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Dear SJSMCC, From Achan's Desk

As we enter the third week of the Great Fast, it is a meaningful moment to pause and reflect. The days are moving swiftly toward Holy Week, and the Lord gently asks each of us: How is your preparation?

Have we deepened our prayer life?

Have we become more faithful in fasting?

Have we grown in charity and love?

The Great Fast is not merely an external practice, but a sacred journey of inner transformation. It is an invitation to walk more closely with Christ — in His suffering, in His love, and in His perfect obedience.

Let us examine our hearts with sincerity.

Where we have been weak, let us begin again with courage.

Where we have been faithful, let us persevere with humility.

May this third week renew our spirit and strengthen our readiness for Holy Week.

God bless you all.

Thanks & Regards

Fr. Jimmy James
(Vicar, SJSMCC)



GREAT LENT 2026

Schedule



2 Friday of Lent

02/27

07:00 PM. Holy Qurbana & Way of the Cross

St. Ephrem & St. Mariam Thresia Family Units

5 Friday of Lent

03/20

07:00 PM. Holy Qurbana & Way of the Cross

Bl. Kunjachan Family Unit

3 Friday of Lent

03/06

07:00 PM. Holy Qurbana & Way of the Cross

St. Chavara & St. Alphonsa Family Units

6 Friday of Lent

03/27

07:00 PM. Holy Qurbana & Way of the Cross

Youth & CCD

4 Friday of Lent

03/13

07:00 PM. Holy Qurbana & Way of the Cross

St. Thomas Family Unit



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FOUNDATIONS of FAITH

*A Journey Through the Catechism
of the Catholic Church*



SJSMCC is proud to announce a new course for teachers and parents: Foundations of Faith, A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Foundations of Faith: A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church is the **ultimate way for your parish or small group to encounter the wisdom of the Catechism** and deepen your understanding of the Catholic Faith. It is the **ultimate way to encounter the wisdom of the Catechism** and deepen your understanding of the Catholic Faith. Led by renowned educators such as **Dr. Edward Sri, Jeff Cavins, Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Fr. Mike Schmitz, and others**

When?

20 sessions of 30 minute videos followed by discussion. After English mass on Sundays starting at **12:30pm**, You can come to as many sessions as you can.

Session 2 (Mar 1st): Divine Revelation & Our Response in Faith



Church conference room

CLICK HERE



TRINITY STRIKERS

VS

ST. ALPHONSA-
BL. KUNJACHAN STRIKERS



FINAL MATCH
CRICKET TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY 01 MARCH, 2026

MATCH START TIME : AFTER 11:00 AM MASS
(APPROXIMATELY 12:00 PM)





Saint Patrick

CCD News & Events

FAVORITE QUOTE:

"Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ within me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me" from The Confession

FEAST DAY: MAR 17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Saint Patrick was a fifth-century Romano-British Christian missionary and bishop in Ireland. Known as the "Apostle of Ireland". Lived mid 5th Century



Bible Verse for the week:

Mathew 6:17-18 "When you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."

UPCOMING EVENTS

- MARCH 14 - CCD TALENT COMPETITION

Foundations of Faith Class for teachers and parents: Continues after English Mass at 12:30 in Conference Room



12TH MAR MAKIL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Register Online at marmakilbasketball.org



WHERE?

Sacred Heart Knanaya Catholic Forane Church
3920 S Kings Ave, Brandon, FL 33511



WHEN?

Saturday
March 7th, 2026
Starting at 9:00am

Registration

Deadline - February 28th, 2026
Fee - \$100 Per Team

Middle School

14 Years & Under

1st Place \$500
2nd Place \$250



High School

18 Years & Under

1st Place - \$500
2nd Place - \$250



College

25 Years & Under

1st Place - \$750
2nd Place - \$500



ALL PLAYERS MUST REPRESENT A MALAYALEE CHURCH AND ADHERE TO THE RULES STIPULATED BY MAR MAKIL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT'S ORGANIZING COMMITTEE.

If interested in playing for one of our church teams, please contact the coordinators below:

- Overall Coordinator** - Martin Chittilappilly (832) 244-6595
- College** - Daniel Joseph (813) 947-3070
- High School** - Martin Chittilappilly (832) 244-6595
- Middle School** - Prince Antony (614) 329-9935
- Elementary Boys & Girls** - Jogy Joy (352) 434-4327
(friendly match)



International WOMEN'S DAY

SUNDAY
12.30 - 2.30 PM

8
MARCH

Church
Mini-auditorium

- Get Inspired by a special talk by **Dr Renjitha Ignatious**
- Play fun-filled games
- Dress Theme: **Purple | Gold | White**
- Shop our **Fundraiser** Seconds Sari Sale
- **Contact:** Reena Martin (8138487407)
Anju Mathews (8138164756)

JOIN US FOR AN INSPIRING AND JOYFUL AFTERNOON
EVERYONE IS WARMLY WELCOME!

SJSMCC PTA

PROUDLY PRESENTS

ANNUAL TALENT

COMPETITION 2026

WHEN : SATURDAY MARCH 14 2026

ALL CHILDREN IN GRADES PKG-12 ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE

COMPETITION ITEMS

MEMORY TEST

COLORING A PICTURE

PENCIL DRAWING

SINGING

BIBLE STORY TELLING

SPEECH

ESSAY WRITING

**DATE CHANGE
NEW DATE IS MARCH 14**

**SCAN OR CLICK THE QR CODE TO
REGISTER NOW**



**Registration Ends
March 7th**

**Discover Your
Inner Talents!**

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to
serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various
forms (1Peter 4:10)*

BIBLE QUIZ FINALISTS

FIRST PRIZE



Elizabeth Alexander



Liju Robert



Premon George



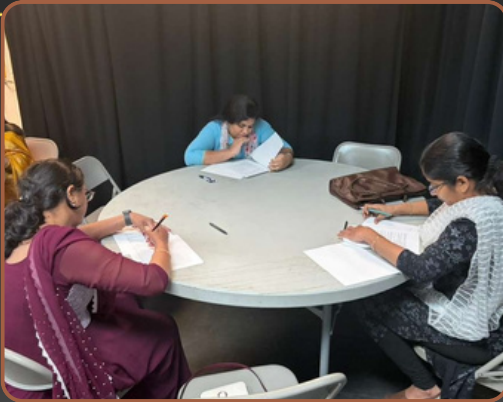
Reji John

Congratulations to All Participants & Winners...

