down, come back to Jesus, learn to rest in him and abide with him, for “those who hope in the Lord... will run and not be weary” (Is 40:31).

3. From tourists to pilgrims

Dear young people, I am inviting you to set out on a journey, to



discover life along the path of love, and to seek the face of God. My advice to you is this: do not set out as mere tourists, but as true pilgrims. Do not be like superficial sightseers, blind to the beauty around you, never discovering the meaning of the roads you take, interested only in a few fleeting moments to capture in a selfie. Tourists do this. Pilgrims, on the other hand, immerse themselves fully in the places they encounter, listen to the message they communicate, and make them a part of their quest for happiness and fulfilment. The Jubilee pilgrimage is meant to be the outward sign of an inward journey that all of us are called to make towards our final destination.

With these attitudes, let us all prepare for the Jubilee Year. I trust that many of you will be able to come to Rome on pilgrimage to pass through the Holy Doors. In any case, everyone will be able to make this pilgrimage in his or her local Church, by visiting its churches and shrines that preserve the faith and devotion of God's holy and faithful people. It is my hope that this Jubilee pilgrimage will become for each of us "a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the 'Door' of our salvation" (Spes Non Confundit, 1). I encourage you to approach this experience with three fundamental attitudes. First, thanksgiving, with hearts open to praise God for his many gifts, especially the gift of life. Then, a spirit of seeking, as an expression of our heart's unquenchable thirst to encounter the Lord. And finally, penance, which helps us to look within, to acknowledge the wrong paths and decisions we have at times taken and, in this way, to be converted to the Lord and to the light of his Gospel.

4. Pilgrims of hope for the mission

Allow me to leave you with one more evocative image to guide your journey. Those who visit Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome cross the great square surrounded by the colonnade built by the celebrated architect and sculptor Gian Lorenzo Bernini. The entire colonnade appears as two open arms, an image of the Church, our mother, who embraces all her children. In this coming Holy Year of Hope, I invite all of you to experience the embrace of our merciful God, to experi-



ence his pardon and the forgiveness of all our “interior debts”, as in the biblical tradition of the jubilee years. In this way, embraced by God and born again in him, you too can become open arms to embrace your many friends and peers who need to feel, through your welcome, the love of God the Father. May each of you give even just “a smile, a warm gesture of friendship, a kind look, a ready ear, a good deed, in the knowledge that, in the Spirit of Jesus, these can become, for those who receive them, rich seeds of hope” (ibid., 18), and thus become tireless missionaries of joy.

As we press forward, let us lift our gaze, in faith, to the saints who have gone before us on the journey, who have reached the goal and now encourage us by their testimony: “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on, there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all those who have longed for his appearing” (2 Tim 4:7-8). The example of so many saints, men and women, impels and sustains us.

Courage! All of you have a special place in my heart. I entrust your journey to the Virgin Mary, so that, following her example, you may be able to look forward with patience and confidence to the fulfilment of all your hopes, even now, as you persevere in your journey as pilgrims of hope and of love.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 29 August 2024, Memorial of the Martyrdom of Saint John the Baptist.

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SYRO-MALABAR CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF MISSISSAUGA

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CATECHETICAL SUNDAY 2024

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

May the Almighty God bless you all abundantly as we celebrate Catechetical Sunday in our Eparchy on 3 November 2024 in connection with the Feast of St. Charles Borromeo. Catechetical Sunday is a remarkable occasion to reflect on the role that each person plays, by the virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. This ministry of teaching in the name of the Church has a profound dignity. This day invites each one of us to reflect on our responsibility to uphold and share our faith with others.

Catechesis is the most responsible activity of the Church and the faithful community. A person who is united to Jesus Christ by faith and is endeavouring to consolidate that faith by catechesis needs to live in communion with those who have taken the same step. The Ecclesial community has the twofold responsibility of providing adequate space for faith formation and of welcoming them into an environment where they can live as fully as possible what they have learned. The parish community is the primary initiator and the pre-eminent place of faith formation and accompanies all of us to grow into a mature faith (Cf. CT 67). The paschal mystery celebrated in the Holy Qurbana and other sacraments in a parish community are the heart of all Catechesis, the cornerstone of the Christian faith and the paradigm of the Christian life, both for individuals and for a faith community.

This leads us to ask why does the Holy Qurbana or commonly referred as the Holy Eucharist remain the most and pivotal part of a



faithful's life? The Second Vatican Council teaches that "the Eucharist is the source and summit of all Christian life" (LG 11). "The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented towards it" (CCC1324). Therefore, Sacrament of the Eucharist is the centre of all Christian activities and thus, every program in the Church should be directed towards the Holy Eucharist. However, it is due time to consider whether the Eucharist is our priority any longer or have churches merely become places of social get-together and hence, losing its sense of sacredness. It is another undeniable reality that this sense of sacredness towards the Holy Eucharist is diminishing mostly due to the lack of proper education of the significance of the Holy Eucharist and consequently engaging with fallacies contrary to Catholic Church's understanding of the **Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist**.

Recent years witnessed a Eucharistic revival in the United States. This revival was prompted by a survey conducted by the Pew Research Center, whereby "about 69% of Catholics in the United States believed that the bread and wine used during Holy Eucharist are not Jesus, but instead mere symbols of the body and blood of Jesus Christ." This was what prompted Bishop Robert Barron; an American Bishop of the Catholic Church and a renowned theologian of our times to speak about Eucharist and especially the Real Presence of the Lord at the Los Angeles Congress. He observed it as "a massive failure" on the part of "Catholic educators, catechists, evangelists, and teachers." Furthermore, many of those surveyed also opined that they were not even aware of the real presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. This made the American Catholic Church to realize that they have failed in many ways to teach the faithful about the Holy Eucharist. Such a Eucharistic Revival is also necessary in our Eparchy. The Decennial Year of the erection of our Eparchy of Mississauga has been declared as the Eucharistic Year to raise awareness amongst our adults, youth and children about the significance of the Holy Eucharist.

The mode of Christ's presence under the Eucharistic species is unique. It raises the Eucharist above all the sacraments as "perfection of the spiritual life and the end to which all the sacraments tend" (St. Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae III*). In the most Blessed Sacrament



of the Eucharist, “the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ, and therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained (CCC 1374). This presence is called the real presence – the presence by which Christ; both God and Man makes himself wholly and entirely present (Pope Paul VI, *Mysterium Fidei* 56).

St. John Chrysostom teaches that the priest in the role of Christ, pronounces these words but their power and grace arise from God. St. Ambrose also explains that the power of priestly blessing prevails over that of nature, because by the blessing, the nature itself is changed. The Council of Trent summarizes the catholic faith as such, “ Because Christ our redeemer said that it was truly his body that he was offering under the species of bread, this has always been the conviction of the Church and the Council reaffirmed that during the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of wine into the substance of his blood. This change, the holy Catholic Church has fittingly and properly called transubstantiation” (CCC 1376). Furthermore, the council also teaches that the Eucharistic presence of Christ begins at the moment of the consecration and endures as long as the Eucharistic species subsist. Christ is present whole and entire in each of the species and whole and entire in each of their parts, in such a way that the breaking of the bread does not divide Christ (Cf. CCC 1337).


I exhort each one of you therefore, to learn and love the presence of Our Lord in the Eucharist. The two disciples who were walking away from the city of salvation, Jerusalem to Emmaus were rejuvenated with zeal of God and love towards his Church upon encountering Christ during the Breaking of the Bread (Cf. Luke 24). Therefore, all priests, religious, catechists and parents need to have a personal encounter with Our Lord in the Eucharist in order to pass on that passionate flame unto our youth and children. Lest we also not forget, that unless one loves Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, he cannot love the Holy Church nor guard himself from the attractions of the world. May this Eucharistic Year in our Eparchy be a time of further enhancing our love towards the Real Presence of God in the Holy Eucharist.



I gratefully recognize the dedication and hard works for the diverse initiatives in faith formation by the Department of Catechesis, including Rev. Directors, catechetical commission, principals, catechists, PTA, and the entire faith community involved in this sacred ministry.

May God bless you all to become zealous apostles of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

Yours in Christ,

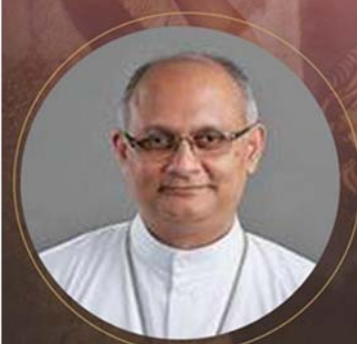
Mar Jose Kalluvilil,

Bishop, Eparchy of Mississauga

NB. Please read this Circular in all our Parishes, Missions and Holy Qurbana Centers on Nov. 03, 2024





CURIA NEWS



Mar. Tony Neelankavil

ANNUAL RETREAT FOR PRIESTS AND SISTERS

November 4, Monday 3 pm
to November 07, Thursday 1 pm
at St Francis Center
of Religious studies,
208501 Highway #9
Caledon, ON, L7K 0A8



SEMINAR FOR PRIESTS

November 07, Thursday 4 pm
to November 08, Friday 2 pm
at Valley of Mother of God,
Orangeville.



There will not be Monthly Recollection for Priests and Sisters in November as there is Annual Retreat.



മല്പാൻ മാത്യു ബള്ളാനിക്കൽ

അനുരഞ്ജനത്തിന്റെ ശ്ലീഹാ

(തിരുവചനഭാഗം: 2 കോറിന്തോസ് 2,1-17)

സഭയിൽ അജപാലനരംഗങ്ങളിൽ ഉണ്ടാവുന്ന ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടുകളെ എപ്രകാരം നേരിടണമെന്ന് കോറിന്തോസുകാർക്കെഴുതിയ രണ്ടാം ലേഖനം രണ്ടാം അദ്ധ്യായത്തിൽ പൗലോസ് ശ്ലീഹാ ഉത്ബോധിപ്പിക്കുന്നു. ഈ തിരുവചനഭാഗം താഴെക്കാണുന്നവിധം വിഭജിക്കാം.

1. വേദനയോടെയുള്ള കത്ത് (2,1-4)
2. ക്ഷമിക്കാനുള്ള ആഹ്വാനം (2,5-8)
3. അനുസരണം പരീക്ഷിച്ചറിയുന്നു (2,9-11)
4. ത്രോവാസിൻനിന്നും മക്കദോനിയായിലേക്ക് (2,12-13)
5. ദൈവത്തിനു മിശിഹായുടെ പരിമളം (2,14-17)

ഈ വചനഭാഗം അജപാലകർക്കു നൽകുന്ന സന്ദേശങ്ങൾ മനസ്സിലാക്കാൻ ശ്രമിക്കാം.

1. വേദനയോടെയുള്ള കത്ത്

“ദുഃഖമുള്ളവരാക്കുന്ന മറ്റൊരു സന്ദർശനം വേണ്ടാ എന്നു ഞാൻ തീർച്ചയാക്കി. ഞാൻ നിങ്ങളെ ദുഃഖിപ്പിക്കുന്നെങ്കിൽ, ഞാൻ ദുഃഖിപ്പിച്ചവരല്ലാതെ മറ്റൊരാൾ എന്ന സന്തോഷിപ്പിക്കുവാനുള്ളത്? ഞാൻ വരുമ്പോൾ എനിക്കു സന്തോഷം നൽകേണ്ടവർ എന്നെ ദുഃഖിപ്പിക്കാതിരിക്കാൻവേണ്ടി മാത്രമാണ് ഞാൻ എഴുതിയത്. എന്റെ സന്തോഷം നിങ്ങളോരോരുത്തരുടെയും സന്തോഷമായിരിക്കുമെന്നു നിങ്ങളെപ്പറ്റി എനിക്ക് ഉറപ്പുണ്ടായിരുന്നു. വലിയ ദുഃഖത്തോടും ഹൃദയവ്യഥയോടും വളരെ കണ്ണുനീരോടുംകൂടി ഞാൻ നിങ്ങൾക്ക് എഴുതിയത് നിങ്ങളെ ദുഃഖിപ്പിക്കുവാൻ വേണ്ടിയല്ല; മറിച്ച്, നിങ്ങളോടുള്ള എന്റെ സമൃദ്ധമായ സ്നേഹം അറിയിക്കാൻ വേണ്ടിയാണ്.” (2,1-4).

ഈ വാക്യങ്ങൾ പൗലോസ് ശ്ലീഹാ മുൻനിശ്ചയപ്രകാരമുള്ള കോറിന്തോസ് സന്ദർശനം വേണ്ടെന്നു വെച്ചെന്നും, പകരം വേദനയോടെ ഒരു കത്തെഴുതിയെന്നും വ്യക്തമാക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. ആദ്യസന്ദർശനത്തിൽ അനിഷ്ടകരമായി എന്തോ സംഭവിച്ചു എന്നതിന്റെ അടിസ്ഥാനത്തിൽമാത്രമേ ഈ വാക്കുകൾ മനസ്സിലാക്കുവാൻ കഴിയുകയുള്ളൂ. ആദ്യസന്ദർശന സമയത്ത് ഒരു വ്യക്തി ശ്ലീഹായുടെ നിലപാടുകളെ അധിക്ഷേപിച്ചിരിക്കാം. എപ്രകാരമാണ് ഇതു സംഭവിച്ചതെന്ന് നമുക്കറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ. എന്തു

തന്നെയായാലും അപ്രകാരം ചെയ്തയാളെ മാതൃകാപരമായി ശിക്ഷിക്കണം എന്ന നിലപാടായിരിക്കണം പൗലോസ് സ്ത്രീഹാ എടുത്തത്. എന്നാൽ ഇതിനോട് എല്ലാ സഭാംഗങ്ങളും യോജിക്കാത്ത സാഹചര്യത്തിൽ, വീണ്ടുമൊരു സന്ദർശനം കാര്യങ്ങൾ കൂടുതൽ വഷളാക്കുമെന്ന ചിന്തയിലായിരിക്കണം, സന്ദർശനം മാറ്റിവെച്ച് വേദനയോടെ ഒരു കത്തെഴുതിയത്.

സഭാംഗങ്ങളിൽ ഒരാൾ പൗലോസ് സ്ത്രീഹായെ വേദനിപ്പിച്ചത് മറ്റു സഭാംഗങ്ങൾക്കും വേദനയ്ക്കു കാരണമായിരിക്കണം. അയാളെ ശിക്ഷിക്കുക എന്നതും അവരെ സംബന്ധിച്ചിടത്തോളം ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടേറിയതായിരുന്നു. ഈ സാഹചര്യത്തിലാണ് വലിയ ദുഃഖത്തോടും ഹൃദയവ്യഥയോടും വളരെ കണ്ണീരോടുംകൂടി (2,4) സ്ത്രീഹാ അവർക്കെഴുതിയത്. തന്റെ വേദന കോറിന്തോസുകാരോടു പങ്കുവയ്ക്കാനായിരിക്കണം സ്ത്രീഹാ ഇപ്രകാരം ചെയ്തത്. താൻ മക്കളെപ്പോലെ സ്നേഹിക്കുന്ന കോറിന്തോസിലെ സഭാംഗങ്ങളിൽനിന്ന് അപ്രതീക്ഷിതമായ വേദന ഏല്ക്കേണ്ടി വന്നതിലുള്ള ഹൃദയവ്യഥയും കണ്ണുനീരുമാണ് ഈ കത്തിന്റെ ഉള്ളടക്കത്തിലുണ്ടായിരുന്നത്. വേദനയോടുകൂടിയ ഈ കത്ത് തീത്തോസ് വഴിയാണ് പൗലോസ് സ്ത്രീഹാ കോറിന്തോസിലെത്തിക്കുന്നത്. സമാനമായ ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടുകൾ അജപാലകർക്കുണ്ടാകുമ്പോൾ എപ്രകാരം അവയെ നേരിടണമെന്ന് സ്ത്രീഹാ സൂചിപ്പിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്.

2. ക്ഷമിക്കാനുള്ള ആഹ്വാനം

“ദുഃഖമുളവാക്കിയവൻ എന്നെയല്ല ദുഃഖിപ്പിച്ചത്; ഒരു പരിധിവരെ - ഞാൻ മയപ്പെടുത്തിപ്പറയുകയാണ് - നിങ്ങളെല്ലാവരെയുമാണ്. അങ്ങനെയുള്ളവന് ഭൂരിപക്ഷംപേർ നൽകുന്ന ഈ ശിക്ഷ ധാരാളം മതി. അതുകൊണ്ട്, അവൻ അഗാധദുഃഖത്തിൽ നിപതിക്കാതിരിക്കുന്നതിനു നിങ്ങൾ അവനോടു ക്ഷമിക്കുകയും അവനെ ആശ്വസിപ്പിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യണം. നിങ്ങൾക്ക് അവനോടുള്ള സ്നേഹത്തെക്കുറിച്ച് അവന് ഉറപ്പുവരുത്തണമെന്നു ഞാൻ അഭ്യർഥിക്കുന്നു.” (2,5-8).

പൗലോസ് സ്ത്രീഹാ കണ്ണിനീരോടെ എഴുതിയ കത്ത് കോറിന്തോസിൽ നല്ല പ്രതികരണമുളവാക്കി. തെറ്റു ചെയ്തയാളെ ശിക്ഷിക്കാൻ സഭയിൽ ഭൂരിപക്ഷാഭിപ്രായം രൂപപ്പെടുകയും ചെയ്തു. ഇതു മാതൃകാപരമായ ഒരു നിലപാടായിരുന്നെങ്കിലും, ശിക്ഷിക്കപ്പെട്ടയാൾക്കും ശിക്ഷിച്ചവർക്കും പൗലോസ് സ്ത്രീഹായ്ക്കും വേദനിപ്പിക്കുന്ന ഒരനുഭവമായിത്തീർന്നു. ഈ പശ്ചാത്തലത്തിലാണ് തെറ്റു ചെയ്തയാളെ വീണ്ടും സ്വീകരിക്കുന്നതു സംബന്ധിച്ച നിർദ്ദേശം സ്ത്രീഹാ നൽകുന്നത്. സ്ത്രീഹാ എന്ന നിലയിൽ തിരുത്തലിന്റെയും അനുരഞ്ജനത്തിന്റെയും ക്ഷമയുടെയും ശുശ്രൂഷയാണു തന്റേത് എന്ന് പൗലോസ് കോറിന്തോസുകാരെ ഇവിടെ ബോധ്യപ്പെടുത്തുകയാണ്.

