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St. Joseph's Syro Malabar Catholic Church, Tampa

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# St. Joseph's Digest

Dear SJSMCC,

From Achan's Desk

As we approach Holy Week, we enter a sacred time of immediate preparation. This **weekend**, we are blessed to have **our Annual Retreat** for all parish members—from our youngest children in Pre-KG to our senior members. I warmly invite each of you to take part in this grace-filled opportunity.

Let us **open our hearts to renewal, deepen our faith**, and prepare ourselves to truly experience the mystery of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. May this retreat not be just an event, but a transforming encounter with the Lord.

Let us pray together, asking the Holy Spirit to descend upon every participant and make this retreat spiritually fruitful and **enriching for our entire parish community**.

God bless you all.

Thanks & Regards

**Fr. Jimmy James**  
(Vicar, SJSMCC)



# OOT TUTHIRUNNAL

Feast of St. Joseph

22  
MARCH



Every year we celebrate the feast of our Patron Saint, and families generously come forward to support the celebration as Presudentis. If you would like to be a Presudenti, kindly contribute **\$100**. Thank you for your support!

[Please click here to pay using ParishOnNet](#)

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**The feast day of St. Joseph is on March 19, and we will be celebrating the feast on March 22.**



# LENTEN RETREAT 2026

LED BY REV.FR.JOBY KALATHIL

**March 20 Friday 6PM - 9.15PM**

Holy Qurbana, Introduction & points for reflection

**March 21 Saturday 9AM - 4.30PM**

Holy Qurbana, 4 Sessions, Confession

**March 22 Sunday 9.30AM - 12.30PM**

Holy Qurbana , 1 Session

**“Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you”**

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# YOUTH EXPLOSION

Led By REV. FR. MAXIMILIAN MARY DEAN

MARCH 20 FRIDAY

6PM-9PM  
TALK, ROSARY, ICEBREAKER

MARCH 21 SATURDAY

9:15AM-5PM  
PRAISE AND WORSHIP, CONFESSION

MARCH 22 SUNDAY

9:30AM-1PM  
HOLY QURBANA, TALK

*All youth above 7th grade are welcome*

**POWERFUL DAYS OF WORSHIP, CONNECTION, AND REVIVAL  
FOR THE NEXT GENERATION!**

ST. JOSEPH'S SYRO MALABAR CATHOLIC CHURCH

# GREAT LENT 2026

## Schedule



### 5 Friday of Lent

03/20

06:00 PM. Holy Qurbana & Way of the Cross

BL. KUNJACHAN FAMILY UNIT

### 6 Friday of Lent

03/27

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

YOUTH & CCD



St Joseph's Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, Tampa, Florida



# **PALM SUNDAY SERVICE & HOLY QURBANA**

**March 29<sup>th</sup> 2026**

**9:30 am**

**(Begins at the Grotto of Mother Mary  
with the distribution of Blessed Palms)**



## **KOZHUKKATTA**

Through the prayers and  
contributions of

**Reji & Thankachan Thomas  
Thundathil Family**



2026 PTA PRESENTS

# Easter

## EGG HUNTING

### for Kids

Eligible Kids Group: PKG - 1 and 2-5 Grades

AT St. Joseph Syro-Malabar Church  
Tampa

Venue: Church ground



MARCH  
29TH 2026



AFTER  
HOLY MASS



Fun, Games,  
Prizes  
& Joy!

Join Us for a Day Full of  
Fun & Faith!



# Announcements

Parish Youth Retreat

**Youth Retreat will start on Friday with Holy Qurbana**

**Instead of formal CCD classes, all students (PKG to Grade 12) are expected to attend the Parish Retreat on Friday 20, Saturday March 21 & Sunday March 22.**

**Grades PKG-KG : In Flag Room**

**Grades 1-2: In room next to Flag Room**

**Grades 3-6: In Youth Room**

**Grades 7-12: In Mini Parish Hall.**

Attendance will be taken. Students please make sure your attendance is registered.

- **There will be no CCD classes on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.**
- **No Foundations of Faith class till Apr 12.**



## Why this Tradition?

### Kozhukattai, or Kozhukatta

**Palm Sunday Kozhukattai, or Kozhukatta, is a traditional sweet dumpling made by Kerala Syrian Christians on the Saturday before Palm Sunday (Lazarus Saturday). It consists of a rice flour shell filled with grated coconut and jaggery, symbolizing the stones thrown at Jesus or, for some, the rock tomb of Lazarus.**





# KERALA CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF TAMPA BAY (KCAOTB)

YEARS ALONG THE PATH OF SPIRITUALITY

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER PROGRAM TAMPA BAY 2026

MOTTO: "I WILL GIVE YOU REST: COME"  
(MATTHEW 11:28-30).

