## St. Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Parish Bulletin - March 2021

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

March 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2021 \*Holy Mass - 5:30pm Online Streaming - YouTube Holy Week Special Mass - details will be announced later

\*See Holy Mass Schedule section for more details

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### IMPORTANT DATES

## FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

March 19, 2021

#### HOLY WEEK

March 28 - April 03, 2021

### HOLY MASS SCHEDULE\*

\*Rased on the Provincial Health Order, until further notice, Holy Masses will be offered without public congregation. We will continue to livestream Holy Mass through YouTube. Online Mass can also be viewed at our website home page www.stalphonsabc.org

## March - The month of St. Joseph

#### വി. യൗസേപ്പിതാവിന്റെ വർഷം - കുടുംബവർഷം

പ്രിയ സഹോദരി സഹോദരൻമാരെ....

"സ്നേഹത്തിന്റെ സന്തോഷം", എന്ന ചാക്രികലേഖനത്തിന്റെ അഞ്ചാം വാർഷികം പ്രമാണിച്ച് 2021 മാർച്ച് 19 മുതൽ 2022 ജൂൺ 26 വരെ പരിശുദ്ധപിതാവ് ഫ്രാൻസിസ് പാപ്പ കുടുംബവർഷമായി പ്രഖ്യാപിച്ചിരിക്കുകയാണ്. 2020 ഡിസംബർ 8 ന് ആരംഭിച്ച് 2021 ഡിസംബർ 8 ന് അവസാനിക്കുന്ന വി. യൗസെപിതാവിന്റെ വർഷത്തോട് ചേർത്താണ് മാർപാപ്പ കൂടുംബവർഷം പ്രഖ്യാപിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നത്...



ആയിരുന്നു വി. യൗസെപ്പിതാവ്. ഒന്ന്, പരിശുദ്ധ കന്യകാ മറിയം...രണ്ട്, മനുഷ്യനായി അവതരിച്ച നമ്മുടെ കർത്താവ് ഈശോമിശിഹാ... കാവലാളെന്നും സംരക്ഷകൻ എന്നും പറഞ്ഞതിനെ നാം വിലകുറച്ച് കാണരുത്. വി. യൗസെപ്പിതാവ് പരിശുദ്ധ കന്യകാ മറിയത്തിന്റെ ഭർത്താവ് തന്നെയാണ്. പ്രശ്നകലുഷിതമായ ഒരു കാലഘടത്തിലൂടെ തിരുസഭ കടന്ന്പോയപ്പോൾ, സകല ദിക്കുകളിലും നിന്ന് ശത്രുക്കളുടെ ആക്രമണം ഉണ്ടായപ്പോൾ, ദൈവ നിക്ഷേധികൾ സഭക്കെതിരെ ആഞ്ഞടിച്ചപ്പോൾ, പീയൂസ് 9 ആം മാർപാപ്പ സഭയുടെ സംരക്ഷകനായി കണ്ടത് വി. യൗസെപ്പിതാവിനെയാണ്. 1870 ഡിസംബർ 8 ന്, പീയൂസ് പാപ്പ, വി. യൗസെപ്പിതാവിനെ സാർവ്വത്രിക സഭയുടെ സംരക്ഷകനും മധ്യസ്ഥനുമായി പ്രഖ്യാപിച്ചു...

വി. യൗസെച്ചിതാവിന്റെ വർഷം പ്രഖ്യാപിച്ചുകൊണ്ടു ഫ്രാൻസിസ് മാർപാപ്പ എഴുതിയ "ഒരു പിതാവിന്റെ ഹൃദയത്തോടെ" എന്ന പ്രബോധനത്തിൽ അദ്ദേഹം പറയുന്നു: പ്രിതിസന്ധികളിൽ വലയുമ്പോൾ ശക്തനായ ഒരു മദ്ധ്യസ്ഥനെയും, ഉറപ്പുള്ള ഒരു സഹായകനെയും, ജ്ഞാനിയായ ഒരു മാർഗ്ഗ ദർശിയെയും വി. യൗസെപ്പിതാവിൽ നമുക്ക് കാണാൻ കഴിയും.

ഈശോയിൽ സ്നേഹപൂർവ്വം, വികാരിയച്ചൻ.





#### > AGM 2021

Annual General Meeting (Pothuyogam) was conducted online on Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> via Google Meet.

#### > 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@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.

A committee has been formed and various activities will be organized by the Catechism department in this year of St. Joseph.

