

St. Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Parish Bulletin – November 2020

Greetings from our Parish!

*"How great is the joy experienced when everything
is offered in the Sacred Heart of Jesus"*
- St. Alphonsa



WEEKLY SERVICES

SUNDAYS

Nov 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

Holy Mass – 5:30pm

Public Mass – Limited to 50 people*

Online Streaming – YouTube

* See 'Holy Mass Schedule' section for more details

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IMPORTANT DATES

ALL SAINTS DAY

Nov 01, 2020

ALL SOULS DAY

Nov 02, 2020

CATECHISM TEACHERS SEMINAR

Nov 28, 2020

GLORIA-ONLINE RETREAT FOR CHILDREN

Conducted by Eparchy of Mississauga

For students of Grade 5 – 8, on Dec 12, 9am to 12:30pm

No registration fees. Register with their Catechism teachers or Shanty Poulouse

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE*

Nov 01, 2020 St. Mary's and St Jude's

Nov 08, 2020 St. Sebastian's and St. Thomas'

Nov 15, 2020 St. Anne's and St. Antony's

Nov 22, 2020 St. Joseph's and St. George's

Nov 29, 2020 St. Mary's and St Jude's

*There is a 50-person restriction to attend Mass.
Please contact your family unit leaders to sign-up and
reserve your seats. No walk-ins will be allowed.

Message from Parish Priest

ഈശോയിൽ പ്രിയമുള്ളവരെ.

നമ്മുടെ ആരാധനാ ക്രമവത്സരം ആരംഭിക്കുന്നത് ആഗമനകാലം (മംഗളവാർത്താ കാലം) മുതലാണ്. ഈശോയുടെ രക്ഷണീയ കർമ്മങ്ങളെ ധ്യാനിക്കുന്ന വിവിധ ആരാധനാ ക്രമ കാലങ്ങളെ കേന്ദ്രീകരിച്ചാണ് പൗരസ്ത്യ സുറിയാനി സഭകളിൽ ആരാധനാ ക്രമവത്സരം രൂപപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്നത്. നമ്മുടെ ആരാധനാ ക്രമവത്സരത്തിലെ അവസാന നാലാഴ്ചക്കാലം പള്ളിക്കുദാശാ കാലം എന്ന് അറിയപ്പെടുന്നു. "സഭാസമർപ്പണ" കാലഘട്ടം എന്നാണർത്ഥം. നവംബർ മാസം ആഗോള പരിശുദ്ധ കത്തോലിക്കാസഭയിൽ മരിച്ചവരെ പ്രത്യേകമായി അനുസ്മരിക്കുന്ന സമയമാണ്. നവംബർ 1 - സകല വിശുദ്ധരുടെയും തിരുനാളായും, നവംബർ 2 - സകല മരിച്ചവരുടെയും ഓർമ്മദിനമായും നമ്മൾ ആചരിക്കുന്നു.



വിശുദ്ധരെന്ന് ഔദ്യോഗികമായി നാമകരണം ചെയ്യപ്പെടാത്ത അനേകം പേർ സഭയിലും. നമ്മുടെ പ്രിയപ്പെട്ടവരുടെ ഇടയിലും ഉണ്ട് എന്ന് സഭ വിശ്വസിക്കുന്നു. ഇവരെ എല്ലാവരെയും സകലവിശുദ്ധരുടെ തിരുനാൾ ദിനത്തിൽ പ്രത്യേകമായി നാം അനുസ്മരിച്ചു മാധ്യസ്ഥ്യം യാചിക്കുന്നു.

മരണമടഞ്ഞവരിൽ ശുദ്ധീകരണ സ്ഥലത്തെ ആത്മാക്കളുടെ മോക്ഷഭാഗ്യത്തിന് വേണ്ടിയുള്ള സഭയുടെയും നമ്മുടെ ഓരോരുത്തരുടെയും പ്രാർത്ഥനകളാണ് നവംബർ 2 - തീയതിയും. നവംബർ മാസത്തിലെ മറ്റ് ദിനങ്ങളിലും നമ്മൾ നടത്തുന്നത്.

- Fr. Sajy Thomas Chakkittamuriyil

➤ Social Media



We continue livestreaming our Sunday worship services through YouTube. Subscribe to our YouTube channel and click the bell icon to receive notifications.

Check your email and Parish Whatsapp group regularly and stay connected with the community!

➤ Family Units

Our parish community is divided into several family units based on the location of the residence of the parishioners. Each family unit gathers once a month (currently online) for prayer meeting. Please contact us (email: parish@stalphonsabc.org) to know which family group you belong to. Get involved and be part of this community!

Catechism

Faith formation in our kids is an essential part of our community. Online Catechism classes are arranged for Kindergarten to Grade-12.

Registrations for new students are still open. For registration to Grade 1 and above, please contact Shanty Poulose at 604-441-2869 or email shanty.kp@gmail.com. For registration of new students to Kindergarten (Both Junior Kindergarten & Senior Kindergarten), please contact Ninu Joseph at 604-505-8640 or email ninuabhilash@gmail.com.