Smitha George
Alphonse M
Anil Francis
Reji John
Manju Dominic Manadyel
Joji Jose
Elizabeth Sam Alexander

Soney Joseph
Premon George
Anila Scaria
Eliza Susan Philip
Liju Robert
Femi Francis
Roshitha Jose Kundukulangara

Special Thanks to Our Quiz Master '**Anjaly Peter**' for Making This Event a Success!



SJSMCC Announcements

Used Stackable Chairs Available:

There are several used chairs in good condition which we used in church before (stackable, red seat with metal frame) available in the church storeroom. If you are interested, please arrange to pick them up by this Sunday. For further information, kindly contact the Trustees.



Pew Sponsorship Appeal

We invite you to be part of this legacy project by supporting the renewal of our Church. Your sacrifice will be deeply appreciated and will be remembered with gratitude.

→ Pay in full: \$2500 / Choose an easy payment plan
→ Those who are able and feel called to sponsor a pew are kindly asked to contact the parish office, Achan or the trustees.



“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

2 Corinthians 9:6–7



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Aiden Prince February 23

David Manu Thomas February 24

Rachael Mary George February 25

Theresa Manu Thomas February 27

Emma Anil February 28

Jaiden Mathew February 28

Nevin Joseph Alexander March 1



With love & Prayers

Jimmy achian, Rev Sisters,

CCD Teachers & Friends



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ALL COUPLES
CELEBRATING THIS WEEK. MAY YOUR LOVE
CONTINUE TO GROW IN CHRIST.**





Daily Schedule & Readings

“Nothing in life is to be feared. It is only to be understood.” ~ Marie Curie

FRIDAY FEB 27	6:30 pm	Adoration & Confession	Jas 1:9-11; 4:13-16
	7:00 pm	Holy Qurbana in Malayalam	
	7.40 pm	Way of Cross (St. Ephrem & St. Mariam Thresia)	Lk 14:7-14
SATURDAY FEB 28	9.00 am	Adoration & Confession	Phil 3:4-11
	9.30 am	Holy Qurbana in Malayalam	Lk 5:1-11
SUNDAY MAR 1	9.00 am	Adoration	Tb 12:6-15
	9.30 am	Holy Qurbana in Malayalam	2 Cor 8:9-15
	11.00 am	Holy Qurbana in English	Gospel: Mt 6:1-8; 16-18
MONDAY MAR 2	NO Holy Qurbana		
TUESDAY MAR 3	6:00 pm	Adoration & Confession	2 Cor 9:1-5
	6.30 pm	Holy Qurbana in Malayalam	Mk 12:38-44
WEDNESDAY MAR 4	6:00 pm	Adoration & Confession	2 Cor 9:6-10
	6.30 pm	Holy Qurbana in Malayalam	Lk 6:32-38
THURSDAY MAR 5	6:00 pm	Adoration & Confession	Jas 2:10-17
	6.30 pm	Holy Qurbana in Malayalam	Mt 7:21-28
FRIDAY MAR 6	6:30 pm	Adoration & Confession	2 Cor 9:11-15
	7:00 pm	Holy Qurbana in Malayalam	
	7.40 pm	Way of Cross (St. Chavara & St. Alphonsa Family Units)	Lk 12:29-34
SATURDAY MAR 7	9.00 am	Adoration & Confession	2 Cor 6:14-7:1
	9.30 am	Holy Qurbana in Malayalam	Lk 8:426-48
SUNDAY MAR 8	9.00 am	Adoration	2 Sam 12:1-7; 13-12
	9.30 am	Holy Qurbana in Malayalam	2 Tim 2:22-26
	11.00 am	Holy Qurbana in English	Gospel: Mt 5:27-32

ASSIGNED FAMILY UNIT FOR MARCH

ST. MARIAM THRESIA

BIBLE STUDY READING

MARK 12: 1 - 12

FAMILY UNIT MEETINGS

FRI 2/27 ST. ALPHONSA 8:00 PM
Alphonse & Anil Francis

SAT 2/28 ST. MARIAM THRESIA 7:15 PM
Babitha & Reji John

SAT 3/7 ST. MOTHER THERESA 6:30 PM
Neethu & Lijoy Cheerangal

FRI 3/13 ST. EPHREM 8:00 PM
Annam & Shibu Joseph

SAT 3/14 ST. CHAVARA 6:30 PM
Annie Stan

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAR 06 First Friday

MAR 08 International Women's Day

MAR 14 CCD Talent Competition

MAR 19 Solemnity of St. Joseph

MAR 20 - 22 Annual Parish Retreat

MAR 22 Oottu Thirunnal

MAR 29 Palm Sunday

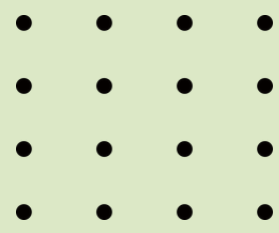
APR 02 Maundy Thursday

APR 03 Good Friday

JULY 27 - AUG 08 Toast Master



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We invite you to introduce your family so that our parish community may know you better and grow together in fellowship



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