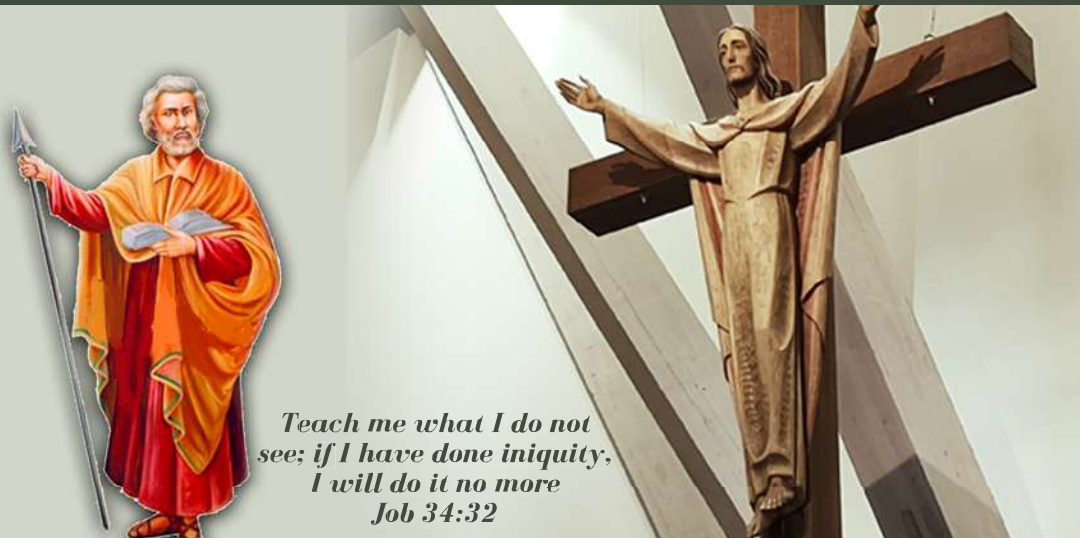




ST. ALPHONSA SYRO-MALABAR CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARISH BULLETIN

JULY-AUGUST 2025



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



St. Alphonsa Syro Malabar Catholic Church, Vancouver, BC

നവരാത്രി തിരുന്നോട്
JULY 18-27, 2025

List of Presudhendhis

Aaron Thomas John	Eric Jiji	Latsamma Paul
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Ayana James	Jeswin Joshi	Ryan Simon Chelot
Beena Joseph	Joel Jacob	Saira Loyd
Calvin Emmanuel	John Joe Thomas	Sam Jose Paul
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Elakum James		Yvonne Elizabeth Chelot
Emmanuel Sebastian		

Parish Feast & Pastoral Visit

Our parish joyfully celebrated the annual feast from July 18 to 27, with daily novena and Holy Qurbana conducted.

His Excellency **Mar Jose Kalluvellil**, our beloved Bishop, presided over the Holy Qurbana on July 25, 26, and the main feast day, July 27. On the feast day, the Bishop was officially welcomed by our trustees, Fr. Lijo and all the parishioners, marking the start of a day rich in tradition and blessings.

As part of the Bishop's pastoral visit, traditional prayers were offered, and a special blessing for all Presudhendhis was held. This was followed by the solemn Holy Qurbana, procession, and Snehavirunnu.

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Novena at Mission house



July 26: Pithaavu blessing our parishioners



Official welcome for Pithaavu



ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട വികാരിയച്ചൻ അഭിവന്ദ്യ പിതാവിനെ സ്തുതിച്ചു ചുംബിപ്പിക്കുന്നു, തുടർന്ന് സുവിശേഷം ചുംബിപ്പിക്കുന്നു. ഇത് അർത്ഥമാക്കുന്നത്: "അഭിവന്ദ്യ പിതാവേ, അങ്ങ് എന്നെ ഭരമേല്പിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന ദൈവജനത്തെ അങ്ങേയ്ക്ക് തിരികെ ഏല്പിക്കുന്നു. സ്തുതിയാകുന്ന വിശുദ്ധ പാരമ്പര്യം കൊണ്ടും സുവിശേഷമാകുന്ന തിരുവചനം കൊണ്ടും അങ്ങ് ഈ ജനത്തെ പഠിപ്പിച്ചാലും" എന്നാണ്



ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട വികാരിയച്ചൻ അഭിവന്ദ്യ പിതാവിനെ ധൂപിച്ചു ആദരിക്കുകയും ഹന്നാൻ വെള്ളം തളിച്ച് വിശുദ്ധീകരിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നു.



