



ST. ALPHONSA SYRO-MALABAR CATHOLIC CHURCH

# PARISH BULLETIN

MAY 2024



*He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay*  
*Matthew 28:6*



## Pastor's Message

My dear parishioners,

### **Pentecost:-**

Pentecost celebrates the Holy Spirit descending upon the Apostles. Pentecost falls 50 days (seven weeks) after Easter and 10 days after the Ascension. It is marked on May 19th in the liturgical calendar of this year.

### **Season of Apostles (Sleehe):-**

The season of Apostles or Sleehe consists of seven weeks, starting from feast of Pentecost. This season focuses on themes such as divine call, commissioning to preach the Good News, and witnessing to Jesus. This season more emphasis the work of Holy Spirit in church. The first Friday in this season is known as the Golden Friday., the faithful filled with Holy Spirit are responsible for proclaiming the good news of salvation.

Also month of May is traditionally dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

### **Live and Learn 2024:-**

In our Eparchy every year there is a seminar organized for all the priests

serving in different parishes/ mission centers.

The objective of the presbyterate is mainly to create a platform to come together under one roof and spend some quality time with our Bishop. Decisions have been made collaboratively based on the discussions on contemporary issues and spiritual learning. With immense pleasure, I announce that, it will be conducted at Vancouver this year from June 3rd to June 7th.

We will have Solemn Holy Qurbana on June 3rd at St Bernadette Church celebrated by all 28 priests with His Excellency Mar Jose Kalluvellil.

It will be a great opportunity for you all to "meet" and "greet" all our priests serving in various parishes across Canada. I strongly encourage everyone not to miss this opportunity to participate in this holy mass and get blessed. I remind you again that it is also our responsibility to welcome them to our community.

I request your wholehearted prayers for all of them to make it safely and for the success of this Seminar. Anticipating your co-operation.

### **Catechism final assessment:-**

Catechism final assessment will be on May 26th.

I strongly advise parents to ensure that, children read their texts thoroughly before the exam.

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### Follow us on:



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Fr. Thomas Venmanthara

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“Bloom into Gratitude this Spring and Spread joy to everyone around“!  
May God bless you and keep you all safe!!

**Mother’s Day- May 12th:-**

Wishes & prayers!

Pope Francis: A world without mothers would be inhumane, lacking tenderness. Let us affectionately remember all our mothers!

A round of applause for their selfless love, kindness, and caring attitude, even for those who are no longer with us, but who live on in our hearts.

Let us entrust them to Mary, the mother of Jesus!

Best regards,  
**Rev Fr Thomas Venmanthara**

## Solemn Holy Communion & Confirmation

Congratulations to all children who received Solemn Holy Communion and Confirmation on April 13, 2024. A special thanks to Fr. Thomas for his guidance and to all the teachers for their dedication in preparing the children for this special day.

We also extend our gratitude to the celebrant priests Fr. Thomas Venmanthara, Fr. Gijo Panthackal and Fr. Sebastian Puthenpura. Additionally, a big shout out to all the parents, parish council, altar servers, choir, and Mathruvedhi for their support and volunteering.



## Festal Greetings

On St. George feast, festal greetings were bestowed on **Fr. Gijo** with celebration and cake cutting, organized by St. George Family unit.



