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NOVEMBER 1 | ALL SAINTS DAY

"To be a saint is not a privilege of a few... all of us in baptism have the inheritance of being able to become saints. Sanctity is a vocation for everyone." - Pope Francis

NOVEMBER 2 | ALL SOULS DAY

While All Saints' Day is a day that we remember those who have already entered heaven, All Souls' Day is a day to pray for all loved ones who have died. In particular, we remember the souls of those who are in purgatory, undergoing a process of purification before entering heaven.

One of the most famous prayers for those in purgatory is the prayer of St. Gertrude the Great, a 13th century German Benedictine nun. According to tradition, Jesus revealed to the nun that the following prayer, when recited piously, would release 1,000 souls from purgatory:

"Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family." Amen.



NOVEMBER 26

THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

The Feast of Christ the King was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as an antidote to secularism, a way of life which leaves God out of man's thinking and living and organizes his life as God did not exist. The feast is intended to proclaim in a striking manner Christ's royalty over individuals, families, society, governments, and nations.

Remember Lord, those who have died and have gone before us marked with the sign of faith especially those for whom we now pray. May these, and all who sleep in Christ, find in Your presence light, happiness and peace.

Through Christ our Lord.





HOLY QURBANA SCHEDULE

Sunday | English: 9:00 am | Malayalam: 11:30 am

Monday | Malayalam: 7:30 pm

Tuesday - Friday | Malayalam: 8:30 am (Except First Friday)

First Friday | Malayalam: 7:00 pm Saturday | Malayalam: 10:30 am

Youth News Column

the planning of the Silver Jubilee Celebration of our Achan's Priestly Ordination and make it a memorable event. The Youth are planning to present a trivia game that focuses on Achan's life during this Catholic." There will be sessions for young occasion. This will help fellow parishioners and youth to get to know Seby Achan more through a series of questions and answers about his life.

We are now in the final phase of the Year of Youth which focuses on building

he Youth have been participating in community. As we are nearing the end of the year, the Youth are participating in the planning of the retreat scheduled from October 27th through the 29th. The theme for the youth session is "Journey of a children and pre-teens. Since classes have started and many of the youth have gone back to college, more such gatherings will be planned during college breaks for the growth of faith and fellowship.

> You are cordially invited to celebrate with us

The Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee of our Vicar

Rev. Fr. Seby Chittilappilly by joining in the Eucharistic Celebration on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Catholic Church and thereafter for a felicitation program and fellowship meal.



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സിമിത്തേരി (ഉറങ്ങുന്നവരുടെ സ്ഥലം എന്നർത്ഥം) യുടെ പടിയുടെ മുകൾഭാഗത്തായി എഴുതി: "ഇന്നലെ ഞാൻ ഇന്ന് നീ." കുറെ ഫോൺ വിളികൾ വന്നു. 'ഇന്നു ഞാൻ നാളെ നീ' എന്ന കവി വാക്യം ഉദ്ധരിച്ച്. ആ കവിക്ക് മുമ്പ് B.C. രണ്ടാം നൂറ്റാണ്ടിന്റെ ആരംഭത്തിൽ എഴുതപ്പെട്ട പ്രഭാഷഗ്രന്ഥത്തിലെ വചനവാകൃമാണത് (പ്രഭാ. 38: 22).

മനുഷ്യന്റെ ആയുസ്സ് ഏകദേശം 80 വർഷമാണെന്ന് കരുതുക. $80 \times 365 = 29200$ ദിവസങ്ങൾ = 2430 മാസങ്ങൾ. കണക്കുകൂട്ടി ജീവിക്കുന്ന നമുക്ക്, കടന്നുപോയ മാസങ്ങളല്ല, വരും ദിവസങ്ങളിൽ ദൈവത്തിനായി ജീവിക്കാം.

ദൈവഭയമില്ലാതിരുന്ന ഒരു മനുഷ്യൻ, മദ്യപാനത്തിലും ദുഷിച്ച കൂട്ടുകെട്ടിലും ജീവിച്ചവൻ ... ഒരു നാൾ ധ്യാനം കൂടി. ഒരാഗ്രഹം... ജീവിച്ചിരിക്കുമ്പോൾ ശവപ്പെട്ടിയിൽ കിടന്ന് ഭാര്യയും മക്കളും ചുറ്റും ഇരുന്ന്, വാവിട്ടു കരയുന്ന ഒരു ഫോട്ടോ എടുക്കാൻ... ഫോട്ടോ എടുത്ത് വീടിന്റെ മുൻഭാഗത്തും അകത്തും തുക്കിയിട്ടു. എല്ലാ ദിവസവും ആ മനുഷ്യൻ ആ ഫോട്ടോയിൽ ഏതാനും നിമിഷങ്ങൾ നോക്കി നിൽക്കും. എട്ടു വർഷങ്ങൾക്കുശേഷം ആ മനുഷ്യൻ മരിച്ചപ്പോൾ, ദൈവത്തോട് വളരെയേറെ അടുത്തുകഴിഞ്ഞിരുന്നു.

