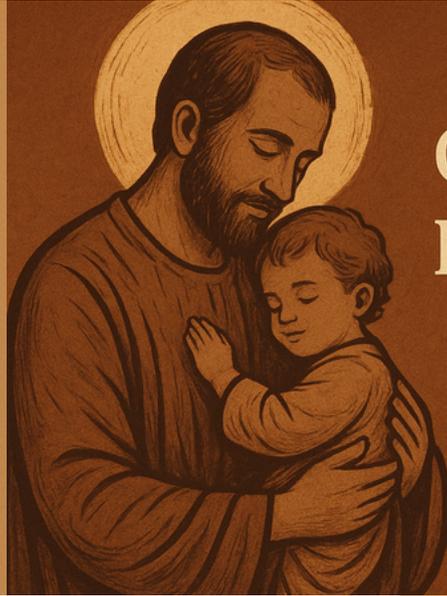


CSI CHRIST CHURCH OF CHICAGO Parish Messenger

AS A FATHER SHOWS
COMPASSION TO HIS
CHILDREN, SO THE LORD
SHOWS COMPASSION
TO THOSE WHO FEAR
HIM

PSALM 103:13



CELEBRATING FATHERHOOD: A DIVINE CALLING

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

*Malayalam service: 1st and 3rd Sundays. English
service: 2nd Sunday
Youth and Young Adults (YAYA) Worship 4th Sunday*

Sunday services can be attended in-person or online.

Connect to video conferences at _____

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Sun 9:15 - 9:50 AM : Sunday School

Sun 9:30 - 9:50 AM : Bible Study

Sun 10 AM - 12 NOON : Worship Service

Fri 9:00 AM : Fasting Prayer

Sat Evenings : Cottage Prayer

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 7th, Sat

Youth Gathering at
Parsonage from 4 pm

June 15th, Sun

Fathers Day

June 20,21,22

Weekend Family
Retreat in Indiana

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who
have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28.*

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-Rev. Joe Varghese Malayil

Celebrating Fatherhood: A Divine Calling

Father's Day is not just a cultural celebration marked by cards, gifts, or words of appreciation—it is a holy occasion to reflect on one of the most understated, yet divine, vocations: fatherhood. In a world where emotions are often publicly displayed and affection openly expressed, a father's love remains quietly powerful—often unseen, but never unfelt.

A real father is one who carries his children not only on his shoulders, but deep within his heart. The sweat he sheds in his daily labor, the silent sacrifices he makes, and the dreams he surrenders for his family are rarely celebrated. His love does not shout; it whispers through sleepless nights, through long hours at work, and through the deep sense of responsibility he holds for his children's future. It is a love that expects no reward, a care that persists until his children are secure and steady in life.

While a mother's love is rightly compared to the comforting rain—ever-present, tender, and life-giving—a father's love is like a hailstone: precious and powerful, though not always visible. It leaves an impression that children often realize only later in life, sometimes too late to return the love with equal measure. Yet, like the father of the prodigal son in the Gospel of Luke, a father always waits—his heart always open, his arms always ready. He sees his child from far away and runs to embrace them, never asking where they've been, only rejoicing that they have returned.

Fatherhood is not only a role—it is a calling. It is part of God's design, a reflection of the heavenly Father's own character. Jesus Himself lived His earthly life bracketed by two powerful references to His Father. At age twelve, He told His mother, "Didn't you know I must be in my Father's house?" (Luke 2:49). And at the end, hanging on the cross, He declared, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit" (Luke 23:46). These two moments reveal how Jesus found identity, purpose, and completion in the love of His Father. His entire ministry was anchored between these two affirmations of divine fatherhood.

In the Gospel, if there is one man who models earthly fatherhood in all its godly depth, it is Joseph, the husband of Mary and the earthly guardian of Jesus. Joseph does not speak a single word in the Scriptures, but his actions speak volumes. He was obedient when he received God's message in dreams. He was protective when he fled to Egypt to save his family. He was hardworking, modeling the dignity of labor. He was faithful, guiding Jesus in His formative years, instilling in him values, discipline, and a quiet strength. Jesus' humanity—His gentleness, courage, and commitment—was likely shaped in the silent presence of Joseph's righteous example.

Joseph was not biologically the father of Jesus, yet he lived out the heart of fatherhood. This teaches us that being a father is not only about biology, but about character, commitment, and care. Joseph was the strong root beneath the tree of Jesus' earthly life and ministry. As one might say, fathers are like seeds hidden underground, often forgotten, but from them springs life and purpose. Mothers are the nurturing earth, visible and embracing. But the real being of a person—strength, discipline, resilience—often finds its origin in the silent, steady presence of a father.