കോറിന്തോസിൽ തെറ്റു ചെയ്തയാൾ പൗലോസ് സ്ത്രീഹായെ മാത്രമല്ല വേദനിപ്പിച്ചത്. സഭയെ മുഴുവനും അതു വേദനിപ്പിച്ചു (2,5). തെറ്റു ചെയ്തയാൾക്കു കൊടുത്ത ശിക്ഷ എന്തായിരുന്നുവെന്ന് ഇവിടെ വ്യക്തമല്ല. ഭൂരിപക്ഷം പേർ എന്നത് ‘മറ്റുള്ളവർ’ എന്നും മനസ്സിലാക്കാവുന്നതാണ്. അപ്രകാരമാണെങ്കിൽ ശിക്ഷണനടപടികൾ ഏകകണ്ഠമായി തീരുമാനിച്ചു എന്നനുമാനിക്കാം. തെറ്റു ചെയ്തയാൾക്കു ലഭിച്ച ശിക്ഷ അയാളെ മാനസാന്തര

ത്തിലേക്കു നയിച്ചു എന്നു കരുതണം. അതിനാലാവണം ഇനി അയാളോടു ക്ഷമിക്കാനും അയാളെ ആശ്വസിപ്പിക്കാനും പൗലോസ് ശ്ലീഹാ ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നത്. ശിക്ഷിക്കേണ്ടിവന്ന സാഹചര്യം പൗലോസിനെയും വേദനിപ്പിച്ചു (2,2). അതിനാൽ അയാളെ വീണ്ടും സഭയുടെ കൂട്ടായ്മയിലേക്കു തിരികെ സ്വീകരിക്കുകയും ധൈര്യപ്പെടുത്തുകയും വേണമെന്ന് ശ്ലീഹാ ആഗ്രഹിച്ചു. സഭയിൽ ശിക്ഷണനടപടികൾ എടുക്കുമ്പോൾ, അവ എപ്രകാരമാണ് ചെയ്യേണ്ടതെന്ന് അജപാലർക്ക് ഇതു മാർഗനിർദ്ദേശകമാണ്.

3. അനുസരണം പരീക്ഷിച്ചറിയുന്നു

“എല്ലാ കാര്യങ്ങളിലും നിങ്ങൾ അനുസരണയുള്ളവരാണോ എന്നു പരീക്ഷിച്ചറിയുന്നതിനുവേണ്ടിയാണ് ഞാൻ എഴുതിയത്. നിങ്ങൾ ക്ഷമിക്കുന്നവനോടു ഞാനും ക്ഷമിക്കുന്നു. ഞാൻ എന്തെങ്കിലും ക്ഷമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ, അതു മിശിഹായുടെ നാമത്തിൽ നിങ്ങൾക്കുവേണ്ടിയാണ്. ഇതു സാത്താൻ നമ്മെ കബളിപ്പിക്കാതിരിക്കേണ്ടതിനാണ്. അവന്റെ തന്ത്രങ്ങളെപ്പറ്റി നമ്മൾ അജ്ഞരല്ലല്ലോ” (2,9-11).

ഈ വാക്യങ്ങളിൽ തെറ്റു ചെയ്തയാളിൽനിന്നു മാറി കോറിന്തോസിലെ സഭയിലേക്കു പൗലോസ് ശ്ലീഹാ ശ്രദ്ധ തിരിക്കുന്നു. താൻ വേദനയോടെ കത്തെഴുതിയത്, തെറ്റു ചെയ്തയാളെ ശിക്ഷിക്കുക എന്നതിനേക്കാൾ കോറിന്തോസുകാർ അനുസരണയുള്ളവരാണോ എന്നു പരീക്ഷിക്കാനാണെന്ന് അദ്ദേഹം പറയുന്നു. വ്യക്തിപരമായി പൗലോസ് ശ്ലീഹായെ അവർ അനുസരിക്കുമോ എന്നതോ, അധികാരത്തിന്റെ അധികാരം അംഗീകരിക്കുമോ എന്നതോ അല്ല പ്രധാനം; സുവിശേഷത്തോട് അവർ അനുസരണ പുലർത്തുമോ എന്നതാണ്. സഭയിലെ അനുസരണം കേവലം വ്യക്തികളോടല്ല, വ്യക്തികളിലൂടെ ദൈവം ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്ന സുവിശേഷമൂല്യങ്ങളോടാണ്, അഥവാ സുവിശേഷത്തിലൂടെ ജീവിക്കുന്ന മിശിഹായോടാണ്.

സഭാശുശ്രൂഷകർ സഭാസമൂഹത്തിന്റെ ന്യായമായ നേതാക്കന്മാർ എന്ന നിലയിൽ സമൂഹത്തിന്റെ അനുസരണം ലഭിക്കാൻ യോഗ്യരാണ്. സഭാസമൂഹം അവരെ അനുസരിക്കേണ്ടതുമാണ്. എന്നാൽ ആ വിധത്തിൽ നേതാക്കന്മാരെ അനുസരിച്ചതുകൊണ്ട് സഭാസമൂഹത്തിന്റെ അനുസരണം പൂർണ്ണമാകുന്നില്ല. സഭാസമൂഹം മിശിഹായുടെ സുവിശേഷത്തിൽ വിശ്വസിക്കുന്നവരുടെ സമൂഹമാണ്. സുവിശേഷത്തിന്റെ കേന്ദ്രബിന്ദുവായ മിശിഹാ പിതാവായ ദൈവത്തോട് അനുസരണമുള്ളവനായിത്തീർന്നവനാണ്. മിശിഹായുടെ ബലിയർപ്പണം അവിടുത്തെ അനുസരണാജീവിതമായിരുന്നു (ഹെബ്രെ 10,5-10). ആ ബലിയർപ്പണമാണ് സഭാജീവിതത്തിന്റെ കേന്ദ്രബിന്ദു. ആ ബലിയർപ്പണമാണ് സഭയെ സഭയായി പടുത്തുയർത്തുന്നത്. അതുകൊണ്ട് സഭാസമൂഹത്തിന്റെ അനുസരണയുടെ വിഷയം ആത്യന്തികമായി സുവിശേഷത്തിലെ മിശിഹായും അവിടുത്തെ സുവിശേഷവുമാണ്. ഇപ്രകാരം സഭാസമൂഹത്തെ അനുസരണയിൽ പടുത്തുയർത്തുവാൻ അജപാലകർ ശ്രമിക്കണം.

4. ത്രോവാസിൽനിന്നും മക്കദോനിയായിലേക്ക്

“മിശിഹായുടെ സുവിശേഷം പ്രസംഗിക്കാൻ ഞാൻ ത്രോവാസിൽ ചെന്നപ്പോൾ കർത്താവിൽ എനിക്കായി ഒരു വാതിൽ തുറക്കപ്പെട്ടു. എന്നാൽ, എന്റെ സഹോദരനായ

തീത്തോസിനെ അവിടെ കാണാൻ കഴിയാതെ എന്റെ മനസ്സിന് ഒരു സ്വപ്നതയ്യമുണ്ടായിരുന്നു. അതിനാൽ, ഞാൻ അവിടെയുള്ളവരോടു യാത്ര പറഞ്ഞിട്ട് മക്കദോനിയയിലേക്കു പോയി” (2,12-13).

അനുരഞ്ജനത്തിന്റെയും ആശ്വാസത്തിന്റെയും ക്ഷമയുടെയും വിഷയങ്ങൾ ചർച്ച ചെയ്യുന്ന ഭാഗം സമാപിപ്പിക്കുന്ന വാക്കുകളാണിവിടെ കാണുന്നത്. എന്തുകൊണ്ടു മുമ്പു പറഞ്ഞതനുസരിച്ചുള്ള സന്ദർശനം നടത്തിയില്ല എന്നതിന്റെ ന്യായവാദങ്ങൾ ഇവിടെ പൂർത്തിയാകുന്നു. വേദനിപ്പിക്കുന്ന കത്തിന്റെ പ്രതികരണം എന്തെന്നറിയാൻ അഭിലഷിക്കുന്ന ശ്ലീഹായെയാണ് ഈ ഭാഗത്തു നാം കാണുന്നത്. തന്റെ സഹപ്രവർത്തകനായ തീത്തോസിന് എന്തു സംഭവിച്ചു എന്ന് അറിയാനുള്ള തിടുക്കമായിരുന്നു പൗലോസ് ശ്ലീഹായുടെ പെരുമാറ്റത്തിൽ കണ്ടത്. തന്റെ പ്രിയമക്കളായ കോറിന്തോസുകാർ എപ്രകാരം സുവിശേഷത്തോട് അനുസരണമുള്ളവരായിത്തീർന്നു എന്നറിയുകയായിരുന്നു പ്രധാനം. കോറിന്തോസിലെ സഭയുമായുള്ള തന്റെ ബന്ധം എത്രയും വേഗം സന്തോഷകരമാകും എന്ന് ശ്ലീഹാ പ്രതീക്ഷിച്ചു. ദുഃഖത്തോടെ എഴുതിയ കത്ത് കോറിന്തോസിലെത്തിച്ച്, അതില് ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്ന കാര്യങ്ങൾ അനുവർത്തിച്ച് സന്തോഷസന്ദേശവുമായി മടങ്ങിവരുന്ന തീത്തോസിനെ കാണാൻ താല്പര്യപ്പെടുന്ന ശ്ലീഹായെ കാത്തിരിക്കുന്ന ചിത്രമാണ് ഇവിടെ കാണുന്നത്.

ഏഷ്യാമൈനറിന്റെ വടക്കുപടിഞ്ഞാറു ഭാഗത്ത് സ്ഥിതി ചെയ്തിരുന്ന പട്ടണമാണ് ത്രോവാസ്. ശ്ലീഹാ അവിടേക്കു പോയത് സുവിശേഷം പ്രസംഗിക്കാനാണ്. അതോടൊപ്പം അവിടെവെച്ച് തന്റെ ദൗത്യം നിർവഹിച്ചു മടങ്ങിവരുന്ന തീത്തോസിനെ കണ്ടുമുട്ടാമെന്നും പൗലോസ് പ്രതീക്ഷിച്ചു. എന്നാൽ പ്രതീക്ഷിച്ചതുപോലെ തീത്തോസിനെ അവിടെ കണ്ടെത്താൻ സാധിക്കാത്തതിനാൽ അതിനായി പൗലോസ് ശ്ലീഹാ മക്കദോനിയയിലേക്കു തിരിച്ചു. ത്രോവാസിൽ സുവിശേഷപ്രഘോഷണത്തിനു വലിയ സാധ്യതയുണ്ടായിരുന്നിട്ടും അവിടെ തങ്ങാതെ തീത്തോസിനെ കണ്ടുമുട്ടാൻ ശ്ലീഹാ പോകുന്നത് കോറിന്തോസുകാരെക്കുറിച്ച് അത്രയേറെ വ്യഗ്രത അദ്ദേഹത്തിനുണ്ടായിരുന്നതിനാലാണ്. കോറിന്തോസുകാരെ അത്രയധികം സ്നേഹിച്ചിരുന്ന ശ്ലീഹായുടെ മനസ്സാണ് ഇവിടെ നാം കാണുന്നത്. ഇതുപോലെ സഭാസമൂഹത്തെ സ്നേഹിച്ചുകൊണ്ടു നേതൃത്വം നല്കുവാൻ അജപാലകർ ശ്രദ്ധിക്കണം.

5. ദൈവത്തിനു മിശിഹായുടെ പരിമളം

“മിശിഹായിൽ ഞങ്ങളെ എല്ലായ്പ്പോഴും വിജയത്തിലെത്തിക്കുകയും അവനെക്കുറിച്ചുള്ള ജ്ഞാനത്തിന്റെ സൗരഭ്യം ഞങ്ങൾവഴി എല്ലായിടത്തും പരത്തുകയും ചെയ്യുന്ന ദൈവത്തിനു സ്തുതി! എന്തുകൊണ്ടെന്നാൽ, രക്ഷിക്കപ്പെടുന്നവരുടെയിടയിലും ശിക്ഷിക്കപ്പെടുന്നവരുടെയിടയിലും ഞങ്ങൾ ദൈവത്തിനു മിശിഹായുടെ പരിമളമാണ്. ഒരുവനു മരണത്തിൽനിന്നു മരണത്തിലേക്കുള്ള സൗരഭ്യവും അപരനു ജീവനിൽനിന്നു ജീവനിലേക്കുള്ള സൗരഭ്യവും. ഇവയ്ക്കെല്ലാം കെല്പുള്ളവൻ ആരാണ്? ദൈവവചനത്തിൽ മായംചേർത്തു കച്ചവടം ചെയ്യുന്ന അനേകരുണ്ട്. അവരെപ്പോലെയല്ല ഞങ്ങൾ. മറിച്ച്, ദൈവസന്നിധിയിൽ വിശ്വസ്തരും ദൈവത്താൽ നിയോഗിക്കപ്പെട്ടവരുമെന്ന നിലയിൽ മിശിഹായിൽ ഞങ്ങൾ സംസാരിക്കുന്നു” (2,14-17).

സുവിശേഷപ്രഘോഷണത്തിനായി ത്രോവാസിൽ എത്തിയതായും അവിടെ അനുകൂലമായ സാഹചര്യം തുടർന്നു കിട്ടിയതായും പറഞ്ഞുതുടങ്ങുന്ന ശ്ലീഹാ, ശ്ലൈഹികശുശ്രൂഷയെയും ശ്ലൈഹികസ്ഥാനത്തെയും ഭാവാത്മകമായി കാണുന്നു. യുദ്ധത്തിൽ വിജയിച്ച രാജാവ് താൻ അടിമകളാക്കിയവരെയും പിടിച്ചെടുത്ത കൊള്ള വസ്തുക്കളെയും എല്ലാവരെയും കാണിക്കാനും, തന്റെ പ്രതാപം പ്രകടിപ്പിക്കാനും നടത്തുന്ന യാത്രയോടാണ് സുവിശേഷ സന്ദേശത്തിന്റെ വിജയയാത്രയെ പൗലോസ് ശ്ലീഹാ തുലനം ചെയ്യുന്നത് (2,14). മിശിഹാ സ്വന്തമാക്കിയ ഒരടിമയായി ശ്ലീഹാ സ്വയം വിലയിരുത്തുന്നു. മിശിഹായുടെ സഹനങ്ങളിൽ പങ്കുചേർന്ന്, പലപ്പോഴും മരണത്തെത്തന്നെ മുന്നിൽ കണ്ടു മനേറുന്ന പൗലോസ് ശ്ലീഹാ അതിലൂടെ ദൈവത്തെ മഹത്വപ്പെടുത്തുന്നു.

റോമൻ പ്രവിശ്യകളിലെ നഗരങ്ങളിൽ പതിവായിരുന്ന ഇത്തരം ഘോഷയാത്രകൾ ദേവപ്രീതിക്കായിക്കൂടിയാണ് നടത്തിയിരുന്നത്. ബലിയർപ്പണത്തോടുകൂടി, സുഗന്ധദ്രവ്യങ്ങൾ പുകച്ച്, നടത്തുന്ന ഇത്തരം ഘോഷയാത്രകൾ പരത്തുന്ന പരിമളം, വിജയികൾക്ക് ആഹ്ലാദത്തിന്റെയും ശത്രുക്കൾക്കു മരണത്തിന്റെയും അടയാളമായിരുന്നു. ആ പ്രതീകമാണ് പൗലോസ് ശ്ലീഹാ ഇവിടെ ഉപയോഗിക്കുന്നത്. മറ്റുള്ളവർക്കായി മിശിഹാ ബലിയർപ്പിക്കപ്പെട്ടതുപോലെ, തന്റെ ജീവിതം സുവിശേഷത്തിനുവേണ്ടിയുള്ള ഒരു ബലിയാണ് എന്ന സൂചനയും ഇവിടെ നൽകുന്നു. ഈ പ്രതീകത്തിന്റെ പിന്നിലെ ശ്ലീഹായുടെ ചിന്ത അദ്ദേഹം തുടർന്നു രേഖപ്പെടുത്തുന്നു. “ഈശോയുടെ ജീവൻ ഞങ്ങളുടെ ശരീരത്തിൽ പ്രത്യക്ഷമാകുന്നതിന് അവിടുത്തെ മരണം ഞങ്ങൾ എല്ലായ്പ്പോഴും ശരീരത്തിൽ സംവഹിക്കുന്നു. ഞങ്ങളുടെ മർത്യശരീരത്തിൽ ഈശോയുടെ ജീവൻ പ്രത്യക്ഷമാകേണ്ടതിന് ഞങ്ങൾ ജീവിച്ചിരിക്കുമ്പോൾ ഈശോയെപ്രതി സദാ മരണത്തിന് ഏൽപിക്കപ്പെടുന്നു” (1 കോറി 4,10-11). സ്വജീവിതത്തെ സുവിശേഷത്തിനുവേണ്ടിയുള്ള ബലിയർപ്പണമായി കരുതുവാൻ അജപാലകർക്കു കഴിയണം.

ജീവിതസൂചിക

1. സഭയിൽ അജപാലനപരമായ ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടുകൾ ഉണ്ടാകുമ്പോൾ എപ്രകാരമാണ് ഞാൻ അവയെ നേരിടുന്നത്?
2. സഭയിൽ ശിക്ഷണനടപടികൾ എടുക്കുന്നതിന് പൗലോസ് ശ്ലീഹായുടെ നടപടി എനിക്ക് എപ്രകാരം മാർഗനിർദ്ദേശകമാണ്?
3. സഭാസമൂഹത്തെ മിശിഹായുടെ അനുസരണാനുഭാവത്തിൽ പടുത്തുയർത്താൻ ഞാൻ പരിശ്രമിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?
4. സഭാസമൂഹത്തെ സ്നേഹിച്ചുകൊണ്ടു നേതൃത്വം നൽകുവാൻ ഞാൻ ശ്രദ്ധിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?
5. സുവിശേഷത്തിനുവേണ്ടിയുള്ള ഒരു ബലിയർപ്പണമായി സ്വജീവിതത്തെ കരുതുവാൻ എനിക്കു കഴിയുന്നുണ്ടോ?

