



ST. ALPHONSA SYRO-MALABAR CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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*



## Message From The Pastor



My Dear Parishioners in  
Jesus Christ,  
**Eparchial Assembly: -**  
The Eparchy of  
Mississauga is convening  
the first ever Eparchial

Assembly on November 9th to November 12th, 2023, at Orange Ville Ontario, to evaluate its previous year's growth prayerfully and critically, and to formulate a future pastoral plan to ensure its strides in the pathways of God. The theme of the Eparchial Assembly is "Be a Mission and Build the Church", which closely resembles the theme of the Syro-Malabar Major Archiepiscopal Assembly, scheduled for August 2024, "Mission and Life of Syro-Malabar Church in Response to the Needs of the Time".

### **Catechetical Sunday: -**

November 4th is the feast of Charles Borromeo, the patron saint of catechists. Every year we are celebrating Catechetical Sunday in connection with his feast. The Catechetical Sunday offers an opportunity for all to strengthen the catechetical ministry and set apart a day to appreciate and pray for those who serve as Catechists in our Parish communities. We acknowledge all catechism teachers on Nov 5th Sunday in church after the Holy Qurbana.

### **Parish Annual Retreat: -**

Our Parish Retreat will be held on November 17th, 18th & 19th. Rev Fr. Jison Paul Vengassery, will be the retreat preacher. All are welcome to join.

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### **Pastor**

Fr. Thomas Venmanthara

### **Trustees**

Abraham Varghese  
John Sebastian  
Shiju Joseph  
Vincy William

### **Secretary**

Anju Thomas

### Ordination: -

Deacon Francis Akkarappatiakal from Scarborough Parish, is the first priest from Canada for the Eparchy of Mississauga. His Ordination ceremony will be on November 18th. On this auspicious occasion let us pray for him, and also to have more vocations for our eparchy from all our communities.

### Annual Retreat for Priests :-

Please note that I will be away for attending the retreat and participating in the eparchial assembly from November 9th-18th.

## Parish Retreat

Annual Parish retreat led by Rev. Fr. Jison Paul Vengasserry is planned for November 17, 18 and 19.



## Soup kitchen



### Season of the Dedication of the Church: -

The last four weeks of the liturgical year belong to the season of the Dedication of the Church, starting from November 5th Sunday.

Your prayer is requested for the success of eparchial assembly, and the retreats happening in our community as well for the priests.

God bless

In Christ

**Fr Thomas Venmanthara (Vicar)**

## Catechism Updates



Upcoming Catechetical Activities:

- **Nov 4 (Sat):** Special event- Feast of St. Charles Borromeo (Patron Saint of Catechists). Eparchial convention of Catechists: 11 AM to 12:30 PM EST
- **Nov 5:** Catechetical Sunday. Regular class, Catechism Teacher's recognition
- **Nov 12:** Regular class
- **Nov 19:** No class, Retreat
- **Nov 26:** Regular class

For any questions, please contact Mrs. Beena Parappilly (Principal ) at 778 987 8841

## HOLY QURBANA

**November 5,12,19,26**

Holy Mass in Malayalam at 5 PM

**November 26**

Holy Mass in English at 3:45 PM

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**November 17, 18, 19**

Annual Parish retreat

## CATECHETICAL DEPT.

Beena Parappilly (Principal)

Georgey Varghese (Vice Principal)

## PIOUS ASSOCIATIONS

Ninu Joseph

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Jobin Jacob

## MATHRUDEEPTHI

Preetha Sebastian

On October 21, 2023, the Catechism Department organized a soup kitchen event where children assisted in preparing sandwiches for the homeless community.

<https://fb.watch/o0dzhAHzVh/>

## Pious Association

On October 22, 2023, there was Mass in English, with the choir being led by children. Following the Holy Qurbana, Pious Association hosted spiritually enriching activities for children of all ages. It was a time of enlightenment and education as children delved into the inspiring lives of saints.



## Holyween



# HOLYWEEN

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023

On October 29, 2023, we celebrated 'Holyween' with lots of enthusiasm! Kids transformed into their favorite saints and biblical characters, and Mathruvedi sweetened the day by sharing treats after the Mass.

<https://fb.watch/o0eGFqjYYO/>



## BIBLE READINGS

### Nov 5 2023

പള്ളിക്കൂടാശക്കാലം 1st Sunday  
പുറപ്പാട് 40:17-29,34-38  
ഏശയ്യാ 6:1-8  
1 കൊറിന്തോസ് 13:1-13  
മത്തായി 16:13-19

### Nov 12 2023

പള്ളിക്കൂടാശക്കാലം 2nd Sunday  
പുറപ്പാട് 40:1-16  
1 രാജാക്കന്മാർ 8:22-29  
ഹെബ്രായർ 8:1-6  
മത്താ 12:1-13

### Nov 19 2023

പള്ളിക്കൂടാശക്കാലം 3rd Sunday  
സംഖ്യ 9:15-18  
ഏശയ്യാ 54:1-10  
ഹെബ്രായർ 9:5-15  
യോഹ 2:13-22

### Nov 26 2023

പള്ളിക്കൂടാശക്കാലം 4th Sunday  
1 രാജാക്കന്മാർ 6:11-19  
എസക്കിയേൽ 43:1-7  
ഹെബ്രായർ 9:16-28  
മത്താ 22:41-46



## 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. Our church email id and account details are given below:

[parish@stalphonsabc.org](mailto: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.

## Family Unit Updates

St. Sebastian's Family Unit Prayer Gathering



## 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/>)

## 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 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](mailto:help@stalphonsabc.org)