On this Father's Day, as a parish, let us recognize and honor the fathers among us. Let us give thanks for their quiet sacrifices, their unspoken prayers, and their unwavering love. Let us also remember those who have stepped into the role of fathers—grandfathers, uncles, mentors, spiritual guides—who have lived out the divine calling to care, to lead, and to protect.

Last month, we had a blessed and meaningful celebration of Mother's Day, with a special worship service where Mrs. Laila Prabha delivered the Word of God and women fellowship lead the worship service. Our Men's Fellowship also conducted a spiritually enriching half-day retreat. We are grateful to Mr. Brian Dinges for his session on financial coaching, to Dr. Jeena Jacob for her profound class on stress management, and to Mr. Mathew Varghese for leading a refreshing yoga coaching session. Additionally, we were able to begin a Malayalam language learning course in our church—reviving and reconnecting with our ancestral tongue. We deeply appreciate everyone who worked hard behind the scenes to make all of these initiatives possible. As we move into this month, we look forward to celebrating Father's Day and gathering for a weekend Family Retreat in Indiana. May God bless our congregation abundantly and let us continue to pray for the smooth and successful sale of our old church facility. Amen.

With Hope and Peace,
Joe Achen

Experiencing Ever Abiding Presence of God

By Mathew Karottu, Pannikuzhy



I am sure that all of us would like to experience the presence of God with us. Is this possible, or how is it possible? We all talk to God in our prayer every day, but have we ever experienced His presence in our life? Have we ever thought about having the experience of His presence? Does the Bible show us a way to experience God's presence? The answer is yes! Let us take a look at an incident that happened after Jesus' crucifixion.

In the Gospel according to Luke, after the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, two disciples were leaving Jerusalem and headed to Emmaus. They were confused with what happened to their Teacher, Jesus, worried about what would happen next, and thinking about how to move forward. They were so depressed that it appeared they gave up the hope that Jesus was the Messiah. As they were talking about these things, all of a sudden, another person joined them in their journey and asked, "What are you both talking about?" Then they answered him (with a tone of implying him a fool), saying, "Among all people in that city you are the only one who doesn't know about this?" Then Jesus asked, "About what?" and they explained about the crucifixion of Jesus, and they dialogued with each other as they continued traveling.

When they reached a certain point and stopped, the third person (Jesus) kept walking, but the two invited him to stay with them as it was almost nighttime. Even without knowing who he was, they invited him to have a communion of love. When two or three people gather together, we can consider it as a community, especially when they share a common interest. Here they were talking and sharing about one subject: the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ.

He followed them to their home, and as they sat for the dinner, the third person (Jesus) took the bread, broke it, and as he offered a prayer of blessing, the two disciples' eyes were opened. It is very interesting that they were not blind physically but were blind in spirit, or with their inner eyes. But when they saw Jesus breaking bread, their inner eyes were opened. We should pay attention to the fact that they invited him to their home, which means invited into their life. We need to invite Jesus into our life in order to see clearly what the Word of God tells us. As it says here, God walks with us in order to hear our invitation so that He can help us to see the right path. Once their eyes were opened, they received strength to go back to deal with all the obstacles and to overcome them.

Genesis 18:1-15 - Abraham invited the three men, who are considered as God and His two angels in human form. Here Abraham was able to see God's presence as they were invited to his home.

2 Corinthians 13:5 - "Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you - unless, of course, you fail the test."

According to Paul, we need to examine ourselves to see if we are in good faith. And, if after examining, we do not recognize our faith in Him, perhaps we are not experiencing God's presence in us. We also go through the same situation when we do not realize that God is always walking alongside us, observing how we often use our own wisdom and intellect to overcome difficult situations by not inviting Him into our life.

We can get two lessons from this passage in regard to experiencing God's presence. First, if we do not invite Him, He will pass by, even though He was walking alongside us. So, we must invite Jesus into our lives in order to experience the presence of God. Second, we not only invite Him, but we need to see His body that was broken for us and His blood that was shed for us. If we invite Him in and share this experience, then the Holy Spirit will be with us; our eyes will be opened to see Him as He expects us to see.

MAY MEMORIES

Men's Fellowship Retreat



Mothers Day

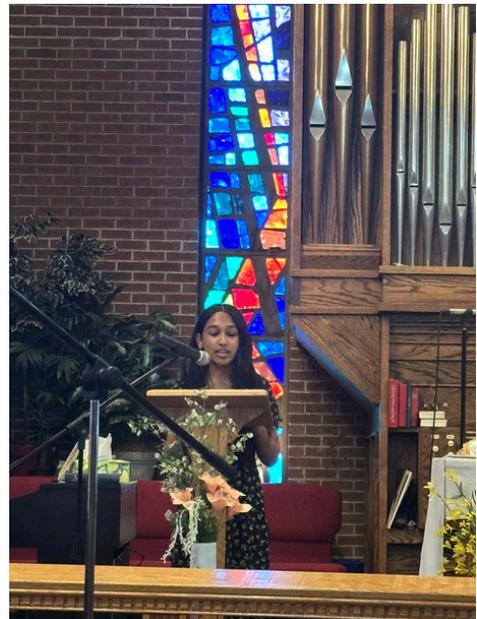


MAY MEMORIES

Memorial Prayer of Mathew Prabha



YAYA Sunday





LECTIONARY & DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

June 1, 2025, Sunday (Holy Eucharist -Malayalam)

