



LILIUM

A BULLETIN OF ST JOSEPH SYRO MALABAR PARISH

MONTREAL

01
DECEMBER
THURSDAY

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MASS TIMINGS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

Sundays

11.30 am - Holy Qurbana and Catechism

05.00 pm - Holy Qurbana

Monday to Friday

06.00 pm -Holy Rosary

06.30 pm- Holy Qurbana

On Wednesdays Novena to St Joseph

Saturday

09.00 am – Holy Rosary

09.30 am – Holy Qurbana and Novena of Perpetual Mother

WORDS OF WISDOM



MAR JOSE KALLUVELIL

Dear Rev. Fr. Jojo Changanamthundathil and beloved parishioners of the St. Joseph's Syro-Malabar Catholic Parish, Montreal.

It is with immense joy that I listen to the ecstatic news of the publication of the

E-Magazine, "Lilium" under the auspices of your parish. I appreciate the vision behind this noble endeavor as it is intended as a digital platform to express the innovative works of the parishioners. This amazing effort to harmonize the various activities of the newly elevated parish and bring them before the entire parish community and the public with its real spirit of sharing the good news for 'New Evangelization' is commendable.

I congratulate Rev. Pastor, Kaikkarans, Parish Council Members, Catechists, and especially the dedicated Editorial

Board who worked hard to make this dream a reality. Let this Lilium be a brilliant digital sign of God's unconditional love for you and a powerful symbol of your successful ministries through the miraculous intercession of St. Joseph, the patron Saint of the parish! I wish and pray that through this authentic and honest media mission let the Lillium may accomplish more altitudes in the years ahead!

Yours cordially in Christ,

Mar Jose Kalluvelil
Bishop, Eparchy of Mississauga

PASTORS DESK



Fr. Jojo Changanamthundathil

Angel Gabriel announced the Good News to Mary and Joseph and both of them accepted the Good News. Now we have a good news and christmas gift for our parish. It is with great pleasure and gratitude to the Holy Trinity, Our Mother Mary and St. Joseph, I proudly commemorate the launching of our parish news bulletin and name it, "LILIUM". The flower Lilium is the identified symbol for our patron St. Joseph, Angel Gabriel, and Mother Mary. Our mother is also known as the white lily of the Trinity.

LILIUM as a sign of purity, innocence and

transformation will empower our parish community to be united in love and compassion, by sharing everyone's thoughts, memories and talents. "The just man shall blossom like the lily".

LILIUM will be published on the first Friday of every month. The contents will include the monthly report, upcoming parish events, memorable dates of individuals, families and groups. It will be a platform to encourage the creativity of the young and the old; they will exhibit their talents in writing skits, poems, drawings, sketches, paintings, puzzles etc.

There will be interactive learning articles on the Saint of the month. In short, LILIUM will become part of the life of everyone of our parish community with informative and entertaining contents that will propagate Christian Values.

St. Joseph Syro-Malabar community is thankful to the volunteer team whose labour of love makes our dream a reality. May the almighty God, Our

Father make their effort bear fruits through the intercession of St. Joseph, in whose hands are the lilies. May we become the lilies in his hands and become the carriers of the fragrance of lily.

Let us take LILIUM in our hands and hearts as we prepare ourselves in the entire month of December for the birth of Jesus in our hearts, families and community.

I wish all of you a blessed Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Yours in Christ.

