



ST. ALPHONSA SYRO-MALABAR CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARISH BULLETIN

OCTOBER 2023



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



Message From The Pastor



My Dear Parishioners in Jesus Christ, I really appreciate and want to express my sincere gratitude to all of you for your unwavering

support in making our parish day truly memorable. Especially I acknowledge the team who organized it, and those who worked hard to publish the parish magazine- 'Radiance 2023'.

As you all know, we have started the catechism classes of this academic year. We are indebted to the commitment of catechism teachers who are willingly contributing their time to the faith formation of children in our parish. I congratulate you and send you the wishes and blessings of 'Catechetical Sunday.'

The month of October is dedicated to rosary primarily because the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on Oct. 7.

Tradition holds that Mary gave the rosary to St. Dominic (1170-1221) to assist him in combating the 'Albigensian heresy' in southern France in 1206. The devotion became widely popular and by 1569, Pope St. Pius V officially approved the rosary in its present form. We will be praying rosary in the church before holy mass on every Sundays of this month. I encourage Family Unit leaders to co-ordinate rosary prayer at least for 9 days in your units.

The closing of the Rosary Month will be done on October 30th, Monday with Holy Mass in the church.

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We will have our **annual parish retreat** of 2023 on NOVEMBER 17th, 18th and 19th (Friday, Saturday and Sunday).
REV. FR. JISON PAUL VENGASSERY - will be the retreat preacher.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary, continue to inspire us,

intercede for us to lead a life of discipleship.
God bless
In Christ,

Fr. Thomas Venmanthara (Vicar)



Catechism Updates



The Catechetical year of 2023.24 was inaugurated on September 10th, and regular classes started from September 17th.

Upcoming Catechetical Activities for October

- **October 1:** Regular class
- **October 8:** Regular class, PTA Executive Committee Meeting, Parent & Teacher Meet and Greet
- **October 15:** Regular class, Rosary led by Catechism Department
- **October 21:** Seminar for new teachers
- **October 22:** Regular class, English Qurbana, and Pious Association activities
- **October 29:** Regular class, Holy-ween at church

Catechism PTA Annual General Body

Annual General Body Meeting of Catechism PTA was held on September 24th. During the meeting, Principal Mrs. Beena Parappilly presented reports from the previous year and outlined plans for upcoming year. Fr. Thomas also shared his valuable insights. Catechism Executive committee for 2023-24 was selected from the community.



HOLY QURBANA

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Holy Mass in Malayalam at 5 PM

October 22
Holy Mass in English at 3:45 PM

October 30
Rosary, Holy Mass at 7 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 1
SMYM Gathering at 5 PM

November 17, 18
Annual Parish Retreat

CATECHETICAL DEPT.

Beena Parappilly (Principal)
Georgey Varghese (Vice Principal)

PIOUS ASSOCIATIONS

Ninu Joseph

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Jobin Jacob

MATHRUVEDI

Preetha Sebastian

PTA Executive committee members:

- **KG-Grade 4:** Kavitha Kurian (Teacher Rep), George Paul (Father Rep), Jisa Joseph (Mother Rep)
- **Grade 5-Grade 7:** Indu Vincy (Teacher Rep), Velby Jose Paul (Father Rep), Selma Joyson (Mother Rep)
- **Grade 8-Grade 12:** Alex C Thomas (Teacher Rep), Siju Mathew (Father Rep), Mary Venus (Mother Rep)

Vice Principal Mr. Georgey Varghese delivered Vote of Thanks and concluded the general body meeting.

Kevin Shaw Memorial Catechism Scholarship



Congratulations to Reya Rajesh and Edwin Stephen, from Catechism Grade 12 2022-23 batch, for winning the Kevin Shaw Memorial Catechism Scholarship!