NEWS FROM DEPARTMENTS

DEPARTMENT OF CATECHESIS

Eparchial Convention for Catechists-November 02, 2024

The Eparchial Convention for Catechists/ Youth Associates will be conducted on November 02, 2024, at 11.00 am-12:30 pm EST for catechism teachers and youth catechists in the Eastern Region and from 11.00 am-12:30 pm MDT for catechism teachers and youth catechists in the Western Region, in association with the Feast of St. Charles Borromeo. Catechists who achieved the milestones, i.e., 5 and 10 years, and ECC Members and principals who completed their tenure in the last year also will be recognized in the ceremony.

2024
Eparchial Catechetical Convention
& Honoring Catechist's Milestones

H.E. Mar Jose Kalluvellil
Bishop, Eparchy of Mississauga
Presidential Address

H.E. Bishop Bart Van Roijen
Bishop of Corner Brook and Labrador
Keynote Speaker

02 NOVEMBER, 2024
Eastern Region at 11:00am EST
Western Region at 11:00am MDT

Syro Malabar Catholic Eparchy of Mississauga
Dept. of Catechesis

Catechetical Sunday - November 03, 2024

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

nity to reflect on our responsibility to uphold and share our faith with others. The Eparchy of Mississauga is observing 03 November 2024, as the Eparchial Catechetical Sunday, in association with the Feast of St. Charles Borromeo, the Patron Saint of Catechists.

I express my sincere gratitude to all priests, religious, catechism teachers, volunteers, parents, students, and everyone involved in the sacred ministry of Catechesis in our eparchy. May God bless you to sacrifice your life with deep faith and commitment.

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 as three sessions in both the East and West regions on September 21 and October 05, 2024. Rev. Fr. Jomis Kodakassery, doctoral student in Rome led the session focused on Catechesis and its objectives. Rev. Fr. Augustine Kallumkatharayil, Director of Catechesis, Syro-Malabar Catholic eparchy of Mississauga led a session on Introduction to Syro-Malabar Catechism textbooks. The session for Youth Associates was led by Rev. Fr. Francis Samuvel, Mrs. Sharon Vince and Mrs. Deepa Sabu. 240 participants from various parishes/missions across Canada attended the seminars.

Upcoming Events:

November 02, 2024 - Eparchial Convention for Catechists

November 03, 2024- Eparchial Catechetical Sunday

November 16, 2024 - Diploma Course in Theology



JESUS KIDS



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



Monthly Planner November- 2024

1. The Word of God : Isaiah 7:14
2. Theme : Jesus is the fullness of God's promises
3. The Message : God gives us salvation
4. Study : Glory be to the Father...
4. Work : Coloring the picture below

The Saint of the Month : All Saints Day

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).



CHERUPUSHPAM MISSION LEAGUE

Month of November 2024-Guidelines

- 01-11-24 Friday - All saint's day; Adoration, Holy Qurbana, Litany of all saints.
Activity: children can be dressed as saints, write short biography of their patronal saints.
- 02-11-24 Saturday - All Souls day; Remembrance Day of the departed souls. Holy Qurbana, Cemetery visit and prayer for the dead.
Activity: Alter servers' and church choir practice.
- 03-11-24 Sunday - Holy Qurbana, group offertory, Mission league prayer.
General body meeting and Evaluation of Mission month activity.
Activity: Elocution competition. subject "My Family, a Eucharist Family".
- 04-11-24 Monday - Feast of St. Charles Borromeo. Praying for the Catechism Teachers. 09-11-24 Saturday- Church Choir Practice, Visiting Cemetery and pray for the dead.
- 10-11-24 Sunday - Common penitential service, confession.
Activity: Familiarising Saints: St. Charles Borromeo
- 17-11-24 Sunday - Preparation for the Eucharistic Year.
Activity: Familiarising Saints: St. Cecilia.
- 22-11-24 Friday - Feast of St. Cecilia, patronal saint of Church choir. Felicitating Choir members.
- 23-11-24 Saturday - Instrumental music competition.
Activity: Preparation for feast of Christ the king festal rally.
- 24-11-24 Sunday - Feast of Christ the King. Prayer day, Rally.
- 31-11-24 Saturday - CML awareness. Online Mission Quiz; Subject based on The Eparchial CML HandBook.



SYRO MALABAR NATIONAL YOUTH MOVEMENT (SMYM)

October 2024:

SMYM Canada Gears Up for Youth Month and Exciting 2025 Announcement

In the vibrant spirit of unity and faith, the Syro-Malabar Youth Movement (SMYM) Canada is thrilled to announce a series of exciting events and initiatives for Youth Month this November. Each year, November stands as a beacon of youthful energy and devotion throughout the Eparchy of Mississauga, culminating in the grand celebration of Christ the King on Sunday, November 24th, 2024. This year, the occasion holds special significance as the Pope has designated this day to commemorate World Youth Day (WYD) at the diocesan level, paving the way for the upcoming WYD in Seoul in 2027.

Sunday, November 24th, 2024 WYD Celebration

To mark this momentous occasion, the SMYM Canada National Eparchial team warmly invites all youth across the eparchy to join a special Zoom gathering on Sunday, November 24th, 2024, at 8:00 PM EST. This virtual event promises to be a celebration of our vibrant youth community, filled with moments of reflection, inspiration, and fellowship. Adding to the excitement, the NTL eparchial team will unveil thrilling news for SMYM youth in 2025, setting the stage for a year of growth and new opportunities.

In anticipation of this grand celebration, we are launching a national social media campaign to promote November as Youth Month. We need your creativity and enthusiasm! Each parish SMYM group is encouraged to craft a 30-second Instagram reel that captures the essence of youthfulness and faith. These reels will be showcased on our official Instagram page, @smymcanada, in the weeks leading up to the WYD celebrations. This is a fantastic opportunity to share your parish's unique spirit with the entire community and to inspire others with your creativity.



Moreover, all parishes are encouraged to host special youth-based activities and events throughout November. Whether it's community service projects, prayer meetings, or cultural events, let's make this Youth Month a memorable one filled with joy, service, and spiritual growth.

Parish General Coordinators Meeting

Mark your calendars for another significant date: on October 27th, at 8:00 PM EST, the SMYM Canada parish general coordinators will convene on Zoom for the first time since the formation of SMYM core teams across the eparchy. This meeting symbolizes a new era of collaboration and unity, as we come together to plan and execute initiatives that will enrich our youth community.

Behind the scenes, the SMYM Canada National Eparchial team has been diligently meeting weekly, pouring their hearts into preparing for an exhilarating SMYM event set for 2025. While details remain under wraps, rest assured that this event will be a highlight for all SMYM youth, and the big reveal will take place during our virtual eparchial World Youth Day celebrations on November 24th, 2024.

As we approach this special time, we invite all youth to actively participate, share your talents, and spread the word. Let's come together to celebrate our faith, our community, and the boundless energy of youth. Together, we can make this Youth Month not just an annual observance, but a transformative experience that strengthens our bonds and deepens our faith.

We invite all youth and parish communities to get involved. Whether it's participating in local events during Youth Month or joining the anticipation for our 2025 announcement, your enthusiasm and support make a difference.

For more updates, follow SMYM Canada on social media and keep an eye out for announcements from your parish SMYM general coordinators.

Let's come together to celebrate our faith, our community, and the vibrant spirit of our youth!

For inquiries or more information, please contact your local parish SMYM core team or email SMYM Canada at [smycanada@gmail.com](mailto:symcanada@gmail.com).

Join us in making this November a month to remember!



MISSION QUEST 2024

An Online Quiz Programme scheduled on
14th December 2024, IST 6 P M

A Joint Venture of Syro Malabar Synodal Commissions
for Mission and Catechesis

To deepen our knowledge about Word of God,
Mission and Catechesis

Prot. No. 02/2024 18

October 2024

Dear and Rev. Bishops, Directors of Mission, Catechesis, other Associations and Departments,

Greetings from Mount St. Thomas, from the Syro-Malabar Synodal Commissions for Mission and Catechesis! Praise to Jesus Christ!

We are excited to announce the fourth edition of the 'Mission Quest' conducted for the faithful of the Syro-Malabar Church.

Quiz Details:

A multi-lingual online quiz competition with google form, scheduled to be held on 14th December 2024, Saturday at 6 PM IST, aligning with the global Church.

Syllabus and Question Weightage:

A. Holy Scripture: Gospel of St. Luke (with a focus on Mission) - 30 %

B. Mission: Evangelii Nuntiandi (Apostolic Exhortation) - 40 %

C. Catechesis: "Syro-Malabar Sabhayude Aaradhanakrama Viswasaparishelanam" (Chapters 1 & 2, pp. 1-37)- 30 %

While uniting the Global Syro-Malabar Church, this initiative aims to deepen faith and knowledge of our faithful. Your collaboration is invaluable in promoting this unique event. Instructions:

1. Information Dissemination: All details will be communicated to Bishops and Directors. Directors are requested to share information, syllabus, instructions, posters, learning materials, videos for propagation and links for tutorials with Parish Priests, Headmasters, Teachers, Chil-



dren, Mission League, Youth movements, Mathruvedi, Pithruvedi and other official associations and departments.

2. Languages, Resources and Availability: The quiz will be conducted in Malayalam, English, Hindi, Tamil, and Telugu. Resources will be made available in the question-answer format in different languages though some additional information will be available in Malayalam and English only. Please follow the details, relevant materials, including learning materials, tutorials etc on the topics at our Website: <https://www.syromalabarmission.com> in November 2024. Please follow the contents also at: (a) YouTube: SyroMalabar Mission, (b) Facebook: Syro-Malabar Mission and (C) Instagram: Syro-Malabar Mission in November 2024.

3. Correspondence: Email: missionquestsym@gmail.com, WhatsApp: 9496038700.

4. Categories: Participants will be divided into two Categories: Juniors (up to 12th grade in Catechesis) and Seniors (all other age groups and categories). Both these categories will have different set of questions.

5. Submission: The quiz will be conducted via Google Forms, accessible on 14th December for 40 minutes from IST 06.00 PM.

6. Registration: No pre-registration is required. But in the google form you need to fill in your Name, Family Name, Mobile Number, email id, Eparchies/Mission and Parish/ Holy Qurbana Centre. Mention your domicile as per Eparchies/Missions which include the Eparchies, Apostolic Visitation and Mission Regions (Middle East including Gulf, Singapore, South Africa and others).

7. Prizes for each Category:

Major Archiepiscopal Level	Eparchy/Missions Level
I 20,000	2,000
II 15,000	1,500
III 10,000	1,000



To foster participation, each Eparchy/Mission is encouraged to give additional prizes. 8. Participation Goals: We hope for at least 1% participation from the total number of the faithful of each Eparchy, with recognition prize for Eparchies achieving 2% of participation. 9. Winners are selected from the best answers given and if there are many, the faster submission. 10. Prize Distribution: Both Global and Eparchial level Certificates and Prizes of the Winners will be handed over to the respective Bishops during the Synod in January 2025. Directors may please find a suitable occasion for its worthy distribution.

We encourage linking this quiz with the Christmas celebrations 2024. Let's work together to make this initiative a great success!

Yours Sincerely,

Fr. Thomas Melvettath

Fr. Francis Eluvathingal

Secretary, Commission for Catechesis Secretary,
Syro-Malabar Mission

**“Submit to God and be
at peace with him;
in this way, prosperity
will come to you.”**

—Job 22:21



NEWS FROM PARISHES

MISSISSAUGA FORANE

ST. ALPHONSA CATHEDRAL MISSISSAUGA

Seniors Gathering

On 10 October, the St. Alphonsa Cathedral Seniors (age group 60 and above) organized a gathering from 10.30 am to 12 pm following the Holy Qurbana, under the leadership of our vicar, Rev. Fr. Augustine Kallumkatharayil and Chief Coordinator, Mrs. Susan Dean. Fr. Augustine outlined the purpose of the senior's fraternity as to bring them closer to our parish. Mrs. Susan Dean explained the purpose and motto of this group. The main objectives are spiritual enlightenment, reaching out to seniors at home with restricted mobility, visiting the sick and bed-ridden seniors at their homes, hospitals, and seniors care homes, celebrate the Holy Qurbana for the seniors weekly and finally, entertainment and socialization activities. Monthly meetings are to be held on the second Thursday of each month following the 9.15 am Holy Qurbana.



Marian Eucharistic Retreat

Our Annual Retreat was held on 12, 13 and 14 October in three sections. The adult's section was led by Rev. Fr. Binoj Mulavarickal who inspired and motivated all those who attended the retreat through his



vibrant sessions and music ministry. About 400 faithfuls attended on all three days of the retreat.

The Youth Session was handled by the Jesus Youth Team at the Kannampuzha Hall whereby close to a 100 youth took part and were renewed and inspired by the talks and testimonies.

The Children's Session was held at St. Raymond's Catholic Secondary School led by the Youth Leaders and SMYM Team of the St. Alphonsa Cathedral and they were also helped



by the The Catechism teachers and PTA representatives. Close to 150 children took part in the retreat and were touched by the beautiful sessions, praise and worship and other activities.

Celebrating 10 Years of Faith and Communion: Deepening Our Devotion to the Eucharist

As we joyfully mark a decade of faith, communion, and spiritual growth in our Eparchy, we are called to deepen our devotion to the Eucharist and strengthen our communal bond in Christ. To help foster this, a Eucharistic Resource Team has been formed under the leadership of our vicar, Fr. Augustine Kallumkatharayil.

The team, consisting of parishioners, sisters, our Pastor, and Associate Pastor, had their first meeting on 3 October 2024. Their mission is to bring the Eucharistic Year Study Series to all parishioners through family unit gatherings, enriching our understanding and experience of the Eucharist.

The Eucharistic Resource Team meets every second Tuesday of the month, and the study series will begin in our parish in November 2024. Let us all join together in this journey of deeper faith and devotion.

The first Spiritual Coordinators' meeting was held on Tuesday, 16 October at 8:30 PM. The meeting was presided over by Rev. Fr. Augustine Kallumkatharayil and began with a prayer by Rev. Sr. Mercy Antony CHF. The meeting focused on fostering uniformity in prayer meetings across our family unit prayer meetings. The meeting also discussed steps to promote the spiritual growth of our parish community.

Installation Ceremony for the new altar servers

On 20 October, An Installation Ceremony for the new altar servers was held at 10.15 am and 11.45 am during the Holy Qurbana. About eight new altar servers who had completed their orientation were installed on that day.



Catechism Department

Altar Servers Orientation Session

St. Alphonsa Cathedral had organized an orientation session for both new and existing Altar Servers (including Adult Altar Servers) from the parish on September 22, 2024 after 9 am Holy Qurbana. Session was addressed by Rev. Fr. Francis Samuel and went on to explain the role of an Altar Server, the do's and don'ts while serving Qurbana. It turned



out to be a great success with the participation of large group in attendance and both new and existing Servers clarified their queries with Achan. Session concluded with a prayer and followed by a delicious lunch.

Angels Meet

A Joyful Gathering of Our First Communicants - October 5th

"The joy of the Eucharist fills our hearts with joy and opens us to God and to others". - Pope Benedict XVI

On Saturday, 5 October, our parish celebrated the Angels Meet, a special event for all the children who received their Solemn Holy Communion between November 2023 and September 2024. This joyful gathering brought together around nine children, marking a significant moment in their faith journey.



The day began with the celebration of the Holy Qurbana, where the children entered the church in a beautiful procession, symbolizing their deep connection to the Eucharist and our faith community. Their reverence and innocence filled the church with a spirit of devotion, reminding us all of the beauty of this sacred sacrament.

After the Holy Qurbana, each child was presented with a small gift, a token of love, and encouragement from our parish to honor their commitment to the faith. The event concluded with a photo session, capturing the joy and smiles of these young communicants. The Angels

Meet was a heartfelt celebration, bringing together families and the parish community in support of these children as they continue to grow in their relationship with Christ. Let us keep them in our prayers as they journey forward, strengthened by the grace of the Holy Eucharist.

Parents Meeting and PTA Election - 6 October 2024

The Parents Meeting and PTA election for children in JK to Grade 12 was held on 6 October in Kannampuzha Hall following the morning and afternoon Holy Qurbana. The meeting was led by the Catechism Core Team, including Rev. Fr. Augustine Kallumkatharayil (Pastor/Director), Vijay Jose (Principal), and Vice Principals Sr. Rose Christy CMC, Dixon Davis, and Regeena Mathew.

During the meeting, Fr. Augustine addressed the essential role of faith formation within families and emphasized key points, such as PMC area restrictions and the importance



of reporting any concerns to the Parish Priest or Catechism Core Team. The PTA's responsibilities were outlined, focusing on monitoring children and providing volunteer support for catechism events.

PTA representatives were elected for each grade group in both sessions, and the following parents were chosen:

Morning Session

Grades 1 - 2: Rose Koshy & Nikhil

Grades 3 - 5: Jinto Cherian & Nimy Sebastian

Grades 6 - 8: Jesmy Noble & Bijoy Kolenchery

Grades 9 - 11: Jisha Mathew & James Chacko

Grade 12: Arun Jimmy



Afternoon Session:

JK, SK, Grades 1 - 2: Sheena George & Ashok Mankottil

Grades 3 - 5: Sweetsy Joseph & Binoj Joseph

Grades 6 - 8: Smitha Paul & Janson George

Grades 9 - 11: Ushas Jose & James Antony

We thank all the elected representatives for their willingness to serve. The meetings concluded with group photos of the PTA representatives and the Catechism Core Team.

SMYM National-Youth

Rosary Procession

On Friday, 4 October, the SMYM National led a Rosary Procession in honor of October being the month of the Rosary. The evening began with Holy Qurbana, celebrated by Rev. Bishop Mar Jose Kalluvilil. SMYM had arranged for over 30 children dressed as Mother Mary and Angels. Following the Holy Qurbana, the procession began from the church, reciting the rosary, and continued outside and around the church. The SMYM had made candles which were lit and handed out to everyone, which made the look of the procession even more beautiful. The statue of Mother Mary was decorated well by the youth and a large life-size rosary was held as well. We had around 300 children, youth and adults attend and

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Friday Fire Gatherings

SMYM regularly has their Friday Fire Gatherings for the youth

following the Holy Qurbana every Friday. It has been running well with a good number of youths attending. For the past couple weeks, we have been taking a deeper dive into different spiritual topics such as the life of St. Faustina, Sloth and Procrastination, Reality vs. Stimulation, etc. really focusing on topics that are the youth are able to connect to and are a part of our daily lives. The youth are taking one step at a time becoming closer and stronger in their faith. Having an evening filled with games, praise and worship, discussions, etc. These meetings have become a strong pillar for their faith. We have around 30-40 youth attending every week. We hope to continue to grow together and become stronger in our faith, ready to take our next steps in our journey.