ജീവിതം ഒരു പുസ്തകം... അതിലെ രണ്ടു പേജുകളിൽ ദൈവം എഴുതിക്കഴിഞ്ഞു: ഒന്നാം പേജിൽ ജനനവും, അവസാന പുറത്തിൽ മരണമെന്നും. ഇനി ബാക്കിയുള്ള പേജുകളിൽ നമ്മൾ എഴുതണം. പ്രധാന നടുപേജുകളിൽ പുഞ്ചിരിയും സ്ലേഹവും നിറഞ്ഞൊഴുകടെ!

ആശംസകളോടെ,

ഫാ. സെബി ചിറ്റിലപ്പിള്ളി (വികാരിയച്ചൻ)





THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER **INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 2017**

"That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions."

READINGS - NOVEMBER 2017

Seasons of Elijah Cross Moses and Dedication of the Church						
Day/Date	Notes	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	Gospel Reading		
Wednesday, November 1	All Saints Day		Hebrews 13: 1-6	Luke 17: 1-10		
Thursday, November 2	All Souls Day		Revelation 2: 1-7	Matthew 6:22-24		
Friday, November 3	First Friday		Revelations 21: 1-4	Matthew 24: 15-24		
Saturday, November 4			1 Timothy 4:1-5	Matthew 5: 38-42		
Sunday, November 5	First Sunday of Dedication of the Church	Isaiah 6: 1-8	1 Corinthians 13: 1-13	Matthew 16: 13-19		
Monday, November 6			James 3: 6-12	Luke 20: 1-8		
Tuesday, November 7			Hebrews 6: 1-6	Luke 21: 1-4		
Wednesday, November 8			James 1: 19-25	Luke 8: 26-39		
Thursday, November 9			Revelation 3: 8-13	Matthew 9: 35-38		
Friday, November 10			1 Peter 1: 13-20	Luke 19: 1-10		
Saturday, November 11	St. Martin of Tours		Acts 10: 9-16	Luke 5: 1-11		
Sunday, November 12	Second Sunday of Dedication of the Church	1 Kings 8:22-29	Hebrews 8: 1-6	Matthew 12: 1-13		
Monday, November 13			2 Corinthians 4: 11–15	Matthew 19: 16-22		
Tuesday, November 14			1 Corinthians 4: 1-5	John 6: 47-53		
Wednesday, November 15t			2 Corinthians 11: 7–15	Mark 10: 28-30		
Thursday, November 16	St. Gertrude the Great		2 Corinthians 11: 16-21	Luke 10: 8-16		
Friday, November 17			Galatians 4: 12-20	John 14: 1-7		
Saturday, November 18			3 John 5-12	Luke 22: 24-30		
Sunday, November 19	Third Sunday of Dedication of the Church	Isaiah 54: 1-10	Hebrews 9:5-15	John 2: 13-22		
Monday, November 20			Hebrews 13: 9-16	Luke 11: 1-4		
Tuesday, November 21			Jude 17-25	Luke 8: 1-3		
Wednesday, November 22	St. Cecilia the Martyr		Colossians 3: 22–25	Matthew 16: 21–28		
Thursday, November 23			Revelation 19: 5-10	Matthew 22: 1-14		
Friday, November 24	St. John of the Cross		Revelation 19: 11-16	John 18: 28-37		
Saturday, November 25			Revelations 21: 9-14	Luke 9: 10-17		
Sunday, November 26	Fourth Sunday of Dedication of the Church Christ the King	1 Kings 6: 11–19	Hebrews 9: 16-28	Matthew 22: 41-46		
Monday, November 27			Revelation 4: 1-11	Matthew 6: 19-21		
Tuesday, November 28			1 Thessalonians 4: 1-8	Mark 5: 25-34		
Wednesday, November 29			Hebrews 1: 1-4	Mark 12: 18-27		
Thursday, November 30	St. Andrew the Apostle		Romans 10: 9-18	Matthew 4: 18-22		

Snapshots of 4Life Sunday, October 1, 2017







In this Great Jubilee Year of Mercy let us join our hearts and hands "to cherish, to protect, to sustain, and to nurture human life, especially the most vulnerable."

WARD PRAYER - NOVEMBER 2017

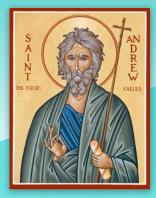
Please contact your Ward Representative to host Ward Prayer at your home.

Also watch for e-mail notifications for any changes in the schedule.

