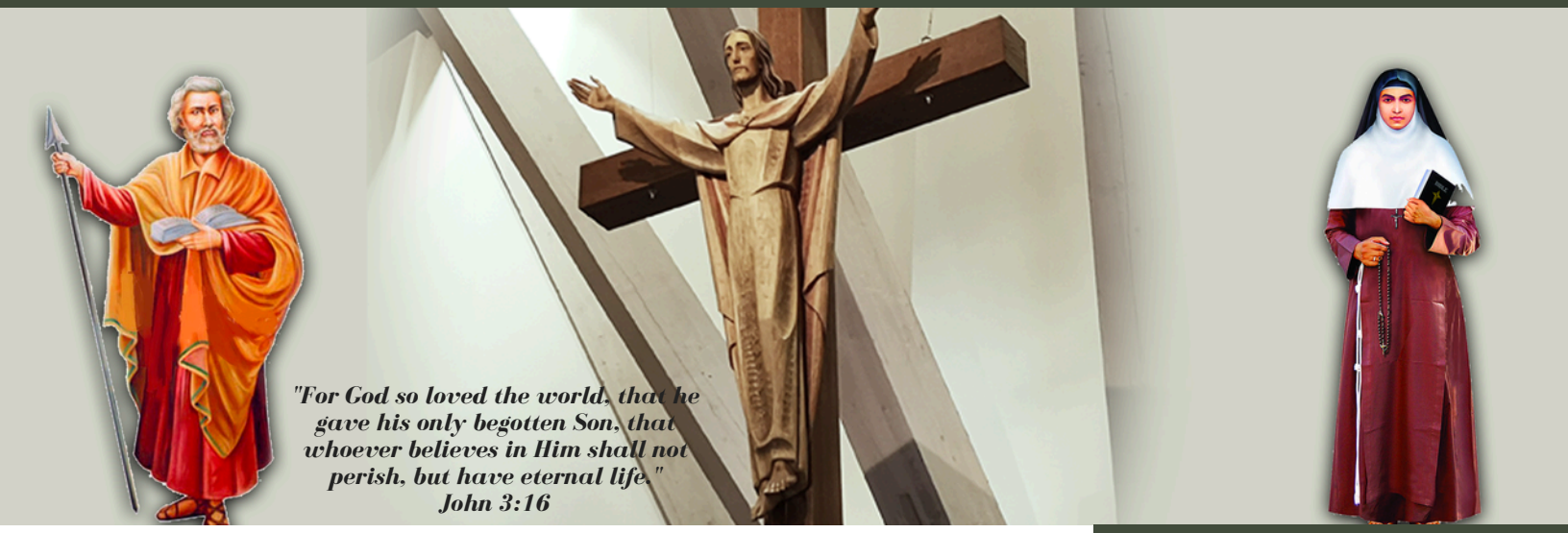
ST. ALPHONSA SYRO-MALABAR CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARISH BULLETIN

JAN 2026





Pastor's Message

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

As we enter this New Year, let us remember a powerful truth: "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of God's promises." A new year is not merely time moving forward—it is God inviting us to live differently.

The Word of God assures us: **"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come." (2 Corinthians 5:17)**



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This is not just encouragement—it is a declaration. God does not repair the old; He creates the new. A new life requires practical commitment. Let us leave behind habits that weaken our faith, rebuild broken relationships through forgiveness, and reorder our priorities with prayer at the center. Begin the day with God's Word, end it with gratitude, and live it with purpose. Like St. Alphonsa, let us transform daily struggles into offerings of love.

May this New Year be a year of inner renewal, courageous faith, and visible change—because in Christ, new life is always possible.

With joy and hope, I warmly invite you and your family to **Christingle 2025**,, a Christmas and New Year celebration prepared by our parish members. We will gather on **Saturday, January 3, 2026**, at **4:30 PM**, at the **Chandos Pattison Auditorium**, 10238 168 Street, Surrey, BC, V4N 1Z4. Let us come together as one parish family, share fellowship, and cooperate wholeheartedly to make this beautiful programme a joyful success.

May the Lord bless you and keep you always.
With heartfelt thanks and love,

Fr. Lijo Kalaparambath

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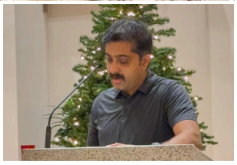
Altar Servers Vestition Ceremony

Nine children were joyfully welcomed and vested as Altar Servers on December 14 in a prayerful ceremony.
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Catechism Updates

Bible Quiz

Monthly prizes were awarded to the winners of the Bible Quiz.



- Catechism dept. organized a **Christmas Food Drive**, sharing the joy of the season through acts of charity.
- The **CML Christmas Card Competition** is being organized for students from Grades 5 to 10.
- **Christmas greeting videos** by Catechism students are in progress.
- **Advent Calendar** medals were distributed on December 21.
- The **Catechism Christmas Celebration** was joyfully conducted on December 21, featuring cake cutting, carol singing, a visit from Santa, sing-along sessions and a Christmas short film.

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)



Mathruvedhi Updates

Mathruvedhi organized a bake sale, with all the Christmas cakes and cookies lovingly baked by its members, spreading joy and festive cheer to the community.
https://www.facebook.com/share/r/18291NpZgT/



Pithruvedhi Updates



Pithruvedhi is organizing a Volleyball & Throwball tournament on Feb 14 2026

Youth Updates

ABBA 2k25, a one-day Syro-Malabar youth retreat, was prayerfully conducted at St. Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, Vancouver, as a continuation of ABBA 2k24. Led by Rev. Fr. Jison Paul Vengasserry, the retreat provided young people with an opportunity for spiritual renewal, deeper faith formation, and meaningful fellowship rooted in the Syro-Malabar tradition. The retreat served as a time of reflection, growth, and renewed commitment to living the faith in everyday life



BIBLE READINGS

Jan 4, 2026
Second Sunday, Season of Nativity
Ex 34:28-3
Rom 11:33-12:2
Lk 2:22-24, 41-52

Jan 11, 2026
Season of Epiphany
Ex 3:9-16
Rev 1:4-8
Jn 8:21-30

jan 18,2026
Season of Epiphany
Deut 31:1-8
Phil 3:4-16
Mk 3:7-19

Jan 25 2026
Season of Epiphany
Gen 29:1-14
Heb 6:1-12
Jn 4:1-26

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.

Christmas Celebration

Christmas Eve Mass was celebrated with great devotion and enthusiastic participation. At the beginning of the celebration, the **Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Hope** was prayerfully concluded. After qurbana, the **Community Empowerment Year 2026** was inaugurated. The choir sang beautiful Christmas carols at the conclusion of the Mass, and the celebration continued as Christmas cake was distributed while the youth team led joyful carol singing, adding to the festive spirit.











Family Unit updates

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

Christmas carols were celebrated in family units with much enthusiasm.



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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