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2026 Motto

"Thus far the Lord has helped us" - I Samuel 7:12(b)

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August 6-8: VBS

August 22: Annual Church Picnic

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Editorial

ASK!

Competitiveness and self-sufficiency are the norm of our times, with workplaces and academic environments increasingly driving individualistic problem-solving as a skill to be had and honed. While the world pulls us to grow our independence, as Christians we are instructed to live in dependence on Christ. In fact, the Bible invites us to cast our anxieties on God and depend on Him (1 Peter 5:7). This is not just an open invitation; the text provides the reasoning too – it is because God cares for us. Yet too many of us exhaust every avenue of our common sense and human ability before we turn to God for help.

Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount extended a bold challenge to us to come to Him. We are promised that “everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened” (Matthew 7:7-8). But this passage is not to be misunderstood as a platform for trivial or selfish asking. In fact, verses 7-8 in the chapter of Matthew 7 are placed within a strict context of instructions to not judge others and warnings to beware of false teachings. So it is important to have discernment and ask for the right things.

But nothing should hold us back from coming to our Lord first, and once we do, we should also be willing to leave the matter with the Lord to respond in His time. So, I leave you with this acronym which imbibes Jesus’ calling to us to:

Ask – go to God first.

Seek – glorify God in what you ask.

Knock – at His door in humility and dependence.

Reshma George
Editor

Achen's Message



Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

This month we reflect on the sacrament of Baptism and the celebration of Holy Eucharist which are the two sacraments instituted by our Lord. The sacrament is the outward sign of an inward grace; therefore, the people of God are to receive these Holy Sacraments with reverence.

Baptism is the sacrament of Christian initiation. Through baptism believers and their children are embodied in the covenant of grace and become a part of the fellowship of the church.

By part taking in the Holy Eucharist with faith and prayer, we are part of a relationship in two realms: between God-human and human-human. The Holy Eucharist has great significance in our daily life. The grace of God is never granted for our selfish gain. We receive love, forgiveness and new life by God's grace and God wants us to share the fruits of grace. The Holy Eucharist reminds us of Jesus Christ – promoting us to love, forgiveness and the assurance of new life. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are motivated to do our duty to correct injustice and inequalities that go against Christ's decrees. The Lord's table never allows us to nourish our souls while our fellow beings languish in need. Instead, the Lord's table invites us to go with Him to the poor, homeless and persecuted. Receiving power and inspiration from the Holy Eucharist, let us prepare ourselves for the expansion of the reign of God.

As we journey together in faith, I warmly encourage every family to participate wholeheartedly in our upcoming Vacation Bible School (VBS) and church picnic.

The VBS is much more than a few days of activities. It is a wonderful opportunity for our children to grow in God's Word, build Christ-centered friendships and develop a strong spiritual foundation that will guide them throughout their lives. The involvement and encouragement of parents play a vital role in making this ministry fruitful.

Our church picnic is equally important. It provides a unique opportunity for fellowship beyond our regular worship services, helping us strengthen relationships, welcome new members, and experience the joy of being one family in Christ. As we share meals, games, conversations, and laughter, we reflect on the unity and love of the early church.

Let us make every effort to participate in both these parish events. Together, we can nurture the next generation, deepen our fellowship, and continue building a vibrant and caring church community for the glory of God.

May the Lord bless you and your family.

In Christ's Service,

Sooraj Achen



Intercessory Prayer Cell Fellowship

The Intercessory Prayer Cell Fellowship will take place every Thursday from 10:00am to 12:00 noon in the church sanctuary. Please join the fellowship through the church Zoom line.

VBS (Vacation Bible School)

The 2026 Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held at the church on August 6, 7 and 8, 2026. For further information, please contact Ani Chacko, Sunday School Director.

Family Picnic

The Annual Family Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 22, 2026, at Sibbald Point Provincial Park, 26071 York Regional Rd. 18, Sutton West, Georgina, ON L0E 1R0. All members and their families are warmly invited to join us for a day filled with fun, fellowship, and togetherness. For further information, please contact Rev. Sooraj Thomas, Vicar, or Abraham K. Varghese, Secretary.

Monthly Board of Directors Meeting

The date and time for the monthly Board Meeting will be communicated later.

Cottage Prayer Meetings:

- **Gilead Area Prayer:** No prayer meeting has been scheduled.
- **Jordan Area Prayer:** No prayer meeting has been scheduled.
- **Shalom Area Prayer:** This area prayer will be hosted by Mr. Bobby P. Cherian on Saturday, August 15, 2026 at 6.30pm at his residence (73 Wyndale Dr., North York, ON M6L 1G4).



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TORONTO**

Annual FAMILY CHURCH PICNIC

Fun • Fellowship • Food • Games • Memories

 **SATURDAY
AUGUST 22, 2026**

 **SIBBALD POINT PROVINCIAL PARK**
26071 York Regional Rd 18,
Sutton West, Georgina, ON
L0E 1R0

 Requesting all members
to be part of this day
that will be filled with
FUN and **FELLOWSHIP**.



