

# St. Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Parish Bulletin – January 2021

New Year 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

January 03, 10, 24 & 31, 2021

\*Holy Mass – 5:30pm

Online Streaming – YouTube

\*See Holy Mass Schedule section for more details

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR



## HOLY MASS SCHEDULE\*

\* Based on the Provincial Health Order from Dr. Bonnie Henry, until further notice, Holy Masses will be offered without public congregation.

We will continue to livestream our Sunday Holy Mass at 5:30 pm through YouTube. Online Mass can also be viewed at our website home page [www.stalphonsabc.org](http://www.stalphonsabc.org)

## January 2021 – Message from Parish Priest

സകല ജനത്തിനും സന്തോഷത്തിന്റെ സദ്വാർത്തയുമായി കടന്നുവന്ന രക്ഷകന്റെ മനുഷ്യാവതാര രഹസ്യങ്ങൾ നാം ധ്യാനിക്കുകയായിരുന്നു ഇക്കഴിഞ്ഞ നാളുകളിൽ. പുതുവർഷത്തിലേക്ക് നാം പ്രവേശിച്ചു കഴിഞ്ഞു. പുതുവർഷം നമുക്ക് ഏവർക്കും സന്തോഷത്തിന്റേയും സമാധാനത്തിന്റേയും. ആയുരാരോഗ്യ സൗഖ്യത്തിന്റേയും സമൃദ്ധിയുടെയും സർവ്വോപരി അനുഗ്രഹത്തിന്റേയും പ്രത്യാശയുടെയും ഒരു വർഷമായിത്തീരട്ടെ...

ആരാധനാക്രമവത്സരത്തിലെ ദനഹാക്കാലത്തിലേക്ക് നാം പ്രവേശിച്ചിരിക്കുകയാണല്ലോ. ജനുവരി 6-ന് ആഘോഷിക്കുന്ന ഈശോയുടെ മാമോദീസയുടെ അനുസ്മരണമാണ് ഈ കാലഘട്ടത്തിന്റെ കേന്ദ്രം. മാമോദീസയിൽ ആരംഭിച്ച ഈശോയുടെ പരസ്യ ജീവിത രഹസ്യങ്ങളാണ് നാം ഈ കാലഘട്ടത്തിൽ ധ്യാനവിഷയമാക്കുക.

പരിശുദ്ധ പിതാവ് ഫ്രാൻസിസ് മാർപാപ്പാ ഈ വർഷം, വി. യൗസേപിതാവിന് പ്രത്യേകം പ്രതിഷ്ഠിച്ചിരിക്കുകയാണല്ലോ. ഡിസംബർ 27-ആം തീയതി നമ്മുടെ രൂപതയിലും ഇടവകയിലും പ്രത്യേക പ്രാർത്ഥന ചൊല്ലി തിരി തെളിച്ചു യൗസേപിതാവിന്റെ വർഷം ഉത്ഘാടനം ചെയ്തു. തിരുക്കുടുംബത്തിന്റെ നാമനും പരിപാലകനും സംരക്ഷകനുമായ വിശുദ്ധന്റെ മാധ്യസ്ഥ്യം നമുക്കും യാചിക്കാം.

ദനഹാ എന്ന വാക്കിന്റെ അർത്ഥം വെളിപാട്... പ്രത്യക്ഷീകരണം... എന്നൊക്കെയാണ്. സർവ്വ നന്മകളും സ്നേഹപൂർവ്വം നേർന്നുകൊണ്ട് - വികാരി അച്ചൻ.



## ➤ 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

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

## ➤ Year of St. Joseph

Pope Francis has declared the 'Year of St. Joseph' from 8 December 2020 to 8 December 2021 to recall the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.

Various events will be planned at our Parish for the year of St. Joseph and more details will be announced eventually. As a part of this, Eparchy is conducting a Logo Design Contest. Deadline is January 17, 2021. Please contact Fr. Sajy for contest guidelines.



