St. Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Parish Bulletin – September 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

SATURDAYS

Sep 12, 19 & 26
Holy Mass – 7:00pm
Public Mass – Limited to 50 people*
Online Streaming – Facebook & YouTube

SUNDAYS

Sep 06, 13, 20 & 27
Holy Mass - 5:30pm
Parish Feast Special Mass
Solemn Holy Communion & Confirmation

* See 'Holy Mass Schedule' section for more details

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IMPORTANT DATES

PARISH FEAST SPECIAL MASS & CATECHISM INAUGURATION
September 6th

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
September 8th

HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION
September 13th, 20th and 27th

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
September 14th

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE*

12/09/2020	St. Mary's and St Jude's
19/09/2020	St. Sebastian's and St. Thomas'
26/09/2020	St. Anne's and St. Antony's
04/10/2020	St. Joseph's and St. George's

*Anticipatory Mass on Saturdays this month. Sundays will be dedicated to Holy Communion and Confirmation ceremonies. 50-person restriction is still in place. Please contact your family unit leaders to sign-up and reserve your seats. No walk-ins will be allowed.

September – Feast of The Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Dear loving Bothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,



In this month, we celebrate two special feasts. On September 8th, we celebrate the Feast of The Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast originated in the Eastern Church and was commemorated in the West as early as the 5th century. No one is certain where Mary was born, but two traditions have survived from ancient times, one naming Nazareth and the other, Jerusalem. An occasion for praise and thanksgiving, the feast celebrates Mary's personal sanctity and vocation as the Mother of Jesus.

There are situations in our life when God's plans remain a mystery. We can neither fathom them nor explain them. All we can do is to accept them just as Joseph did.

On September 14th, we celebrate the Exaltation of The Holy Cross. This liturgical feast has been celebrated since early times. In the 4th century, two churches in Jerusalem were dedicated to the cross on this day and the occasion was commemorated annually. Adopted by the church in Rome during the 7th century, the feast commemorates both the dedication of the original church of the Holy Sepulchre in 335 and Christ's victory over death.

- Fr. Sajy Thomas Chakkittamuriyil

➢ Parish Feast Special Mass

We will be celebrating our Parish Feast Special Mass on Sunday, September 6th,

Procession - Statues of St. Mary, St. Thomas, St. Sebastian and St. Alphonsa will be carried to church as a procession and will be ceremonially placed on the altar.

Kazhunnu - will be conducted by the family unit leaders on behalf of their respective family members. Please make sure to inform and arrange with your family unit leader if you want him/her to do this nercha on behalf of you. If you have any donations and intercessions, please give it to your unit leader in an envelope with your name and family number on it. The donation envelopes will be brought to church as an offertory.

Holy Mass – Will begin at 5:30pm. We will officially start our new catechetical academic year during this occasion.

We will wind up the ceremonies by conducting Ledeenju and by honoring relics of St. Alphonsa.

The Mass will include representatives from each and every ministry, various committees and family unit leaders. The representatives who attend the Mass in person will pray for all those who are at home.

Live streaming of Thirunnal celebrations will be available on YouTube channel.

➢ 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 are officially inaugurating our new Catechetical academic year 2020-2021 on September 6th. Regular Catechism Classes resume as online lessons from Kindergarten to Grade 12 on Sep 13th. Registration forms will be mailed to parents by respective grade teachers soon. Please check your emails for more details.

For registration of new students 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.

Let us keep all the catechism students and catechists of our parish in our prayers!

➢ Solemn Holy Communion & Confirmation



Our Solemn Holy Communion & Confirmation for the first ever big batch of children of our church will be conducted on September 13th, 20th and 27th. Only the candidates and their immediate family members would be able to attend the Mass, as we have to limit the number of attendees to 50. Please pray for all children receiving the Holy Sacraments.

"If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion"
- St. Maximilian Kolbe

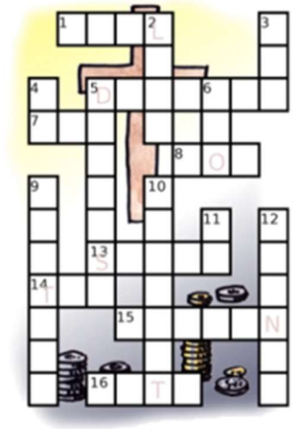
The ceremony will be livestreamed on Youtube - please attend – they need your prayers and blessings!

Note that we have arranged for anticipatory Mass on September 12th, 19th and 26th for other parishioners, please see the 'Holy Mass Schedule' Section for more details and sign up with your family unit leaders.



Whom Do You Serve? Cross-Word

Use the words in the list to fill in the blanks and fit them into the puzzle.
A=Across D=Down



CANNOT
HATE
MASTERS
SERVANT
MAMMON
THE
SERVE
HE
DESPISE
YOU
TWO
ONE
LOVE
NO
DEVOTED
GOD
WILL

"___4D _____10D can serve ___6D _____;9D for either ___11D will ___16A the one and _____2D ___14A other, or he _____1A be _____5A to the ___7A and _____5D the other. ___8A _____12D _____13A ___3D and _____." 15A

Courtesy: https://thekidsbulletin.com/

Parish Council

Pastor: Fr. Sajy Thomas Chakkittamuriyil

Trustees	Sunil Thomas & Joji Alex
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Bible Readings for September 2020:

Sep 6, 2020 Deut 6:20-25, Is 31:4-9, 2 Thess 1:3-10, Lk 18:35-43

Sep 13, 2020 Deut 7:7-11, Is 30:18-26, 2 Thess 2:14-3:3; Mt 13:1-9,18-23

Sep 20, 2020 Dt 8:11-20, Is 33:13-24, Phil 2:1-11, Mt 4:12-17

Sep 27, 2020 Deut 9:1-6, Is 25:1-8, Phil 3:1-11, Mt 17:14-21

Donations

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. Please contact our Trustees or your Family Unit leaders for PAD Agreement Forms. 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)

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

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