



ST. ALPHONSA SYRO-MALABAR CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARISH BULLETIN

APRIL 2023



"I am the resurrection and the life"
John 11:25

Message From The Pastor



ഈശോയിൽ
വാത്സല്യം
ഉള്ളവരെ ,
ഒരു
ഇടവേളയ്ക്ക്
ശേഷം 2023

ഏപ്രിൽ മാസം മുതൽ, നമ്മുടെ
'പാരിഷ് ബുള്ളറ്റിൻ' എല്ലാ മാസവും
പ്രസിദ്ധീകരിക്കുവാൻ നമ്മൾ
ശ്രമിക്കുകയാണ്... ഏവരുടെയും
സഹകരണവും പങ്കാളിത്തവും
ഉണ്ടാകുമല്ലോ...
ഓശാന ഞായറാഴ്ച മുതൽ നമ്മൾ
വിശുദ്ധ വാരത്തിലേക്ക്
പ്രവേശിക്കുകയാണല്ലോ. ഈശോയു
ടെ പരസ്യ ജീവിതത്തിന്റെ അവസാന
നാളുകളും, അവിടുത്തെ
പീഡാനുഭവവും, കുരിശുമരണവും,
ഉയിർപ്പും ധ്യാനിക്കുന്ന നമ്മൾക്ക്,

പ്രത്യാശയോടെ അവിടുന്ന്
വാഗ്ദാനം ചെയ്ത
സന്തോഷവും, സമാധാനവും
നിത്യരക്ഷയും പ്രാപിക്കുവാൻ
ഇടയാകട്ടെ എന്ന്
പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുന്നു...

ഈസ്റ്റർ ആശംസ കളോടെ,
സ്നേഹപൂർവ്വം,
വികാരിയച്ചൻ.
Fr. Sajy Thomas Chakkittamuriyil.



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Abraham Varghese
John Sebastian
Shiju Joseph
Vincy William

Palm Sunday & Easter Triduum

Palm Sunday - April 2

3 PM- 4:45 PM Confession

4 PM Way of the Cross

5 PM Holy Mass

Holy Thursday - April 6

9 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

"Appam murikkal" after mass

Good Friday - April 7

5 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Way of the Cross

Easter Vigil - April 8

11:00 PM Holy Mass

Easter Sunday - April 9

5:00 PM Holy Mass

Services at Mission Centres

April 1

Holy Mass at 5 PM in Victoria (Oshaana service)

April 8

Easter Vigil Mass at 6:30 PM in Abbotsford

St. Alphonsa Syro Malabar Catholic Church, Vancouver

HOLY QURBANA*

April 16

Solemn Holy Communion Celebration - Holy Mass at 4 PM

April 23, April 30

Holy Mass at 5 PM

*Also see Palm Sunday/Easter schedule

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 16

Solemn Holy Communion

April 23

Santom Cup Revealing

June 10, 11

Faith Fest

June 10

Karaoke Night

July 2

Church feast (Thirunaal)

July 8

Santom Fest

September 16

Parish Day

CATECHISM UPDATES

April 2

No class (Palm Sunday)

April 9

No class (Easter)

April 16

No class (First Holy Communion)

April 23, April 30

Regular classes

CATECHETICAL DEPT.

Beena Parappilly (Principal)

Georgey Varghese (Vice Principal)

PIOUS ASSOCIATIONS

Ninu Joseph

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Jobin Jacob

MATHRUDEEPTHI

Preetha Sebastian

Solemn Holy Communion



Online preparation classes were ongoing since January 2023 and will conclude with an in-person group class on **Saturday, April 8, from 9 AM – 12 PM.** Parents of Holy Communion & Confirmation students will also have a class led by Fr. Sajy at the same time. All the candidates and their parents are requested to make use of this opportunity. Solemn Holy Communion & Confirmation will be celebrated on **April 16 at 4 PM**

Coffee & Fellowship

Please join us for coffee & snacks in the parish hall after the Holy Mass on Sundays. If you'd like to sponsor snacks (anniversary, birthday, memoriam, etc.), please contact Joji Philip (604 306 4444)

AGM 2023

Annual General Meeting (Pothuyogam) for year 2023 was conducted on Sunday, March 26th after Holy Qurbana. 112 parishioners participated.

Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting for April is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11 at 7:30 PM at church. All council members are requested to attend this in-person meeting.

Welcome Newcomers!

We invite new parishioners to register and be part of our parish community.



Registration forms are available at church and also on our website. Our parish has a dedicated **helpdesk for Newcomers** that can help with finding accommodation, getting a ride to church, guidance to buy vehicle and other necessary help as needed.

Contact: Biju Ukken (778 709 3834), Renji Jose (778 986 4005)

email: help@stalphonsabc.org

PARISH MAGAZINE 2023

CALL FOR ARTICLES

Submission Deadline: May 15, 2023

1 **DRAWINGS & PAINTINGS**

Drawings: Original, neat drawings/paintings. Must be submitted **in-person** to the magazine committee. Printed images will not be accepted.

