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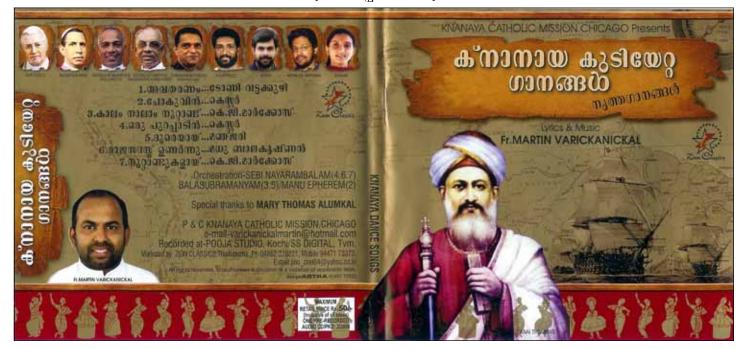


Congratulations to the Religious Education Students in Addison who are entering into the fullness of Christian Initiation by receiving the Sacrament of Chirsmation.

തൈലാഭിഷേകത്താൽ ക്രൈസ്തവ സഭാപ്രവേശനത്തിൻറെ പൂർണ്ണതയിലേക്കു പ്രവേശിക്കുന്ന ആഡിസണിലെ മതബോധന വിദ്യാർത്ഥിനീവിദ്യാർഥികൾക്ക് അനുമോദനങ്ങൾ!



ക്നാനായ കുടിയേറ്റ ഗാനങ്ങളടങ്ങുന്ന ഓഡിയോ സി.ഡി.യുടെ വിതരണോൽഘാടനം മിഷൻ ഡയറക്ടർ ഫാ. ഏബ്രഹാം മുത്തോലത്തിൽനിന്ന് പ്രഥമ കോപ്പി ഏറ്റുവാങ്ങിക്കൊണ്ട് കെ.സി.സി.എൻ.ഏ. പ്രസിഡൻറ് ജോയി വാച്ചാച്ചിറ നിർവഹിച്ചപ്പോൾ. സി.ഡി.യുടെ കവർ ചിത്രമാണു താഴെ. 10 ഡോളർ സംഭാവന നല്കി മിഷൻ ഭാരവാഹികളിൽനിന്ന് സീ.ഡി.യുടെ കോപ്പി വാങ്ങാവുന്നതാണ്.



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SATURDAYS

St. Joseph Church School Hall 330 E. Fullerton Ave, Addison, IL 60101

> Religious Education 3:45 P.M. to 4:45 P.M. Holy Mass @ 5:00 P.M.

Youth Seminars on First Saturdays 2:45 P.M. to 4:45 P.M. English Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite First Saturdays @ 5:00 P.M.

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Our Lady of Victory (OLV) Church 5212 W. Agatite Ave, Chicago, IL 60630

Religious Education 4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Holy Mass @ 5:30 P.M.

Youth Seminars on First Sundays 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Saturdays after Holy Mass at St. Joseph Church, 330 E. Fullerton Ave, Addison.

NOVENA TO ST. JUDE

Thursdays at 7:00 P.M. with Holy Mass and Benediction at Community Center, 5110 N. Elston Ave, Chicago, IL 60630.



schedule of Events

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2006

CONFIRMATION with Holy Mass at Addison Church today at 4:30 P.M. followed by refreshments for all in the school hall.

No Religious Education Class and Mass at OLV today.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2006

<u>Pastoral Theology Class</u> on the EARLY CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY IN THE ACTS by REV. FR. JACOB KURUPPINAKATH.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2006

Mass, Novena, and Benediction at Community Center at 7:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2006

<u>Religious Education</u> Class at Addison from 3:45 P.M. to 4:45 P.M. Holy Mass and Novena at Addison at 5:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2006

No Religious Education Class at OLV today

CONFIRMATION with Holy Mass at OLV Church Upper level at 4:30 P.M.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2006

RETREAT by REV. FR. JACOB KURUPPINAKATH, Vicar St. Michael's

Mass, Novena, and Benediction at Community Center at 7:00 P.M.

Church, Neendoor, India from 6:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2006

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RETREAT continues from 6:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.

SATURDAY, APRIL 01, 2006

RETREAT continues from 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

No Religious Education School and Youth Seminar at Addison Today

No Holy Mass at Addison today because of retreat.

SUNDAY, APRIL 02, 2006

RETREAT continues from 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Holy Mass at OLV Church Upper level at 5:30 P.M.

MONDAY, APRIL 03, 2006

RETREAT FOR WOMEN at Community Center at 6:30 P.M.

