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NEWS BULLETIN

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Dearly beloved in Christ,

Wishing you all a blessed Lent season. We are in a journey of Lent and fasting to reach the feast of Easter. We have passed the Mid-Lent. The upcoming days are very important. The 40th day of Lent, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Gospel Saturday and Easter are ahead.

We have arranged for our annual retreat to be held on Saturday, April 13th from 9.30 am to 1.30 pm. Rev. Fr. Blessen Varghese will lead the retreat for adults and Susan Eapen for the youth. There will be opportunity for Confession after the retreat. Fr. Blessen Varghese and myself will be available for that.

These days, we hear a lot of atrocities against women and children. News of unheard incidents of severe cruelty to children can be seen in newspaper columns. Also, we hear about people attacking worship places and ministers. So now, it is our responsibility to pray for the conversion of the criminals.

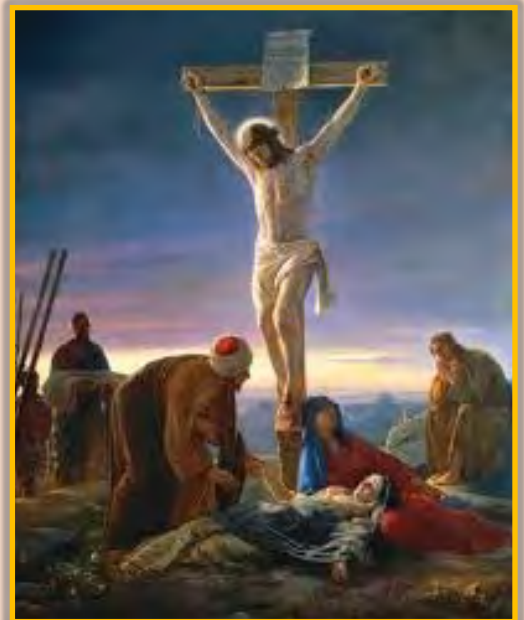
We need more prayer worship and administration of sacraments for our own purification.

Thank you and God bless you.

Yours in Him

Daniel Achen

April 1, 2019.



**"Father, into Your hands
I commit My Spirit."**

Luke 23:46

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Announcements

- Cash flow statement as of March 2019 has been published on the Notice Board. During March 2019, the total Cash Inflow was \$17,259 while the Total Outflow was \$16,854. Year-to-date net cash flow is negative, -\$8,390.

- The Sign-Up sheet for Nercha Appam and Egg roast is posted on the notice board for Pesaha and Easter Services. Thanks to all those families who volunteered to sponsor and assist in providing food so far.

2019 Parish Picnic day - Saturday 20th July at the park beside our Church

New office bearers of 2019 Marth Mariam Samajam

Vice President: Mariamma Varghese

Secretary: Anni Varughese

Treasurer: Annamma Kurian

Area Reps.

Brampton, Vaughn, Thornhill, Etobicoke --- Annie Stephen

Mississauga, Oakville, Burlington, Hamilton, Stoney Creek --- Mary Vaidhyan

Scarborough, Markham, Ajax --- Sosamma Alex

Congratulations to the new team and thank you to the outgoing office bearers for their services.

Parish Assembly

The first Parish Assembly meeting of 2019 was held on Sunday 24th March 2019 after the Holy Qurbana. The 2018 Accounts along with the 2019 Budget was presented and passed in the meeting.

OBITUARY

1) It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing away of our parish member Mercy John, wife of John Mathen, in Brampton on Sunday March 17' 2019. We offer our deepest sympathies to John Mathen and family. May God almighty console and comfort the family, and strengthen them in this difficult time.

2) Our deepest condolences to our member James Joseph (Sunil) and family on the passing of his father Mr. C. C. Joseph (Sunny), 74 years, on March 10' 2019 at Parumala hospital, Kerala. May God almighty console and comfort the family, and strengthen them in this difficult time.

IMPORTANT CHURCH DATES

40th Day of Lent

April 11th Thursday.

7:00 pm 40TH day of Lent Prayer and HOLY Qurbana

PALM SUNDAY

April 14th Sunday

9:00 am Prayer, Holy Qurbana & Palm Sunday Service

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 17th Wednesday

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service

GOOD FRIDAY

April 19th Friday

9:00 AM-4:30 pm Good Friday Service

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

VIGIL AT THE TOMB

6:00PM to Sat 8:00 AM

GOSPEL SATURDAY

April 20th Saturday

10:00 am Holy Qurbana

6:00 pm Easter Evening Prayer, Acolytes Meeting

Easter Service

April 21st Sunday

6:00 am Easter Service and Holy Qurbana

RETREAT

April 13th, Saturday

9:30am - 1:30pm

Fr. Blessen Varghese (for Adults)

Susan Eapen (For Youth)

Confession at 2:00pm - 5:00pm,

(Fr. Blessen Varghese &

Fr. Sam Thankachan)

Evening prayer at 5:30 pm

MEDITATION

April 15th Mon and 16th Tue

6:30pm (Fr. Sam Thankachan)

Confession at 5:00pm, Evening

prayer at 6:00 pm

MEDITATION

April 18th Thursday

6:30pm (Fr. K. K. John)

Evening prayer at 6:00 pm

Sundays

Sunday School 9.00 am

Morning Prayer 9.30 am

Holy Qurbana 10.15 am



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TORONTO FAMILY & YOUTH CONFERENCE 2019

VENUE: 6890 Professional Ct, Mississauga, ON L4V 1X6

Theme:
"Arise, Shine; for thy light has come"
(Isaiah 60:1)

ON MAY
4th and 5th

OCYM

Keynote Speaker: Fr. Alexander J. Kurien
Senior Priest of the Northeast American Diocese &
Senior Executive of the United States Government



MID LENT Service was held on
March 27th Wednesday



OVBS 2019

OVBS 2019 was held from March 14 to 16 with the Valedictory function on March 17. Thanks to all the students, volunteers and sponsors for making OVBS 2019 a success.

OVBS 2019 PROGRAM



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