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11:00am - Holy Mass (English)  
1st and 3rd Sundays

11:00am - Holy Mass (Malayalam)  
All other Sundays

Tuesday

7:30pm - Holy Mass and  
Novena to St. Antony of Padua.

Saturday

8:30am - Holy Mass and  
Novena to our lady of  
Perpetual Help

**Christmas Mass**

December 24th, Monday  
@ 7.30 pm

**New Year Mass**

January 1st Tuesday  
Adoration@ 9.30 AM to 10.30 AM  
New Year Mass@ 10.30 AM

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CCD 9.30 am Every Sundays  
@ St. Mary's Parish Center

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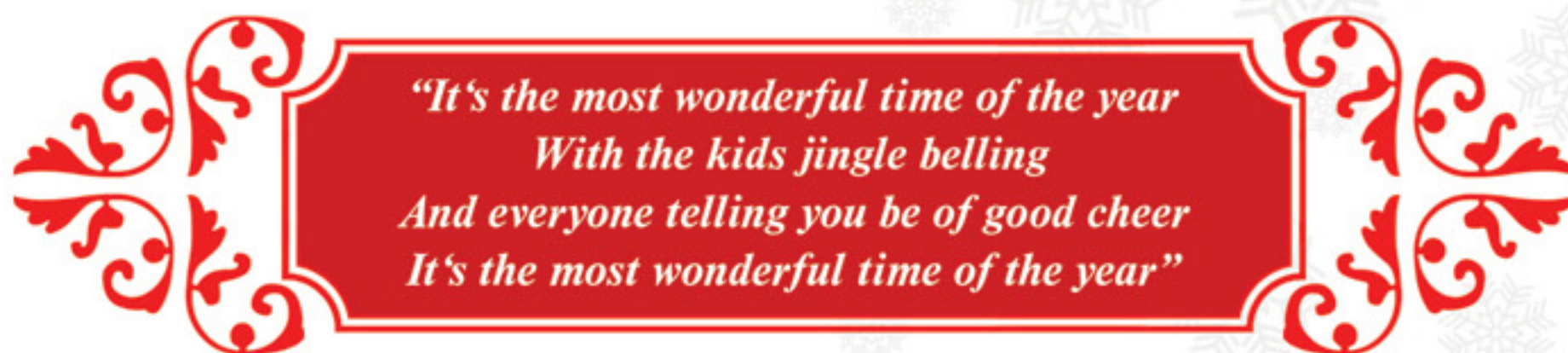
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The legendary musician Andy Williams welcomed this Christmas every year. Yes, "it is the happiest season of all". Welcome to this Holiday season among which Christmas is the most important reason of it. Holiday greetings...happy meetings...hosting parties...and toasting marshmallows...caroling out in the snow...tales and songs of the Christmas...and hearts glowing when loved ones are near...make it the most wonderful time of the year.

It is a known fact that the children love Christmas most. Not just because the hero of the season is a child, Jesus, but if you go back to your childhood you will find the real meaning of Christmas in discovering that there is a child in every one of us. God came down and dwelt among us in Jesus Christ and invited us to be God's children for ever in the Kingdom of God. "St. Mathew reported these words of Jesus, "Unless you turn and become children, you will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven"(Mt:18:3)

Children have a very short history for themselves to tell. It is surrounded by their mothers' womb and childhood days. Since they don't have much history, they don't have that many stories about gains and losses, memories about hurts and healings and accomplishments to be boasted or rejections to be sad about. The so-called grown ups live in anxiety, despair and hatred. Where did we lose our innocence? No one has taken that innocence from us. We ourselves have lost it in our craze to be big peoples. When St. Paul says that "Whoever is in Christ is a new creation" (II Cor, 5:17), we can reread this like 'whoever in Christ is a new child'. It has got the innocence and freedom that no one else can claim.

Everything is a wonder for a child. Like the sunrise and sunset, flowers blooming and shedding; Unlike the grown-up people, nothing is boring for a child. It is to them the secrets of heaven had been revealed, Jesus said.

Let's be childlike to find the meaning and beauty of Christmas. Those who want to be the great should become the least servant, simple and humble, in the manger with the poor parents and friends, like the Baby Jesus whom we adore in Christmas.



LOVINGLY,  
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### IPSF 2021 KICKOFF 18TH NOVEMBER 2018



### 7TH SYRO - MALABAR NATIONAL CONVENTION KICKOFF 18TH NOVEMBER 2018



### CCD UPDATES

Our theme for November was Holiness. We started the month by dressing up as saints on November 4th Sunday, then we had a beautiful saints parade at our church. We had very good support from all the parents and the CCD teachers. The kids really enjoyed and were excited for the whole event. The theme Word of God for the month was "Do everything in love" 1 Cor 16:14. We also focussed on few activities that would help the kids to grow in Holiness. We are now preparing for the 1st term exam scheduled for December 2nd.

Melvin Mathews (Principal)



### SUNDAY HOLY QURBANA READINGS - DECEMBER 2018

#### DECEMBER 2 SUNDAY

Gen 17:15 - 22 (17:1-27)  
Is 43:1-7, 10-11  
(42:18-43:13)  
Eph 5:21-6:4 (5:21-6:9)  
Lk 1:5-25 (1:1-25)

#### DECEMBER 9 SUNDAY

Num 22:20-35  
(22:20-23:2)  
Is 43:25-44:5 (43:14-44:5)  
Col 4:2-6 (4:2-18)  
Lk 1:26-38 (1:26-56)

#### DECEMBER 16 SUNDAY

Gen 18:1-10 (18:1-19)  
Judg 13:2-7, 24 (13:2-24)  
Eph 3:1-13 (3:1-21)  
Lk 1:57-66 (1:57-80)

#### DECEMBER 23 SUNDAY

Gen 24:50-67  
1 Sam 1:1-18 (1:1-28)  
Eph 5:5-21  
Mt 1:18-24

#### DECEMBER 30 SUNDAY

Gen 21:9-21 (21:1-21)  
1 Sam 1:21-28 (1:19-28)  
Gal 4:21-5:1, Mt 2:1-12 (2:1-23)  
Gen 1:26-28, Sir 3:1-9  
Col 3:18-21, Mt 2:13-14, 19-23

### FEASTS OF THE MONTH

December 3 : St. Francis Xavier  
December 8 : Feast of Immaculate Conception of our Lady  
December 25 : Feast of the Nativity  
December 27 : St. John, The Apostle  
December 30 : Feast of Holy Family

### UPCOMING EVENTS

December 2nd  
**PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION**  
December 16th  
**GENERAL BODY**  
December 21st, 22nd, 23rd  
**CHRISTMAS CAROL**



### FEAST OF ST. ALPHONSA & 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF ST. ALPHONSA CATHOLIC MISSION IN AUSTIN

ON SUNDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2018



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