TUESDAY, APRIL 04, 2006

RETREAT FOR SENIOR CITIZENS at Community Center at 6:30 P.M.

MISSION DIRECTOR'S COLUMN



കുട്ടികളുടെ ഇഷ്ടം!

സ്ഥെരുലേപന സ്വീകരണത്തെ സംബ സിച്ച് ചില ആശയ കുഴപ്പങ്ങൾ ഉണ്ടായിട്ടു ള്ളതു സ്വാഭാവികമാണ്. പാശ്ചാത്യ സഭയായ ലത്തീൻ റീത്തിലും സീറോമലബാർ സഭയുൾ പ്പെടെയുള്ള പൗരസ്ത്യ സഭകളിലും ഈ കൂദാ

ശകളുടെ സ്വീകരണത്തിൽ വ്യത്യാസമുണ്ട്. ആ വ്യത്യാസം കൂദാശയൂടെ പേരിൽ പോലുമുണ്ട്. തൈലാഭിഷേകമെന്നാണ് സ്ഥൈര്യലേപനത്തിനു പൗരസ്ഥ്യ സഭകളിലെ പേര്.

ജനിച്ച് ഏതാനം ദിവസങ്ങൾക്കകം സഭയുടെ പ്രവേശക കൂദാശകളായ മാമ്മോദീസാ, തൈലാഭിഷേകം, വിശുദ്ധ കുർ ബാന എന്നിവ ഒന്നിച്ചു സ്വീകരിച്ച് ക്രൈസ്മവ പൂർണ്ണത കൈവ രിക്കുവാൻ കുഞ്ഞുങ്ങൾക്ക് പൗരസ്ത്യ സഭയിൽ അവകാശമുണ്ട്. അതു തടഞ്ഞുവച്ച് ജന്മദിനാഘോഷത്തിനുവേണ്ടി നീട്ടിക്കൊണ്ടു പോകുന്നത് സഭാ പാരമ്പര്യത്തിനു യോജിക്കുന്നതല്ല.

പ്രവേശക കൂദാശകൾ സ്വീകരിക്കേണ്ടത് സ്വന്തം ആരാധനാ ക്രമത്തിലും ഇടവക ദൈവാലയത്തിലെ ഞയറാഴ്ച കുർബാ നയുടെ പ്രാരംഭത്തിലുമായിരിക്കണം. ഇടവക സമൂഹം കുഞ്ഞി നെ പരസ്യമായി തങ്ങളുടെ കൂട്ടായ്മയിലേക്കു സ്വീകരിക്കുന്ന അർത്ഥപൂർണ്ണവും ഹൃദ്യവുമായ ഇടവകയുടെ ആഘോഷമാ ണത്. അതു രഹസ്യമായോ സദ്യയുടെ സൗകര്യാർത്ഥം അന്യ ഇടവകകളിലോ അല്ല നടത്തേണ്ടത്.

റീത്തിൽ പൗരസ്ക്യ സഭക്കാരായ നമുക്ക് ലത്തീൻ മാമ്മോദീസായും തെലാഭിഷേകവും കുർബാന ആദ്യ സ്വീകരണവും നടത്തുവാൻ സഭാ നിയമം അനുവദിക്കുന്നില്ല. www.knanayamission.org/eastern_churches.htmൽ മെത്രാൻ സംഘത്തിൻെറ സംബന്ധിച്ച അമേരിക്കൻ ഇതു നിർദ്ദേശം വായിക്കാവുന്നതാണ്.

നമ്മുടെ പല കുട്ടികളും കത്തോലിക്കാ സ്കൂളിൽ പഠിക്കു മ്പോൾ അവരുടെ മതപഠനത്തിൻെറ ഭാഗമായി പ്രഥമ ദിവ്യ കാരുണ്യ സ്വീകരണത്തിനും സ്ഥൈര്യലേപനത്തിനും ഒരുക്കാ റുണ്ട്. ആ ക്ലാസ്സുകളിൽ പങ്കെടുക്കുന്നതു നല്ലതാണെങ്കിലും നമ്മൾ സീറോ മലബാർ റീത്തിൽ പെട്ടവരാണെന്നു സ്കൂ ളധികൃതരെ അറിയിക്കണം. തങ്ങളുടെ സ്കൂളിലെ കൂട്ടുകാരുടെ കൂടെ ആദ്യ കുർബാന സ്വീകരണവും സ്ഥൈര്യലേപനവും നടത്തുവാൻ നമ്മുടെ കുട്ടികൾ ഇഷ്ടപ്പെടുക സ്വാഭാവികമാണ്. എന്നാൽ സഭാ നിയമങ്ങൾക്കു വിരുദ്ധമായി ലത്തീൻ റീത്തിലല്ല നാം ഇവ സ്വീകരിക്കേണ്ടത്. അങ്ങനെ നൽകുവാൻ ലത്തീൻ സഭാധികൃതർക്ക് അനുവാദവുമില്ല. നമ്മുടെ കുട്ടികൾ ലത്തീൻ റീത്തിൽപെട്ടവരാണെന്നു കരുതിയാണ് അവർ ഈ കൂദാശകൾ പരികർമ്മം ചെയ്യുന്നത്.