## HOLY QURBANA

**St. Bernadette Parish  
Sunday**

Holy Mass in Malayalam at 5 PM

## Mission House

**Tue, Wed, Thu**

7 PM

**Fri**

6 PM

**First Friday of the month**

6 PM, followed by Adoration till 9PM

**Sat**

9 AM

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 19 2024**

7:45 PM - 9:45 PM

SMYM Praise & Worship

**May 25 2024**

Chitravarnam



## BIBLE READINGS

**May 5 2024**

Sixth Sunday of Resurrection

Gen 9:8-17

Rom 8:1-11

Jn 5:19-29

**May 12 2024**

Seventh Sunday of Resurrection

Gen 28:10-19

1 Pet 1:3-9

Lk 24:44-53

**May 19 2024**

First Sunday of the Apostles

Gen 2:1-8

Acts 2:1-21

Jn 20:19-23

**May 26 2024**

Second Sunday of the Apostles

Ex 19:1-8

1 Tim 1:12-19

Jn 11:1-16



# SMYM Updates

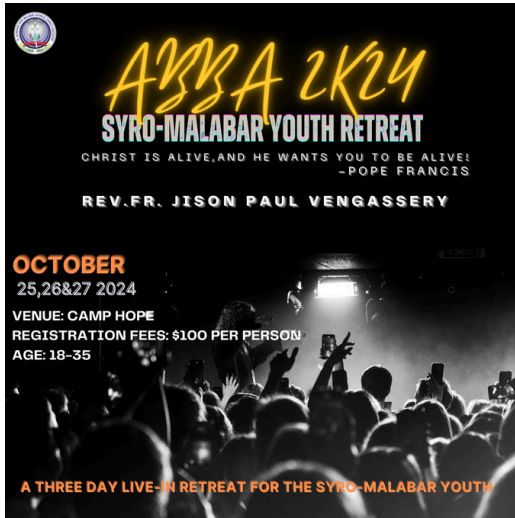
## ABBA - 2K24

Our Parish is organizing a three-day live-in retreat ABBA – 2K24, for the youth, 18 years and older, at **Camp Hope** on **October 25, 26, & 27, 2024.**

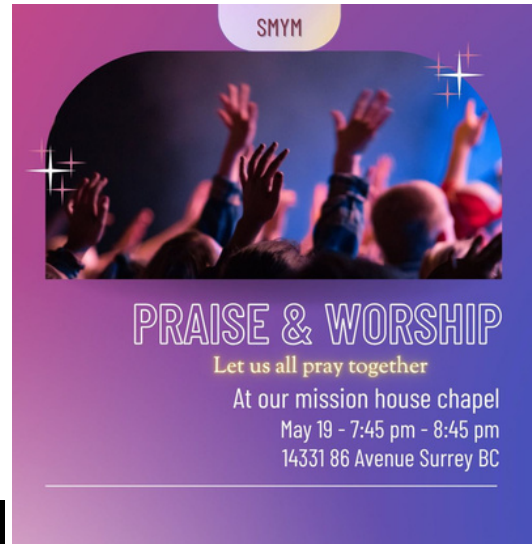
The retreat will be led by **Rev. Fr. Jison Paul Vengassery.**

Please follow the link below for registration:

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## Praise & Worship



## Catechism Updates



### Upcoming Catechetical Activities:

- **May 5:** Regular class
- **May 12:** English Qurbana & Pious Association activities
- **May 19:** Regular Class
- **May 26:** Term 2 Assessment (Final Catechism Assessment)

## Mathruvedhi Updates



Elizabeth Ministry is an initiative started by Syro-Malabar Mathruvedhi to support expectant mothers in our church community. Following the example of Mother Mary taking care of her cousin Elizabeth when she was expecting we would be focusing on Spiritual and physical well being of these women before and after delivery. We will be having monthly Adoration and information sessions at Mission House.

If anyone in this group is expecting or know someone who is going to have a baby, please let the Mathruvedhi Leadership team know. There is a separate Elizabeth Ministry WhatsApp group to connect with women in need. Thanks!



## CATECHETICAL DEPT.

Beena Parappilly (Principal)  
Georgey Varghese (Vice Principal)

## PIOUS ASSOCIATIONS

Ninu Joseph

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Jobin Jacob

## MATHRUVEDHI

Sanitha

## NEWCOMER'S HELPDESK

Biju Ukken, Renji Jose

## Qurbana Booking

We extend an invitation to every family to participate in the daily masses at Mission House. Each family is encouraged to sign up for significant occasions such as birthdays, wedding anniversaries, death anniversaries, or any other special intentions.

### Qurbana signup calendar:

<https://stalphonesabc.org/qurbana-booking/>

On your booked date, we kindly request that your family join us at Mission House to attend the Qurbana together.

## Church Donations

A big thanks to all donors of 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:

[parish@stalphonesabc.org](mailto:parish@stalphonesabc.org)

TD Bank account (Branch 0275):

Account Number - 7888-5251473

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) or Vincy Williams (604 366 4068)