## ➤ Catechism

**Mid-Year Examination** for Catechism Students from JK to Grade 12 will be conducted on **January 24, 2021**. The questions will be centralized and exam will be conducted using Kahoot application for Grades JK to 8. For Grades 9 to 12, written exams will be conducted. Connect with teachers for more details!

## ➤ Solemn Holy Communion & Confirmation

- Preparation classes starts on February 07, 2021 as online classes.
- Students from Grade 3 & above, who are planning to receive Solemn Holy Communion & Confirmation this year, please give your names to your Catechism Teacher, Achan or Shanty on or before January 31, 2021.
- Students who are receiving the Solemn Holy Communion & Confirmation this year (from all grades), please register with your Catechism Teacher, Achan or Shanty by February 28, 2021.
- The date of the Solemn Holy Communion & Confirmation ceremony for this year is yet to be announced.



## ➤ Silver Jubilee of Priestly Ordination



Honouring 25 years of Divine Priesthood of Fr. Sajy Thomas Chakkittamuriyil. Achan has expressed his heartfelt thanks to everyone for their wishes and prayers.

## ➤ Mathrudeepthi Christmas sale

Mathrudeepthi could fulfill the cake and wine orders for the season! They would like to sincerely thank all the volunteers who made this possible during such an unusual time. A big thanks to those who placed the orders.

They could even donate a few cakes to homeless people, blessed to see their happy faces!



## ➤ Christmas Cheers - contests

Last month, during Christmas time, we had conducted online contests on below three items. Congratulations to the winners! Also, a huge shout out to all the participants for your wonderful submissions!

### CHRISTMAS CHEER 2020 CONTEST WINNERS:

#### CHRISTMAS TREE

- 1 Velby Jose & family
- 2 Jestin Jose & family
- 3 Simon Chelat & family

#### CHRISTMAS CRIB

- 1 Jain Joseph & family
- 2 Vincy William & family
- 3 Tomychan & family

#### CAROL SONG

- 1 Justin - Jaya family
- 2 Jithin - Nimmy family
- 3 Febin - Asha family

## ➤ Gloria

For students of Grade 5-8, an Advent Virtual Retreat was conducted by Eparchy of Mississauga last month. It was an interesting session for our children!

## ➤ Christmas Retreat

Under the leadership of SSM International youth group, an online retreat by Rev. Fr. Davis Chiramel was conducted last month. Thanks to organizers for a blessed time!

## Parish Council

*Pastor: Fr. Sajy Thomas Chakkittamuriyil*

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

## Bible Readings for January 2021

<b>Jan 03, 2021</b>	Ex 3:1-12 Is 44:28-45:4 (44:21-45:4) 2Tim 3:10-15(3:1-15) Lk 4:16-22a (4:14-30)
<b>Jan 10, 2020</b>	Num 10:29-36 (10:29-11:10) Is 45:11-17 Heb 3:1-6 (3:1-4:7) Jn 1:14-18 (1:1-28)
<b>Jan 17, 2020</b>	G Num 11:11-20 Is 45:18- 46:4 Heb 4:1-10 (3:14-4:10) Jn 1:29-34 (1:29-42)
<b>Jan 24, 2020</b>	Num 11:23-35 Is 46:5-13 Heb 7:23-28 (7:18-28) Jn 2:1-11(1:43- 2:11)
<b>Jan 31, 2020</b>	Deut 18:13-18 (18:9-22) Is 48:12-20 Heb 6: 9 -15 (6:9-7:3) Melchizadek. Jn 3:14 - 21 (3:1-21)

## Prayer requests

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

Church is open for private prayers, confessions and receiving Holy Communion. Please make appointment with Achan before you visit. Only one family is allowed at a time.

## Donations to Church

*"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*

A big thanks to all who have offered your special Christmas donations to church. May God bless you for your generosity!

Please Interac e-transfer your regular 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](mailto:parish@stalphonesabc.org)

TD Bank account (Branch 0275);

Account Number - 7888-5251473

Please note that tax receipts will be provided for all donations above \$20.

## 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. Registration 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.

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*"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*