



ST. ALPHONSA SYRO-MALABAR CATHOLIC CHURCH

# PARISH BULLETIN

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*"And he called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases"  
Luke 9:1*



## Welcome, Rev. Fr. Thomas Venmanthara!



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**Pastor**

Fr. Thomas Venmanthara

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Abraham Varghese

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Vincy William

Our new parish priest Rev. Fr. Thomas Venmanthara officially assumed office on July 13, 2023. Parish council and other parish members officially welcomed Achan on July 13 and on his first mass with our parish on Sunday, July 16. We welcome Fr. Thomas wholeheartedly to Vancouver.

# Thank you, Rev. Fr. Sajy Thomas Chakkittamuriyil

After serving St. Alphonsa parish for 3 years, we bid farewell to our beloved pastor Rev. Fr. Sajy Thomas. A send-off meeting was organized on July 2, 2023 as part of the Parish feast. We thank Fr. Sajy Thomas for his services and dedication to our community!

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## Parish Magazine 2023

St. Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, Vancouver

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Wish to be a part of  
our parish magazine  
2023

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FOR DETAILS CONTACT:  
Mr. Abraham Varghese: 604 724 3354  
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The release of the **Annual Parish Magazine** is planned for Parish Day on September 16, 2023.

For any other information related to parish magazine, please contact [magazinealphonsa@gmail.com](mailto:magazinealphonsa@gmail.com)

## HOLY QURBANA

August 6, 13, 20

Holy Mass at 6:15 PM

August 27

Holy Mass at 5 PM

## UPCOMING EVENTS

September 16

Parish Day

## CATECHETICAL DEPT.

Beena Parappilly (Principal)

Georgey Varghese (Vice Principal)

## PIOUS ASSOCIATIONS

Ninu Joseph

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Jobin Jacob

## MATHRUDEEPTHI

Preetha Sebastian

## FAMILY UNITS

The registered members of the Parish are divided into 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.



# Parish Feast 2023

The annual Parish Feast was celebrated on July 2, 2023, with all pomp and grandeur. The feast day began with Solemn Qurbana celebrated by Fr. Sajy Thomas and Fr. Babu Mathew. Many families came forward as Prasudenthis and there was a special prayer for them at the beginning of the mass. Qurbana was followed by a procession, entertainment programs, and a fellowship dinner.



## World Day for Grandparents & Elderly



We celebrated the "World Day for Grandparents and Elderly" on July 23. There was a special prayer and blessing for all grandparents after the mass. It was followed by cake cutting organized by Mathruvedi.



## BIBLE READINGS

### August 6 2023

കൈത്താക്കാലം 4th Sunday  
പുറ 19:1-18+20:18-21  
ശ്ലീഹ 1:15-26  
ഹെബ്ര 12:18-29  
മത്താ 17:1-9

### August 13 2023

കൈത്താക്കാലം 5th Sunday  
ലേവ്യ 23:33-44  
ഏശയ 28:14-22  
2കൊറി 12:14-21  
ലൂക്കാ 16:19-31 (16:19-17:10)

### August 20 2023

കൈത്താക്കാലം 6th Sunday  
ലേവ്യ 19:1-4,9-14  
ഏശയ 29:19-24(29:13-24)  
1തെസ 2:1-12  
ലൂക്കാ 17:11-19

### August 27 2023

കൈത്താക്കാലം 7th Sunday  
ലേവ്യ 19:15-18  
ഏശയ 33:1-15  
1തെസ 2:14-20(2:14-3:13)  
ലൂക്കാ 18:1-8(18:1-14)



# SANTOM FEST

The much-awaited mega Carnival "Santom fest" was held on July 8, 2023. It was a fun-filled day with sports events, food, and entertainment programs. Tug-of-war was the main highlight of the event. We thank all our sponsors for their financial contributions and all our volunteers who worked hard for months to make this event a success. We also thank our community and people from other communities who participated in this event and made this event successful.



## 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 e-transfer your donations and regular tithe to our church email or direct deposit to the church account.



## 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, memorial, etc.), please contact Joji Philip (604 306 4444)

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.

## 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



## SANTOM SPONSORS

Many thanks to our sponsors for their support and benevolence towards church!

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## SIGN-UP FOR PAD

We encourage our parish members to join the 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/>)