Ministry members were blessed to participate in the intercession for our Marian Eucharistic retreat 2024 by reciting 20,000 Hail Mary. Members also offered Holy Qurbana and adoration on 1 October 2024 for this same intension.

Zoom Meeting was conducted with representative of Canadian blood services to discuss about upcoming blood donation camp. St. Alphonsa Cathedral Associate Pastor Rev. Fr. Francis Samuel, Animator Rev Sr. Mercy Antony CHF, and nurses ministry representatives participated in this meeting.

The Nurses ministry continues to participate in adoration at St. Alphonsa

Cathedral from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm Tuesday to Friday. Our prayer tool for this month is Word of God. 30 dedicated members are reciting Word of God for our Parish intentions, for the Catholic Church, for all the nurses around the world and for souls in purgatory.



Reception to Deacon Alvin Thevalakkara

Br. Alvin Thevalakkara son of Joys and Lovely of our parish was ordained into the Major Order of Diaconate on 5 October 2024. St. Alphonsa Cathedral family gave him a warm welcome on Sunday, 6 October 2024. Dn. Alvin served in the Holy Qurbana and shared his vocation story during the homily. Congratulations Deacon Alvin and let us continue to remember him in our prayers.



Seminary Candidate from our Parish

Mathew Lyjo Thottukadavil of our parish has entered as a seminary-candidate for the Eparchy of Mississauga from 11 October 2024. He is the son of Lyjo Jose Thottukadavil and Soly Lyjo and the brother of Jose Thottukadavil. At present, Mathew is pursuing studies in Automotive Engineering while discerning about his vocation as well. Let us keep Mathew and his discernment process in our prayers.

Shepherds of Faith (SOF)

The SOF Gratitude Roadshow was held on 20 October 2024 at St. Alphonsa Cathedral, Mississauga. This was a heartfelt gathering that celebrated the contributions and commitment of its community towards the spiritual upliftment of Syro Malabar families and students across Canada.



Bishop Jose Kalluvelil delivered an inspiring speech, recounting the early days of the Eparchy and its mission to connect with the scattered families and students without any financial backing. He praised the generosity of early donors and expressed hope for their continued support.

Jolly, the Executive Director of SOF, shared the story behind the successful "Tim Hortons coffee a day" challenge, which has mobilized

community involvement across Canada. By sparing the cost of a daily coffee, the community has been able to provide Malayalam Mass, the Holy Eucharist, and catechetical teachings to Syro Malabar families and students in remote areas. He urged the community to continue supporting this impactful missionary effort. A video testimonial from mission centers illustrated the far-reaching impact of SOF's initiatives, underscoring its vital role in the community.

In a heartfelt testimony, Mr. Johnson Chakkalakkal shared his personal reasons for joining SOF, emphasizing the power of ordinary people's contributions to God's miracles, referencing biblical stories of the boy with the five loaves and two fish and the servants at Cana.

Fr. Augustine closed the event by sharing his personal journey as a recipient of the SOF movement as a new priest Canada, highlighting his experience traveling 700 km to celebrate Mass in remote areas of western Canada. His message was a call to action, encouraging attendees to join the movement and support its mission. He also introduced the SOF Executive Committee, emphasizing their pivotal role in spreading the SOF movement in the Cathedral.

The committee members are: Johnson Chakkalakkal (Committee Chair), Biju Joseph (Co-Chair), Joys Joseph, Susan Dean, Mathew George, Jimmy Cyriac, Francis Ouseph, Reji Philip, Suresh Varghese, Indu Thomas, Thresiamma Johnson, Philomina John. This dedicated group of leaders was encouraged to conduct organized outreach to expand SOF membership and support, ensuring the continued growth and impact of the movement across Canada.

Jesus Kids, HCA, CML Associations

Animators Meet

Rev. Fr. Augustine Kallunkatharayil called out for the Jesus Kids, HCA and CML associations animators meet on 4th October 2024 at 5.30 PM at our parish to plan out the schedule for the 2024-2025 academic year. The meeting was presided by our parish priest Rev. Fr. Augustine Kallunkatharayil, and Princy Olakkengil, Regeena Mathew, Asha Sunil,





Theresa Joy, Sr. Christy CMC. Joseph Alex, Amrita Mary John, Sr. Maria Josy, Snthosh Joseph, Vijay Jose, Vincent Paappachan, Nissi Mathew, Susha Vincent attended the meeting. Augustine Achan appointed and welcomed Rev. Sr. Pauline CHF as the Vice director of Jesus Kids, HCA and CML associations. It has been decided in the meeting that the associations monthly sessions will be held on the first Friday of every month after the 7.30 PM Holy mass. Additionally, 2 or 3 Sundays would be dedicated for Associations gathering during the regular catechism timings. The coordinators for each group have been elected in the meeting. Jesus Kids Core team Jeena Lau, Tincy Biju, Nancy Mathew and Susha Vincent have been elected as Jesus Kids Coordinators. Soumya Binoj & Molgy Joseph for HCA and Joseph Alex, Santhosh Joseph, Jency Mathew and Vincent Pappachan for CML have been elected as coordinators. The meeting was adjourned by taking a decision to conduct upcoming animators' meeting to plan out in detail for the Mission Sunday Celebration on 20 October 2024 at our church.

Association Inauguration

CML, HCA, Jesus Kids Inauguration was held after the morning and afternoon Malayalam Holy Qurbana on 20 October 2024 in the church. For the morning Shift the emcee Raju Payanadath welcomed everyone to the inauguration ceremony. Rev. Fr. Augustine Kallunkatharayil, Rev. Fr. Francis Samuel, Rev. Sr. Pauline CHF, CML Eparchy core team member Amritha Mary John, CML Parish level coordinator Santhosh Joseph, HCA Parish level coordinator Molgy Joseph, Jesus Kids Parish level coordinator Tincy Biju and the 3 students' representatives from each representative lighted up the lamp.

For the afternoon shift the Jency Mathew welcomed everyone to the inauguration ceremony. Rev. Fr. Augustine Kallunkatharayil, Rev. Fr. Francis Samuel, Rev. Sr. Christy CMC, CML Eparchy core team member Vijay Jose, CML Parish level coordinator Vincent Pappachan, HCA Parish level coordinator Soumya Binoj, Jesus Kids Parish level coordinator Susha Vincent and the 3 students' representatives from each representative lighted up the lamp.

Jesus Kids

Animators Meet

Jesus Kids associations core team meeting was held on 13 October 2024 at 9 pm presided by Rev. Sr. Pauline. The meeting agreed to have an upcoming meeting with all the Jesus Kids animators on 17 October 2024 at 9 pm. In the meeting Sr. Pauline presented the Jesus Kids animators list: Jophy Ajeesh, Nancy Mathew, Tincy Biju, Susha Vincent and Jeena Lalu. The main agenda in the animators meeting was to plan out for the Jesus Kids association inauguration and Mission Sunday Celebration on 20 October 2024. In the meeting Sr. Pauline mentioned that Sr. Josy CMC will give Eparchy year planner to Susha Vincent who will be responsible to provide the monthly activity to the parish level Jesus Kids animators group.

After the inauguration ceremony, children were guided to the respective classes to get ready for the Mission Sunday rally. Jesus Kids associations took the initiative to conduct the Mission Sunday rally for the JK and SK children of our parish for the morning and afternoon



catechism shifts. The children were so enthusiastic to praise and hail Jesus Christ.

HCA

Mission Sunday Celebration: A Day of Faith, Unity and Service.

On October 20, 2024, Holy Childhood Association celebrated Mission Sunday with great devotion. The event brought together the animators, leaders and members from the HCA Association, creating an atmosphere of unity, service, and spiritual growth. The association animators and leaders commenced the first day of association activities by explaining to the children about Mission Sunday. HCA children were excited to join with our Priests for prayers and celebrating the Mission Sunday.

Children were so excited for the spiritual rally led by the Animators, Leaders and Members. The colorful banners, Mission Sunday flags, association logo badges, loud slogans, and radiant smiles set the tone for a day of celebration and service. The rally featured inspiring slogans "Jai Jai Jesus Christ, Jesus is our Saviour and Jai Jai HCA", which reminded us of the importance of our mission in spreading God's love. The Association joined in prayer, lifting our mission partners and asking for God's guidance in our mission endeavors. As we look forward to future missions, let us continue to be a beacon of God's love, spreading light and hope to those in need.

CML

Animators Meet

Cherupushpa Mission League associations core team meeting was held on 14 October 2024 at 9.30 pm presided by Rev. Sr. Pauline and the meeting was concluded by agreeing to have an upcoming meeting with all the CML animators on 17 October 2024 at 7.30 PM. In the meeting we discussed and agreed list of animators as Nimi Sebastian, Jency Mathew, Santhosh Joseph, Joseph Alex and Vincent Pappachan. The main agenda in the animators meeting was to plan out for the CML association inauguration and Mission Sunday Celebration and Rally on 20 October 2024.



Mission Sunday Rally and Presentation

For the Morning batch, Santhosh Jacob who is the parish level CML Coordinator did the presentation on CML Establishment, CML Formators, CML Goals and objectives and duties. Rev. Fr. Francis gave a message about the importance of Mission Sunday. Rev. Fr. Augustine started with CML Prayer and blessed the CML Badges for the Grade 5 and 10 newcomers. Joseph Alex anchored the event in Kannampuzha hall and had a Mission Rally outside the church. Other Animators helped in distributing the CML flags, Placard, Banners and badges to the members. For the Afternoon batch, Vincent Pappachan who is a parish level CML Coordinator did the presentation on CML Establishment, CML Formators, CML Goals and objectives and duties. Rev. Fr. Francis gave a message about the Importance of Mission Sunday. Rev. Fr. Augustine started with CML Prayer and Blessed the CML Badges for the Grade 5 and Grade 10 newcomers. Daniel Mampilly anchored the event in Kannampuzha hall and had a Mission Rally outside the church. Other Animators helped in distributing the CML flags, Placard, Banners and badges to the members.



ST. ALPHONSA PARISH, CAMBRIDGE

St. John Maria Vianney Feast Day

"Remain humble, remain simple. The more you are so, the more good you will do." St. John Vianney

On August 4, the Church celebrates the feast of St. John Maria Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests. At St. Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Catholic Parish, Cambridge, soon after the Holy Qurbana, our parish priest Rev. Fr. Bobby Joy Muttathuvalayil was felicitated with a token of our love for his kindhearted services and devotional offering of Holy Qurbana!



Family Unit Picnics

St. Jude Family Unit Waterloo picnic was held on August 5, 2024, at the banks of Laurel Creek with an awesome get-together of 52 members and our pastor Rev. Fr. Bobby Joy Muttathuvalayil. They had a wonderful time with food and fun games.

The St. Jude family unit, Waterloo also enjoyed an overnight outing on June 29-30, to the scenic beauty of Blue Mountain and enjoyed activities such as team building, other celebrations, exercises and fun filled times!



Though the St. George Family Unit, Kitchener picnic was arranged at the Shade's Mills Conservation Area on August 17, 2024, due to the inclement weather and tornado warning for the area, un-



fortunately their picnic had to be moved to an indoor get-together at Jimmy and Dinu's house in Kitchener. At a very short notice, they offered their willingness to accommodate everyone. Many thanks to them! Everyone had a great time with games, and yummy food!

The St. Mary's Family Unit, Cambridge picnic was cancelled due to adverse weather condition.

Parish Feast Day Celebration

St. Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Catholic Parish, Cambridge joyfully celebrated the feasts of the Nativity of Mother Mary, St. Sebastian, and St. Alphonsa, our patroness on September 8, 2024. In preparation for these special celebrations, Parish Council meetings were held to coordinate plans and arrangements.

The festivities began with the blessing of the statues and the installation of the Prasudhentis. The main celebrant for the feast day was Rev. Fr. Francis Akkarapattiakal from St. Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Catholic Cathedral in Mississauga. His heartfelt homily resonated with the congregation, as he reflected on the lives of each saint and emphasized



the significance of the Holy Qurbana, urging everyone to uphold the traditions, customs, and teachings of the Church. A special thank you to Fr. Francis for his inspiring message! Rev. Fr. Boby Joy served as the co-celebrant.

The Kazhunnu/ambu, hosted by various family units, was venerated in the church, while the Ladeenju and the procession featuring the three statues were highlights of the celebration. Over 500 faithful attended the feast day Holy Qurbana, creating a vibrant atmosphere of devotion.



The choir, led by Mr. Amal George, beautifully enhanced the spiritual ambiance, while the altar servers performed admirably. The coordination of responsibilities—from the decor team to the Zoom live stream volunteers in the basement—was expertly managed by the ushers, family unit volunteers, and PC members and of course our truly committed trustees Mr. Jayesh George and Mr. Sebin Seby. After the procession, attendees enjoyed a delicious nercha prepared by Mrs. Saritha Baby and family. In the basement, Mr. Shibu from Palm Valley

distributed snack packets and coffee, ensuring everyone felt welcomed. Outside, the "auction," organized by parishioners, was a great hit, with the standout event being the sale of 30 eggs for an astounding \$200!

The festal celebrations concluded with divine grace and a spirit of fellowship, thanks to the guidance of our pastor, Rev. Fr. Bobby. It was truly heartening to witness the entire Body of Christ coming together in support of one another.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of our parish feast, especially the prasudhenthis, sponsors, flyer advertisement sponsors, all volunteers and Mr. Siby Varghese for his wonderful photography. Your support made this celebration memorable!

Prayer Meeting and Onam Celebrations

On September 21, 2024, St. Antony's Family Unit in Brantford celebrated Onam alongside their family unit meeting. The gathering began with the Holy Rosary, followed by Bible reading and a homily from Rev. Fr. Bobby who also shared the Church's perspective on Onam celebrations.



The highlight of the event was the Onasadhya, featuring 26 traditional dishes. Special thanks to Jyothish and Anu for their outstanding efforts in organizing and preparing many of the dishes. Despite busy schedules, ward members came dressed in their Onam attire, adding to the festive spirit.

The celebration also included fun games that brought joy to both kids and adults, making it a memorable day for all.



News from the Catechism Department

Catechism Inauguration

The new academic year officially commenced on September 22, 2024. During the assembly, the catechism students beautifully sang the song "Welcome Holy Spirit." Under the guidance of Zachary Joy Kuncheria on the keyboard, the choir highlighted the talents of Elaise Rose Edison, Evaniya Shaiju, Christabel Nelson, Alvina Aneesh, Johna Edwin, Alaina Siju, Eibel Sinosh, Edwin George Devasia, and Einstein Sijo, a result of three weeks of dedicated practice.

Following the song, Zachary Joy Kuncheria led the student prayer, Issac Sijo recited the Catechetical pledge, and Mrs. Anna Akhil Puthussery offered a heartfelt prayer for the teachers. The principal, Mr. Edwin Varghese, provided an introductory message with guidelines for the first day of classes and the inauguration ceremony, after which the students were escorted to their respective classes by their teachers.

After the Holy Qurbana, the inauguration ceremony continued in the church. Rev. Fr. Bobby Joy Muttathuvalayil led the catechists in their pledge and offered a blessing. Both Rev. Fr. Bobby and Mr. Edwin Varghese delivered warm welcoming remarks. The ceremonial lighting of the lamp was performed by Rev. Fr. Bobby, Principal Mr. Edwin Varghese, Vice Principal Mrs. Tintu Suneesh, PAC Coordinator Mrs. Anna Akhil Puthussery, and Altar Servers Coordinator Mrs. Preethi Seby.

The highlight of the day was the Awards and Recognition ceremony. Young achievers were celebrated with trophies and medals for their accomplishments, including the winners of the Bible quiz and the Holy Rosary competition, students with the best attendance, two top performers from each grade, and special recognitions for their efforts during the 2023-24 academic year. Every graduate was acknowledged with certificates to honor their participation, with awards presented by Rev. Fr. Bobby and their respective class teachers.

The Grade 12 graduates received customized trophies in recognition of their consistent support in catechism, contributions to new



church initiatives, and dedication to altar serving throughout their catechism journey. We are especially proud that two of these remarkable students have joined the staff as new youth catechists.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to Rev. Fr. Boby Joy Muttathuvalayil, all the teachers, PC members, the catechism student choir, and our wonderful emcees, Ms. Christina Nelson and Ms. Leah Alex, for making this inauguration ceremony a memorable celebration of faith and community. May God bless everyone!

Wishing everyone a faith-filled Catechetical year!!



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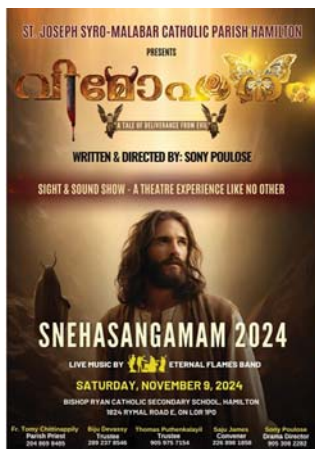
Snehasangamam 2024

Preparations for our annual sight and sound drama event on 9th November is in full swing. Volunteers from all family units are criss-crossing Hamilton and neighbouring parishes promoting the event.

At St. Theresa Syro Malabar Church, Niagara.

At Malankara Church, St. Catherines.

At Knanaya Church, London



At Orthodox Church, Hamilton

October - Month of Rosary

Family Units organized 10-day rosary recital during the month of October dedicating



special prayers to Mother Mary. Further, the concluding days of October were celebrated by each family unit in Sacred Heart Church with rosary and Holy Qurbana with 31st October being a solemn celebration.

Also, part of the October month celebrations, an activity for kids were organized where a video of kids from every home, reciting one Hail Mary holding rosary in their hands and in front of Mother Mary statue, were recorded and shared among various social media platforms.

Nurses Ministry

Monthly meeting of Nurses Ministry was organized at Sacred Heart Church.



All Saints Day

Our parish is celebrating the All Saints Day or Hollyween on 27th October 2024 wherein all children are dressing up as their favorite saint.