കുട്ടികളുടെ ഇഷ്ടം പരിഗണിക്കുന്നതു നല്ലതാണെങ്കിലും അവർക്കാവശ്യമായത് അവരെ പറഞ്ഞു മനസ്സിലാക്കി നിയമാനു സൃത രീതിയിൽ ചെയ്യുവാൻ നാം ഉത്സാഹിക്കണം. സ്വതന്ത്ര രാജ്യമായറിയപ്പെടുന്ന അമേരിക്കയിൽ വന്നതുകൊണ്ടോ സമ്പ ത്തേറെ നേടിയതുകൊണ്ടോ സഭാ പാരമ്പര്യവും നിയമങ്ങളും

നുറുങ്ങുവെട്ടം

സ്വന്തം ഇഷ്ടമല്ല ദൈവതിരുമനസ്സ് നമ്മിൽ നിറവേറുവാനാണ് നാം ശ്രമിക്കേണ്ടത്.



നാം നിഷേധിക്കരുത്. ദൈവം തന്ന സമ്പത്താണ് നമ്മുടെ കത്തോലിക്കാ വിശ്വാസവും സഭാ സംവിധാനവും പൗരസ്ക്യ സഭാ പാരമ്പര്യങ്ങളും. നമുക്ക് യഥേഷ്ടം മാറ്റി മറിക്കാവുന്നതല്ല കുദാശകളും അവയുടെ നടപടി ക്രമങ്ങളും.

നാമും നമ്മുടെ കുഞ്ഞുങ്ങളും സഭയോടൊത്തു ചിന്തിക്കു ന്നവരും പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്നവരുമാകണം. അപ്രകാരം സന്മനസ്സോടെ സഹകരിച്ച് ഒരിക്കൽ മാത്രം സ്വീകരിക്കാവുന്ന ശാശ്വതമുദ്ര പതിപ്പിക്കുന്ന തൈലാഭിഷേകം ഇപ്പോൾ സ്വീകരിക്കുന്ന കുട്ടികൾക്കും അവരുടെ മാതാപിതാക്കൾക്കും മതാദ്ധ്യാപകർക്കും അനുമോദനങ്ങൾ!

> ഒത്തിരി സ്നേഹത്തോടെ, ഫാ. ഏബ്രഹാം മുത്തോലത്ത്.



നമ്മുടെ സ്വന്തം ദൈവാലയം

സ്വന്തമായൊരു ദൈവാലയം എന്ന ലക്ഷ്യത്തോടു നാം അടുത്തിരിക്കുകയാണ്. പരസ്പര സംബന്ധിച്ചു കൈമാറ്റ *ഇടപാടുകളും പണികളുമുൾപ്പെടെ* അറ്റകുറ്റ ഒന്നര മില്യനോളം ചിലവു പ്രതീക്ഷിക്കുന്നു. മുഴുവൻ തുകയും ഒന്നിച്ചു നല്കി മിഷൻെറ പേരിൽ പള്ളി വാങ്ങുവാനാണ്

പദ്ധതി തയ്യാറാക്കിയിരിക്കുന്നത്.

അതിനാൽ ഓരോ കുടുംബവും 2,500 ഡോളറിൽ കുറയാത്ത തുക സംഭാവനയായി നൽകി സഹകരിക്കണം. സന്മനസ്സുള്ളവർ കൂടുതൽ തന്നു സഹായിക്കുക. ഈ നോമ്പുകാലത്ത് നിങ്ങളുടെ നിശ്ചിത സംഭാവന തന്നുതീർക്കു വാൻ ഉത്സാഹിക്കുമല്ലോ.

എന്ന് മിഷൻ ഡയറക്ടർ

ക്നാനായ കുടിയേറ്റ ബാലെയുടെ ഓഡിയോ സീഡി.