Fr. Jojo Changanamthundathil



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CHRISTMAS CAROLE IN FAMILY UNITS

- December 09,10 - Plamondon Family Unit
 December 10 - St Catherine and Vanhorn Family Unit
 December 16 - Cote Vertu Family Unit
 December 17 - Saint Evariste Family Unit
 December 16,18 - West Island & Cote Saint Luc Family Unit

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

- December 1, Thursday 25 days Nativity fast begins**
 1 Tim 4:11-16
 Mt 24:45-51 Be vigilant
- December 4 , Sunday Second Sunday of Annunciation (Cote Vertu Family Unit)**
 Num 22:20-35
 Is 43:25-44:5
 Col 4:2-6
 Lk 1:26-38
- December 8 , Feast of Immaculate Conception of Our Lady**
 Heb 1:1-3, 2:16-18 God's son
 Lk 1:46-55
- December 11, Sunday, Third Sunday of Annunciation (Saint Evariste Family Unit)**
 Gen 18:1-10
 Judg 13:2-7; 24
 Eph 3:1-13
 Lk 1:57-66
- December 18, Sunday, Fourth Sunday of Annunciation (West Island Family Unit)**
 Gen 24:50-67
 1 Sam 1:1-18
 Eph 5:5-21
 Mt 1:18-24
 The Miraculous Cross at Mylapore
- December 24, Saturday, Sunday Vigil-Christmas – The Nativity of our Lord (Plamondon Family Unit)**
 Day of Obligation.
 Is 7:10-16, 9:1-3; 6-7
 Mic 4:1-3, 5:2-5; 8-9
 Gal 3:15-4:6
 Lk 2:1-20
- December 25, Christmas Day- First Sunday of Nativity (St Catherine and Van horn Family Unit)**
 Gen 21:9-21
 1 Sam 1:21-28
 Gal 4:21-5:1
 Mt 2:1-12
- Feast of Holy Family**
- December 28, Wednesday, Holy Childhood Day (The Infants' Day)**
- December 31, Saturday, Vigil - End of the Year (Cote Saint Luc family Unit)**
 1 Tim 6:6-12
 Lk 13:6-9

'NAME THE BULLETIN' CONTEST

As the initial step in starting the bulletin, we organized a contest wherein everyone from the parish had a chance to suggest a name for our bulletin. After deliberate discussions and with the help of judging committee we finalized the name of our monthly bulletin. Congratulations to Mr. Benny Joseph, whose suggestion for the bulletin name 'LILIUM' was selected. Thanks to everyone who actively participated.

FAMILY UNIT PRAYERS

Family units that conducted prayer meetings in the month of November

- Cote vertu Unit. – November 12
- West Island. – November 19
- Plamondon. – November 25
- St Catherine and Vanhorn – November 26
- Saint Evariste. – November 26

UPCOMING EVENTS & TIME

DATE	EVENTS	TIME(EST)
01/12/2022	25 days of preperation begins, Holy Qurbana	6.30 PM
03/12/2022	Eparchial Level Meeting for Trustees and Accountants (Via Zoom)	8.30 PM
06/12/2022	Lighting of the Christmas Tree at City of Cote Saint Luc	7.45 PM
09/12/2022	Plamondon Family Unit Carol	
10/12/2022	Plamondon Family Unit Carol	
10/12/2022	St Catherine and Vanhorn Family Unit Carol	
11/12/2022	Christmas Raffle at St Richards Parish	11.00 AM
16/12/2022	Cote Vertu Family Unit Carol	
16/12/2022	West Island & Cote Saint Luc Family Unit Carol	
17/12/2022	Cote Vertu & Saint Evariste Family Unit Carol	
18/12/2022	West Island & Cote Saint Luc Family Unit Carol	
18/12/2022	Holy Qurbana & Confession	11.30 AM
24/12/2022	Chrismas Liturgy	10.30 PM
25/12/2022	Christmas Qurbana	11.30 AM
31/12/2022	Thanks giving Qurbana and Adoration	7.00 PM
01/01/2023	Silver Jubilee celebration of Fr. Joy Abraham, New Year Qurbana & X'mas Carol Singing Competition - Family Unit wise	4.00 PM

WORD OF GOSPEL

“The angel said to her, Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David”
 (Luke 1, 30 - 32)

