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SEASON OF LENT

From the Vicar's desk...

We began the holy season of Lent on 20th February 2012, Ash Monday, with prayer, fasting, penance and abstinence. It is a time to prepare for Easter and renew our relationship with God and one another. Lent means 'spring', a fresh start in our life in the spirit. It is the time for reading of the Holy Bible, devotion of the way of the cross, participating in annual Retreat, and visit to the Blessed Sacrament, penitential celebration and charity of the needy. Lent offers us all a very special opportunity to grow in our relationship with God. In our busy world lent provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon our patterns, to pray more deeply, experience sorrow for what we have done and failed to do. It is the time to look deep into our hearts to discover where we can be honest about our own shortcomings, identify the places where we need to apply the polish and sand away the rough edges of our lives. This will surely help us to meet the Risen Lord at Easter. Easter is the central event in the life of the church. As the Apostle Paul tells us, "...If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith." There is nothing more important to a Christian than the sacrificial death and bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ, son of God. May the Risen Lord bless you abundantly, and guide you in your ways.



*Yours in Christ,
Joshy Achen*

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March 16-18

Annual Retreat

Lead by Fr. Jose Vettiyankal V.C

March 25 - Sunday

Feast of St. Joseph

April 5 - Holy Thursday

Mass @ 7 pm

April 6 - Good Friday

Mass @ 7 pm

**April 7 - Holy Saturday &
Easter Vigil**

Mass @ 6 pm

April 29 - Sunday

Feast of St. George

May 4 - First Friday

Adoration 9 am - 7 pm ;

Mass @ 7 pm

Social after the Mass

May 6 - Sunday

Feast of St. Joseph the worker

May 13 - Sunday

Mothers Day

Jun 1 - First Friday

Adoration 9 am - 7 pm ;

Mass @ 7 pm

Social after the Mass

Jun 3 - First Holy Communion

Mass @ 10 am

Jun 10 - Sunday

Feast of Pentecost &

Feast of St. Antony

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sundays

10:00 am - Malayalam Mass

11:45 am - English Mass

(Sunday School Days only)

Saturdays & Major Holidays

9:00 am - Malayalam Mass

10:00 - Prayer & Worship for Kids

Weekdays

8:00 am - English Mass

First Fridays

9:00 am to 7:00 pm - Adoration

7:00 pm - Malayalam Mass

8:00 pm - Social

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nivya Davis - Mar 18
Sarah Vengachuvattil - Mar 25
Amy Joseph - Mar 25
Joel Chakunkal - Mar 27
Timson Mathew - April 2
Justin Joseph - April 3
Judith Joseph - April 4
Maya Maliekal - April 5
Ethen Thomas - April 12
Ryan Mathew - April 14
Jeremy Ignatius - April 22
Anne Mandapathil - April 24

Riya Rojan - April 24
George Elenjickal - April 27
Amiel Vincent - April 28
Noel Jossy - April 30
Martin John - April 30
Melvin Joseph - May 4
Augustine Jacob - May 9
Soja Kureekattil - May 13
Alan Noble - May 17
Rose Joshi - May 20
Tom Thomas - May 20
Ashley David - June 27

Pray for us**Readings****March 18**

1st Reading - Genesis 16:5-16
2nd Reading - Romans 12:1-11
Gospel - John 8:12-20

March 25

1st Reading - Genesis 19:9-26
2nd Reading - Romans 14:13-23
Gospel - John 10:11-18

April 1 Palm Sunday

1st Reading - Genesis 49:8-12, 22-26
2nd Reading - Romans 11:13-24
Gospel - Mathew 21:1-17

April 5 Pesaha Thursday

1st Reading - Exodus 12:1-20
2nd Reading - Malachi 1:10-14
3rd Reading - 1 Cor 11:23-29
Gospel - John 13:1-14

April 6 Good Friday

1st Reading - Genesis 22:1-19
2nd Reading - Isaiah 52:13-53:9
3rd Reading - Romans 5:6-16
Gospel - Luke 22:63-23-12

April 8 Easter Sunday

1st Reading - Isaiah 60:1-7
2nd Reading - 1Samual 2:1-10
3rd Reading - Romans 5:20-6:23
Gospel - Matthew 28:1-6

April 15

1st Reading - Acts 4:32-37
2nd Reading - Colossians 1:12-20
Gospel - John 20:19-29

April 22

1st Reading - Isaiah 56:1-7
2nd Reading - Ephesians 1:3-14
Gospel - John 14:1-14

April 29

1st Reading - Isaiah 49:13-23
2nd Reading - Ephesians 2:1-7
Gospel - John 16:16-24

