



ST. ALPHONSA SYRO-MALABAR CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARISH BULLETIN

JAN 2025



*The Lord will guide you
always
Isaiah 58:11*



Pastor's Message

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

As the year 2024 draws to a close, I take a moment to reflect on God's abundant blessings and provision throughout this year. I express my sincere gratitude to each of you who have walked alongside me in this journey of faith. It had been a year filled with challenges and triumphs, yet through it all, we have seen His grace at work in our midst. Your prayers, kindness, and steadfast faith have been invaluable.

As Apostle Paul reminds us, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places" (Ephesians 1:3). As we enter into a New Year, let us renew our commitment to walk in faith, hope and love. May we draw closer to God in deeper communion and continue to encourage and uplift one another as a community. May God's peace and blessings be with you and your loved ones as we embrace the year ahead. Let us welcome it with hearts full of hope, gratitude, and a renewed commitment to follow Christ's call.

In Christ's love,

Fr. Thomas Venmanthara

*Ordination Day
Greetings - Jan 4th*



Rev. Fr. Thomas Venmanthara



New Year Mass

MISSION HOUSE
Jan 1, 2025
6PM Adoration
7 PM Holy Qurbana

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Christingle 2024 Tickets Official Release

🌟 Our Christmas and New Year celebration, Christingle 2024, will take place on January 4 at 4:30 PM at Pacific Academy. Tickets for this grand event were officially launched on December 8 by our Platinum sponsors. 🌟

Christingle 2024
Celebrating Faith, Family and Spirit of Christmas
2025 January 4 04.30 pm
PACIFIC ACADEMY
Hyper 100 St. Surrey
SOLD OUT
https://www.christingle2024.com
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Thank you
A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful community for your incredible support in making Christingle 2024 a sold-out event! 🌟



Catechism Updates

Upcoming Catechetical Activities:

- Jan 5: Regular class
- Jan 12: Mid-Year Catechism Examination
- Jan 19: Regular Class, English Qurbana & Pious Association Activities
- Jan 26: Regular Class

Catechism Dept Christmas Celebration:

In December, the Catechism Department organized a food drive in conjunction with the Advent Calendar activity. On December 22, a special celebration was held, featuring a visit from Santa, a beautiful nativity scene, carols and cake. Medals were presented to all students who completed the Advent Calendar.

Christmas videos by Catechism students:

Catechism students from the St. Alphonsa Catechism Department have created wonderful videos reflecting on the spirit of Christmas.

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/948323927189450>

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/889140883396141>



HOLY QURBANA

St. Bernadette Parish

3:45 PM Adoration, 5 PM Qurbana

Mission House

Tue, Wed, Thu

7 PM

Fri

6 PM Adoration, 6:30 PM Qurbana

Sat

9 AM

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 4, 2025

Christingle

Jan 11, 2025

Racquet Fest - 2025 Doubles Badminton Tournament (Conducted by Pithruvedhi)



BIBLE READINGS

Jan 5 2025

First Sunday of Epiphany

Ex 3:1-12

Is 44:28-45:4 (44:21-45:4)

2 Tim 3:10-15 (3:1-15)

Lk 4:16-22a (4:14-30)

Jan 12 2025

Second Sunday of Epiphany

Num 10:29-36 (10:29-11:10)

Is 45:11-17

Heb 3:1-6 (3:1-4:7)

Jn 1:14-18 (1:1-28)

Jan 19 2025

Third Sunday of Epiphany

Num 11:11-20

Is 45:18 - 46:4

Heb 4:1-10 (3:14-4:10)

Jn 1:29-34 (1:29-42)

Jan 26 2025

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany


Num 11:23-35

Is 46:5-13

Heb 7:23-28 (7:18-28)

Jn 2:1-11(1:43- 2:11)





INVITING CHILDREN FOR THE PREPARATION CLASSES FOR

Solemn Holy Communion & Confirmation

May 10, 2025

PLEASE REGISTER WITH YOUR CATECHISM CLASS TEACHER

Preferably Grade 4 and above
Classes start from February 2025

Christmas Eve

Christmas eve mass was celebrated on Dec 24th at St. Bernadette church



SMYM Christmas Carol Flash Mob

On Christmas Eve, following the 10 pm Holy Qurbana, SMYM members performed a vibrant carol flash mob. The performance featured a medley of carol songs, joyfully commemorating the birth of Jesus and spreading festive cheer among the congregation.



SMYM Updates

SMYM Film Fest 2k24: Swargam

On Dec 05, 2024, SMYM hosted a Malayalam movie, 'SWARGAM', highlighting Catholic Values. Thank you to all who have supported this humble effort.



CATECHETICAL DEPT.

Beena Parappilly (Principal)
Roseline Binoj (Vice Principal)

PIOUS ASSOCIATIONS

Roseline Binoj

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Lucy Johnson

MATHRUVEDHI

Sanitha Nereveettil

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ACCOUNTANT

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

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

Parish Calendar 2025 Release

St. Alphonsa Parish calendar for 2025 was launched on Dec 8th after the Holy Qurbana.



Felicitations Dr. Lucy Varghese



Mrs. Lucy Varghese from our Parish was warmly felicitated in recognition of her outstanding achievement in earning her doctorate.

Family Unit Updates

Carols were held at each family unit level throughout the month of December



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



St. Mary (Chilliwack)

