

# ST. ANDREWS MAR THOMA CHURCH

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**Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.**  
**Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.**

**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**  
**MAY 2024**

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## VICAR'S MESSAGE

Greetings in the name of Lord Jesus Christ,

Dearly beloved in Christ

We enter a new month with cheerful and thankful hearts. Lord Almighty provided us with a lot of blessings last month. We experience innumerable grace and mercy of God. His grace is all that in which we need to walk.

The month of May is named after the Greek goddess Maia. who was the mother of Hermes. May serves up plenty of truly perfect days, full of sunshine, and blooming flowers. It is a month of inspiration, and excitement. This month reminds us of grace upon grace, that means you shall walk in favour, goodness, kindness, and in the mercy of the Lord. It brings together individuals from all walks of life to spread positivity and optimism in the face of adversity. Mother's Day in the United States celebrates motherhood on the second Sunday of May. A day to honor mothers.

As per the lectionary of our Church this month we meditate on the following themes. The word of God guides us to walk in truth, acts in Holy. serves in kindness. and help us to work fruitfully.

First Sunday--- Remember the poor. Love others like you. care for the needy.

Second Sunday--- Holy Spirit, one among the Trinity.

Third Sunday- -The Holy Spirit who renews the whole creation.

Fourth Sunday-- Trinity Sunday, sing to the Lord. This Sunday celebrates DSM&C Day.

May the Lord help us to live in righteousness and faithful. Pray for the sick and needy around us. May the Lord Almighty bless all of you. I wish you a blessed and happy life.

Yours in His service,

Jose Achen.

## **YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE**

**Dearly Beloved in Christ,**

**Warm greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!**

**I am overjoyed to connect with you all through this Newsletter. As your new Youth Chaplain in the New York Region, I am deeply aware of my crucial role in this ministry. It is an honour and privilege to follow in the footsteps of esteemed Youth Chaplains who have served the Youth of our Diocese with unwavering devotion to God and His Church. I am confident that, as a prayer-filled community, we can continue to make these days fruitful and a blessing to God and us all by prayer and active involvement in this ministry.**

**Friends, Sundays are not just another day of the week, but a special time set apart for God. Set apart for the celebration of the Holy Qurbana - a time set apart to commune with our family of families. This sacrament's celebration holds profound meanings, one of which is sharing. Sharing at the Lord's table is a beautiful thing that brings us together. When we heartfully participate, we open ourselves and experience belongingness that transcends all boundaries. This was a crucial part of the early church's life, and it remains so today despite our fast-paced lives and a culture that often overlooks this. The early church faced challenges in becoming more open as a fellowship, as seen in Acts of the Apostles: 2, 5 & 10, serves as a powerful reminder of our shared heritage.**

**In the context of the Masai people of Kenya, Meal sharing becomes a powerful symbol of reconciliation and unity. When two families conflict, the community intervenes, requesting food from both sides. The families bring offerings to the village centre and are accompanied and supported by other community members. The exchange and consumption of this food mark a new beginning in their relationship, characterized by openness, giving and experiencing forgiveness. This tradition invites us to reflect on the profound meaning of our Holy Qurbana and our need to participate continually.**

**As I conclude, let us reflect on children's vital and meaningful role in our parish and the wider community. My predecessors have held this role in high esteem, and it will undoubtedly remain just as cherished. The responsibility of guiding and**

**nurturing the children is not limited to parents, priests, and Sunday School teachers. Instead, it is a shared responsibility for our entire community and children. Remembering Hebrews 10:25 reads, "And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of His return is drawing near." Our collective pursuit is to uphold God in our hearts and consistently strive towards outreach, imparting knowledge, learning, sharing, and experiencing divine love as His chosen people. God has entrusted us to continue to guide the generations towards a closer relationship with the Almighty and nurture them into well-rounded, impactful individuals who will fulfil their divine purpose in the Church and greater society, bringing more to Christ.**

**I express my gratitude to the Vicar, the Executive Committee, and especially my predecessor, Rev. Jess M. George - a wonderful confidant and my friend, for their support as I transition into this new role and their warm welcome to this vibrant community. As we embark on this journey together, I seek your prayers and commitment to continuing this meaningful ministry to our youths' growth and love for our Church.**

**May God bless us all.**

**JVarghese Achen**

## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>SERVICE</u></b>	<b><u>TIME</u></b>
<b>May 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>English Holy Communion Service</b>	<b>10:30a.m.</b>
<b>May 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Malayalam Holy Communion Service</b>	<b>10: 30 a.m.</b>
<b>May 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Malayalam Holy Communion Service</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>May 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>English Holy Communion Service</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>

