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**Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven.**



Why did Jesus leave his disciples forty days after his resurrection? Forty is a significant number in the scriptures. Moses went to the mountain to seek the face of God for forty days in prayer and fasting. The people of Israel were in the wilderness for forty years in preparation for their entry into the promised land. Elijah fasted for forty days as he journeyed in the wilderness to the mountain of God. For forty days after his resurrection Jesus appeared numerous times to his disciples to assure them that he had risen indeed and to prepare them for the task of carrying on the work which he began during his earthy ministry.

Jesus' departure and ascension was both an end and a beginning for his disciples. While it was the end of Jesus' physical presence with his beloved disciples, it marked the beginning of Jesus' presence with them in a new way. Jesus promised that he would be with them always to the end of time. Now as the glorified and risen Lord and Savior, ascended to the right hand of the Father in heaven, Jesus promised to send them the Holy Spirit who would anoint them with power on the Feast of Pentecost, just as Jesus was anointed for his ministry at the River Jordan. When the Lord Jesus departed physically from the apostles, they were not left in sorrow or grief. Instead, they were filled with joy and with great anticipation for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus' last words to his apostles point to his saving mission and to their mission to be witnesses of his saving death and his glorious resurrection and to proclaim the good news of salvation to all the world. Their task is to proclaim the gospel – the good news of salvation – not only to the people of Israel, but to all the nations as well. God's love and gift of salvation is not reserved for a few or for one nation alone, but it is for the whole world – for all who will accept it. The gospel is the power of God, the power to release people from their burden of guilt, sin, and oppression, and the power to heal, restore, and make us whole. Do you believe in the power of the gospel?

This is the great commission which the risen Christ gives to the whole church. All believers have been given a share in this task – to be heralds of the good news and ambassadors for Jesus Christ, the only savior of the world. We have not been left alone in this task, for the risen Lord works in and through us by the power of his Holy Spirit. Today we witness a new Pentecost as the Lord pours out his Holy Spirit upon his people to renew and strengthen the body of Christ and to equip it for effective ministry and mission world-wide. Do you witness to others the joy of the gospel and the hope of the resurrection?

# Church Schedule

## HOLY Qurbana in MALAYALAM

Sunday 8.:00 AM, 10: 00 AM & 5.30 PM

Monday - Friday 8:15 AM

Monday-Thursday 7:00PM

Saturday - 10:00AM

## HOLY QURBANA IN ENGLISH

Sunday - 11:40 AM, 4.00 PM

Friday - 6:00 PM

## NOVENA (AFTER HOLY QURBANA)

Tuesday: St. Anthony

Thursday: St. Jude

Saturday: Our Lady of Perpetual Help

1st Wednesday: St. Michael

## CONFESSION

Everyday before Holy Qurbana

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday: 10:00AM

## ADORATION CHAPEL

9:00AM - 9:00 PM

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## Liturgical Bible Readings

### Seventh Sunday (5/12/2024)

#### Gen 28:10-19

The place where heaven and earth meet.

#### Mic 4:1-5

The Temple of the Lord.

#### 1 Pet 1:3-9

Those who are waiting with hope.

#### Lk 24:44-53

Disciples who prayed all the time in the temple.

**Readers for Malayam Mass at 10.00am**

St. Thomas Koodarayogam

**Readers for English Mass at 11.40am**

1 st reading: Caroline Myalil

2nd : Neona Keepparayil

## MARK YOUR CALENDER

May 12: CCD Final Exams

May 13: Feast of Our Lady of Fathima

May 19: The Feast of Pentecost

May 26: Solemn Reception of the Holy Communion

May 27: Memorial Day

May 30: Feast of Body and Blood of Christ

May 31: Visitation of Blessed Virgin Mary

June 7: Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

June 8: Feast of Mariam Thresia

June 14: Death anniversary of Mar Kuriakose

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June 27: Feast of Body and Blood of Christ

