



# St. Mary's

## SYRO-MALABAR CATHOLIC CHURCH

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February 5, 2012

SEASON OF EPIPHANY

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*St. Thomas, our Father in Faith  
Pray for us*

*Readings: February 5, 2012. Fifth Sunday of Epiphany .*

**First Reading.** Isaiah 48:12-20. **Second Reading.** Hebrews 6:9-15.

**Gospel.** John 3:14-21.

### *Parish Schedule*

Liturgical Celebrations:

#### **SATURDAY:**

8:30 AM Holy Mass and Novena to  
St. Alphonsa

#### **SUNDAY:**

3:00 PM Religious Education

5:00 PM Holy Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

On the day of Liturgical Service at the  
church: 4:30– 5:00 PM

Sacrament of the Sick:

Contact Rev. Fr. Vicar if anyone is  
seriously ill. -516-505-7940



### *Events Calendar*

- Feb. 12. Parish Council.
- Feb. 17. All souls Day.
- Feb. 19. Lent Begins.
- Feb. 20. Ash Monday.
- Mar. 2. First Friday.
- Mar. 11. Parish Council.
- Mar. 22-25. Retreat.
- Apr. 5. Holy Thursday.
- Apr. 6. Good Friday.
- February Volunteers. Queens.

**My Dear Children, Sisters and Brothers,**

Jesus exhorts Nicodemus to keep on the good works in his life; for the good works are performed in union with God's grace. Jesus explained the analogy of the bronze serpent that Moses raised to save the life of the Israelites who were bitten by the serpent in the wilderness. He prophesied about his death on the Cross which would bring forgiveness and salvation to humanity. The bronze serpent pointed to the cross of Christ which defeats sin and death and obtains everlasting life for those who believe. The good work – Jesus' death on the Cross – was the price paid for the sins of humanity, and by rising from the dead he opened the door to the eternal life. God proved his love for us by giving us the best he had to offer, Jesus Christ, who freely gave himself as an offering to God for our sake and as the atoning sacrifice for our sin and the sin of the world.

St. Paul advises us to continue with the good works our salvation. In the second reading we heard St. Paul instructing the Hebrews to look for the things that accompany salvation with a definite aim in view (Hebrews 6:9-15). God is not an unjust one who would forget our good deeds and love His saints. Good works spring from salvation. And they spring from the right motive in the heart of the believer. Our labor springs from a consciousness of Christ's love to us and from the love we have toward Christ. St. Matthew explains what Jesus would consider on the judgment day – when we minister to another, it is for Christ we did (Matthew 25:40). God remembers better than those who said a word of consolation, show kindness towards a needy or did small favors to their neighbor – “the righteous will answer him and say, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry.....’” (Matthew 25:37-39).

St. Damien volunteered to go the leper colony in Molokai and served among the lepers; and at the age of 45 he announced that he was a leper. He lived with the lepers, took care of them, and died there. Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta initially was a member of the Sisters of Loretto community, but later on she decided to work with the poor, particularly in the slums of Calcutta, and became world renowned missionary of Christ. My friends, God not only redeem us, but he fills us with his own divine life and power that we might share in his glory. Jesus gives us the Holy Spirit that we may have power to be his witnesses and to spread and defend the gospel by word and action, and to never be ashamed of the Cross of Christ. The Holy Spirit gives us his seven-fold gifts of wisdom, understanding, right judgment, courage, knowledge, reverence for God, and fear of God's that we may live for God and serve him. Jesus in his Sermon on the Mount said “So let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16) You should be a light for other people; so that people will see the good things you do, and they will praise the Father in heaven.

**Fr. Ligory Johnson Philips.**

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 Jose Thottukadavil  
 Mary Nedumkallel

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

2/5/12. Milphy Puthussery for A.D Jacob.  
 2/11/12. James Cherian for Mariamma Cherian.  
 2/12/12. Thomas Varickamackal for Mathai Varickamackal.  
 2/18/12. Kathreen Pattett  
 2/19. Jose Chittilappilly for Anthony Chittilappilly.

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**PRAYER MEETINGS:**



2/10/12—Open

2/17/12— open

To schedule prayer meetings, please contact Mr. Jose Ouseph (718 347 4761) or your Ward Secretary.

**YOUTH FORUM**

**CELEBRATE A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY.**

We are in the season of Advent when we wait patiently for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is a very special time of the year because it is when our Savior was born. Imagine how you would celebrate your own birthday or a friend's birthday. Now imagine how we should be celebrating our Lord's birthday. We have a lot more preparing to do for the big day. We shouldn't have a lack of anticipation because it feels like the same routine every year. Instead, be joyful and reflect on what Christmas means to you and how you can have a personal encounter with God - making your relationship with Jesus stronger. As we decorate our homes with Christmas lights and spend time with our families, we must keep in mind the reason for doing all of this. Where did the origin of these festivities come from? We must remember to keep Christ first in Christmas. To prepare for His coming, we must become purify ourselves, becoming the best we can be, and continuing to keep Jesus in our hearts. Imagine making a home for Jesus to live in?! Well no need to imagine anymore because you can start building yourself up now and you'll find Jesus within you soon. It's never too late to say yes to Jesus.