SAINT'S CORNER



SAINT NICHOLAS

Did you know that the real-life inspiration for the beloved Christmas character of Santa Claus is Saint Nicholas, who was born in the third century in Myra, Asia Minor. (At that time, it was Greece, in modern-day Turkey). His wealthy parents, who raised him to be a devout Christian, died in an epidemic while Nicholas was still young. Obeying Jesus's words to "sell what you own and give the money to the poor", Nicholas used his whole inheritance to assist the needy, the sick, and the suffering. He is known for leaving coins in people's shoes and giving surprise gifts. He dedicated his life to serving God and was made Bishop of Myra while still

a young man. Bishop Nicholas became known throughout the land for his generosity to those in need, his love for children, and his concern for sailors.

Under the Roman Emperor Diocletian, who ruthlessly prosecuted Christians, Bishop Nicholas suffered for his faith, was exiled and imprisoned. He died on December 6, AD 343 in Myra and was buried in his cathedral church, where a unique relic, called manna, formed in his grave. This liquid substance, said to have healing powers, fostered the growth of devotion to Nicholas.

The anniversary of his death, December 6th, became the Feast Day of St. Nicholas, which is widely celebrated across Europe and is still the main day for gift giving and merrymaking across the continent. This keeps alive the stories of his goodness and generosity. In Germany and Poland, boys dress up as bishops and beg for alms for the poor! St. Nicholas is the patron saint of sailors, merchants, repentant thieves, children and unmarried people. His reputation evolved among the pious and his legendary habit of secret gift-giving gave rise to the traditional model of Santa Claus.

Link for the Quiz: -

[Click here for the quiz](#)

TALENT CORNER



A Drawing by Aibel Joe Anoop

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A Drawing by Damien Max Noblr Kottam

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A Drawing by Anna

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BAPTISM



Lijo John and Ronumul cheriyan celebrated their daughter Elisheba John's Baptism sacrament on 8th of October with the parish family.

May God pour out his blessings on Elisheba as she walks in his abundance and live in his love.

Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the



gateway to life in the spirit and the door which gives access to the other sacraments.

PRIESTLY ORDINATION


25 YEARS



Fr. Joy Abraham, O' Carm

On January 01, 2023

4.00 pm- Holy Qurbana
5.30 pm- Family Unit Wise Christmas Carol Song Competition at church basement



**ALL SAINTS DAY
(OCTOBER 30)**



The All Saints day was celebrated in our parish on 30th of October. It was a blessed moment for the parishioners as the catechism students were dressed up as their favourite saints.



In addition to daily worship, all saints day annually reminds us to remember the saints and allow the memory of their faith spur us on to deeper worship and greater service to the lord.



**ALL SOULS DAY
(NOVEMBER 2)**



On November 2nd we celebrated the feast of all departed souls at our church during the holy mass at 6:30 pm.

All souls day is a day of prayer and remembrance for the faithful departed.



NURSES MINISTRY

On November 13th, after the holy mass, nurses ministry members gathered together to discuss about the monthly prayer meetings and other activities.



**REMEMBRANCE DAY
(NOVEMBER 11)**



Every year the country comes together for the remembrance day celebration. A two-minute silence is held at 11 am to remember the men and women who sacrificed their lives for the country during wars around the world.

Remembrance Day marks the day World War One ended, on the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918.



Fr. Jojo, pastor of St Richard & St. Joseph parish, Cote saint Luc, gives benediction at the remembrance day celebration at Cote Saint Luc City.

WORLD YOUTH DAY AND SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING (NOVEMBER 20)



The World Youth Day is a celebration for the young people and it takes place every 2-3 years. The next World Youth Day will be held from 2023 August 1st to 6th (Tuesday to Sunday), in Lisbon, Portugal, with millions of youth from all over the world and in the presence of the Holy Father.

Solemnity of Christ the King is celebrated on the last Sunday of the liturgical year every year. The feast of Christ the King was celebrated this year on the 20th of November.



FAMILY UNIT PRAYER

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