WARD	DATE/TIME	HOSTING FAMILY		
St. Joseph	November 11 at 7:00 pm	Mr. Mathews Abraham and Mrs. Mary Mathews 5620 Mayview Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21206		
St. Thomas	November 10 at 7:00 pm	Mr. Rajan Mathai and Mrs. Rosamma Rajan 6305 Old Washington Road, Elkridge, MD 21075		
St. Jude	November 18 at 7:00 pm	Mr. Ligie Thomas and Mrs. Lavanya Thomas 3558 N. Chatham Road, Apt. H, Ellicott City, MD 21042		
St. Mary	November 25 at 7:30 pm	Mr. Tony and Mrs. Florance Vithayathil 740 Wilton Farm Drive, Baltimore, MD 21228		

	HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!					
Angela Jomy	November 3	Alphonsa Pottackal	November 8			
Christine Vithayathil	November 3	Robin Paranilam	November 9			
Jessica Cyriac	November 4	Joshua Thoms	November 22			
Josh Thomas	November 6	Noel George	November 29			
Johann Joby	November 6	Richamaria Vithayathil	November 30			

SAINT OF THE MONTH



Saint Andrew By Andrew Abraham



Saint Andrew, also known as Andrew the Apostle, is the brother of Saint Peter. Saint Andrew was born in 6 BC in Galilee, Israel and died on November 30, 60 AD, in Patras, Greece. He

was crucified on an X- shaped cross. He was buried at the church of the Holy Apostles, Turkey. The name "Andrew" means manly or brave. The feast of St. Andrew is observed on 30th November in both the Eastern and Western churches and is the national day of Scotland. He was canonized by apostolic age by pre-congregation. Relics of the Apostle Andrew are kept at the Basilica of Saint Andrew in Patras, Greece. Andrew is the patron saint of several countries and cities including Barbados, Romania, Russia, Scotland, Ukraine, Amalfi in Italy, Esqueira in Portugal, Luqa in Malta, Parañaque in the Philippines and Patras in Greece. He was also the patron saint of Prussia and of the Order of the Golden Fleece.



May Christ's peace, love, and joy always enrich your marriage

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Pilgrimage to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe and other Churches in Mexico City

A photographic record of the pilgrimage of our parishioners led by Fr. Seby Chittilappilly







Holy Mass in the modern Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe



The magnificent altar at the new Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Basilica de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe)

On December 9, 1531, a beautiful shining woman, the Virgin of Guadalupe, first appeared to Juan Diego, a humble Indian peasant, when he was crossing the hill of Tepeyac just north of present day Mexico City.

Pope John Paul II named the Virgin of Guadalupe Patron Saint of the Americas on January 22, 1999 and that year her Basilica was the most visited Catholic shrine in the world. Today the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, also known as the Queen of Mexico, is celebrated on December 12th, the date of her second appearance to Juan Diego.



At Hotel Villa Quijotes, Guadalupe, close to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Photos courtesy of Mr. Mohan Mavunkal (2&3) and Mr. Paul Fathimasadanam (1&4)

THANK YOU CCD TEACHERS!

The service as a catechist is informing, forming and transforming our children in Christ which is a vital contribution to the Church. As you know, the vocation of a catechist is to collaborate with the Holy Spirit and help the next generation of Catholics to grasp the profound meaning that our faith gives to our journey from God to God. Please thank the teachers who volunteer every Sunday to teach the children. The list of Teachers, Substitute Teachers and that of office bearers are listed on the church notice board. Following are few updates.

- Confession will be available for CCD children on a chosen Sunday every month
- Solemn Holy Communion and confirmation classes will be held on Sundays after Second Holy Qurbana – Mar Joy Alappatt will be the Main Celebrant for the occasion – This is scheduled for Saturday, June 9, 2018

Offerings during English Holy Qurbana:

- Like last year, each assigned class will give offerings which will be distributed to charity
- The same class that is assigned for English Holy Qurbana will also participate in adoration

Bible Quiz

Bible Quiz will be held for the entire community. The following are the different groups. Written exams – for Children will be first Sunday of December and for adults it will be held the second Sunday of December.

There will be three groups for CCD Children

Primary (4 & 5), Middle and High School

Adults

- Youth & Single
- Young Couples below 40
- Couples (40-60)
- Senior Citizens (60 and above)
 - For Adults: Proverbs, Gospel of St. John and 1st Corinthians
 - Kids: Proverbs and 1st Corinthians
- Holyween will be celebrated Tuesday, October 31, 2017. His Excellency Mark Brennan, Auxiliary Bishop of Archdiocese of Baltimore will be the chief guest.

CCD exams:

- Mid-Term: January 14, 2018
- Final: May 21, 2018
- Breakdown:
 - 40% Mid-term
 - 40% Final exam,
 - 20% participation in church
- CCD cook-out: June 2, 2018

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