Victoria - St. Antony's Mission - Parish Feast

വിക്ടോറിയ സെന്റ് ആന്റണിസ് മിഷൻ കൂട്ടായ്മയിൽ

പരി. കന്യകാമഠിയത്തിന്റെയും വി. സെബാസ്റ്റ്യാനോസിന്റെയും വി. അന്തോണിസിന്റെയും സംയുക്ത തിരുനാളാഘോഷം

2023 OCTOBER 07 SATURDAY

Event Address:
**ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH,
753 BURNSIDE RD W, VICTORIA BC V8Z 1M9**

തിരുനാൾ തിരുക്കർമ്മങ്ങൾ

10:30 am വിശുദ്ധ കുന്യാസാരം
11:00 am ആഘോഷമായ തിരുനാൾ കുർബ്ബാന

മുഖ്യ കാർത്തികൻ :
റവ. ഫാ. തോമസ് വെൺമാന്തറ

തിരുനാൾ സന്ദേശം :
റവ. ഫാ. ജോസ് മത്തോട്ടുതാഴെ

പ്രദക്ഷിണം
സ്നേഹവിരുത്ത്

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തിരുനാൾ കമ്മ്യൂണിക്കേഷൻ

Please Register
<https://tinyurl.com/tyk9mx8a>

Marriage Preparation Course

**FAMILY APOSTOLATE
SYRO MALABAR, EPARCHY OF MISSISSAUGA**

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE 2023

SATURDAY, SUNDAY, MONDAY

**SEPTEMBER
23, 24, 25**

**NOVEMBER
4, 5, 6**

For More information
647 858 1449
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DIRECTOR

Sr. JYOTHY A.O.
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- Applicants must be a registered member in the parish.
- Application form with a fee of \$100 should be interac to the mentioned email address.
- Signature of the parish priest is mandatory in the application form.

OFFICE
**ST. THOMAS SYRO MALABAR FORANE CHURCH
SCARBOROUGH, TORONTO**

Ettu Noyambu

Commemorating the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we celebrated 8 days of rosary followed by Holy Qurbana and novena from September 1-8. Many parishioners signed up as Presudenthis and prayed for their special intentions. On the final day, there was also “palchor nercha” organized by Mathruvedi.



BIBLE READINGS

October 1 2023

ഏലിയ-സ്ലീവ-മുശ 5th Sunday
നിയ 9:13-24
ഏശയ്യാ 26:1-11 (26:1-19)
ഫിലി 4:4-9
മത്താ 15:21-28

October 8 2023

ഏലിയ-സ്ലീവ-മുശ 6th Sunday
നിയ 10:12-20
ഏശയ്യാ 33:2-10
1കോറി 14:26-33
മത്താ 18:1-9

October 15 2023

ഏലിയ-സ്ലീവ-മുശ 7th Sunday
നിയ 11:13-17
ഏശയ്യാ 61:10-11
2കോറി 2:12-17
മത്താ 20:1-16

October 22 2023

ഏലിയ-സ്ലീവ-മുശ 8th Sunday
നിയ 11:26-32
ഏശയ്യാ 41:1-7
ഗലാ 5:16-26
ലൂക്കാ 8:41-56

October 29 2023

ഏലിയ-സ്ലീവ-മുശ 9th Sunday
നിയ 13:12-18
ഏശയ്യാ 41:8-16
ഗലാ 6:1-10
മത്താ 8:23-34

Ezhuthiniruthu

On September 3rd, as the new school year began, young children entering school for the first time from our parish received a special prayer (Ezhuthiniruthu) and blessing from Fr. Thomas.



Parish Day

On September 16th, Parish Day was celebrated with fun games and lunchtime socializing. Parish Magazine "Radiance 2023" was also published during this event.



DONATIONS



Big thanks to all of our church's donors.

May God bless you for Your Kindness!

To make a donation to our church, you can either e-transfer 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 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/>)

Mathruvedi - Pilgrimage trip

On September 23rd, members of Mathruvedi embarked on a one-day pilgrimage. The day began with Holy Qurbana led by Fr. Thomas at Carmel Hill Monastery, followed by the Way of the Cross at the trail behind the monastery leading up the mountain.

The mothers then visited the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes at Mission before concluding their journey at the picturesque Westminster Abbey.

The experience was undoubtedly profound and enriching for all who attended. The day ended on a casual note with a coffee break.



Family Unit Updates

St. George Family Unit Prayer Gathering



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.

Welcome Newcomers!

We warmly welcome new parishioners to register and become a part of our community. Registration forms are available at church or on our website. As a new member, you can take advantage of our parish's dedicated helpdesk for newcomers, which can assist you with finding accommodation, arranging transportation to church, purchasing a vehicle, and any other essential needs. For further inquiries, please contact Biju Ukken (778 709 3834) or Renji Jose (778 986 4005) or send us an email at help@stalphonsabc.org.