ST. MARY'S PARISH, LONDON

St. Mary's Catechism Updates

Special study lessons on Holy Qurbana as part of Decennial/ Eucharistic year

Our Catechism Inauguration Ceremony was conducted on Sept 8 followed by Holy Mass. As part of the Decennial Year Celebration, Our Catechism team decided to focus on students' active participation in attending Holy Qurbana. We have added 20 minutes to our Catechism time for an extra activity related to Holy Eucharist such as teaching prayers, songs and responses on every Sunday.



St. Mary's Junior Choir

This Catechetical year we started our Junior Choir Team with 50 students who is getting trained every Saturday by our Catechism team to bring up their talent in worshipping Lord by graceful songs in both languages during Holy Mass. The senior youth of the parish help the catechism coordinators to form a wonderful junior Choir for the parish.

Pious Association Inauguration

Pious Association Inauguration conducted on Sept 15 followed by Holy Mass. Jesus kids and Holy Childhood Association got inaugurated by Rev Fr.Varghese Karipperiyil and CML and SMYM got inaugurated by Our Parish Priest Fr. Plogen Antony on the same day. The day filled with our Coordinators presentations about their Patron saint and motto of respective Associations. CML students had procession followed by their Badge Installation ceremony.

The Call to be Holy: Commitment from Alter to Eternity

St. Mary's family profoundly entered into a milestone on Aug 16 with 49 Altar server's installation Ceremony followed by Our Parish Feast 'Kodiyettam'.

On installation Day, their Garment got Blessed by our Parish Priests and all of them processed to Altar followed by their Pledge Ceremony. The day fulfilled with Holy Spirit and Joy of our Altar servers in their orderly manner of participation in Holy Mass, and it is extended for three days celebration of Parish Feast.



The intensive training of new Altar servers lasted for 15 days from July 30 to Aug 15. Our Parish Priest Fr. Plogen Antony and Asst. Vicar Fr. Joyal Joseph actively took a vital role in their spiritual mentoring and guiding our five Coordinators throughout their liturgical Preparation. St. Mary's Catechism Team continued their training for two more months in a daily basis to assist them to improve their communication skills in both Malayalam and English language for an efficient participation in Holy Mass.



Nurses Ministry London region

The St. Mary's Syro-Malabar Church, London hosted the Canada Nurses Ministry's, first quarterly Formation Program on October 12th at ON. It was a grace-filled day for over 100 nurses and their families to a time of spiritual renewal. The program included Holy Mass, Praise and Worship, Testimony, Adoration, and an inspiring sharing of Word of



God by Fr. Joyal Joseph, Associate Director of Canada Nurses Ministry and Associate pastor of St. Mary's Church London. The event was graced by the presence of regional coordinators and national representatives from various regions, adding to the spirit of unity and fellowship. The gathering was a truly anointed experience, as participants were blessed and empowered by the Holy Spirit to continue each one of their spiritual journey.

A Pilgrimage of Faith: Embracing the Eucharistic Year

St. Mary's Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, London, together with the Eparchy arranging a transformative journey to Europe under the profound Spiritual Leadership of His Excellency Mar Jose Kalluvilil.

Dates: May 5-17, 2025

Starting Point: Toronto Pearson Airport

Imagine yourself immersed in the heart of Catholicism, tracing the footsteps of saints and martyrs. Our pilgrimage offers a unique opportunity to deepen your spiritual connection and witness firsthand the rich history and enduring faith of the Church.

Passing Through the Holy Door for Plenary Indulgence

One of the highlights of our pilgrimage will be the opportunity to pass through the Holy Door, a special entrance opened during Jubilee Years. By doing so, you can receive a plenary indulgence, a full remission of temporal punishment due to sins that have been forgiven. This spiritual gift is a powerful reminder of God's mercy and forgiveness.

Places of Devotion

- * Rome, Italy: Explore the Eternal City, where ancient ruins and sacred sites intertwine. Visit the Colosseum, the Vatican City, and the awe-inspiring Papal Basilicas.
- * Ortona, Italy: Pay homage to St. Thomas the Apostle at the Basilica of San Tommaso Apostolo.
- * Lanciano, Italy: Witness the Eucharistic Miracle, a profound event that has captivated believers for centuries.
- * San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy: Seek solace and inspiration at the Shrine of Padre Pio, a beloved saint known for his mystical experiences.
- * Assisi, Italy: Follow in the footsteps of St. Francis and St. Clare, two of the most revered figures in Catholic history.
- * Venice, Italy: Marvel at the city of canals, adorned with stunning architecture and steeped in rich Venetian culture.
- * Padua, Italy: Visit the Basilica of St. Anthony, a popular pilgrimage site known for its miraculous healings.
- * Turin, Italy: See the Holy Shroud of Turin, a relic believed to be the burial cloth of Jesus Christ.

A Spiritual Sojourn

- * Guided by Bishop Jose Kalluvilil: Benefit from the spiritual guidance and insights of His Excellency Mar Jose Kalluvilil the first Bishop of the Eparchy of Mississauga as he leads you through this transformative experience. As man of fervent devotee to the Holy Eucharist it is going to be a exciting experience to accom-



pany him in this great Eucharistic Pilgrimage.

- * Connect with Fellow Pilgrims: Join a community of like-minded individuals who share your faith and passion for spiritual growth.
- * Immerse Yourself in Catholic Tradition: Experience the beauty and depth of Catholic rituals, prayers, and devotions.

Don't miss this extraordinary opportunity to deepen your faith and create lasting memories.

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"Face of the Faceless" Coming to Canada!

St. Mary's Syro-Malabar Catholic Church has secured the Canadian distribution rights to the Malayalam film "Face of the Faceless" in all Canada.

Based on the true story of Bl. Rani Maria, this inspiring film with English subtitles delves into the courageous life and tragic death of a religious nun who dedicated herself to defending the rights of tribal people in Indore, India. Sr. Rani Maria's unwavering commitment to justice and her ultimate sacrifice make her a true hero. The movie will have its Canadian premiere at Highland Cinemas London on November 18th. 07.30 PM.

St. Mary's Church will distribute the movie to the parishes in coming months. We believe that 'Face of the Faceless' will resonate deeply with viewers across the country and it will be a great chance for all of us to experience the heroic life of our own saint-to-be and introduce her journey to our children.

The movie has also won many accolades & awards since its launch including nomination for the Best Original Score at the Oscars 2024.



LOURDES MATHA MISSION, WINDSOR

Lourdes Matha Feast (Thirunal)

September was truly a month filled with grace for Lourdes Matha Catholic Church. The church organized daily Rosary, Novena to Mother Mary, and Holy Mass from September 1st to the 8th, culminating in the grand celebration of the feast (Thirunal) of our patroness,

Lourdes Matha, on September 8th. This marked the first official feast celebration of our church, a moment of deep spiritual significance for our community.

Rev. Fr. Harold Jose Ambattupadavil, Vicar of Barrie, was the main celebrant of the Holy Mass on this special day. Although His Grace Mar Jose Kalluvilil, Bishop of the Syro Malabar Church in Canada, could not attend in person, he sent a heartfelt message of love and blessings to all parish members, strengthening our bond with the larger Syro Malabar community.



The feast day commenced with the blessing of the Prasudenthi, followed by the solemn Holy Qurbana and a vibrant Thirunal procession, where a statue of Mother Mary was carried through the church premises. The day concluded with a joyful "Sneha Virunnu" (fellowship meal), allowing parishioners to share in the joy of the occasion.

Catechism Inauguration

On September 15th, the church officially inaugurated its catechism classes for the 2024-2025 academic year. Fr. Mathew Areekkattu, alongside Sonia Leo, the principal of the catechism school, and 120 eager students, opened this year's academic year. In his address, Fr. Mathew emphasized the importance of catechism in fostering a deep and lasting faith in Christ, encouraging students to actively participate in church activities to grow spiritually.

Decennial Celebration & Eucharistic Year Parish Level Inauguration

The month concluded with the decennial celebration and parish-level inauguration of the Eucharistic Year on September 29th. This celebration marked 10 years of Eparchy of Mississauga, an eparchy that significantly contributed to building our faith and fellowship in Christ. Therefore September 2024 to September 2025 is considered as the Eucharistic year, serves as a time of reflection and renewal for our faith.

October: A Month Devoted to Our Lady, Rosary Prayer

October, traditionally known as the Month of the Rosary, was a time of deep Marian devotion in our church. Throughout the month, the church organized daily rosaries in the homes of parishioners, based on family units. This initiative was warmly welcomed by all families, families experienced the presence of Jesus' grace through the intercession of Mother Mary. These gatherings not only strengthened family prayer but also fostered unity within the parish community.



Inauguration Of Cherupuzhpa Mission League (CML)

On October 10th, the church inaugurated the Cherupuzhpa Mission League (CML), a lay initiative designed to promote missionary zeal among the members of the Church, especially children and youth. Elections were held for CML representatives, and the following were selected for leadership roles:

Joshua Fijin: President

Aliza Sabin: Vice President


Johan Thomas: Secretary

Andrea Shiju: Joint Secretary

Joe Isadore: Treasurer

Eldon Leo, Aleena Leo, and Alen Modhun: Organizers

The CML inauguration was a key moment in encouraging the younger members of the church to be more involved in missionary activities, helping them to live out their faith in service to others.



*Blessed are the
pure in heart,
for they shall
see God.*

Matthew 5:8



CHRIST THE KING MISSION, CHATHAM

Catechism Inauguration - September 8th

The Catechism Inauguration was conducted in the esteemed presence of our vicar, Fr. Mathew Areekatt, and Rev. Father John.



Family Parish Picnic - September 15th

It was indeed a splendid occasion, brimming with delight and jubilation. We reveled in the lively ambiance of the day, relishing the delectable Onam Sadya and cherishing innumerable moments of mirth and contentment. This exceptional day reinforced our unity as a cohesive family, and we are profoundly honored to be a part of this magnificent circle.

Parish-Level Inauguration of the Decennial Celebration and Eucharistic Year - September 29th.

On this momentous occasion, as the Eparchy of Mississauga commemorates its decade-long journey, we are honored to join them in celebrating the commencement of the Eucharistic year within our parish.

Rosary Prayer in Family unit for 10 days

In the spirit of the month of the rosary, we organized a 10-day rosary prayer event in the homes of our parishioners, starting on October 18th and culminating in divine celebrations and rosary procession at our parish on October 27th. We are grateful for the opportunity to come together and honor the Holy Mother.

ST. THOMAS FORANE PARISH, SCARBOROUGH

The month of Rosary Devotion

October is traditionally dedicated to the Rosary in the Catholic Church, a devotion inviting the faithful to reflect on Christ's life through the Blessed Virgin Mary's intercession. The Rosary is cherished for deepening one's relationship with Christ and Mary, fostering spiritual reflection, inner peace, and a connection to divine mysteries. Many find it brings comfort, strength, and faith renewal.



Our parish continued to embrace this powerful practice, with families praying the Rosary together at home or in the Church. During the last 10 days of October, a community Rosary is held every year, culminating in a procession that fosters unity and a deepened sense of community.

Eparchial Decennial Lamp Lighting

To mark the Decennial celebrations of the Eparchy of Mississauga, Rev. Fr. Baiju Chakkery, alongside Fr. Shijo Karickal and Trustees Veena Louis and Saji Thomas, lit a ceremonial Candle and unveiled the anniversary logo before the Altar.



LAMPS LIGHTED IN OUR PARISHES



Santhom Night 2024

Santhom Night 2024, our highly anticipated Christmas parish event, will be celebrated on Sunday, November 17. Tickets were launched by Fr. Baiju Chakkery in a warm ceremony with Trustees and Annual Sponsors present. This year, over 150 participants, including children, will perform at the Chinese Cultural Centre in Scarborough. Tickets are conveniently available online with no additional fees, allowing all to join this joyful celebration of culture and faith.

Catechetical Corner

The Parent-Teacher Council (PTA)

School of Catechesis PTA held its first general body meeting of the year on October 6, 2024, where 15 parent representatives were selected to the four functional teams. These teams will collaborate with catechists and youth associates to lead various activities throughout the year.

PTA President Cino Joy Naduvilekoot welcomed the parents and teachers, while Fr. Baiju Chakkery, the Vicar, expressed appreciation for the catechetical team and commended Cino Naduvilekoot for his valuable support. Fr. Baiju also welcomed the new Principal, Biju Kannampuzha, and the Vice Principals Biji Mary Thomas, Joshy Chinnathoppil and Sr. Jyothy AO, and extended gratitude to Jose Varghese, the former Principal, for his dedicated service.

Biju Kannampuzha, Principal presented the major initiatives of the department and shared an operational plan, assigning tasks to the four newly formed functional teams.



In PTA leadership updates, Binoy Sasthampadavil Francis was elected as the President, Jaise Thresiamma Jose as Vice President, and Anny Mary Jose as Joint Secretary. Shradha Tony representing the teachers, will continue to serve as PTA Secretary.



Classroom and External Activities

Each class will begin with brief activity sessions to break the ice before delving into the week's theme. Students interested in cultural events have started preparing for various performances for Santhom Night 2024 guided by Biji Mary Thomas, Vice Principal.

Monday Rosary by Children

Students from each class gather every Monday on Zoom to pray the Rosary together, continuing the practice from the previous year. Sr.Jyothy AO and Joshy Chinnathoppil Vice Principals and the Spiritual Team members follow up and encourage students to participate.

CML Gathering: Called to Mission.

The Cherupushpa Mission League (CML), inspired by the virtues of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, organized a commemorative session titled "Called to Mission," focusing on the challenges and rewards of missionary work in unfamiliar and challenging environments. The keynote speaker, Boban Mathew, a senior member of the JY Fraternity, inspired the audience by sharing his personal journey of serving northern communities in Canada alongside groups of young people and families.



High school student officers Keroob Rajeev, Shane Joseph, Rosemary Soby, along with Ann Christy Binoy, Sanjana Santhosh, and Ann



Svetlana, coordinated the event under the guidance of animators Sr. Jessy A.O., Mrs. Betsy Valsan, and Mrs. Sherin Santhosh. Catechism teachers helped organize students from Grades 5 to 10 for this special gathering.

Mission Sunday is a time to remember, support, and energize the thousands who dedicate their lives to serving in unique and often challenging settings.

Marian Retreat by Fr. Binoj Mulavarickal

On Friday, October 11, Rev. Fr. Binoj Mulavarickal led a Thanksgiving retreat for parishioners, reflecting on the virtues of the Virgin Mary. It was a brief but spiritually uplifting event that helped people of all ages remember their blessings and foster gratitude.

SMYM International

Information session on Immigration updates

In response to recent updates from IRCC on immigration and student visas, a session was organized on Sunday, October 20, specifically for students. Led by Cino Joy Naduvilekoot, SMYM Animator and immigration consultant, the session provided valuable insights and guidance, proving to be both informative and beneficial for all attendees.



Winter Clothing Drive and Blood Donation Initiative

A winter clothing drive is underway, beginning in October, to support those in need as the colder months approach. Additionally, a

blood donation initiative is planned for the upcoming month, providing an opportunity for community members to contribute to a vital cause.

Youth Gatherings and Sunday Socials

Games and activities are now available for youth every Sunday after the 5:00 p.m. Holy Mass, held in the church basement. Coffee and snacks will also be provided for everyone attending the 5:00 p.m. Mass, creating a warm and welcoming space for fellowship.

The birthdays of SMYM Animator Cino Joy and other youth members were celebrated on October 13, after the 5:00 p.m. Holy Mass. A variety of fun activities were organized, giving the youth an enjoyable time and an opportunity to interact and connect.

October Adoration Service

An Adoration service arranged by SMYM following the 5:00 p.m. Holy Mass, led by SMYM Spiritual Animator Sr. Jisa Koottianickal A.O has been a reflective and spiritual event and offered a refreshing experience for all participants.

Pioneers Meet at the Parish

October 19 was a special day for the parish as we gathered to honor our beloved "Pioneers"-the veterans of our community who laid the foundation for the first organized Syro-Malabar community in Canada. Many of these pioneers began meeting in various parts of Toronto as early as the late sixties, united by love, gratitude, and a deep sense of community, even before the first Chaplain was appointed in Toronto in 1977, and officially establishing the St. Thomas the Apostle Mission. Approximately 35 individuals attended.



During this annual meet-and-greet, the parish proudly celebrated their unwavering faith and determination, which laid the groundwork for the more organized pastoral system we have today under the present Eparchy of Mississauga

On behalf of ISSSAC, the Social Services Organization promoted by the Eparchy of Mississauga, Jose Varghese presented its upcoming services for Seniors at the Toronto Regional Centre and invited participation of all those who need some form of support.



Celebrating Holyween- Saints Parade

It has been a tradition now to celebrate Holyween On October 31, when children of all ages dress up as their favorite Saint, wearing colorful costumes and parade. We continued the traditional celebration this year as well.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

PARISH UPDATES

OUR BISHOP PASTORAL VISIT TO HOLY FAMILY PARISH, HALIFAX

On 11th, 12th and 13th OCTOBER 2024, our beloved Bishop Mar Jose Kalluvilil made a pastoral visit to the Holy Family Parish in Halifax. This visit was a significant event for the parish community, marking a time of spiritual renewal and communal celebration. Bishop Mar Jose Kalluvilil's

visit was warmly welcomed by the parishioners of Holy Family Parish, located at 6032 Normandy Drive, Halifax. The visit included a series of events and meetings aimed at strengthening the bonds within the parish community and addressing various departmental needs.

Bishop Mar Jose Kalluvilil celebrated the Holy Mass, during which he delivered a heartfelt homily. His message focused on the importance of faith, community, and the role of the Eucharist in daily life. The congregation was deeply moved by



his words, which emphasized the love and presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Bishop Mar Jose Kalluvilil met with the Parish committee, catechism teachers, Mathruvedi, Pithruvedi, Youth and Nurse Ministries encouraging them in their mission, listening to their experiences and challenges. He inspired them to remain active in their faith and to take on leadership roles within the community. He praised their dedication and offered guidance on enhancing their future activities for the parish.

Bishop Mar Jose Kalluvilil's pastoral visit to Holy Family Parish in Halifax was a memorable and spiritually enriching experience for all involved. His presence and guidance have left a lasting impact on the parish community, fostering a renewed sense of faith and unity. The visit underscored the importance of pastoral care and the vital role of each parish department in nurturing the spiritual life of the community.

HOLY MASS AND BAPTISM CEREMONY

On 12th OCT 2024, the Holy Family Parish in Halifax witnessed a joyous and spiritually significant event: the baptism of children from five families.



