



REV. ASHISH THOMAS



Vicar's Message to the Parish

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Greetings to you all in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as we begin a new month. May God's abundant blessings be upon each one of us and our families.

Let us continue to root our lives in Christ, glorify Him in all that we do, and faithfully witness to His love every day. May we be continually nourished through prayer, active participation in worship, and fellowship with one another.

1. Prayer Request for the Space For The Future Project

As a parish, we humbly request your prayers as we approach the City Council on June 1st and June 15th for the hearing regarding the Space For The Future Project.

This project will greatly benefit the ministries and activities of our parish across all generations. We pray that God will touch many hearts and that our neighbors and the wider community will wholeheartedly support this endeavor.

We kindly ask for:

- Your earnest prayers for a favorable outcome.
- Your presence and support at the City Council meeting.
- God's guidance and wisdom throughout the process.

2. Congratulations to Our Graduates

The parish extends heartfelt congratulations to all students who have graduated from schools, colleges, and universities this year.

We thank God for rewarding their hard work and dedication. Let us pray that:

- God fills them with divine wisdom.
- They continue to grow in faith and character.
- They become faithful witnesses of Christ wherever God leads them.

3. Parish Family Celebrations and Prayers

- Welcoming a New Member into the Faith Community

The parish rejoices and gives thanks to God for Lucas Sam Thundiyl, who was baptized and received into the communion of the Church during the past month. Through Holy Baptism, Lucas has become a member of the Body of Christ and our parish family.

Let us keep him and his family in our prayers, that he may grow in faith, wisdom, and the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ throughout his life.

- **Congratulations and Blessings for a Newly Married Couple**

The parish extends its heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Andrew Philipose & Dr. Rebecca John Philipose, and Mr. John Varghese & Mrs. Twinkle Biju Philipas they begin their married life together in Christ. We pray that God will richly bless their home and family life with His abiding love, everlasting joy, perfect peace, good health, and steadfast faith. May their marriage be a witness to God's grace and a blessing to all who know them.

4. Remembering Our Departed Faithful

As a parish family, we lovingly remember Mrs. Mariamma George, Mr. John K. Thomas, Mr. Shaji Koshy who have entered their eternal home in the presence of our Lord. While we grieve their loss, we find comfort in the promise of Christ's resurrection and eternal life. Let us especially remember their grieving family members in our prayers, asking God to strengthen them in their sorrow, comfort them with His presence, grant them peace and hope, and surround them with His unfailing love.

5. Sunday School Year Conclusion

As another Sunday School year comes to an end, we praise God for the exemplary service and dedication of our Sunday School teachers. We also commit all our children into God's loving hands and pray for their spiritual growth.

Growth Through Participation

This year brings several opportunities for spiritual growth through diocesan conferences, including:

- Mar Thoma Yuvajana Conference
- Sevika Sangham Conference
- MTVEA (Edavaka Mission) Conference

I strongly encourage everyone, especially our youth and members of various organizations, to **register and actively participate**, so that we may be spiritually enriched and strengthened.

Strengthening Fellowship at Home

As recommended by the Executive Committee:

- Every family is encouraged to host a **cottage prayer meeting at least once in two years.**
- Each prayer group should organize **cottage fellowships at least twice a quarter.**

To ensure wider participation:

- Keep refreshments **simple and minimal.**
- Schedule meetings around **4:00 PM**, making it accessible for families

These gatherings are not mere formalities—they are vital spaces where:

- Faith is shared
- Relationships are strengthened
- Christ is experienced in community

A Special Appeal to Parents

Sunday School education is not merely about learning Bible verses and stories. Its true purpose is to bring children closer to God through worship, which is the very essence of Christian life.

Therefore, I request all parents to:

- Ensure their children attend worship services every Sunday without fail.
- Encourage them to participate actively in parish life.
- Have children sit in the front pews during worship services whenever possible.

Let us raise a generation that loves and worships the Lord wholeheartedly.

6. Remembering Our Senior Citizens

Let us lovingly remember and pray for the senior citizens of our parish.

We especially pray for those who are:

- Sick or hospitalized.
- Undergoing medical treatment.
- Recovering from illness or surgery.

May God's healing touch, comfort, and guidance be upon them.

7. Parish Carpool Ministry

I encourage every parish family to consider helping at least one senior citizen who may be unable to drive or travel independently.

If each family can:

- Pick up one senior parishioner for worship,
- Bring them safely to church,
- And help them return home afterward,

many more of our elders will be able to participate in worship and fellowship regularly.

Let us serve them with love and compassion.

8. Call for Lay Leaders

The parish is seeking lay leaders who are willing to assist in worship services and various liturgical ministries.

Those interested in:

- Assisting at the altar,
- Participating in liturgical duties,
- Supporting worship ministries,

are kindly requested to contact the Achens for further information.

9. Parish Day Celebration and First Holy Communion

We are delighted to announce that our Parish Day Celebration will be held on September 26th.

We are honored that our beloved Diocesan Episcopa His Grace Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Thirumeni, will lead the worship services on this special occasion.

First Holy Communion Service

The First Holy Communion Service for our children will also be conducted on the same day.

Parents are requested to submit the names of eligible children (12 years and above) to:

- The Sunday School Office bearers, or
- The Parish Office bearers

if they wish to participate in the First Holy Communion service.

Closing Message

As we enter this new month, let us remain steadfast in faith, united in prayer, and committed to serving Christ and one another.

May the Lord bless our parish, strengthen our families, guide our children, comfort our seniors, and prosper all the ministries entrusted to us.

May God's grace and peace be with you all.

With prayers and blessings,

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