Navya Simon

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**OUR MISSION**

We the faith-filled descendents of St. Thomas the Apostle, and the members of the Syro-Malabar hierarchy nourished by the rich traits of one of the ancient cultures, thrive to impart our faith and culture to the whole world and especially to our descendents. Through worship, motivation, support and education we foster spiritual growth, Syro-Malabar traditions and values. With open hearts and helping hands we respond to the needs of our community and the world.

**SACRAMENTS**

Please contact our Pastor & Vicar Rev. Fr. Ligory Johnson Philips for the Sacraments of Marriage and Baptism. 516-505-7940.

**Active membership of six months required.**

**HOLY MASS**

As per the Diocesan directive, Holy Mass will not be celebrated at homes for any reason. We can have prayer services at home for special occasions. The vicar will be available to help. Anyone who wishes to announce intentions or special matters should provide the information to the Vicar or the Sacristan before the Mass.

**TOGETHER IN FAITH.**

**Sundays.**

3: 00 PM - 4: 00 PM Prayer Group meetings.

4: 15 PM - 4: 45 PM Rosary by Women's Group.

3rd Sunday of the month 2:00 PM– Youth Prayer Group.

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**IN YOUR CHARITY PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

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**John 3:14-21.**

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil.

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed.

But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

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“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.”

**READINGS**

**February 12, 2012.**

**First Reading: Isaiah: 63:8-16.**

**Second Reading: Hebrews: 8:1-6.**

**Gospel: John: 3:22-31.**

**Feb.11, Saturday. Ephesians 4:11-16.**

**Mathew 6:1-8.**



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**RETREAT**

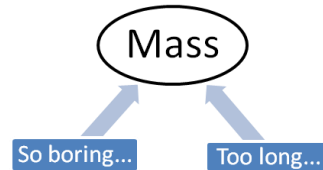
**FEBRUARY 24-25**

**9:00 AM to 5:00 PM**

**Mandatory for students of 4-7th Grades.**

**Please register.**

**THE GREATEST FORM OF WORSHIP**



Have you ran into situations, when you were watching an important game or even Super Bowl and your Dad or Mom walks away showing no interest in the game or saying – it is boring! Oh! They just walked away from the greatest game on earth saying “it’s boring”. Why did they? Well, may be they don’t know what’s going on or how it’s played or how important that game is.

The same way, if we find Holy Mass is boring, then we are missing the point. – The Catholic Mass is the greatest and most sacred form of worship a person can participate on earth. We have been chosen to participate in the greatest form of worship. Let us make use of this opportunity.

There is a saying, “The cure for boredom is curiosity”. So challenge yourself, your family and your friends to learn and understand what is happening at the Mass and discover the meaning and history of each part of the Mass, so that we can experience Mass in its fullness and depth.

Millon Jose

***WOMEN'S Forum Meeting- 2-19- 2012 .***

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**February 12, 2012. Hebrews: 8:1-6.**

The main point of what has been said is this: we have such a high priest, who has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven,

a minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle that the Lord, not man, set up.

Now every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; thus the necessity for this one also to have something to offer.

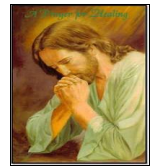
If then he were on earth, he would not be a priest, since there are those who offer gifts according to the law.

They worship in a copy and shadow of the heavenly sanctuary, as Moses was warned when he was about to erect the tabernacle. For he says, "See that you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mountain."

Now he has obtained so much more excellent a ministry as he is mediator of a better covenant, enacted on better promises

*Eucharistic Ministers' meeting—2/5/2012.*

***Retreat- Mar. 22-25***



### From the Pope.

“Coming into the world is never a choice; we are not asked first if we want to be born.

“Thanks to the faith, thanks to a profound and personal ‘yes’ to God as the origin and foundation of my existence, I welcome life as a gift of the Father Who is in heaven; a Parent Who, in the depths of my heart, I feel to be my Father, the Father of all my brothers and sisters in humanity, a Father Who is intensely good and faithful.

“This faith in God the Father rests upon Jesus Christ. His person and His history reveal the Father to us. To believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, enables us ‘to be reborn from above’, in other words from God Who is Love. This is the significance of the sacrament of baptism: it is a new birth which comes about thanks to the Holy Spirit.

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