ചിക്കാഗോ ക്നാനായ മിഷൻ മതബോധന സ്കൂൾ കലോത്സവത്തിനുവേണ്ടി തയ്യാറാക്കിയ ക്നാനായ കുടിയേറ്റ ബാലെയുടെ ശ്രുതി മധുരമായ ഗാന സമാഹാരമടങ്ങുന്ന ഓഡിയോ സീഡി പത്തു ഡോളറിനു ലഭ്യമാണ്. വീടുക ളിലും വാഹനങ്ങളിലും ശ്രവിക്കുവാനും ക്നാനായ ചരിത്രവും സന്ദേശവും ഉൾക്കോള്ളു വാനും അത്യുത്തമം.

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Thank you for your support.		
Balance in Church Building Fund	84,074.81	
Church Building Fund	8,565.00	
March 12 at OLV Church	1,001.33	
March 11 at Addison	565.60	



PASTORAL LETTER FROM MAR JACOB ANGADIATH

ST. THOMAS SYRO-MALABAR CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHICAGO

www.stthomasdiocese.org

Pastoral Letter No. 5 March 2006

By the Grace of God, I, your servant, Mar Jacob Angadiath, Bishop of St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Catholic Diocese of Chicago and Permanent Apostolic Visitator to Canada, send this greeting and message to all the priests, brothers, sisters and my beloved people of God, living in USA and Canada.

"Open your hearts before Him by prayers, fasting and penance; let us find favor with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit". This is the prayer we recite just before the profession of faith in our Syro-Malabar Qurbana. As St. Paul in his second letter to the Corinthians reminds us "Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation." (6:2)

We have already entered the liturgical season of Lent. This is the time our mother Church invites her children in a special way to open their hearts before the Lord. She affectionately admonishes her children to find favor with the Triune One God through prayers, fasting and penance.

In this special context I want to present before you three biblical images, which may be helpful to prepare us to open our hearts before the Lord for the renewal of our own lives. The first scenario is the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan by John the Baptist. It is all the more fitting to reflect upon this image first because it is from the season of Epiphany, which remind\$ us of the baptism of our Lord, we have passed to the season of Lent. The gospel testifies that during his baptism as he came up from the water there took place the magnanimous and awesome revelation of Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. It is also recorded that immediately after his baptism, guided by the Holy Spirit, Jesus went to the desert. There he spent forty days and nights in prayer and fasting. This cloister, for our Lord, was an intense and immediate preparation for his public ministry and other salvific events, which were to be accomplished in and through him. The culminations of these salvific events were his passion, death and resurrection in Jerusalem.

As we enter into the season of Lent, let us have this image of Christ before us. Our whole journey of faith in this Lenten season is to be guided by the Holy Spirit. As our Lord was subjected to the temptations of worldly pressures, as presented in the Bible, we will also have to face the trials, tribulations, tests and temptations of this world. If we do have the anointing of the Holy Spirit and nourishment of the Word of God, we will also come out with the glorious victory over our temptations. A sincere and intense observance of Lent through prayer and Bible study will prepare us personally and as a community to partake in the paschal mysteries more effectively. Let us try to be more with God our Father in these days as our Lord did.

The second image is the image of the Good Shepherd. Lent gives us an experience of wilderness. Sometimes we ourselves may feel that we are lost. An honest and sincere examination of conscience will enable us to have a clear picture of our sinful state. In moments of loneliness, temptations, and sufferings, this image of the good shepherd remains as an exceptional source of vigor, strength and consolation. He is the good shepherd who "leaves the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it" (Lk. 15:4). Am I that lost one who is searched by Jesus, my Good Shepherd? If so, please don't hesitate to return to His fold so that we can be always in the greenery pastures with Him from where we drifted away.

Moreover, he is the "good shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep". (In 10:11) The Holy Week before the Easter presents before us the vivid memory of his sacrifice, where he offered himself as a ransom for many. Son of God who came to give us life and that life in full redeemed this life for us through his self-sacrifice. The Good Shepherd is waiting for us to return to him; he is inviting us to join him; he forgives our sins, as we are sorry for them. At our return he is happy.

The third biblical image I want to present before you is the Emmaus event. The lost, broken, grieved and distressed disciples were consoled and comforted by the Risen Lord, who accompanied them. As they were going away from Jerusalem, we may also have moments of distress, grief: brokenness in our every day lives. In our lost moments of life He is the only source of strength and courage for us. He never leaves us alone; he is always with us.