2 **SHORT STORIES & POEMS**

Short Stories: Should not exceed **300 words**

Poems: Minimum of **30 words** and should not exceed **20 lines**

• Preferably as a word document

3 **OTHER TOPICS**

- Articles on Saints (St. Carlo Acutis, St. Dominic Savio)
- Recipes
- Comics
- Riddles
- Other Topics (Must have prior approval from magazine committee)

Individual Topics: Should not exceed **300 words**

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Articles from **all age groups** are welcomed
- Articles must be submitted with the **full name** of the author/artist and **contact details** to the email magazinealphonsa@gmail.com
- Authors/artists may submit **one entry per category**

For more information on Call for Articles, contact us at: magazinealphonsa@gmail.com
 For more information about advertising & complimenting contact: Mr. Abraham Varghese (Ph: 604 724 3354) or Mr. Binoy Paul (Ph: 604 537 2354)

ST. ALPHONSA SYRO-MALABAR CATHOLIC CHURCH VANCOUVER

The release of the **Annual Parish Magazine** is planned for Parish Day on **September 16, 2023**. We invite you to bring the finest of your creativity and talents to inspire and entertain a diverse readership. Articles are invited from the members of St. Alphonsa parish and can send your submissions to **magazinealphonsa@gmail.com** before the deadline of **May 15, 2023**. For more details, please visit the church website.

BIBLE READINGS

April 2 (Palm Sunday)
 ഉത്പ 49:8-12, 22-26 (49:1-12, 22-26)
 സഖ 9:9-12(4:8-14+7:9-10+8:4-5,12-19+9:9-12)
 റോമാ 11:13-24
 മത്താ 21:1-17 (20:29-21:22)

April 6 (Holy Thursday)
 പുറ 12:1-20
 മലാ 1:10-14
 1 കോറി 11:23-29
 യോഹ 13:1-14 + മത്താ 26:26-30

April 7 (Good Friday)
 ഉത്പ 22:1-19
 ഏശ 52:13-53:9
 റോമാ 5:6-16
 ഭാഗം 1: ലൂക്കാ 22:63-23:12 + മത്താ 27:19 + ലൂക്കാ 23:13-23 + മത്താ 27:24-25 + ലൂക്കാ 23:24-45 + മത്താ 27:51-54 + യോഹ 19:23-30
 ഭാഗം 2: യോഹ 19:31-42

April 9 (Easter)
 ഏശ 60:1-7
 സാമു 2:1-10
 റോമാ 6:1-14 (5:20-6:23)
 മത്താ 28:1-6

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Santom Fest

Planning for Santom Fest and related programs are in full swing. To kick-off this year's festivities, we will have the "Santom Cup Revealing" on **April 23rd 2023**, after our Sunday mass, in the parish hall. As with any event of this magnitude, sponsorships play a very important part in our success. This time around, our sponsorship package covers five events. We are presently inviting a few more Silver and Bronze Sponsors to join our roster of generous Platinum,

Gold, Silver and Bronze Sponsors. Independent advertisement items such as banners, stalls and magazine advertisements are also welcome. Our parishioners will receive a discount for their individual sponsorship. Any promising leads for additional sponsors that you are aware of, please bring it to our attention. Santom Team requests your full support and participation for the cup revealing and upcoming events.

Santom Leads:

Abraham Varghese (604 724 3354)
 Binoy Paul (604 537 2354)



Santom Fest 2023

Santom Cup Revealing

SAVE THE DATE

APRIL

23

2023

VENUE: ST. BERNADETTE PARISH HALL
6543 132 ST, SURREY, BC

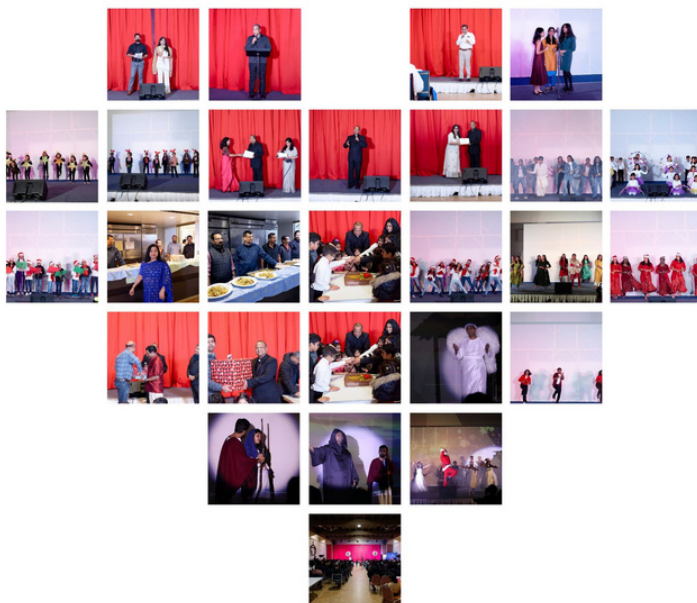
LENT 2023

Stations of the cross conducted during Lent on all Sundays at 4 PM



Highlights: Christmas/New Year Program

Christmas/New Year program was conducted in the parish hall on January 7, 2023. Please visit the church's social media pages for more pictures (See first page for links)



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 donors to our church. May God bless you for your generosity!

You may interact 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 annual donations above \$20.

SIGN UP FOR PAD

We also encourage our parish members to join our Pre-authorized Debit (PAD) system for Sunday collections.

For PAD Agreement Forms, please contact:

John Sebastian (604 360 2843)
Vincy Williams (604 366 4068)
or your Family unit leaders (Visit <https://www.stalphonsabc.org/family-units/>)

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 for prayer meeting. Please visit <https://www.stalphonsabc.org/family-units/> to know which family unit you belong to and the leaders information.