➤ Christmas Cheers

Christmas is almost here! Times have been tough for the past few months. We have overcome many challenges before, we will overcome this too. Unlike the past, we may not be able to celebrate Christmas with our family or friends this time. We are directed to refrain from all kinds of social gatherings to stop the spread of corona virus. Instead, how about spreading some Christmas cheers virtually?

Our church is planning to conduct a virtual Christmas celebration this time.



You are whole-heartedly invited to join this online event!

➤ **Mathrudeepthi Sale**

Mathrudeepthi brings to you fruit cake and home-made wine for this Christmas. The orders are all filled and we have started making wine with BC's best fresh grapes available. A big thanks to all those who have placed their orders and supported Mathrudeepthi in this initiative.




Made with so much of love and care, and adhering to all the guidelines provided by Health authorities, you will get the best authentic wine and yummiest fruit cake at your doorstep!

Many thanks to the volunteers who are working behind this!



The Beatitudes Puzzle

Match the first and second parts of each of the beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12) and then use the letters in the same order to fill in the blanks at the end.

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit,
 2. Blessed are they who mourn,
 3. Blessed are the meek,
 4. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
 5. Blessed are the merciful,
 6. Blessed are the clean of heart,
 7. Blessed are the peacemakers,
 8. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
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T ...for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

A ...for they will inherit the land.

B ...for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

S ...for they will be satisfied.

E ...for they will be comforted.

I ...for they will see God.

N ...for they will be called children of God.

A ...for they will be shown mercy.

Living the Beatitudes will help me

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Parish Council

Pastor: Fr. Sajy Thomas Chakkittamuriyil

Trustees	Sunil Thomas & Joji Alex
Secretary	Ninu Joseph
Financial Coordinators	Prince James, Lucy Varghese & Somini Chelat
Spiritual Coordinator	Biju Arackal
Liturgy Coordinator	Jobu J. Mathew
PRO & Communications	Abraham Varghese
Catechetical Coordinators	Shanty Poullose & Biju Arackal
Youth Coordinators	Soalwin J Kallingal & Jenson James
International students & New Immigrants	Alvin George, Jojo Kurian, Velby Jose & Ninu Joseph
Social Coordinators & Food Committee	Thomas Kunjavoo & Prince James
Mathrudeepthi	Ninu Joseph
Knights of Columbus	Jobu J. Mathew
Pioneers Coordinator	Vincent George
Pastoral Council	Abraham Varghese Biju Arackal Lucy Varghese

Bible Readings for November 2020:

Nov 01, 2020 Ex 40:17-29,34-38

Mt 16:13-19

Nov 08, 2020 Ex 40:1-16

Mt 12:1-13

Nov 15, 2020 Num 9:15-18

Jn 2:13-22

Nov 22, 2020 1 Kgs 6:11-19

Mt 22:41-46

Nov 29, 2020 Gen 17:15 - 22

Lk 1:5-25

Prayer requests

Within our parish, we have a group praying continually for our various needs. If you have a prayer request, please contact our parish priest and we will pray for you.

If you know someone sick or shut-in who would like the church to visit or bring communion, please contact Fr. Sajy Thomas.

Food Donation

Our church is conducting food coupons to the needy. If you are someone who is affected by the pandemic and in need of food and groceries, you may please contact Fr. Sajy Thomas (1-306-450-7790) and we will be more than happy to help you.

Donations to Church:

We are all living through the experience of 'staying apart' due to the COVID 19 pandemic restrictions; facing many new challenges. The closing of many businesses and losing jobs have had a financial impact on many families in our parish. We pray and hope to get through this tough situation soon. Certainly, looking after your family is your first priority. At the same time, our spiritual home - our parish, needs attention. Our parish has no income other than the love offerings received from our parishioners. We humbly request all parishioners to contribute whatever you can afford, after first caring for your family. Any small amount will make a big difference to our church.

Be a part of charitable activities of our parish!

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." - 2 Corinthians 9:7

You can Interac e-transfer your tithe to our church email or direct deposit to the church account. Our church email Id and account details are given below:

parish@stalphonesabc.org

TD Bank account (Branch 0275);

Account Number - 7888-5251473

Please note that tax receipts will be provided for all donations.

Sign up for PAD System:

We also encourage our parish members to join our PAD system for Sunday collections. For PAD Agreement Forms, please contact:
Prince James (604-499-1116)
Sunil Thomas (604-761-4562)
or your Family unit leaders.

Welcome, New Comers!

We invite you to register and be part of our parish community. You may please contact Fr. Sajy Thomas and register with our church. Registrations forms are available at Church and also on our website.

International Students, please do register with us and contact any of the parish council members for any questions or concerns you may have.
We are happy to help you in every possible way we can!

Also, please notify us if you are moving out from the parish.

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." - Jeremiah 29:11