The disciples recognized that their hearts were inflamed when the Lord explained to them the Word of God. "Were not our hearts burning while he spoke to us on, the way and opened the scriptures to us?" (Lk 24:32) Following their request "stay with us 0' Lord", Jesus went in to stay with them. "At table when he took bread, said the blessing, broke it and gave it to them, their eyes were opened and they recognized him." (Lk 24:30) This is not and should not be a unique event, which took place two thousand years ago and unrelated to me. Instead, this is and should be our everyday experience. In the Divine Eucharist he stays with us. In the Eucharistic celebration he breaks the scriptures for us in the Liturgy of the Word; He breaks and gives his own body and blood in the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Do they burn our hearts and open our eyes? They are the actual enactment of the paschal mysteries. We should love it and live it. As the Second Vatican Council rightly stated it: "The Eucharistic is the source and summit of all our "activities." So let us love the Eucharist and live the Eucharist. Jesus is alive, hallelujah!

Our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI, in his Lenten message reminds us: "It is this integral salvation that Lent puts before us, pointing towards the victory of Christ over every evil that oppresses us. In turning to the Divine Master, in being converted to him, in experiencing his mercy through the sacrament of reconciliation, we will discover a "gaze" that searches us profoundly and gives new life to the crowds and to each one of us."

Before, I conclude, I urge and invite you all to make this season of Lent to experience our Lord and his redemptive mysteries personally. Let us set before us the above mentioned biblical images to grow into our Lord. Let us follow Jesus as Mary his mother followed him. Let us proclaim our faith in Jesus, together with St. Thomas the Apostle: "My Lord and My God."

May Christ, the Risen Lord fill our hearts, families and communities with his enduring peace and blessings. May I wish you all a blessed Easter.

In the name of the Father + and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit +, Amen.

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REPORT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHOOLS



- Anna Kulangara and Veena Kaniyaly

This has been a very eventful year for religious education and so far, this year has been wonderful! At Addison, our number of students has increased, from 75 last year, to 120 students this year! Also, our teaching staff has increased to a great 37 teachers! OLV has also increased in numbers from 200 students last year, to 250 students this year! Our teaching staff has also gained many more teachers to have a grand total of 50 teachers! Combined, we have a record-breaking 380 families participating in this year's religious education program. This is extremely awesome, and we hope to see this number increase next year too!

This year's religious education program has improved and changed in many ways. The biggest change of all has to be the classrooms at Addison. As most of you must remember, at Northlake, we had to teach in one large room at different tables. However, this year, Addison has provided us with classrooms which has made it easier to teach the students, and has made it much more efficient. Thanks to Fr. Mutholath and the committee that found us classrooms! Trust us, they are great!

Also, this year we have many more volunteers compared to last year. In fact, we had so many people wanting to help out the children that we had to stop hiring! After obtaining all the teachers in the beginning of the year, the teachers attended training sessions to prepare them for the school year. The train-

ing sessions taught us how to teach God's teachings in many ways.

One of the biggest events of this year was the Sal Solo program which took place earlier this year. Students and teachers gathered together for a day at OLV Church to listen to the teachings of Sal Solo and join him in many inspiring songs. The event was a grand success and everyone enjoyed it.

Another great change from this year is the addition of youth seminars for students in 9th-12th grade. These seminars include outside speakers that discuss everyday, relatable topics, such as making deci-

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sions and keeping a balance in life. These seminars help the students grow mentally as well as spiritually.

The Youth Ministry for grades 4th through 8th was also started this year. Every month the students gather together for an hour before CCD and learn about different topics, such as saints. In addition to these seminars, all students also have an opportunity to learn more about our culture through Knanaya history classes, that take place once a month. So not only do our students learn about God, but they also get to learn about Knai Thomman and why we always do the NADA!

Attendance this year has been wonderful. Most students enjoy coming to class with their fellow Knanavas. We're sure that if students were asked which religious education program they liked better, they would definitely say Knanaya CCD! We are their teachers! The religious education festival gave the kids more opportunities to get to know one another and allow them to bond even closer. The Integration of Confirmation and Holy Communion will also let the kids be able to build their friendships. We would like

to thank all the parents who took their time to bring their children to practices and to class. Thank you!

These program have also encouraged the kids to participate in other church activities such as choir, procession, and Bible readings. We, the teachers really enjoy working with all the kids and we, especially Veena and I are going to miss the kids next year, as we head off to college.

Our biggest thanks and appreciation go to Father Mutholath who created the Religious Education program in the first place. Without him, we would not be together today celebrating our second year! We also appreciate Johnny Uncle and Tony Uncle, who both took a lot of time to organize the religious education program, as well as the festival. Thank you goes out to all the coordinators of the festival who organized the kids and the dances to make this festival great! Also, HUGE thanks goes out to all the kids. Thank you for listening to us and not giving us a hard time! Last but not least, we would like to thank God for giving us this opportunity to show Him how much we love and adore him, as well as giving us a great community that supports the youth and the kids.

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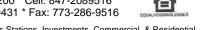
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