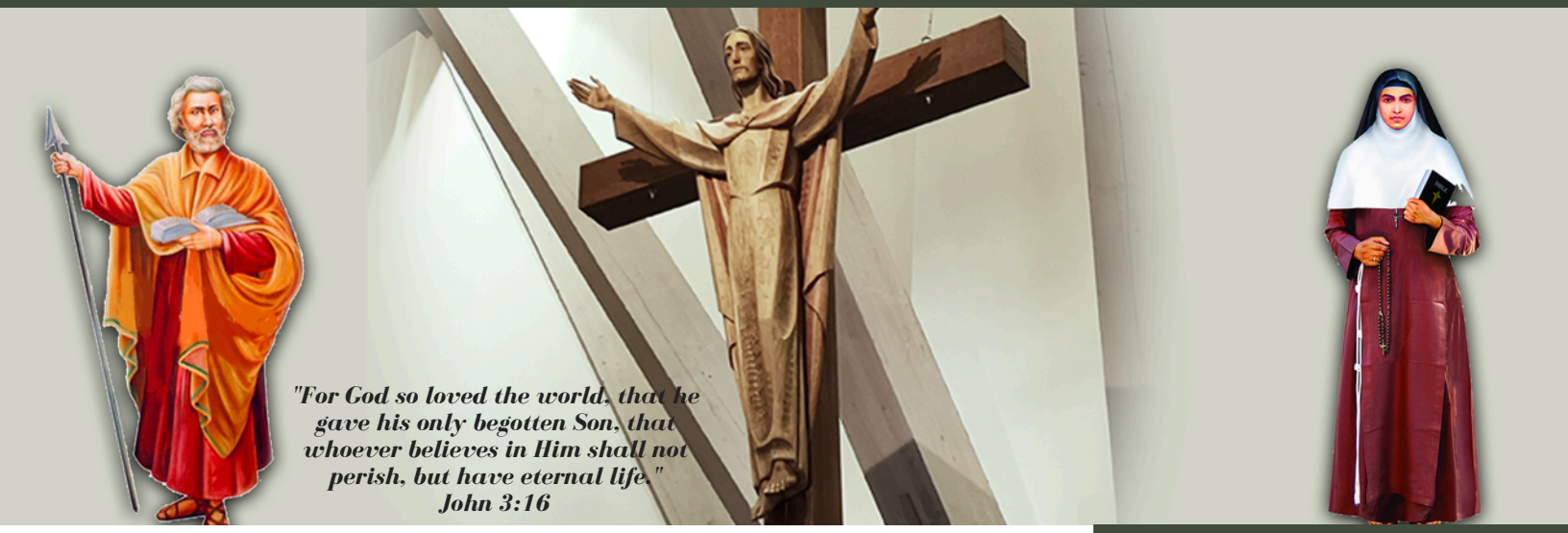
ST. ALPHONSA SYRO-MALABAR CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARISH BULLETIN

NOV-DEC 2025



Annual Parish Retreat

Our annual parish retreat, led by Rev. Fr. Jison Paul, was held from November 28–30 and was a deeply enriching experience for everyone who participated. The sessions were not only informative, but also interactive, creating space for meaningful conversations, and personal reflection.







Fr. Jison also led special sessions for our Catechism teachers, Mathruvedi, Pithruvedi and high school students.









A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who helped with planning, food, choir and countless behind-the-scene tasks.

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Christingle 2025





St. Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Church, Vancouver, is preparing to host its Christmas and New Year celebration, Christingle 2025, on **January 3, 2026**, at **Chandos Pattison Auditorium**. The event will showcase a variety of cultural programs featuring participants from all age groups, including children, youth, and adults. The program will commence at 5:00 p.m. and is expected to run for approximately three hours, concluding with a delightful Christmas dinner. We warmly invite all of you to join us for this festive occasion.

The official ticket launch took place on Oct 26th and was presented to the **Platinum Sponsor**, **Johnson and Lucy Group**.

Ecumenical Christmas Celebration



The Kerala Christian Ecumenical Group, Vancouver, held its Christmas celebration **"Tidings of Unity"** on Nov 15th at Immaculate Conception Parish, Delta, BC.

The event featured many beautiful performances from various church communities.

A special thank you to our choir for their beautiful performance and for filling the celebration with joy.

Altar Servers



A new group of Altar Servers began their training, focusing on liturgical duties, reverence, and preparation for serving during Holy Qurbana.



Catechism Updates



Bible Quiz

Weekly Bible quiz for the 2025–26 Catechetical Year was launched on Oct 5th.

Pious Association

- Pious Association activities was inaugurated on Oct 5th
- We extend our congratulations to **Mrs. Sujitha Jojo**, who has been selected as the **CML Secretary** at the Eparchy level.



HOLY QURBANA

St. Bernadette Parish

Sun

4 PM Adoration

5 PM Qurbana

First & Third Sun

3:30 PM English 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christingle
Jan 3, 2026

Thapassu Retreat (Sr. Ann Maria)
February 13–15, 2026 (Registration closed)



On October 19th, students led the Rosary and participated in the **monthly Pious Association programs**. A documentary on **Saint Thérèse of Lisieux** (the Little Flower) was screened for all students, followed by group-wise Pious Association activities









Holyween

On October 26th, a joyful Holyween Celebration was held for the children. They came dressed as their favorite saints and Bible characters, bringing the celebration to life. Many thanks to all the parents and teachers for their support in making this day memorable.



Candies prepared by Mathruvedi were distributed to children after mass

BIBLE READINGS

Dec 7, 2025
Second Sunday, Season of Annunciation
Gen 3:8-24
Rev 5:1-5
Lk 1:26-38

Dec 14, 2025
Third Sunday, Season of Annunciation
Gen 21:1-12
1 Cor 1:26-31
Lk 1:57-66

Dec 21,2025
Fourth Sunday, Season of Annunciation
Ex 34:1-9
Rev 21:1-7
Mt 1:18-24

Dec 28 2025
First Sunday, Season of Nativity
Gen 1:26-28
Col 3:18-21
Mt 2:13-14; 19-23

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/

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.

PTA Meeting



The first PTA meeting of the year was held on Oct 12th. Also, the monthly Catechism staff meeting was conducted. Catechism activities planned for 2025–26 were reviewed, and faith-formation activities for children were discussed with parents.



Mathruvedhi Updates



Mathruvedi prepared Holyween treats for children and led the Rosary celebrations on the last Sunday of October. Vattayappam prepared by Mathruvedi moms were served as nercha.

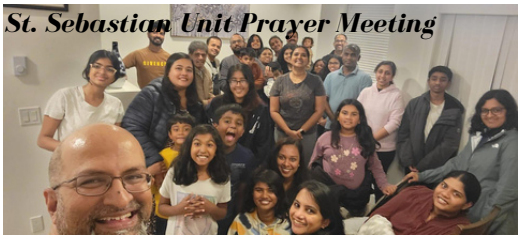


Family Unit updates

The registered members of the parish are divided into family units based on the location of their residence.















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

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