May 6

1st Reading - Isaiah 49:7-13
2nd Reading - Hebrews 10:19-25
Gospel - John 21:1-14

May 13

1st Reading - Isaiah 52:7-12
2nd Reading - Ephesians 2:11-22
Gospel - John 17:20-26

May 20

1st Reading - Isaiah 6:1-13
2nd Reading - Philippians 2:1-11
Gospel - Mark 16:9-20

May 27

1st Reading - Exodus 19:1-9
2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Gospel - John 16:5-15

June 3 Feast of Holy Trinity

1st Reading - Joel 2:18-23
2nd Reading - Romans 5:1-5
Gospel - John 16:12-15

June 10

1st Reading - Deuteronomy 1:9-17
2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 7:1-7
Gospel - Luke 10:25-37

June 17

1st Reading - Deuteronomy 1:26-33
2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 9:19-27
Gospel - Luke 6:27-36

June 24

1st Reading - Deuteronomy 1:33-2:1
2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 14:1-12
Gospel - Luke 12:22-34

July 1

1st Reading - Deuteronomy 14:1-10
2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 10:14-22
Gospel - Luke 13:1-9

July 3 Dukrana (St. Thomas Day)

1st Reading - Genesis 2:8-15
2nd Reading - Ephesians 2:19-22
Gospel - John 20:24-29

Children's Retreat

Children's retreat lead by Br. Suresh Dominic and team of Gethsemane ministries held on Feb 11th and 12th. Around 80 children attended the retreat.

Christmas & New Year Celebration

2011 Christmas celebration started with Holy Mass at 7 pm followed by inter-ward carol competition and a color full skit about nativity by our kids. We were able to collect above \$30,000 from the carol. St. Antony ward(West Zone) retained their first place for the most fund collected, and St. Alphonsa ward (East Zone) won the price for most house visited.

On Saturday, Dec 31, we had Year-End prayer and adoration to thank God for all the blessing showerd upon us in year 2011.

New Year Celebration was on Jan 1st Sunday with Holy Mass at 10 am. Joshy Achan cut the cake and wished everyboy happy and prosperous New Year.



Reception to Vicar General and Convention Kick Off

Fr. Antony Thundathil, our new vicar general visited our parish on Feb 5th. He was given a warm welcome by the parishioners and wished him great success to the new endeavor. On the same day, Fr. Antony Thundathil along with Mathew Jacob, the president of general committee Atlanta conversion ,Kicked off the registration in Detroit region. Many families participated in the registration process in the first day itself.



Jesus Youth

The Jesus Youth meetings began under the motivation and guidance of the Jesus Youth from Chicago. They taught different methods of praying and discussed the importance of personal prayer in our daily life. With this inspiration, the high school teens gather every Saturday to further delve into their relationships with Jesus and strengthen their faith by spending time together in adoration, praise and worship, bible discussions, and prayer. Please contact Maya Maliekal to join Jesus Youth.

Joshy Achan's Ordination Anniversary & Birthday celebration

Joshy Achan's ordination anniversary was celebrated on Jan. 1st with the new year mass.

On Feb 12th Sunday, we celebrated the birth day of our beloved Joshy Achan. All parishioners wished birthday greetings.



Volunteer appreciation Dinner

We celebrated volunteer appreciation day on Jan 6th with mass and there after a fun session by our parishioners. Delicious dinner was also served.



St. Thomas Syro Malabar National Convention

The 6th annual Diocesan convention will be held from July 26 to 29 at Atlanta, GA. The registration process is underway. We are planning to arrange bus-ride to Atlanta for the convention. If you are intersted, please contact the conention co-ordinators - Mathew Joseph @ 586-944-6531 or Arun Vinod Das @ 248-895-4948 at the earliest.

From the Parish Council !!!

Parish council is thanking all the members for your continuing support for the well-being of the parish.

Parish council encourages using the suggestion box which is installed in the front lobby of our church for your suggestions and prayer requests.

We will try our best to accommodate your suggestions for improvement.

PARISHUTHALMA ABHISHEKA DYANAM (Annual Retreat)

Experience the power of the Word of God and the manifestations fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Lead by **Fr. Jose Vettiyankal VC**

March 16, Friday 7 pm - 9:45 pm (Retreat begins with Holy Mass and Way of the Cross)

March 17, Saturday 9:30 am - 7 pm

March 18, Sunday 9:30 am - 5 pm

Lunch will be provided on Saturday and Sunday

St. Thomas Women's Forum

This year Women's forum is planning various activities. They have started Karuna Kontha (Chaplet of Devine Mercy) on alternate Sundays. A charitable fundraising was done one Feb 19th and collected above \$400. Women's forum is celebrating the international women's day on March 11th Sunday.

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