This special occasion was graced by the presence of our beloved Bishop, Mar Jose Kalluvilil, who led the sacrament with profound reverence and warmth. The church was beautifully decorated, reflecting the joy and solemnity of the occasion. Families, friends, and parishioners gathered to witness and support the baptism of the little ones. The event commenced with the Holy Mass, celebrated by Bishop Mar Jose Kalluvilil. His homily emphasized the importance of baptism as the first step in a lifelong journey of faith. He spoke about the significance of welcoming these children into the Christian community and the responsibilities of parents and godparents in nurturing their faith.

HOLY EUCHARIST PROCESSION ORGANIZED BY THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HALIFAX-YARMOUTH

On 19th OCT 2024, our parish, youth members and Catechism teachers and students participated in a 5 KM Holy Eucharist procession organized by Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth. It was a significant event that brought together parishioners from various parishes. This procession was a testament to the community's faith and devotion, highlighting the importance of the Eucharist in the lives of the faithful.

The procession began at St Agnes Church, Mumford Road and concluded at St Mary Basilica church, Halifax covering a distance of 5 kilometers. Participants included parishioners of all ages, with a notable presence of our catechism students who actively took part in the event carried banners, posters and participated in prayers, demonstrating our understanding and reverence for the Holy Eucharist. The event provided an opportunity for the faithful to publicly express our devotion to the Eucharist, reinforcing our commitment to living out our faith in everyday life.



OBSERVATION OF THE MONTH OF HOLY ROSARY

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, we observed this special month with unit-wise prayers, bringing together different groups within our parish community to honor Our Lady of the Rosary.



INITIATIVE TAKEN FOR PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE REGISTRATION

In an effort to support engaged couples and those considering marriage, our parish has launched a new initiative to promote and facilitate registration for pre-marriage courses. These courses are designed to help couples build strong, healthy foundations for their future together, addressing key aspects of married life through guided sessions and discussions. The primary objective of this initiative is to ensure that all couples within our parish community have access to comprehensive pre-marriage education.

FAMILY APOSTOLATE
FROM MISSISSAUGA EPARCHY OF MISSISSAUGA

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE
FOR ATLANTIC PROVINCES

2024 NOVEMBER 21, 22, 23
THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY

VENUE
ST. STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
6032 NORMANDY DR.
HALIFAX, NS. B3K 4S6
Coordinator: Fr. Carel Moolay (Vicar)
CONTACT : 3055107700
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FOR MORE INFORMATION
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Fr. Thomas Vemmanthoran
Director

Sr. Joseph & O
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• Registration form to be completed and returned to the parish office.	• Registration form with a fee of \$200 should be given to the parish office.
• Expenses of the Day: Venue - Pastor - Priest or Cantor - Hospitality of the parish office.	

ALL SERVICES
PASTORAL COUNSELLOR
PASTORAL CARE
PASTORAL ASSISTANT

CATECHISM DEPARTMENT STAFF MEETING

The catechism department virtual meeting was held on October 16th, 2024, at 8:30pm. The meeting began by Mr. Bibin Sebastian, Principal Catechism department who welcomed Rev. Fr Daris Cherian and all the catechists for the session. The meeting was then followed by a spiritual sharing by Jiss Maria on the topic "Proclaiming our Faith as Catholics". The discussion centered around the upcoming competitions being conducted as part of the centennial year celebrations of the Eparchy of Mississauga and Holyween celebration. A few recommendations were made by the principal with regard to teachers being a role model for students and to make sure students are maintaining the decorum and being attentive during the Holy Mass. As the meeting concluded Rev.Fr. Daris Cherian conveyed the appreciation by His Excellency Mar Jose Kalluvilil, bishop of Syro-Malabar Catholic Eparchy of Mississauga to the catechist during his pastoral visit. The meeting ended at 10:15pm with a blessing prayer by Rev.Fr. Daris Cherian.

HOUSE BLESSINGS BY OUR PARISH PRIEST

House blessings are a cherished tradition in our parish, providing an opportunity for families to invite God's presence into their homes. Recently, our parish priest, Fr. Daris Cherian, has been actively visiting parishioners' homes unit-wise to perform these blessings, fostering a sense of community and spiritual renewal.

PITHRUVEDHI

Holy Family Syro Malabar Halifax's Pithruvedhi meeting took place on October 3rd at 7 p.m. at 1110 Purcell's Cove Road, and it was quite successful. The meeting commenced with a rosary and the election of executive members.

The elected executive members are as follows:

President: Midhun Joseph

Vice President: Bimal Manuel

Secretary: Akhil Jose

Joint Secretary: Rintu Jerome

Treasurer: Iwin Mathew

A total of 23 members attended the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for

Thursday, November 14th, 2024, at

1110 Purcell's Cove

Rd. Additionally, a friendly volleyball

match was discussed. The

meeting concluded with a delightful

kappa biriyani prepared by Rojin

Chettan and Rintu Chettan. And also, a big thank you to those who

prepared the delicious food, and appreciation to all the members who

attended today's meeting.



NURSES MINISTRY

The month of October was a blessing by attending holy mass daily as the prayer tool. A meeting was conducted on the second Sunday of October 2024 when Bishop was here for the pastoral visit. 3 members represented the meeting. It was a fruitful meeting with



discussions on intercession and focus on attending holy mass as the diocese celebrate it as its Eucharistic year and ways to creatively involve more nurses to this.

Updates given to the number of nurses involved from Halifax to attend the NCLEX-RN training and the support group formations ongoing. Furthermore, considerations on how to strengthen the outreach ministry were made. On October 19th representatives from Nurses ministry participated in the Eucharist conference that took place in Halifax with the representatives from other departments of parish The Month of October was indeed a spiritual fruitful month for the nurses Ministry through the most worthy intercession of Mother Mary.

PIOUS ASSOCIATION (JESUS KIDS, HCA & CML) INAUGURATION & FIRST PIOUS ASSOCIATION CLASS OF THE YEAR

The Holy Family Parish was blessed and indeed honored by the presence of His excellency Mar Jose Kalluvilil in our parish. The day was marked with the inauguration of the Pious Association, the vision of its Patron, the Bishop. The members led a procession themed "Kindle Up The Fire of Faith In You". Jesus Kids, HCA and CML members walked with flags along with their animators holding firmly their Bible and Holy Rosary, echoing their dedication to spread God's love, guided by the word of God and under the mantle of the mother. Coordinators handed over the registers to Bishop with the children member's names from each associations as an offering.



The Official Pious Association year was inaugurated by H.E.Mar Jose Kalluvilil ,PAC Director Fr. Daris Cherian and the Coordinators and Assistant Coordinators of each associations. All the catechism teachers also swore in as an associate for PAC. The leaders for Association for children were instated to their roles by our Bishop. The CML executive committee took charge for this year. Solemn Holy Mass was offered then after. The theme for the upcoming Holyween celebration "Bringing Old Testament to Life "was unveiled by the bishop.

Jesus Kids Coordinators: Nicey Cherian & Vinu Franklin

HCA Coordinators: Rinni Roy & Femi Davis

CML Coordinators: Josna Chacko Thayyil & Rosy Mathew

THE FIRST GATHERING FOR ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN

Each association met for their monthly gathering on the same day of their inauguration. Children were introduced to their respective association, their patron saint and the vision and mission were made familiar to the kids.Kids made flags of different colors to take along for their joyous inaugural procession

MISSION SUNDAY

Mission Sunday was celebrated at Church with a solemn Rosary and Pious Association members led the Rosary in front of the altar. CML executives took a new initiative to encourage leadership skills by providing necessary



information of the upcoming events in the class groups. CML President Siya Jomon delivered a speech about the Mission Sunday and its importance.

HOLYWEEN CELEBRATION

Up next on the calendar is the Holyween Celebration. The theme that was unveiled during the inauguration was sent out to the parents. Saint Parade, Joyful Conclusion of this solemn month of rosary and recognizing the best dressed for the night is the part of the plan for the eve of October 31st.

All the activities that have been conducted for the month of October and those anticipated, we surrender completely in the hands of our Lord, for the Glory and honor of his mighty name and his kingdom.

SMYM HALIFAX

PASTORAL VISIT 2024

Our parish was blessed to have his Excellency bishop Mar Jose Kalluvellil with us for his pastoral visit. During his visit, after Sunday mass, he met with the SMYM executives and members. He applauded the team for their activities, especially the success of the youth onam (Armadham) that was hosted by the SMYM team on Sept 7th. We discussed future plans, including upcoming events, current challenges and aspects that we are currently working on to improve the fellowship and community within SMYM Halifax.

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REVIVE 2024

On October 19, 2024, the Saturday adoration was led by the SMYM Halifax. The youth had a chance to participate in Holy Qurbana led by our Director, Fr. Daris. After mass, youth gathered to pray for the members of SMYM, the activities led by youth in the parish, also offering up general intentions for students and young workers. The time of adoration was led by the youth music team, and members participated.



AVE MARIA MISSION BERWICK, NOVA SCOTIA

ROSARY MONTH CELEBRATION

As we enter the month of October, traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary, our parish has joyfully embraced this special devotion. Under the guidance of our Sunday School Principal, Mrs. Ancy Yohannan, the catechism children have taken the initiative to lead the



Rosary every evening via Zoom. Each child has taken responsibility for leading a session, showing their commitment and dedication to

deepening their prayer life through the Rosary.

Additionally, we organized a 9-day Rosary prayer, hosted by different families each day. On the 10th day, the novena concluded with a special celebration at the church, where the entire community gathered to honor Our Lady, offer prayers, and partake in the Nercha.

BISHOP MAR JOSE KALLUVELIL'S PASTORAL VISIT

On October 13th, 2024, our parish had the great honor of welcoming Bishop Mar Jose Kalluvelil for a special pastoral visit. The day was filled with grace and joy as the bishop led both the of two children and celebrated the Here are the key highlights of his visit:

Baptisms: Bishop Mar Jose Kalluvelil presided over the sacrament of Baptism for two children, bringing them into the fold of our Catholic faith. His warm presence and spiritual guidance made this a memorable occasion for the families involved.

Celebration of the Holy Qurbana: The Bishop led the Holy Qurbana, inspiring the congregation with his insightful homily that emphasized the importance of faith, family, and the Rosary. His message was deeply appreciated by all present.

Personal Visits with Parish Members: After the service, Bishop Mar Jose Kalluvelil took the time to visit with each parish member, conducted meeting with parish council members offering his personal blessings and words of encouragement. His pastoral care and attention to each individual strengthened the sense of community and spiritual connection within the parish.

The bishop's visit was a source of great joy and spiritual enrichment for all who attended, marking a special moment in the life of our parish.



DIVINE MERCY SYRO- MALABAR MISSION, TRURO, NOVA SCOTIA

Our Malayalam mass was held on oct 5th 2024 under the leadership of our respected father daris. Fr. Daris requested us to order all the items required for the mass, when father explained about the need for the items the parishers were willing



to sponsor them for the church. A special thanks to the two family took special interest in sponsoring the items for our church. Fr. Daris blessed all the things needed for our mass which were brought here from India before the mass begins. Special thanks to father who took the initiative for this. After mass father explained to everyone about all the activities for our future. Tea party was organized after mass. Special thanks to all the sponsors and Dr. Daris.

CHRIST THE KING SMC PARISH, LUNENBURG, NOVA SCOTIA

On October 6th and October 20th, Sunday Rev. Fr. Daris Cherian celebrated Holy Mass at 11:00 am in Saint Nobeert Catholic Church, Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF OUR ROSARY

Christ The King SMC, NS Embraces the Rosary Month of October with Devotion. By the spiritual guidance of Fr. Daris Cherian, the month of October, traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary, has been



embraced with fervor by the members of Christ the King SMC in Lunenburg NS. The parish community has embarked on a ten-day Rosary, starting on October 11th and concluded October 20th. This devotional journey involves daily recitation of the Rosary and prayers hosted in the homes of parish members, with a beautifully adorned statue of Our Lady of the Rosary being passed from house to house.

The Rosary culminates on October 20th with a grand celebration of Our Lady of the Rosary Feast. The day featured a Rosary, Procession, Holy Mass, Ladeenju and Pachor Nercha offering a testament to the community's deep devotion and gratitude.

This initiative underscores the significance of the Rosary as a powerful tool for prayer and reflection, bringing the community together in faith and devotion.

SAINT ANDRE SYRO-MALABAR CATHOLIC MISSION, SYDNEY, NOVA SCOTIA

We had an online meeting on 7th of September 2024 for forming the new committee for the next 2 years. Mr. Ashwel Varghese and Mr. Vimal Paul was selected as Coordinators of the committee during this meeting

It was also decided in the same meeting on 7th on September 2024 to start a bank account for our mission and on October 2nd 2024, bank account was opened with TD bank with Rev Father Daris, Ashwel and Vimal as authorized signatories.

It was decided and agreed by committee members on today's meeting that the travel allowance for the Priests shall be \$150 from this October month.

It was also decided that the heating amount of \$100/Holy Mass has to be given to Holy Redeemer Church during Winter and Fall. During Summer it shall be \$50/Holy Mass.



We are planning for 2 Holy Masses every month and in order to meet the expenses, we are planning for a campaign to get donation of \$25 each from our fellow mission members. We at least need this kind donation from 25 family/individual members. Same shall be announced during the October month Holy Mass.

We need 2 Mike's, 2 Mike stands and cables for our mission. It was decided to get quote for new as well to check the availability of used. Need for possible donations or goodwills to donate these items. Same will be announced in the October month Holy Mass.

Also we discussed the possibility of Christmas Carol and planning for house to house Carol in 2 separate weeks.

Also we are planning for Christmas tree completion at home. Fellow members of mission can send photo of the Christmas trees and the best Christmas tree will be selected and the winner will be gifted after the Holy Mass.

Christmas Holy Mass will be celebrated on 25th of December. Following the Holy Mass, we will be having a Christmas Carol Singing. Christmas cakes will be distributed after Carol.

We are also planning for Baptism in our Church in the next year. Interested members of mission can contact our Priest's directly. Same shall be announced during the October month Holy Mass.

We are also planning to arrange coffee and mild snacks after each Holy Mass in the following months.

ST. JOHN SYRO - MALABAR CATHOLIC MISSION, SAINT JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK

On October 26th, Saturday Rev. Fr. Daris Cherian will celebrate Holy Mass at 5:30 pm in Saint Rose Catholic Church, Saint John, New Brunswick.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF OUR ROSARY

St. John SMC Mission, NB Embraces the Rosary Month of October with Devotion By the spiritual guidance of Fr. Daris Cherian, the month of October, traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary, has been embraced



with fervor by the members of St. John SMC Mission in New Brunswick. The parish community has embarked on a ten-day Rosary, commencing on



October 17th and concluding on October 26th. This devotional journey involves daily recitation of the Rosary and prayers hosted in the homes of parish members, with a beautifully adorned statue of Our Lady of the Rosary being passed from house to house.

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ST. THOMAS SYRO - MALABAR CATHOLIC MISSION, MONCTON, NEW BRUNSWICK

HOLY MASS

On October 19th 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, the Executive Committee held a meeting

where several important decisions were made. To attain financial stability, parishioners are requested to contribute \$25 each month towards the parish's operational needs; currently, 64 families have officially registered. Father emphasized the need for active participation and support from all parishioners in both welcoming the new priest and fostering continual collaboration within the community.

OCTOBER: THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October, dedicated to the Rosary, sees all families playing a vital role in prayer. Each family has taken responsibility for leading the Rosary daily throughout the month, with parishioners participating from home at 9:00 PM, guided by one family each night. The first Saturday of October was particularly

special, as the children led the Rosary, involving other communities as well. An International Rosary was held at the Prayer Garden on October 14, where participants from various communities gathered in a spirit of unity and devotion. This special event not only celebrated the tradition of the Rosary but also strengthened connections among the diverse members of our parish community, enriching our October observance.



CATECHESIS

A meeting of all catechists was held on October 20th to evaluate the ongoing catechism program. During the meeting, plans were made for upcoming events, including Christmas celebrations. All members expressed satisfaction with the current procedures and extended their support for further collaboration in the future. Additionally, discussions were held regarding the decennial year competition, and a committee was formed to oversee it. Catechists were requested to encourage maximum participation from the students in this initiative.



ST. MOTHER TERESA PARISH, OTTAWA

Move to New Church

Our numbers are growing, and the existing church is bursting at its seams. The vicar Fr Benny Joseph Thanninilkumthadathil called for an emergency Parish Council meeting and Puthuyogam to decide if a move to a new church was warranted. As per majority decision, we have moved to a larger premise with ample parking. First mass at St Ignatius Martyr church was celebrated on October 21st 2024.



Lottery

The building committee was instrumental in presenting a new fundraising 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 are available to anyone who would like to support our church. All Eparchy & parishes are encouraged to support this initiative.



Parish Fest

Parish Fest has been slated for October 26th, 2024, at the St Paul's High School, Draper Avenue. All units, associations and committees have started practicing in earnest for this event. Our Bishop H E Mar Jose Kalluvellil will be the chief guest. All Jubilarians of our parish will be felicitated,

Silver Jubilee of our Vicar

Our vicar Fr Benny Joseph Thanninilkumthadathil is celebrating his Silver Jubilee on Oct 27th 2024. Mass will be at St. Ignatius Martyr Church and will be blessed by His Excellency Mar Dr. Jose Kalluvelil.



ST. JOSEPH PARISH, OSHAWA

24-hour Eucharistic adoration

On October 5, 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.



Harmony Nite 2024

Press Release

A press release for our mega event, Harmony Nite 2024, was held on Sunday, October 6, at 6:30 PM. Fr. Tenson Paul, along with members of the program committee and the mega sponsor, shared detailed information about the fundraising event. The primary purpose of Harmony Nite is to raise funds for the construction of a new altar for our church. Various social media representatives were present to cover the event.



Ticket Sale

Ticket sales for the highly anticipated Harmony Nite event have officially started both inside and outside the parish. Tickets are available through parishioners or online via Kilikoode. Be sure to get your tickets early to join in the celebration!



Invitation to All

Harmony Nite warmly invites all Malayalees across Canada to join us for an unforgettable evening of community, culture, and faith! One of the event's highlights will be the biblical drama Thachante Makan, which showcases a talented cast of actors not only from our parish but also from other communities across Ontario. Bringing together vibrant talents, this powerful performance is set to captivate audiences and convey a meaningful message through music, storytelling, and faith.

