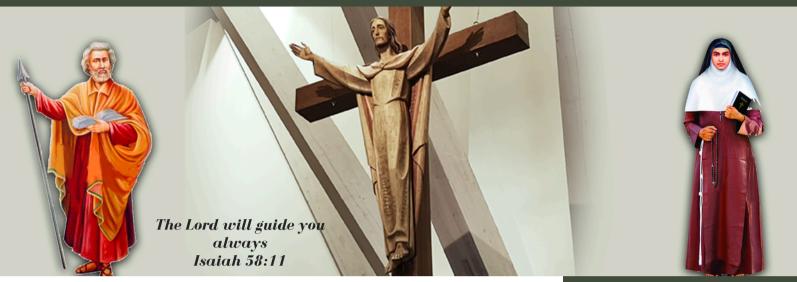


ST. ALPHONSA SYRO-MALABAR CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARISH BULLETIN

SEP 2024





Pastor's Message

My dear parishioners in Christ,

Hope you all had a great summer . It is time up to get back to the fall routines.

Ettunombu Thirunal:-

As you all know, the Catholic Church celebrates Mother Mary's birthday on September 8th.

Traditionally, mothers especially emphasized celebrating Eight days of lent (Ettunombu). They are actively taking part in eight days of Novena and fasting prayer preceding the feast.

Prasuthenthies are welcome, they may donate \$50 to register their names with the prayer intentions. Please review the flyer for details.

Catechism ministry:-

I welcome and value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in faith formation. Looking forward to working with you all. New registrations for the academic year 2024-2025, are now open. It is mandatory for all students to register before they enter into the new academic year.

The inaugural ceremony will be held on September 8th and classes start on September 15th. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact either me or the Catechism principal.

Family retreat& Youth retreat:-

Rev Fr Binoj Mullavarikkal is the retreat preacher of the upcoming retreat for October 4,5,6.

Family retreat is the time for both parents to be intentional about sharing your faith with your kids—to show them through your actions and your words that you prioritize your relationship with them and with God. Also take this as an opportunity to model for them how to pray together. The bonds that you are fortifying will last a lifetime.

In addition, there will be a three day LIVE IN retreat exclusively for youth-**ABBA 2K24**- by Rev Fr JISON Paul VENGASSERY, on October 25, 26 & 27 at Mountain view camp and conference centre.

Please remind youth aged between 18-35, to scan the bar code to register.

May God bless you.

Fr Thomas Venmanthara

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Ettu Nombu

On the occasion of Ettu Nombu, starting September 1st, Mathrudeepthi invites all parishioners to join in eight days of Marian Devotion. This period of prayer and fasting will include the Rosary, Novena, and Daily Mass each evening.



SMYM - Youth Retreat.

St. Alphonsa Syro- Malabar Catholic Church, Vancouver is organizing a threeday live-in retreat ABBA - 2K24, for the youth, 18 years and older, at Camp Hope on October 25, 26, & 27. The retreat will be led by Rev. Fr. Jison Paul Vengassery. Please scan the barcode below or the link https://forms.gle/kk1xUNy2zUDnAt9m8 to register.



In the form below you can request which day of this lent you would like to offer your intention. That specific day Mass will be offered with your intention. Presudhendhis can donate \$50 via eTranser at parish@stalphonsabc.org. This will help us to cover the cost for Church rental during these days.

https://forms.gle/kRdcPSjyKz7ruFMs7

Shalom Festival 2024

On Sunday, August 4th, Shalom Festival was led in our parish by Rev. Fr. Roy Palatty, the spiritual director of Shalom World and a well-known speaker.













HOLY OURBANA

St. Bernadette Parish

Holy Mass in Malayalam at 5 PM

Mission House*

Tue, Wed, Thu

7 PM

Fri

6 PM Adoration, 6:30 PM Ourbana

Sat

9 AM

*Check flyer for ettu nombu days' schedule

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 4-6 2024

Family Retreat

Oct 25,26,27 2024

Abba 2k24 Youth Retreat

BIBLE READINGS

Sep 1 2024

Second Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses Deut 18:14-22

Heb 11:23-29

Mt 17:9-13

Sep 8 2024

Third Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses

Num 24:15-24

1 Cor 7:29-35

Mt 24:32-44

Sep 15 2024

Fourth Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses

Num 21:1-9

Gal 6:11-18

Mt 10:34-42

Sep 22 2024

Fifth Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses

Gen 9:8-17

1 Cor 1:18-25

Mt 24:29-36

Sep 29 2024

Sixth Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses

Gen 41:37-45

Heb 1:1-4

Jn 12:27-36

Feast of Saint John Maria Vianney

On the Feast of St. John Maria Vianney, heartfelt wishes were extended to Fr. Thomas and Fr. Roy in gratitude for their tireless service, guiding presence, and the spiritual nourishment they bring to our community







Catechism Updates

We are excited to welcome students to the new Catechetical Academic year, 2024-2025! The year will begin with the inauguration on Sep 8. The first class will be on Sep 15.

Online registration is now open via our church App: https://stalphonsabc.org/mychurchapp. New students must complete the registration, while returning students are encouraged to review and update their details. Completing the Admin Consent is mandatory, while Media Consent is optional.

A registration fee of \$25 per child is required and can be paid online via churchapp or Interac eTransfer. For assistance, please contact Vincy William at 604-366-4068

Outgoing Leadership Team

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the following members for their dedicated service in leading the Catechism Department and the Pious Association over the last two years:

- Georgey Varghese Vice Principal
- Milan George Secretary
- Daya Chacko Treasurer
- Beena Parappilly Principal
- Ninu Joseph Pious Association Leader

Their unwavering commitment has played a vital role in nurturing the faith of our community.



Upcoming Catechetical Activities:

- Sep 8: Inauguration of the 2024-25 academic year
- Sep 15: Regular Class
- Sep 21 (Sat): Seminar for new Catechists and new Youth Catechists
- Sep 22: Regular Class, PTA AGM
- Sep 29: Regular Class

2024-26 Leadership Team

As we look ahead, we welcome the new leadership team and pray for the Holy Spirit's wisdom and strength to guide them as they take up the mantle of faith formation:

- Beena Parappilly Principal
- Roseline Binoj Vice Principal & Pious Association Leader
- Asha Gino Secretary
- Jervin Jain Treasurer

May their leadership continue to inspire and strengthen the spiritual growth of our community.

CATECHETICAL DEPT.

Beena Parappilly (Principal) Roseline Binoj (Vice Principal)

PIOUS ASSOCIATIONS

Roseline Binoj

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Jobin Jacob

SHEPHERDS OF FAITH

Lucy Johnson

MATHRUVEDHI

Sanitha Nereveettil

PITHRUVEDHI

Velby Paul

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH

Raina Mariya John

NATIONAL YOUTH

Rohan Roy

ACCOUNTANT

Binoy Paul

PARISH CO-ORDINATOR -SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Shanty Paulose

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 or any special intentions.

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:

TD Bank account (Branch 0275): Account Number - 7888-5251473

Grandparent's day

Grandparent's day was celebrated at mission house on August 2nd with Holy Qurbana and adoration, followed by agape.







SMYM Fundraising

On July 28, 2024, SMYM organized a fundraising event during the parish Feast, to support the forthcoming Youth Retreat in October. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who supported our great



SMYM Praise & Worship

On August 11, 2024, SMYM held a Praise & Worship session at Mission House followed by a social gathering.



Family Unit Updates

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.

St. Jude Family Unit Picnic



Please visit https://www.stalphonsabc.org/family-units/ to know the family unit you belong to and the leader's information

St. Sebastian Family Unit Picnic