FOR FURTHER DETAILS, PLEASE CONTACT:

 **Rev. Sooraj Thomas**
Vicar

 **OR**

 **Abraham K. Varghese**
Secretary



*Let's come together as one church family
and enjoy God's creation!*

August 2, 2026 Laity Sunday	Christ who Restores		
	Old Testament	Ezekiel 36:22-31	English Service
	Psalm	23	Read by
	Epistle	I Peter 5:6-11	Jeferson Sam & Family
	Gospel	John 21:15-19	
August 9, 2026 10th Week after Pentecost	Identity in Christ Marked by Baptism		
	Old Testament	Genesis 11:7-24	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	32	Read by
	Epistle	I Peter 3:18-22	VBS Students
	Gospel	John 3:1-8	
August 16, 2026 11th Week after Pentecost	Holy Eucharist: Table of Reconciliation		
	Old Testament	Exodus 24:3-11	English Service
	Psalm	85	Read by
	Epistle	I Corinthians 10:14-22	Jijo Cherian Varghese & Family
	Gospel	Matthew 5:23-26	
August 23, 2026 Dalit and Adivasi Sunday	From Bondage to Freedom: God Walks with the Oppressed		
	Old Testament	Deuteronomy 26:5-11	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	146	Read by
	Epistle	Philemon 10-18	Vinod Maliyekal & Family
	Gospel	John 4:5-14	



August 30, 2026 13th Week after Pentecost	Strangers No More: Welcoming the Migrants and Refugees		
	Old Testament	Leviticus 19:9-10; 33-37	English Service
	Psalms	146	Read by Febin Varkey Mathews & Family
	Epistle	Ephesians 2:11-22	
	Gospel	Luke 10:25-37	
September 6, 2026 Education Sunday: Teachers' Day	Education: Shaping Minds Changing Lives		
	Old Testament	Isaiah 50:4-7	Malayalam Service
	Psalms	119:9-16	
	Epistle	Titus 2:1-10	
	Gospel	Luke 5:1-11	

**BIRTHDAYS**

1	Michael Philip Gajraj	12	Agnel Vinsber James Vincent
1	Surya Ramachandran	12	Nimisha Mariam Simon
2	Bobby P. Cherian	13	Sam Daniel P
2	Githa Hutton	13	Hannah Mariam Mathew
3	Suby Mathews	15	Saurabh Itty
4	Declan Geo Robin	15	Jinoj Titus
6	Shijo Perumannoor John	16	Daniel Abraham
6	Akif Ashraf	17	Anna Kurien
6	Sam Paratt Kuruvilla	18	Nibu Varguise
7	Jacob M. Chemparathimoottil	18	Jerish Bradly
7	Trisha Cherian	18	Rajiv Abraham
7	Raina Achu Roy	19	Sairah Anna Prasad
7	Littin Jacob John	20	Mary John
8	Jonathan J Verghis	20	Sanjay Charuvil Ninan
9	Benjamin Chacko	20	Aby Babu
9	Annamma Skariah	21	Inshaa Serah Jeffin
9	Aleena Cherian	22	Anu Mariamma Easo K
10	Ajay Joseph	22	Aaron Pramod
10	Sean Raymond	23	Jithin Sathyaraj Kanaath
10	Jibin Johnson Joji	23	Deepa John



BIRTHDAYS

27	Rylan Mathew Roy	29	Anuja Jose
28	Mathew Joseph	30	Gitu Geevarghese
29	Jophy Jacob Philip	30	Shoby Jacob Sunny
29	Norah Grace Thomas	30	Sneha Jacob

ANNIVERSARIES

7	Aji Sam Mathews & Sushmita Keerthi
8	P. Matthew Verghis & Elizabeth Verghis
15	Jijo Cherian Varughese & Anushka Aley Abraham
16	Rijo George Cherian & Gitu Geevarghese
17	Williams Silvanose & Suja Williams
18	Jacob Cherian & Biby Esther Abraham
18	Vinod Maliyekal & Binssy Mathew
20	Nibu Mavila Issac & Nimisha Thomas
22	Reuben Benjamin & Steffy Jenson
25	Febin Varkey Mathews & Ansu Rachel Raju
26	Benjamin Chacko & Ani Chacko
26	Shinu Punnoose & Nesy Victor
26	Thomas C Joseph & Neha Susan Joshua
26	Nithin Dev Devakumar Anitha & Meera Bose Sailen Bose Regulas
29	K. Philip Alexander & Mary Alexander
29	Anoop Easo & Anumol Cherian
31	Ajay Joseph & Surya Ramachandran

Annual Anglican Cricket Tournament









Youth Fast



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