അഭിവന്ദ്യ പിതാവിന് കത്തിച്ച തിരി നൽകുന്നു. ഇത് അർത്ഥമാക്കുന്നത്: "തന്റെ അജപാലനശുശ്രൂഷയ്ക്ക് ഏൽപ്പിക്കപ്പെട്ട ദൈവജനത്തെ ഈശോമിശിഹായാകുന്ന പ്രകാശത്തിലേക്ക് നയിക്കുവാൻ നിയോഗിക്കപ്പെട്ടവനാണ് മേൽപ്പട്ടക്കാരുൻ" എന്നാണ്.



പ്രസംഗഭരണി വാഴ്ച്ച



Pastoral Visit



We were deeply blessed to welcome His Excellency Bishop Mar Jose Kalluvilil for his pastoral visit to our parish from July 25 to 27. During his time with us, Pithaavu graciously met with members of all our parish organizations, verified and reviewed official documents, and spent meaningful time engaging with our parishioners. His presence was a source of encouragement and spiritual renewal. With his warm, approachable demeanour, Pithaavu offered both guidance and inspiration to our entire community. We are truly grateful for his leadership, wisdom, and fatherly love. Let us continue to keep Pithaavu in our prayers as he shepherds our Eparchy with dedication and vision.



Pithruvedhi



Altar servers



Choir



Mathruvedhi



Catechism



Parish Council



SNYM

HOLY QURBANA

St. Bernadette Parish

Sun

4 PM Adoration

5 PM Qurbana

Mission House*

Tue, Wed, Thu

7 PM

Fri

6 PM Adoration, 6:30 PM Qurbana

Sat

9 AM

*Aug 4-9, there will be no qurbana at Mission House



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

Santom 2025

Santom Cup Reveal

On June 8 2025, the excitement for Santom Fest 2025 truly came alive with the grand Santom Cup Reveal! The highlight of the evening was the unveiling of the Trophies for the Tug of War competition — with separate cups for the Men's and Women's teams — proudly revealed by our **Diamond Sponsors Johnson & Lucy Group** and **Chelat Group**.



The event was a colorful celebration filled with vibrant cultural performances, enthusiastic cheers, and heartfelt community spirit. It was also an opportunity to honor and introduce all our generous sponsors, whose support is helping bring Santom Fest 2025 to life.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1KbJDnGouK/>



Santom Fest 2025

SANTOM 2025 was a day to remember – a vibrant celebration of community, culture, and connection, held in a true picnic spirit! We were honored to welcome **Honourable Mayor George V. Harvie** and **Dr. Biju Mathew** as our esteemed chief guests. The event featured Western Canada's biggest Tug of War tournament, drawing in energetic teams and enthusiastic spectators. Alongside the tournament, families and friends enjoyed a variety of fun-filled games, delicious South Indian food, and a lively festival atmosphere that truly brought our community together. From friendly competitions to shared meals under the sun, the day was filled with laughter, teamwork, and lasting memories.



BIBLE READINGS

Aug 3, 2025

Second Sunday, Season of Summer
Deut 4:32-40
2 Cor 3:4-12
Lk 15:11-32

Aug 10, 2025

Third Sunday, Season of Summer
Deut 5:6-16
Is 5:1-7
2 Cor 7:1-11
Jn 9:1-12

Aug 17, 2025

Fourth Sunday, Season of Summer
Deut 5:16-24
Is 9:13-21
2 Cor 10:12-18
Mk 7:1-13

Aug 24, 2025

Lev 23:33-44
Is 28:14-22
2 Cor 12:14-21
Lk 16:19-31

Aug 31, 2025

Sixth Sunday, Season of Summer
Lev 19:1-4, 9-14
Is 29:19-24
1 Thess 2:1-12
Lk 17:11-19

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.

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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.





Santom 2025 was a vibrant and grace-filled celebration of faith and community. We extend heartfelt thanks to **Rev. Fr. Lijo Jose** for his unwavering leadership, and to **Rev. Fr. Thomas Venmanthara** for laying the early foundation.

A sincere thank you to all our generous sponsors for their invaluable support.