# > Solemn Holy Communion & Confirmation

- Preparation classes have started as online classes.
- Students who wish to receive the Solemn
  Holy Communion & Confirmation this year
  (from all grades), please register with your
  Catechism Teacher, Achan or Shanty asap.
- The date of the Solemn Holy Communion & Confirmation ceremony for this year is yet to be announced.



#### > Pious Association for Children

We will soon start activities of Pious Association for children.

#### Animators Retreat:

Date: March 13th, Time: 11:00am - 2:00 pm EST Retreat Preacher: His Excellency Mar Thomas Tharayil Inauguration: His Excellency Mar Jose Kalluvelil Adoration: Rev. Father Martin Open to all Animators & Catechism Teachers

Please visit, like and share FB Page: https://www.facebook.com/Pious-Associations-for-Children-100260061645892/

## > March - The Month of St. Joseph

To promote the devotion to St. Joseph, families are encouraged to observe the devotion to St. Joseph in March reciting 'Vanakkamasam'.

## > Feast of St. Joseph

Let us celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph (March 19) and the Feast of St. Joseph the Patron of Workers (May 1) solemnly in this year by praying nine days of Novena.

## > Year of St. Joseph Retreat 2021

Eparchy of Mississauga is organizing a retreat virtually in the Year of St. Joseph led by **Rev. Fr.**Xavier Khan Vattayil from March 29 to 31, 2021.

The retreat will be live streamed via You Tube.

A common prayer prepared to recite for the success of the retreat will be distributed soon. Let us pray for the success of the retreat.

RETREAT SCHEDULE	
Date & Time	Program
29 March 2021 Monday	
6.30 pm EST	Chrism Mass
8.00pm	Talk
9.30pm	Adoration
10.00pm	Blessing
30 & 31 March 2021 (Tue & Wed)	
8.00 pm	Talk
9.30pm	Adoration
10.00pm	Final Blessing

\*The above schedule is from Eparchy, note that the time is in EST.

#### ➤ Lent 2021



Hope you all are having a blessed Lenten time. It is recommended to pray Stations of Cross during family unit prayer meetings. Please continue to pray Way of the cross in your families as we cannot gather at church. Let us observe Lent by abstaining from eating meat and other tempting activities, attend Holy Mass every day if possible and do the confession to prepare well for a blessed Easter.

## > Holy Week

Holy Week starts with Palm Sunday on March 28.

More details on the Holy Week celebrations will be announced later this month.

## > Tax receipts

Tax receipts are ready, those who have not collected it from Achan yet, please do so at the earliest. Make sure to call Achan before your visit.

## Parish Council

#### Pastor: Fr. Sajy Thomas Chakkittamuriyil

Trustees	Sunil Thomas & Joji Alex
Secretary	Ninu Joseph
Financial	Prince James, Lucy Varghese
Coordinators	& Somini Chelat
Spiritual	B., 4
Coordinator	Biju Arackal
Liturgy	Jobu J. Mathew
Coordinator	
PRO 8 Communications	Abraham Varghese
	Shanty Poulose
Catechetical Coordinators	·
Loorainators	& Biju Arackal
Youth	Soalwin J Kallingal
Coordinators	& Jenson James
International	Alvin George, Jojo Kurian,
students &	Velby Jose & Ninu Joseph
New Immigrants	Total a tima acaapii
Social Coordinators &	Thomas Kunjavoo
Food Committee	& Prince James
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Mathrudeepthi	Ninu Joseph
Knights of	Jobu J. Mathew
Columbus	CODO O. MOLIIGW
Pioneers	Vincent George
Coordinator	Vincent George
	Abraham Varghese
Pastoral Council	Biju Arackal
	Lucy Varghese
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## **Bible Readings for March 2021**

Mar 07, 2021	Gen 11:1-9
	Josh 7:10-15
	Rom 8:12-17
	Mt 21:33-44

ar 14, 2021	Gen 16:6-16
	Josh 9:16-27
	Rom 12:1-11
	Jn 7:37-39, 8:12-20

Mar 21, 2021	Gen 19:15-26
	Josh 21:43-22:5
	Rom 14:13-23
	Jn 10:11-18

1ar 28, 2021	Gen 49:8-12,22-26
	Zech 9:9-12
	Rom 11:13-24
	Mt 21:1-17

#### **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

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. 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@stalphonsabc.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.

"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