St. Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Parish Bulletin – October 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

Oct 04, 11, 18 & 25
Holy Mass – 5:30pm
Public Mass – Limited to 50 people*
Online Streaming – Facebook & YouTube

* See 'Holy Mass Schedule' section for more details

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IMPORTANT DATES

ROSARY
October 22 – 31, 2020
Lead by Fr. Sajy Thomas (via Zoom)

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE*

Oct 04, 2020	**St. Mary's and St Jude's**
Oct 11, 2020	**St. Sebastian's and St. Thomas'**
Oct 18, 2020	**St. Anne's and St. Antony's**
Oct 25, 2020	**St. Joseph's and St. George'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.

October – The Month of Rosary



In ancient times, Marian feasts of the Eastern Church centered on events in Mary's life. Since the 12th century, Marian feasts added to the Western calendar almost always commemorate a particular event of the times. Our Lady of the Rosary was celebrated in the late 15th century by some confraternities of the Rosary, and in 1571 was solemnised by Pius V, in thanksgiving for a battle victory. In 1716, Clement XI extended the feast to the universal church. The month of October is known as the month of Rosary. So, let's offer our Mother the prayers and devotions of our hearts.

The Covid-19 crisis has revealed to us the fear, self-centeredness and envy that lurk in our hearts. While we have witnessed individual acts of heroic generosity, the profound erosion of our common bond has been revealed to us: we lack the common meanings and values that would empower us to have a constructive public dialogue on the common good and on the value of human solidarity.

We all need Christian hope in this difficult situation. According to St. Thomas Aquinas, hope is the virtue that gives us confidence that a very difficult and arduous task to be completed or a goal to be reached can be achieved with the help of God's grace.

So, Christian hope is fully aware of the difficulties that will have to be faced to overcome a present injustice or evil. Christian hope also acknowledges our weaknesses and the fact that only God's help will see us through. But Christian hope is also confident that just as God's labours have empowered us in the past, so now God's faithfulness will not fail us.

- Fr. Sajy Thomas Chakkittamuriyil

➢ Social Media



We continue livestreaming our Sunday worship services through YouTube and Facebook. Please subscribe to our YouTube channel. Also, "Like" our Facebook page and join the group for notifications. Check your email and Parish Whatsapp group regularly and stay connected with the community!

➢ Catechism 2020-2021



We have officially inaugurated our new Catechetical academic year 2020-2021 on September 6th and regular Catechism classes have now resumed as online classes.

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.

A look back at last month's events:

➢ Parish Feast Special Mass

September 6th, 2020



➢ Congratulations!

Our children who received the Solemn Holy Communion & Confirmation on September 13, 20 & 27th







Thank you, Jesus, for all your blessings!

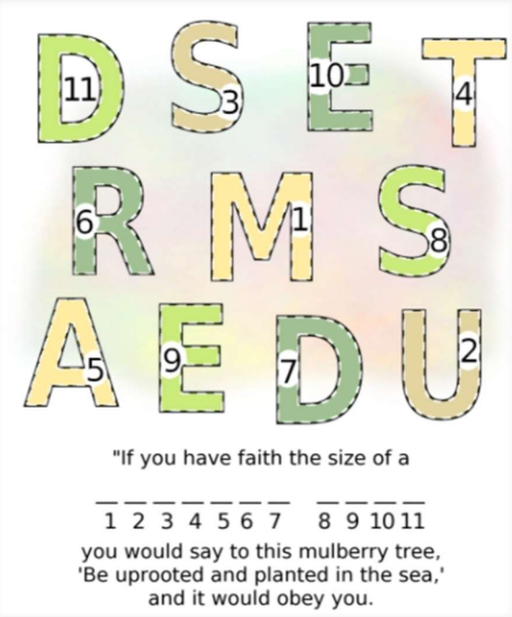
A big shout out to all who worked day and night to make this ceremony a memorable one, especially during this toughest time!



Carlo Acutis, a Catholic Italian teenager, a gamer and computer programmer who loved soccer and the Eucharist, died in 2006. He will be beatified on Oct. 10 in Assisi.

What did Jesus say when the Apostles asked Him to give them more faith?

Sort out the letters by number and put them in the spaces below:



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 Paulose & 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 October 2020:

Oct 04, 2020 Deut 9:13-24, Is 26:1-11
Phil 4:4-9, Mt 15:21-28

Oct 11, 2020 Deut 11: 1-9, Is 40:12-17
2Cor 2:12-17, Mt 20:1-16

Oct 18, 2020 Deut 11:26-32, Is 41:1-7
Gal 5:16-26, Lk 8:41b-56

Oct 25, 2020 Deut 13:12-18, Is 41:8-16
Gal 6:1-10, Mt 8:23-34

Food Donation

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

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.

If you know someone sick or shut-in who would like the church to visit or bring communion, please contact
Fr. Sajy Thomas
at 1-306-450-7790

Donations to church:

If you wish to donate your tithe to the charitable activities of the church, you can Interac e-transfer your share at our church email or direct deposit to the church account. Our church email Id and account details are given below:

parish@stalphonsabc.org
TD Bank account (Branch 0275);
Account Number - 7888-5251473

Sign up for PAD System:

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

Shepherds of Faith Mission:

If you wish to join this mission or need more details, please contact:
Lucy Varghese (778-836-2079) or
Vincy William (604-366-4068)

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 in the Church foyer every Sunday 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