## **LECTIONARY**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>Lessons</u></b>	<b><u>Epistle/Gospel</u></b>
<b>May 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Lev 19:9-16 Gal 2:1-10</b>	<b>2Cor 8:1-9 Matt 25:31-40</b>
<b>May 12<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Ezek 37:1-14 Acts 1:6-11</b>	<b>Gal 5:16-26 John 14:14-21</b>
<b>May 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Joel 2:28-32 Acts 2:1-13</b>	<b>1Cor 12:1-11 John 16:1-15</b>
<b>May 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Exod 19:17-25 Gal 4:1-7</b>	<b>2Cor 13:11-14 Matt 28:16-20</b>

## BIRTHDAYS

DATE	NAME	DATE	NAME
05/01	Mr. Jacob K. Philip	05/23	Mr. Varughese Mathai
05/02	Mr. Jason Peter	05/24	Ms. Riya Varughese
05/05	Mrs. Rubykutty John	05/24	Ms. Silpa M. Chacko
05/06	Mr. Ginu Abraham	05/25	Mr. Regi Peter
05/06	Mr. Jerrin Peter	05/25	Mrs. Sherly Mathew
05/07	Mr. Annamma Mathew	05/25	Mr. Shaju M. Peter
05/10	Ma. Jaden Jacob	05/25	Ms. Christine Dynu
05/10	Mrs. Liji Daniel	05/27	Dr. Shaun Rajan
05/10	Jessymol G	05/27	Ms. Serina Varghese
05/11	Ma. Justin Daniel	05/27	Mr. Abey Varghese
05/12	Ma. Aiden Jacob	05/29	Mr. Binu Daniel
05/13	Mrs. Bavakutty Sunny	05/29	Mrs. Dolly Jacob
05/14	Mrs. Suma Jacob	05/30	Mr. Jacob Mathew Jr.
05/14	Mrs. Joyce John	05/30	Mrs. Leena Varghese
05/14	Mrs. Linsa Thomas	05/30	Mrs. Omana Mathew
05/15	Ms. Stephy Varghese	05/30	Mr. George Jacob Chalunkal
05/16	Dr. Jenny Abraham	05/30	Mrs. Sosamma Chalunkal
05/17	Mr. Manoj Pazhookudi	05/30	Mr. Mathews Koshy
05/17	Mr. Mathai Samuel	05/30	Mrs. Vinitha Joseph
05/18	Mrs. Thankamma Samuel	05/30	Mrs. Salimole John

05/18	Ms. Pristy Eapen	05/30	Mrs. Mariamma Chacko
05/19	Mr. Jacob Varughese	05/30	Mrs. Sherly Yohannan
05/19	Mr. Shiju Jacob	05/31	Mrs. Jyothi Peter
05/20	Mr. Thomas Chacko	05/31	Mr. Prasad Koshy
05/20	Mr. Varughese p. Samuel	05/31	Mr. Philip E. Samuel
05/21	Mrs. Annamma Varughese	05/31	Mrs. Mini Kurien
05/23	Dr. Sholu Varghese	05/31	Mr. K. M. Yohannan
<b>Wedding Anniversary</b>			
05/04	Mrs. & Mr. Mathai Joseph	05/28	Mrs. & Mr. Shaju M. Peter
05/06	Mrs. & Mr. Thankachen Chacko	05/28	Mrs. & Dr. Shaun Rajan
05/19	Mrs. & Mr. Binu Daniel		

## **PROGRAMS AND MEETINGS**

<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Date/Time</u></b>	<b><u>Venue/Residence</u></b>
<b>Fasting Prayer</b>	<b>May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> @ 10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>St. Andrews MTC</b>
<b>Diocesan Exam for Grades 5<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>May 12<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>St. Andrews MTC</b>
<b>Sevika Sanghom Prayer Meeting</b>	<b>May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>St. Andrews MTC</b>
<b>Saturdays with SAYF!</b>	<b>May 18th @ 6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>St. Andrews MTC</b>
<b>Sevikha Sanghom Prayer Meeting</b>	<b>May 29<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>St. Andrews MTC</b>

**On behalf of St. Andrews MTC executive Committee, I wish all the mother's a Happy Mother's Day!**



# Happy Mother's Day

"She is clothed with strength and  
dignity; she can laugh at the days  
to come. She speaks with wisdom,  
and faithful instruction is on her  
tongue." *Proverbs 31:25-26*