June 29: Feast of St. Peter & St. Paul

July 3: Dukhrana of St. Thomas, the Apostle

# Cherupushpa Mission League Corner



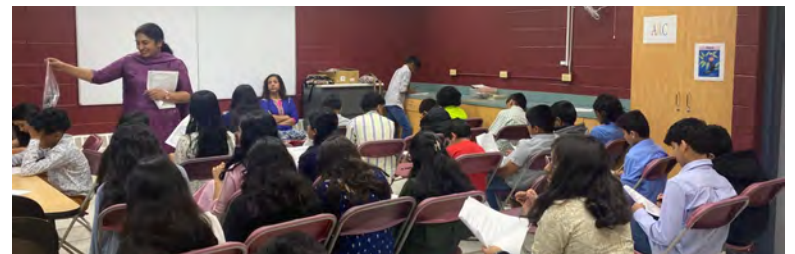
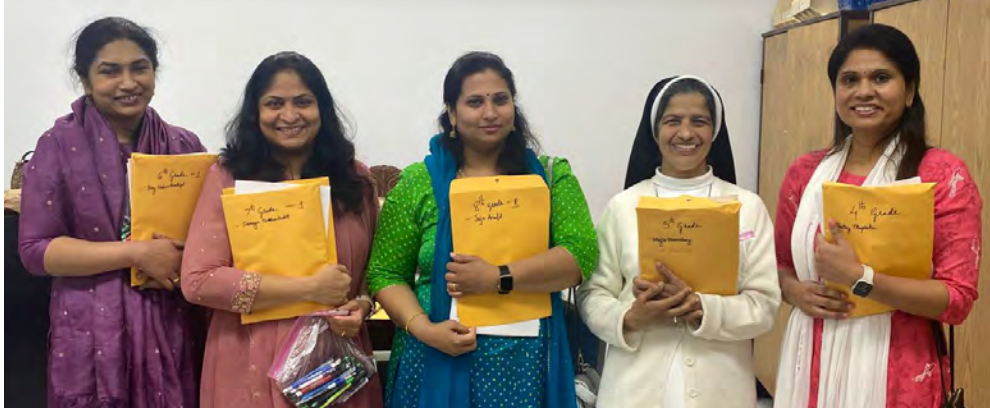
April 21st Sunday Holy Qurbana Led by CML St. Francis Xavier Group

**CML Group Assignment for Sunday Mass**

**5/5/24 : St. Stephen Group**

Coordinators

Samaya Thekkumkattil &  
Rainy Edakaraputhenpurayil



VIVA IL GOSPEL '24 CML Bible Quiz 1st round held during CCD at st. Mary's on May 5th, 24



## Viva IL Gospel'24

(A bible quiz program for 4-8 th graders based on CML children's 29 weeks of Gospel writings)

**May 19 - Final round of CML Bible Quiz**

### Upcoming CCD Schedule and Events

May 12- Final Exam & Last day of CML Gospel Writing activity.

May 19- Last Day of CCD and final round of CML Bible Quiz (**Viva IL Gospel'24**)

May 26- Holy Communion

June 4 Tuesday- Starting of Malayalam Class and Unnikalari

Aug 7,8,9- St. Mary's Summer Camp

# Viva IL Gospel'24

## Participants of Grand Finale

5/19/24

### ST. ALPHONSA GROUP

CHRIS ILLIKATTIL  
STEOHEN CHAKKALAPADAVIL  
NEHARA CHEMMANTHARA

### ST. JOHN VIANNY GROUP

ABIGAIL KANNACHAMPARAMBIL  
NOEL KOLLAPALLY  
GIA PUNNACHERIL

### ST. JOHN PAUL II GROUP

EVANA KOCHUPURACKAL  
GEORGE ANALIL  
JELITA MATTATHIL

### ST. THOMAS GROUP

VARSH JOHNSON VAZHAPPILLIL  
CHRISTO VETTIKATTIL  
VYGA JOHNSON VAZHAPPILLIL

### ST. JOSEPH GROUP

DAVID KALAPURAYIL  
NAOMI KALAPURAYIL  
ELONA KANIYAMPARAMBIL

### ST. FRANCIS GROUP

JOSIAH MANNAKULATHIL  
JOHAN MANNAKULATHIL  
MILANA PARAYIL

### ST. MOTHER THERESA GROUP

JENIFER KOCHIKUNNEL  
ELVIA CHELAMALAYIL  
MEGAN MANIYATTEL

### ST. MARY'S GROUP

JACOB MAPLET  
SANDRA KUNNASHERY  
ISSAC MATTATHIL

### ST. STEPHEN'S GROUP

ANDREW THEKUMKATTIL  
ALVIN KUNNATHUKIZHAKKETHIL  
DANIEL VALATHATTU

### ST. MICHAEL'S GROUP

MARIAN KARIKULAM  
EVANA MANNUKUNNEL  
PHILIP NEDUMTHURUTHIPUTHENPURAYIL

### ST. PADRE PIO GROUP

ELSA MYALKARAPURATH  
TOM PLATHANATHU  
JONATH OLESSAYIL

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MAY 12TH SUNDAY