In addition to Thachante Makan, the evening will include other entertainment programs presented by our talented parishioners, making this an enriching experience for all ages. Don't miss out-join us for Harmony Nite 2024!

Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council gathered on Sunday, October 13, 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.

Catechism Teachers Meeting

On October 1st, a Catechism Teachers Meeting took place at 10 a.m. on Saturday in the Parish Gym Hall. The purpose was to discuss catechism matters for the month of September and plan for the upcoming months. Mr. Leny V led the discussion. All teachers were in attendance, along with Principal Mr. Leny V, Vice Principal Mr. Joshy Kootummel, and Parish Priest Fr. Tenson Paul.

Pious Association Inauguration 2024-2025

The inauguration of the Pious Association for the year 2024-2025 was held on Sunday, October 20. Parish priest, Fr. Tenson Paul, commenced the ceremony by sharing insights into the significance of the Pious Association and officially called for the inauguration.



The event featured the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, symbolizing the start of the new year for the association. Coordinators from each group, along with children representing their respective categories, came forward to light the lamp alongside Fr. Tenson Paul.

Ten Days with Mother Mary

Our parish celebrated Ten Days with Mother Mary in October, marking the month dedicated to the Rosary. Every evening from October 21 to 30, after the 7:00 PM Holy Mass, a different Family Unit led the Rosary, filling the church with a profound sense of prayer and devotion. This initiative allowed parishioners to gather in honor of Our Lady, fostering unity through shared faith and reflection.

On October 31, the concluding day, a special 6:00 PM Holy Mass will be followed by a Rosary procession and Holyween parade, highlighting the spiritual culmination of the ten-day journey with the Blessed Mother.



October
TEN DAYS WITH MOTHER MARY

- 21- St. Mary's
- 22- St. Thomas
- 23- St. Alphonsa
- 24- All parish Associations
- 25- St. Peter's
- 26- St. Mother Teresa
- 27 - (Sunday)Catechism Students
- 28- St. Jude
- 29- St. Antony's
- 30- St. Ann
- 31- Conclusion.

Mon-Fri: 7pm Holy Mass

October 31st:

Holy Mass 6pm
Procession
&
Holyween Parade

St. Joseph Syro Malabar Catholic Church
15 Harmony Rd N, Oshawa On L1G 6K8

Annual Parish Retreat Scheduled

Our parish is pleased to announce its upcoming Annual Parish Retreat, scheduled to take place from November 1st to November 3rd of 2024. We are honored to welcome Rev. Fr. Jison Paul as our retreat preacher this year. Fr. Paul will guide our parishioners through a series of reflective sessions, Holy Mass, and community-building activities aimed at deepening faith and fostering spiritual renewal.



The retreat will offer parish members a peaceful environment to step away from daily routines and spend time in prayer, reflection,



and fellowship. With a blend of individual reflection and group activities, the event is crafted to strengthen our faith community and provide a transformative experience for all participants.

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Preacher
REV.FR. JISON PAUL

THE ANNUAL PARISH Retreat

1ST	NOV	2024	Friday - 5:30pm Rosary, Holy Mass & Talk
2ND			Saturday - 9:00am Holy Mass & Talk
3RD			Sunday - 9:30am Holy Mass, Talk & 5:00pm Holy Mass

SAT & SUN: Children's Retreat led by AFCM

ST. JOSEPH SYRO-MALABAR CATHOLIC CHURCH
15 HARMONY RD N, OSHAWA ON L1G 6K8

Mass Schedule

HOLY MASS TIMINGS

<i>Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday</i>	9.00 am
<i>Wednesday, Friday</i>	7.00 pm
<i>Sunday</i>	9.30 am, 11.00 am, 5.00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration:

- ✦ All Fridays after Holy Mass
- ✦ 24 Hour Adoration on First Saturday

English Holy Mass for children:

- ✦ Every Second Saturday


Confession:

- ✦ Wednesday and Friday; 6 pm - 6.45 pm

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Oshawa, Ontario

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ST. KURIAKOSE CHAVARA PARISH, BELLEVILLE

Inauguration of Decennial Year Celebrations of the Eparchy

The parish community gathered on September 29 to joyfully inaugurate the decennial year celebrations of our Eparchy. The event began with the solemn lighting of the ceremonial lamp by Vicar Fr. Johney Kunnath and key representatives from the parish. This traditional act symbolized the beginning of a year filled with spiritual growth and renewal for the faithful.

Following the lighting ceremony, a Eucharistic celebration was led by Fr. Johney, who emphasized the significance of this milestone in the spiritual journey of the Eparchy. In his homily, Fr. Johney reflected on the growth of the Eparchy over the past ten years and the importance of continuing the mission of faith, unity, and service to the community.

After the Mass, a formal gathering took place where representatives from various parish groups shared their plans for the year long celebrations. Special mention was made of upcoming spiritual programs, community outreach projects, and youth-focused initiatives to further engage the younger generation in the life of the Church.

Mission Sunday

On September 20, our parish celebrated Mission Sunday, bring-



ing together the community for a day filled with various activities focused on the theme of missionary work. Fr. Johney Kunnath and CML executive members lead the activities.

In addition to the activities, the event also marked a significant moment for the Cherupushpa Mission League (CML), as a new executive committee was elected. The newly appointed leaders expressed their commitment to fostering greater involvement from young members in future initiatives.

The day concluded with a special thanksgiving service, reflecting on the success of the event and the renewed spirit of mission within the parish.

Nurses Ministry Monthly Adoration and Holy Mass

The Nurses Ministry of our parish holds a monthly Adoration and Holy Qurbana on the first Friday of every month, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. This time of prayer and reflection serves as a spiritual retreat for nurses and healthcare professionals, offering them an opportunity to unite in faith and devotion.

During the two-hour service, participants engage in adoration, seeking spiritual strength, followed by the Holy Qurbana, where they receive the Eucharist. This monthly gathering is a cherished time for the ministry to renew their commitment to their faith and their vocation of caring for others.

Monthly Family Prayer Meetings

The monthly family prayer meetings are continuing with great enthusiasm, and it's heartwarming to see more families actively participating. It's especially encouraging to witness the growing interest among children, who eagerly look forward to gathering together. After the prayer meeting, various activities are organized for the kids, making it a joyful and engaging experience for them.



ST. JOSEPH PARISH, MONTREAL

Rosary Month

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the best known of catholic devotions. 10 days of Rosary recitation at St. Joseph Parish, Montreal started on 17th October 2024. The family units and laity organisations of St. Joseph Parish lead the rosary recitation each day. Concluding ceremony of the 10 days rosary will be done in the St Joseph Oratory with Qurbana, Rosary Procession and Nerchbhakshanam.

Annual Parish Retreat

The 3-day Annual Retreat of St. Joseph Parish, Montreal started on October 4, 2024, with a Holy Mass and ended on 6th October 2024.

The retreat was led by renowned and gifted spiritual leader Fr. Jison Paul. The congregation graciously utilised this occasion to disconnect from the distractions from daily life and focus on self-reflection and spiritual growth. One of the most meaningful moments was when Fr. Jison Paul paraphrased the importance of daily Bible reading which provides the bliss of wisdom, comfort and divine guidance.



CML Activities

The CML unit of St. Joseph Parish, Montreal initiated a lot of activities for the member students. CML provides opportunity for the young members to unite and work together nurturing virtuous life and true missionary spirit based on its motto ' Love, Sacrifice, Service and Suffering"

Mission Sunday

On 20th October 2024, the Cherupushpa Mission League of St. Joseph Parish organised grand celebrations as part of the Mission Sunday observation.

Vicar Fr. Jojo inaugurated the celebrations after the Holy Qurbana. The Mission League flag was introduced in the meeting The Mission Anthem was sung by the students after the welcome and presidential speeches followed by weekly saint presentations.



The faithful proceeded to the basement of the church waving their flags, where the venue for celebrations was set.

The Mathruvedhi unit of the St. Joseph Parish sold delicious snacks which the parish members enjoyed while participating in the games and events.

Saint Presentations

Another initiative of the CML unit is the presentation of a saint every Sunday by a member student. Following the presentation a rapid quiz is conducted among the audience. This provides an opportunity for the young students to familiarise saints, their lives and vocations.



ST. THOMAS MISSION, ST. JOHN'S

Onam Celebration

Cherishing the good memories of our homeland our parish community organized Onam celebration in our mission. The Parish council took the leadership role and around three hundred members attended the celebration.



Youth Day

St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Catholic mission St. John's arranged a youth gathering on October 12 at Francis Assisi Church. The gathering begun with Holy Mass. After the ice breaking session youth prepared the brunch and shared with the friends. Benitta Ernakulam



joined the gathering in Zoom and shared her faith experience with the youth. By noon we made a pilgrimage to a near by grotto where St John

Paul II visited in 1985. There we had the lunch. We wined up our gathering at 4 pm due to the adverse climate. Around 25 youths and some children joined us on that day.



Inauguration of Nurses Ministry

Inauguration of Nurses Ministry at our Parish happened on 20th October. After the Mas Rev. Fr. Thomas and Nurses ministry coordinators lighted the lamp to mark the inauguration

Roasry in our units

The Council arranged Solemn rosaries in our units throughout the month. Children and family members joined the rosary and we dedicated each decade with different intentions of the family, children, youth, parish and our eparchy



ST. ALPHONSA PARISH, EDMONTON

Inauguration of the Decennial Celebrations of the Eparchy

The Eparchy of Mississauga celebrated the Inauguration of the Decennial Celebrations and the Eucharistic Year on September 28, 2024, at St Alphonsa Syro Malabar Catholic Church, Edmonton. It was a prestigious moment for the whole Eparchy and especially for Western Canada. The Solemn function started at 9:30 AM, with the reception to the Apostolic Nuncio, His Grace Archbishop Ivan Jurkovi?, along with His Excellency Bishop Jose Kalluvilil.

Our Bishop, together with the Apostolic Nuncio and 17 priests celebrated the Holy Qurbana at 10 AM. There was a participation of a good number of faithful from almost all the Parishes, Missions and Qurbana Centers from the Western Region of the Eparchy.

After the Holy Mass, a public meeting was held at 11:30 AM. The public meeting commenced with a traditional prayer dance (Margamkali), which set the perfect tone for the celebrations. His Excellency Bishop Jose Kalluvilil, delivered the presidential address and officially declared the Eucharistic Year - Sept 28, 2024 to Sept 20, 2025. During the meeting, Bishop Jose Kalluvilil also announced Rev. Fr. Jacob



Edakalathur as the new Syncellus (Vicar General) for the Western Region.

His Grace Archbishop Ivan Jurkovi?, the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada inaugurated the Decennial Celebrations by lighting the traditional Lamp (Nilavilakku). His Grace Archbishop Richard William Smith, the Archbishop of Edmonton, gave the benedictory speech and released the logo of Decennial Year.

The distinguished dignitaries present on the stage were His Excellency Archbishop Ivan Jurkovi?, His Excellency Mar Jose Kalluvilil, His Grace Archbishop Richard William Smith, Very Rev. Fr. Pathros Champakara, Very Rev. Fr. Tenson Paul, Very Rev. Fr. Jacob Edakalathur, Mr. Navin Markose, Ms. Mariavian Kalapurayil, and Mrs. Sandra Maria Joseph.

Very Rev. Fr. Pathros Champakara, Proto-Syncellus, extended a warm welcome to all. Very Rev. Fr. Tenson Paul, the Chancellor of the Eparchy, read the Decree of Appointment of new Syncellus, and His Excellency Mar Jose Kalluvilil handed over the Decree to the newly appointed Syncellus, Very Rev. Fr. Jacob Edakalathur.

Following this, Rev. Fr. Augustine Kallumkatharayil, the Chief Editor for the Document Committee of the Eparchial Assembly held in Oct 2023, presented the Act of the Post-Eparchial Assembly to His Excellency Mar Jose Kalluvilil, who officially released it by presenting a copy to the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada.



The newly appointed Syncellus, Very Rev. Fr. Jacob Edakalathur, expressed his gratitude for appointing him as the Syncellus for the Western region and emphasized that this is an honor given to the Western Region of the Eparchy. He congratulated all the Syro Malabar faithful of the Eparchy of Mississauga and especially, the priests, and all the parishioners in the Ecclesiastical District of Edmonton and expressed hope for the bright future for the Syro Malabar Church in Western Region.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Mrs. Sandra. Following the public meeting, a Snehavirunnu (fellowship meal) was served to all attendees.

Ruby Jubilee Celebration

We celebrated the Ruby Jubilee of the priestly ordination of V. Rev. Fr. Jacob, along with his companions Rev. Fr. Raphael Pullokaran, Rev. Fr. Thomas Choondal, Rev. Fr. Raphael Muthupeedika, and Rev. Fr. Johnson Olakk-



engil, on Sunday, 29th September. Following the solemn Holy Mass, the trustees arranged a small program in their honor.

Pilgrimage

On October 6th, Catechism students from grade 8 to 12 were taken on a pilgrimage to Lac Ste Anne Catholic Church. Rev. Fr Jacob Edakalathur celebrated the Holy Qurbana for them at the church. The parish Priest of the church welcomed the students and explained the

history of the church and its faith journey. After the lunch they returned to St. Alphonsa Church around 3 PM.

Thanksgiving Day Celebration

On October 13th, we celebrated Thanksgiving Day in the church under the leadership of SMYM. They placed a decorated board and asked the students to share something they are thankful for.



Mission Sunday

We celebrated Mission Sunday on October 20. After the 10 AM Mass, there was a fundraiser in the church basement. Snack boxes were distributed, and there was also a fun 50/50 draw and some group games to support Mission Sunday.

Rosary Devotion

October is the month of the rosary. A ten-day rosary devotion is being conducted in the church. The rosary devotion in the church started on October 22. The family units in church give leadership for each day's rosary.



ST. MOTHER THERESA PARISH, CALGARY

"Oruma 2024": A Spectacular Evening of Music, Dance, and Drama

On October 5, at the Rockpointe Church auditorium in Calgary, the highly anticipated 'Oruma 2024' event took place showcasing a dazzling array of talents from the parish community from 4:30 P M to 10:30 PM.

The evening commenced with a heartfelt welcome speech by one of the trustees setting the tone for an unforgettable night. The Catechism Children's prayer dance, skillfully directed by Sunanda Vinu, left the audience in awe.

The subsequent performances were a testament to the community's vibrant cultural heritage. Nrithya School of Dance, Atheena Jose Attokkaran, Mikhila Maria Sabu, Knananaya Women, Celine Dance Academy, and Chilanka School all delivered mesmerising dance acts.

Musical interludes by Maneesh, Jobins & Team, Jason & Team, and Joshy Chacko & Team kept the audience enthralled. Comedy fusion dance by Catechism children, under Sunanda Vinu's guidance, brought laughter and joy.

Other highlights included a stunning fashion show by Smitha & Team, a captivating violin performance by Lea & Team, and an engaging drama by Johnny Sebastian and Team.

"Oruma" reached new heights with the captivating drama "Neethimanaya Job," skillfully directed by Johnny Sebastian. This powerful Bible-based production, inspired by the book of Job, brought together a talented cast of nearly 40 individuals - children, youth, and adults alike. Each performer delivered an outstanding performance, making the event a true success.

Hon. Rajan Sawhney, Alberta's Minister of Higher Education was the chief guest of the day. She was warmly welcomed by Rev. Fr. Joseph Kizhakkedath at the event. Jaijo Jacob presented her with a bouquet, while Shinto Mathews shared her impressive biography. Mrs. Sawhney then launched 'The Oruma 2024' souvenir, receiving a copy from Chief Editor Noble Augustine.

The evening concluded with the multicultural live orchestra by Teenu Tellence and team leaving the attendees thrilled.

"This event showcases the incredible talent and unity within our community," said Justin Philip, one of the trustees in his welcome address. While giving a vote of thanks, Tom Jose, another trustee said, "We're grateful for the overwhelming support and look forward to future events."

'Oruma 2024' was a resounding success, with around nine hundred people in attendance and about 250 people performing, cementing its place as a premier cultural extravaganza in the community.



"Emmaus 2024" Retreat: Revitalising Faith and Tradition

Our parish community gathered together for the eagerly awaited "Emmaus 2024" retreat, held from October 12-14 (Saturday to Monday), under the spiritual guidance of Fr. Jison Paul Vengassery. Fr Jison Paul is the Vicar of St. Rita's Church Thakazhy Thennedy, Archdiocese of



Changanacherry. He is also a well known social media spiritual influencer and a seasoned retreat guru. The retreat drew a large and enthusiastic gathering of parishioners, eager to deepen their faith.

Fr. Jison's central message, "Return to the Basics of Christianity," resonated deeply. He emphasised rejuvenating Syro Malabar faith traditions and adhering to the Church's principles as essential tools to navigate modern life's challenges.



Key highlights of the retreat included preaching on the significance of attending Holy Qurbana in the Syro Malabar liturgy and In-depth explanations of each segment of the Holy Qurbana. Parishioners left the retreat inspired, grateful for the renewed understanding and appreciation of their faith heritage. One parishioner said "it reconnected with my roots." and another one said, "Fr. Jison's insights on Qurbana enriched my spiritual practice." There were about four hundred attendees for the retreat.

Catechism Ministry Hosts Successful Parents-Teachers Meeting

On Sunday, October 20th, the Catechism Ministry conducted a productive Parents-Teachers meeting immediately following the Holy Mass. The gathering focused on enhancing the quality of teaching and learning outcomes for students within the Sunday time frame between the two Holy Masses.

Catechism Principal Giftin Sha and Vice Principal Shiny Tharayil led the discussion, while Parish Priest Fr. Joseph Kizhakkedath presided over the meeting. In his presidential address he emphasised the need of effective time management to optimise student learning and the need of strengthening collaboration between parents, teachers, and the parish.

Two parent representatives were selected into the Catechism PTA: Mr. Nikil George, and

Mrs. Alisha Elizabeth Paul to foster greater parental involvement in the catechism program.



**“I have found the one
whom my soul loves.”**

Song of Solomon 3:4

CHRIST THE KING PARISH, SASKATOON

On September 22, the parishioners of Christ the King Parish gathered to pay their respects at the funeral of C.P. Joseph, the beloved father of Jom Joseph, a fellow parishioner. Mr. Joseph had come to Canada very recently along with his wife, to visit Canada and reconnect with his son. The community came together in support, demonstrating their deep sense of solidarity and compassion during this difficult time. The service was a prayerful moment of reflection, honoring his life and legacy. The gathering reflected the strong bonds that unite the parishioners, as they offered comfort and shared in grief with Jom and his family. Once again, Christ the King offers our sincere condolences and prayers for Jom and his family during this time.