Gold Sponsor:

Joe Francis Personal Real Estate Corporation

Silver sponsors:

- Southern Spice Restaurant
- Seraphic Builds Ltd
- Claris Eyewear



Diamond sponsor:

- Chelat group



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- Johnson & Lucy Group

Bronze sponsors:

- Vivanta builders
- Solomon Chennur
- Simon Abraham Personal Real Estate Corporation
- Maxlend Mortgages
- Hare Motors
- Dr. Ebin Thaliath & Associates Family Dentistry
- Bengal Grill
- AMC Insurance

Thank you 

Celebrating our Volunteers - The heart of our parish events!

The success of Santom 2025 and our Parish Feast stands as a testament to the commitment, unity, and selfless service of our incredible volunteers. Across both events, parishioners from every ministry and age group came together with one spirit—to serve joyfully and wholeheartedly!

Santom Fest Volunteers



Special thanks to the many volunteers who worked quietly behind the scenes—from setting up early to cleaning up long after the events ended.

Parish Feast Volunteers

Catechism kids lovingly made over 250 flags for the procession.



Mathruvedhi

decorated the church and also prepared the nercha.



Pithruvedhi was in charge of Snehavirunnu.



SMYM had a fund raiser



Festal greetings

On June 13, we felicitated our beloved parish vicar, Fr. Lijo Jose, on his feast day.



Grade 12 graduation



On June 15, we celebrated a joyful milestone as our Grade 12 Catechism students graduated, marking the successful completion of their faith formation journey. We are proud of our graduates and pray that the values and faith they've nurtured through these years will continue to guide them in the paths ahead.

Congratulations and blessings to **Alentine Eby, Catherine Binoj, Diva Jestine, Jesvin Tom, Jobin Paul, Ria Joji, Rija Maria Joy, Sandhra Tenson** and **Snehith Sony!**



A heartfelt thank you to all the students, teachers, parents, and organizers who made Faith Fest a meaningful and memorable event!

Special Awards

Catechism 100% attendance

We recognize the following students for their outstanding commitment to catechism this year, having achieved 100% attendance. This dedication reflects not only personal discipline, but also the support and encouragement of their families in nurturing their faith journey.

- Ameya Vineeth, Evangelin Maria Davis, Ivana Jacob, Edwin Mathews, Daan Jose Sijo, Johaan Shiju, Joel Jacob, Liya Vineeth, Nakshatra Sijin, Edrik Sinju, Joel Binoj, Abel Sinoj, Sneha Sunil, Izabel Sinoj, Kevin Antony Binoj, Catherine Binoj



A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated catechism teachers, coordinators, and parents for their unwavering support. May God bless our graduates as they step into the next chapter of life, rooted in faith and love.

Faith Fest

Faith Fest was held on June 8 and June 15. The event was filled with inspiring activities, including prayer, music, games, reflections, and creative presentations by the students.



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

Binoj Paul

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Decennial Eucharistic Year competition winners

We proudly recognized the winners of Decennial Eucharistic Year Competitions 2025 held at both Parish and Forane levels.

Forane-Level Winners:

- Storytelling (JK-SK): Andrea Rojoe (Third)
- Storytelling (Grade 1-3): Evelyn Tresa Lipin (First), Ronex Ritto (Second)
- Speech (Grade 4-7): Isabel Abraham (First)
- Speech (Grade 8-12): Sam Jose Paul (Second)
- English Speech (Youth): Ashley Suresh (Second)
- Malayalam Speech (Youth): Albin Issac (Second)



Parish-Level Winners:

- Storytelling (JK-SK): Andrea Rojoe (First), Anet Elza Lixon (Second), Luka Jensen (Third)
- Storytelling (Grade 1-3): Evelyn Tresa Lipin (First), Ronex Ritto (Second), Edrick Savant (Third)
- Speech (Grade 4-7): Isabel Abraham (First), Angela Suresh (Second), Irene Teres Roger (Third)
- Speech (Grade 8-12): Rose Nandha Loyd (First), Sam Jose Paul (Second), Amalya Rojoe (Third)



SMYM Update

On July 20 2025, SMYM hosted a **Praise and Worship** at the Mission House Chapel, followed by socialization and fellowship.



SMYM had several fund raising events throughout the month of July.



Pithruvedhi Update

Pithruvedi gathered in June to celebrate Father's Day with heartfelt appreciation for all fathers in our community.



Family Unit updates

The registered members of the parish are divided into family units based on the location of their residence. Visit <https://www.stalphonsabc.org/family-units/> to know the family unit you belong to and the leader's information