**SUNDAY  
22 MARCH  
5 PM**

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TAMPA, FLORIDA

2026 CCD  
TALENT COMPETITION  
WINNERS!  
Congratulations!

PKG-1

- Coloring: 1<sup>st</sup> Jenna Justus, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stefan Joseph Denny
- Memory Test: 1<sup>st</sup> Jianna Maria Jomon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Abel Alex
- Bible Story: 1<sup>st</sup> Amy Leo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dylan Antony Davis
- Singing: 1<sup>st</sup> Olivia Joseph, 2<sup>nd</sup> Amy Leo

2-5 Grade

- Coloring: 1<sup>st</sup> Sarah Justus, 2<sup>nd</sup> Evana Mathew
- Memory Test: 1<sup>st</sup> Hannah Maria Mathew, 2<sup>nd</sup> Raphaela Rose Joseph
- Bible Story: 1<sup>st</sup> Anna Thomas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Raphaela Rose Joseph
- Speech: 1<sup>st</sup> Anna Thomas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nathan Veron Panavelil
- Singing: 1<sup>st</sup> Nisah Akkal, 2<sup>nd</sup> Namia Akkal

6-8 Grade

- Drawing: 1<sup>st</sup> Tianna Maria Kaithathara, 2<sup>nd</sup> Naeha Ann Suresh
- Essay Writing: 1<sup>st</sup> Ann Rhea Lijoy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Roseanne Maria Joe
- Speech: 1<sup>st</sup> Christine Rose Roy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nathanael Johnson
- Singing: 1<sup>st</sup> Elisha Anil, 2<sup>nd</sup> Maria Elizabeth Johnson

9-12 Grade

- Drawing: 1<sup>st</sup> Anna Prince, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jane Maria Jomon
- Essay Writing: 1<sup>st</sup> Eva Trisha Panavelil, 2<sup>nd</sup> Judith Maria Jomon
- Speech: 1<sup>st</sup> Eva Trisha Panavelil, 2<sup>nd</sup> Daniel Rapheal Davis
- Singing: 1<sup>st</sup> Stephy Lalichan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Neha Akkal

# Let Your Light Shine - Talent Competition Highlights





A portrait of a middle-aged man with grey hair and a mustache, wearing a light-colored collared shirt. The portrait is set against a soft, glowing background with a halo effect. The entire image is framed by a decorative border featuring white roses and a black ribbon in the top-left corner.

Late  
**Tom Mathew Mundiyankal**

The mortal remains will be brought to his residence  
on **Tuesday (17th) at 6:00 PM.**

**Funeral Service on Wednesday (18th) at 2:00 PM**  
followed by Burial at Little Flower Church,  
Nediyakad, Karinkunnam.

Kindly pray for the eternal rest of the  
departed soul. 🙏

# Happy Birthday

Jessilyn Mathew March 15

Allan Samuel Alexander March 17

Angel Manadyel March 19

Neha Akkal March 20

*With love & Prayers*

*Jimmy achan,*

*Rev Sisters,*

*CCD Teachers & Friends*



Happy Anniversary to all couples celebrating this week. May your love continue to grow in Christ.

\*\* Birth dates are picked from CCD students who have shared birthdate on ParishOnNet



# DAILY SCHEDULE & READINGS

“Everything that irritates us about others can lead us to an understanding of ourselves.” ~ Carl Jung

FRIDAY MAR 20	6:00 pm	Holy Qurbana in Malayalam	Heb 9:23-28
	6.45 pm	Way of the Cross (Bl. Kunjachan Family Unit) followed by Annual Retreat	Mt 20:20-28
SATURDAY MAR 21	9.00 am	Adoration & Confession	1 Cor 2:1-8
	9.30 am	Holy Qurbana in Malayalam	Mt 17:1-9
SUNDAY MAR 22	9.00 am	Adoration	2 Macc 6:18-31
	9.30 am	Holy Qurbana in Malayalam	1 Pet 4:12-19
	9:30 am	Holy Qurbana in English	Gospel: Mk 8:31-9:1
MONDAY MAR 23	NO Holy Qurbana		
TUESDAY MAR 24	6:00 pm	Adoration & Confession	Col 1:24-29
	6.30 pm	Holy Qurbana in Malayalam	Jn 15:18-27
WEDNESDAY MAR 25	6:00 pm	Adoration & Confession	Acts 1:11-14
	6.30 pm	Holy Qurbana in Malayalam	Lk 1:26-38
THURSDAY MAR 26	6:00 pm	Adoration & Confession	2 Tim 1:6-14
	6.30 pm	Holy Qurbana in Malayalam	Mk 10:32-34
FRIDAY MAR 27	6:30 pm	Adoration & Confession	Rom 5:12-17
	7:00 pm	Holy Qurbana in Malayalam	
	7.40 pm	Way of the Cross (Youth & CCD)	Jn 11:32-44
SATURDAY MAR 28	9.00 am	Adoration & Confession	2 Cor 2:14-17
	9.30 am	Holy Qurbana in Malayalam	Jn 12:1-11
SUNDAY MAR 29	9.30 am	Holy Qurbana in Malayalam (Palm Sunday)	Is 62:10-12
			Gal 4:12-20
			Gospel: Lk 19:28-40



# ASSIGNED FAMILY UNIT FOR MARCH

ST. MARIAM THRESIA

# BIBLE STUDY READING

MARK 12: 13 - 27

# FAMILY UNIT MEETINGS

FRI  
3/28

ST. MARIAM THRESIA  
Aleyamma & Baby  
Madathikunnel

7:15  
PM

# UPCOMING EVENTS

MAR  
20 - 22

Annual Parish Retreat

MAR  
22

Oottu Thirunnal

MAR  
29

Palm Sunday

APR  
02

Maundy Thursday

APR  
03

Good Friday

APR  
04

Easter Vigil

APR  
05

Easter

JULY  
23-25

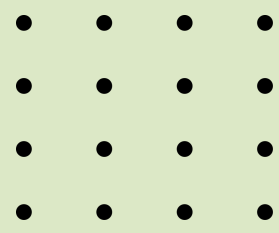
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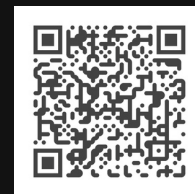
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We invite you to introduce your family so that our parish community may know you better and grow together in fellowship



## Join Our Parish Communication Groups

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