Month of October

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. And so, each evening after Mass, the parishioners of Christ the King Parish come together for a special Rosary service held in the home of one of the community members. This cherished tradition not only strengthens the spiri-

tual bonds among the parish but also fosters a deep sense of togetherness. After praying the Rosary as a group, the children join in song, adding a joyful and uplifting note to the gathering. At the conclusion of the prayer, the family hosting the service hands over the statue of Mary to the next household, symbolizing the continuation of prayer and devotion as the statue travels from home to home. This shared act of faith brings the parish closer, creating a warm and prayerful atmosphere for all involved.



The same was also done in the Mission stations of North Battleford and Lloyd minister. Both centers we dedicated ten days of Rosary recited in different houses.

Nurses Core Committee

On October 19th, the Nurses Core Committee gathered for a meeting at Salamma's house, where they began the event with a moment of prayer. The committee, composed of dedicated nurses from Christ the King Parish, discussed the vital connections between their nursing careers and their spiritual lives, exploring how faith could further inspire their work in healthcare. The meeting also provided an opportunity for fellowship, with a potluck lunch that brought a sense of community and shared joy. It was a meaningful gathering where both professional and spiritual growth were nurtured in a warm, supportive environment.



ST. JOHN PAUL II PARISH, REGINA

On September 28th, several of our parishioners, along with our priest, had the honor of attending the Decennial Celebration of the Eparchy of Mississauga in Edmonton, marking a significant milestone in our community's spiritual journey. On Sep 29, Oct 6 and Oct 13th we collected donations from our parishioners to support the Pastoral Center. These generous contributions were then sent to Mississauga, demonstrating our community's commitment to supporting the important work of the Pastoral Center.

From October 18th to October 20th, we held our annual retreat led by Fr. Jison Paul, which was a deeply spiritual experience that many of our parishioners attended.

Catechism Department Updates



Catechism classes are going well and as scheduled in our parish and all children are actively involved in the classes.

Annual retreat was conducted in our parish by Fr. Jison Paul Vengassery and there was a special session taken for our catechism students also on 20th October. Around 40 students from Grade 4 onwards attended. All the students enjoyed the informative and spiritual learning obtained during this highly interactive session.

Holyween was celebrated on 27th October after the Holy Mass. Many students participated in the celebration and came dressed up in various saint costumes. We had Guess the Saint challenge, Truth or treat, prizes for the best dressed Saint and Saints Parade. Candies and Holy items were distributed to the participants and all the children in the Church.

Mathruvedi Updates



"A retreat refreshes and revitalizes, gives the opportunity for more time spent in prayer and contemplation, rekindles and deepens one's relationship with God."

We sought God's healing grace and renewed our spirituality during the three-day Annual Retreat of the Parish from Oct 18 - Oct 20, 2024. The Retreat led by Rev. Fr. Jison Paul Vengasserry, started with the celebration of Holy Mass by Vicar Rev Fr. Jerlin Francis, followed by preaching of scripture by Rev. Fr. Jison Paul Vengasserry and Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

The retreat offered the blessing of getting to know Christ, our Saviour better and nourished our inner souls. Also, Rev. Fr. Jison enlightened us with the biblical concepts behind the Architectural design of the most Holy Altar in our Regina Parish. The last day of the retreat was special with a separate session for Children and opportunity for Confession.

Mathruvedi members actively participated in the retreat along with their families. The members also lended a helping hand at the kitchen in setting the snacks ready for distribution during the days of retreat.

Altogether, the three-day retreat inspired inner reflection, helping us embrace a renewed spiritual journey, in strong bonding with the Parish and Holy Eucharist.

Nurses Ministry Updates

In October, prayer tool for regina nurses ministry is the divine mercy chaplet, most of the members were pick the slots. on October 23 rd Regina nurses ministry was conducting our monthly adoration. Fr. Jison Paul Vengasserry is leading the adoration after the Holy Mass. Regina nurses ministry is leading the Holy Rosary on that day.



ST. JUDE PARISH, WINNIPEG

Pastoral Visit - Mar Jose Kalluvilil, Bishop of Eparchy of Mississauga

28-09-2024

Bishop arrived in Winnipeg at 11.00 pm.

Bishop was received at the airport by Fr Aji and Parish Trustees Sijo Joseph.



29-09-2024

Official blessing of Mis- sion House - 9.00am



Bishop Jose Kalluvilil blessed the Mission house in the presence of representatives from parish council, catechism ministry and building committee. The homily given by the bishop during the blessing gave everyone a good insight into the purpose and goal of the mission house. Bishop congratulated the building committee and gave a token of appreciation to the chair Mr Stephen Joseph. All the participants received a blessed rosary, and the meeting concluded with a coffee fellowship.

4.30 pm. : Feast Holy Qurbana at St. Emile Church

6.30 pm: Meeting with Archbishop Albert LaGatt, the bishop of St. Boniface Archdiocese.

7.00 pm: Common meal with the parishioners.

8.00 pm.: Attended the Cultural programs of Catechism students "Fiesta"



St Jude feast was celebrated with Bishop Jose Kalluvilil as the main celebrant and Archbishop Albert Legat of Archdiocese of St Boniface, Fr Vincent (Pastor St Emile Parish), Fr Roy, Fr Ani Xavier and Fr Aji as co-celebrants. During the homily, Archbishop Lagat praised the Syro Malabar community for their active participation in



the liturgical celebrations. There were over 500 faithful attended the celebration. There was a procession after the Qurbana followed by Agape meal and cultural programs by catechism students. The building committee organized an auction and raffle draw for fundraising.

30-09-2024: Monday

9.00 am.: Meeting with Building Committee members.

Building committee members shared their opinions & concerns with the bishop about renting out the Mission house to find additional sources to pay off the mortgage. Bishop made it very clear to the committee that the renting can be done only after meeting all the statutory legal requirements and liability and safety obligations of the resident priest.

10.00 am: Meeting with Parish Council Members.

The meeting with parish council members was remarkably effective and energetic. The members shared their concerns about formation of students and youth. And they decided to use the space of the mission house for this purpose and to practice other spiritual events



in the mission house. Almost all the members were present in the meeting and this session ended with the blessing of the Bishop.

6.00 pm: Meeting with Youth Representatives.

In the evening, the youth representatives of the parish were gathered with the Bishop. It was a fruitful session for each and everyone. Bishop explained the importance of youth movement in the parish, and they shared their expectations and activities they face.

01-10-2024: Tuesday

9.00 am: Official checking and analyzing of Parish Documents.



In the morning after the breakfast Rev Bishop checked every document file in the parish and marked the corrections and signed accordingly.

5.30 pm: Meeting with Catechism teachers.

In the evening during the meeting with catechism teachers, the Bishop explained the expectations of the eparchy and the church as well. The teachers shared their experiences and concerns with the Bishop and the meeting ended with the blessing.

7.00 pm: Holy Qurbana at St. Emile Church.

Bishop Jose Kalluvilil celebrated the Qurbana with Fr Aji on the feast of St Little Theresa.

8.45 pm.: Meeting with Parish Council members and Building community members.

During the meeting Parish Council and building committee members decided not to rent out the mission house considering the request from the catechism ministry and youth to use the basement for gathering and spiritual activities. The building committee confirmed that the renting cannot be done after meeting all the statutory, legal, and liability requirements.

02-10-2024. Wednesday

7.15 am: Return to Toronto.

Thank you Pithave for your visit and support as a Loving Father.

**“No one has ever seen God;
but if we love one another,
God lives in us and his love
is made complete in us.”**

1 John 4:12

ST. ALPHONSA PARISH VANCOUVER

Family Retreat

The Annual Family Retreat took place from Friday, October 4th to Sunday, October 6th, and was a transformative experience for all attendees.

Led by Rev. Fr. Binoj Mulavarickal, the retreat focused on themes of family unity, faith, and personal growth.

Rev. Fr. Binoj, a renowned speaker and music composer, is known for his engaging presentations and ability to connect with families and youth. The retreat was a blend of inspiring talks and uplifting musical compositions. One of the highlights of the retreat was the adoration, which many participants described as profoundly moving and spiritually enriching.



Altar Servers installation

On October 20, we held the installation ceremony for our new altar servers.



Pious Association Activities

On October 20, 2024, our parish community came together for a memorable celebration. The day began with a solemn Holy Kurbana in English, followed by Catechism and the launch of our first Pious Association activity. Given that October is a month dedicated specially to Mother Mary, all our activities were thoughtfully centered around honoring her.

Our young parishioners engaged deeply in the day's program. They watched an inspiring video on the life and virtues of Mother Mary, which set the tone for various interactive activities. The children expressed

their creativity and devotion by making rosaries, participating in a Mother Mary quiz, and reflecting on the insights shared in the video.

It was a beautiful and meaningful experience that helped deepen our community's devotion to Mother Mary, leaving a lasting impression on our young ones and all who attended.



Rosary Month

Rosary was recited in the parish for 10 consecutive days celebrating the month of rosary. On Oct 13, catechism students took the lead, inviting the blessings of Mother Mary to our parish



SMYM Youth Retreat

The Youth Retreat, ABBA 2K24 hosted at Camp Hope, was a three-day event aimed at uniting young people and fostering a deeper sense of their Catholic identity, tradition and values. The retreat strengthened their commitment to Jesus Christ while cultivating a sense of belonging within their religious community, empowering them to live out their faith with unity and purpose. Sixty attendees, aged 18-35, participated in the retreat accompanied by several volunteers. Fr. Jison Paul Vengassery led the retreat.



The retreat successfully met its goal of spiritual development through the transition of knowledge on Syro-Malabar identity, Holy Qurbana and the Holy Bible through interactions, discussions, and group activities. It provided participants with an enriching experience and memorable days emphasizing Catholic values and faith's importance.

The youth have extended their heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has supported them through prayers, encouragement, and generosity. THANK YOU!

https://youtu.be/GdLo00uKHIM?si=I0UK5L_aItFh9U1p

Holyween

On October 27, we celebrated Holyween in the parish with a joyful procession of children dressed as their patron saints or other biblical characters. The procession at the beginning of the event delighted all parishioners as they watched their little ones proudly display their costumes. After Mass, Mathruvedhi handed out candies to all the kids.



Reflection Sessions with Fr. Jison Paul

From October 28-30, our parish had the privilege of hosting reflection sessions led by Fr. Jison Paul, specifically tailored for our catechism teachers, mothers, and fathers. These gatherings were structured as interactive Q&A sessions rather than a tradi-

tional retreat, allowing participants to engage openly with Fr. Jison.

This format fostered meaningful discussions, enriching our understanding and deepening our faith in ways that resonate with our daily lives. We extend our gratitude to Fr. Jison Paul for his inspiring talk and to all who attended for their enthusiastic participation.

With Mathruvedhi

With Catechism teachers



Family Unit updates

St. Sebastian Family Unit , St. Jude Family Unit





Bishop's Diary

2024 OCTOBER

01		Conducted Pastoral Visit at St. Jude Syro- Malabar Parish, Winnipeg
02	01.00 pm	Returned to Toronto
03	11.00 am	Presided over Curia meeting
05	04.30 pm	Participated in the Diaconate of Bro. Alvin Joys at St. Edward Church, North York
06	10.30 am	Celebrated Holy Qurbana at St. Mary's Knanaya Syro- Malabar Church, Toronto
07-09	07.30 am 11.15 am 12.00 pm	Celebrated Holy Qurbana at CMC Convent, Mississauga Participated in the Monthly Recollection Participated in the ACBO Fall Plenary Assembly, Toronto
10	11.00 am 08.30 pm	Presided over the Cura meeting Presided over the ISSSAC Board meeting Participated in the online meeting with very Rev. Fr. Jacob Edakalathoor, Syncellus and the Leaders of Holy Cross Syro- Malabar Mission, Vernon
11	10.00 am	Made a discussion with the parents of seminary candidate, Mathew George
11-14	03.55 pm 08.30 pm	Traveled to Halifax in connection with Pastoral visit to Halifax and Berwick Parishes Visited family units of Holy Family Syro- Malabar Parish, Halifax
12	09.30 am 06.00 pm	Administered Sacraments of Initiation at Holy Family Syro-Malabar Parish, Halifax Presided over the meeting with Parish Council Members and different heads of the departments, Halifax



13	10.00 am 05.00 pm 06.30 pm	Administered Sacraments of Initiation at Ave Maria Parish, Berwick Celebrated Holy Qurbana at Holy Family Syro-Malabar Catholic Parish, Halifax Presided over the meeting with Catechists & SMYM Members, Halifax
14	02.00 pm	Held a Meeting with Most Rev. Brian Joseph Dunn, Archbishop of Halifax together with pastor and parish leaders
15	11.25 am	Returned to Toronto
16	11.00 am	Presided over the Curia meeting
17	08.30 pm	Presided over the Divine Academy Core Group meeting
20	08.30 am &11.45 am	Celebrated Holy Qurbana at Cathedral in connection with Mission Sunday and SOF Gratitude Ceremony
21	11.00 am	Celebrated Holy Qurbana in connection with the Golden and Silver Jubilees of Sr. Presanna and Sr. Pauline at CHF Convent, Mississauga
23	11.00 am	Presided over the Curia meeting Participated in the viewing ceremony, Toronto
24	11.00 am 01.00 pm	Zoom meeting with Mr. George CNWE, New York Zoom meeting with Most Rev. Bryan Bayda, Ukrainian Bishop of Toronto
25-29	08.00 am	Pastoral Visit to St. Mother Teresa Syro-Malabar Parish, Ottawa
26	09.30 am 02.00 pm	Celebrated Holy Qurbana at St. Mother Teresa Syro-Malabar Church, Ottawa Presided over the public meeting in connection with Parish Feast and Silver Jubilee celebration of Pastor, Rev. Fr. Benny Thanninikumthadathil
27	09.00 am 04.30 pm	Presided over the meeting of various departments in connection with the Pastoral visit at St. Mother Teresa Syro-Malabar Church, Ottawa Celebrated Solemn Holy Qurbana at St. Mother Teresa Syro-Malabar Church, Ottawa
28	06.30 pm 07.30 pm	Offered Holy Qurbana Presided over the meeting with parish council members
29	10.45 am	Returned to Toronto
30	11.00 am 06.00 pm	Presided over the Curia meeting Celebrated Holy Qurbana and released the Eucharistic pilgrimage flayer at St. Mary's Syro-Malabar Parish, London



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| 1 | വെള്ളി | 2 | കോറി 12:14-15, 19-21; ലൂക്കാ 11:45-54. |
| 2 | ശനി | 1 | കോറി 3:10-17; മത്താ 13:34-43. |
| 3 | ഞായർ | ✠ | പള്ളിക്കൂടാശ ഒന്നാം ഞായർ
പുറ 33:1-11; ഏശ 40:21-31;
ഹെബ്രോ 9:1-14; മത്താ 25:1-13. |
| 4 | തിങ്കൾ | 2 | കോറി 4:13-18; യോഹ 16:16-24. |
| 5 | ചൊവ്വ | 2 | കോറി 5:1-5; ലൂക്കാ 15:11-24 |
| 6 | ബുധൻ | 1 | പത്രോ 5:1-4; യോഹ 21:15-19. |
| 7 | വ്യാഴം | എഫേ 3:1-6; മത്താ 8:5-13. | |
| 8 | വെള്ളി | എഫേ 6:1-9; മത്താ 21:28-32. | |
| 9 | ശനി | റോമാ 12:9-18; ലൂക്കാ 10:25-37. | |
| 10 | ഞായർ | ✠ | പള്ളിക്കൂടാശ രണ്ടാംഞായർ
പുറ 6:1-8; ഏശ 49:1-7;
1 പത്രോ 1:3-7; മത്താ 19:23-30. |
| 11 | തിങ്കൾ | കൊളോ 1:12-20; മത്താ 16:13-20. | |
| 12 | ചൊവ്വ | 2 | പത്രോ 1:12-21; ലൂക്കാ 9:28-36. |
| 13 | ബുധൻ | വെളി 19:1-10; മത്താ 22:1-14. | |
| 14 | വ്യാഴം | 2 | കോറി 11:1-4; യോഹ 3:22-30. |
| 15 | വെള്ളി | 2 | കോറി 12:1-5; യോഹ 3:31-36. |
| 16 | ശനി | വെളി. 22:1-5; മത്താ 19:13-15 | |
| 17 | ഞായർ | ✠ | പള്ളിക്കൂടാശ മൂന്നാം ഞായർ
ഉത്പ 29:15-30; പ്രഭാ 11:20-27;
2 തെസ 3:6-15; മത്താ 25:14-30. |
| 18 | തിങ്കൾ | 1 | കോറി 13:1-10; മർക്കോ 12:28-34. |
| 19 | ചൊവ്വ | 1 | കോറി 4:1-5; ലൂക്കാ 16:1-13. |
| 20 | ബുധൻ | 1 | കോറി 6:1-11; ലൂക്കാ 16:13-17. |
| 21 | വ്യാഴം | കൊളോ 1:3-11; മത്താ 13:10-23. | |
| 22 | വെള്ളി | ഹെബ്രോ 12:4-13; യോഹ 15:1-8. | |
| 23 | ശനി | 2 | തിമോ 4:1-8; യോഹ 17:1-8. |
| 24 | ഞായർ | ✠ | പള്ളിക്കൂടാശ നാലാം ഞായർ
ഉത്പ 14:17-24; 1 സാമു 8:1-9;
വെളി 19:11-16; യോഹ 18:33-37. |
| 25 | തിങ്കൾ | എഫേ 2:14-22; യോഹ 14:1-14. | |
| 26 | ചൊവ്വ | 1 | പത്രോ 2:1-10; യോഹ 10:7-16. |
| 27 | ബുധൻ | എഫേ 1:3-12; ലൂക്കാ 1:46-55. | |
| 28 | വ്യാഴം | ഹെബ്രോ 13:9-16; ലൂക്കാ 10:17-21. | |
| 29 | വെള്ളി | വെളി 7:9-12; മർക്കോ 12:18-27. | |
| 30 | ശനി | റോമാ 10:9-18; മത്താ 4:18-22. | |



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