



ST. ALPHONSA SYRO-MALABAR CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARISH BULLETIN

MAY 2025



Teach me what I do not see; if I have done iniquity, I will do it no more
Job 34:32



Solemn Holy Communion & Confirmation



May God's blessings and our heartfelt prayers be with all our dear children.

Holy Week Celebrations

During Holy Week, our parish community joined together in prayer and reflection as we remembered the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus.

Palm Sunday



ST. ALPHONSA
SYRO-MALABAR CATHOLIC CHURCH, VANCOUVER, BC

SOLEMN Holy COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION
2025 MAY 10 SATURDAY
ST. BERNADETTE PARISH
6543, 132 ST, SURREY V3W 4L4

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35

Let us come together as a community to lift them up in prayer, asking for God's blessings, guidance, and grace to be showered upon them abundantly!

 EILEEN MATHEW	 VINCE JOHN THOMAS	 MATHEW GEORGE	 ABEL JACOB
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Maundy Thursday



Easter



Catechism Updates

Upcoming Catechetical Activities:

- May 4, 11, 18: Regular class
- May 25: Final Catechism Examination

Solemn Holy Communion & Confirmation:

Preparation for Solemn Holy Communion & Confirmation is underway. 13 students are preparing for Holy communion which will be held on May 10th.

Kerala Apostolical Churches Ecumenical Fellowship gathering

The first prayer meeting of the Ecumenical Fellowship in BC was held on April 26 at St. Helen's Anglican Church Hall. The gathering was a step toward unity and fellowship among Christian communities in BC.

Good Friday

The Abbotsford Mission hosted a Good Friday service at Carmel Hill Monastery, followed by 'Nercha Kanji'.



Decennial Eucharistic Year Contests

Inviting all parishioners to participate in the upcoming contests.

Please contact:

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DECENNIAL EUCHARISTIC YEAR CONTESTS
ESSAY AND POEM WRITING

Essay topic (3000 to 4000 words)

Holy Qurbana: The most solemn celebration and commemoration of the Passover mysteries of Jesus Christ (English)

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Poem topic (24 to 28 lines)

I am the bread of life (John 6:48) English

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General Guidelines

- ✓ Category - English and Malayalam
- ✓ Age group - 35 years and above
- ✓ Allowed - Original work reflecting thoughts, emotions, spiritual reflections, vivid imagery, personal expressions.
- ✗ Not allowed - Replication or imagery of existing works, ChatGPT or any AI, plagiarism.
- ✓ Citations - Should be short, cited with the article or book name and author.

Deadline - May 4, 2025

Handwritten copy → Signature of parish priest and official parish seal → Scan → Email to →
stalphonsa.decennial@gmail.com



HOLY QURBANA

St. Bernadette Parish

4 PM Adoration

5 PM Qurbana

Mission House

Tue, Wed, Thu

7 PM

Fri

6 PM Adoration, 6:30 PM Qurbana

Sat

9 AM



Chilliwack Mission

First Saturday

6:30 PM Rosary

7 PM Qurbana,

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Abbotsford Mission

Second Saturday

7 PM Qurbana, St. James Catholic Church



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://stalphonsabc.org/qurbana-booking/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 8, 2025

Santom Cup revealing

July 5, 2025

Santom Fest



Kevin Sha Memorial Scholarship

Congratulations!

Erin Mathew receiving the Kevin Sha Memorial Scholarship.



Mathruvedhi

SyroMalabar Mathruvedhi recently organized a spiritually enriching session titled "Equipping Children and Families to Thrive," focused on empowering families to build strong spiritual, emotional, and practical foundations amidst today's ever-evolving world.

We had the privilege of welcoming **Mrs. Rachel Beena John** as our speaker, whose wisdom and heartfelt insights made the session truly impactful. She spoke deeply about faith-filled parenting, highlighting the significance of nurturing a strong relationship with God and instilling biblical values in our children.



Her message encouraged us to remain steadfast in prayer and Scripture, meeting the challenges of modern family life with courage, grace, and trust in the Lord.



Santom 2025

Santom is returning with tug of war, delicious food, live entertainment, and more. Stay tuned for details!



BIBLE READINGS

May 4, 2025

Third Sunday, Season of Resurrection
Is 56:1-7
Acts 5:34-42
Eph 1:3-14 (1:1-14)
Jn 14:1-14

May 11, 2025

Fourth Sunday, Season of Resurrection
Is 49:13-23
Acts 8:14-25
Eph 2:1-7 (1:15-2:7)
Jn 16:16-24 (16:16-33)

May 18, 2025

Fifth Sunday, Season of Resurrection
Is 49:7-13
Acts 9:1-9 (9:1-19)
Heb 10:19-25 (10:19-36)
Jn 21:1-14

May 25 2025

Sixth Sunday, Season of Resurrection
Is 52:7-12 (51:9-11 + 52:7-12)
Acts 10:9-16 (10:1-16)
Eph 2:11-22 (2:4-22)
Jn 17:20-26 (17:1-26)

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@stalphonsabc.org

TD Bank account (Branch 0275):

Account Number - 7888-5251473

We encourage our parish members to join our Pre-authorized Debit (PAD) system for Sunday collections. For PAD agreement forms, please contact your family unit leaders or any of the trustees.



CATECHETICAL DEPT.

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