Theme: Community of Love

OT Gen. 18:1-15 Usha Joseph

Psalm 97 -Allen Thomas

Epistle 2nd Cor. 13:5-14 Bini Williams

Gospel Mark. 1:1-11 Presbyter

Kiss of Peace & Elements - Manoj Thomas & Sisy Manoj

Offertory- Anita Vinod & Vinod Winston

June 8, 2025, Sunday (Holy Eucharist -English) Pentecost Sunday

Theme: Come Holy Spirit, Set Us Free

OT Isa. 61:1-11 Joshua Kurien

Psalm 107:31-43 Micah Phillips

Epistle Acts 2:1-13 Jonathan Kurien

Gospel Luke 4:16 -21 Presbyter

Kiss of Peace & Elements-Jolly Phillips and Nibu Phillips

Offertory-Shiloh Phillips & Hannah Phillips

June 15, 2025, Sunday (Holy Eucharist -Malayalam) Father's Day

Theme:Fatherhood as a Divine Calling

Worship led by Men's Fellowship

OT Genesis 48: 1-22

Psalm 145

Epistle 1 Corinthians 4:14-21

Gospel John 4:46-54 Presbyter

Kiss of Peace & Elements

Offertory

June 22, 2025, Sunday (Holy Eucharist -English)

Theme: Revelation of God in Worship

OT 1 Kings 8:22-30 Anupa Joseph

Psalm 148 Ethan Karottu

Epistle Rev. 14:1-7 Priya George

Gospel Mark 3:1-6 Presbyter

Kiss of Peace & Elements- Sujith Kurian & Jincy Kurian

Offertory- Koshy Mathew & Sahaja Koshy

June 29, 2025, Sunday- YAYA Sunday

Theme: Make Disciples

Worship led by Youth & Young Adults Fellowship

OT 1 Kings 19:11-21

Psalm 34:11-22

Epistle Rom.16:3-16

Gospel John 1:35-42 Presbyter

Kiss of Peace & Elements

Offertory

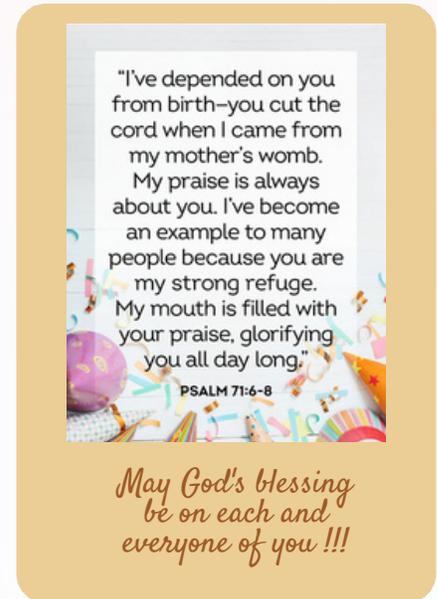
JUNE CELEBRATIONS



Birthdays



- 1 Jolly Philips
- 1 Usha Sigamony
- 2 Sulochana Abraham
- 3 Micah Phipps
- 3 Cynthia J. Sigamony
- 5 Lubina Meljo Varghese
- 6 Jonathan Kurien
- 6 Joshua Kurien
- 15 Ethan M Karottu
- 17 Anupa Joseph
- 17 Elizabeth George David
- 19 Priya George
- 23 Dilu Idichandy
- 25 Thomas Koshy
- 27 John Thomas (Saji)
- 27 Emmanuelle Philip



Anniversaries

Those who remain in Love, remain in God and God remains in them.

John4:16

Happy Anniversary

- 8 John Karottu & Saramma John Karottu
- 18 Sujith Babu Kurian & Jincy Kurian
- 22 Koshy Mathew (Raju) & Sahaja Koshy
- 30 Babu Philip & Valsamma Philip



CSI CHRIST CHURCH OF CHICAGO

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2025

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CSI Christ Church of Chicago Schedule Of Events Of The Year 2025

DATES	EVENTS
Jan. 19	Annual General Body meeting/Installation of the Office Bearers for 2025
Feb 9	Healing Ministry Sunday
Feb 23	Dedication of new choir members
Mar 1	Lenten Retreat 10 am-12 pm
Mar 5	Ash Wednesday – Service at 6:30 PM
Mar 8	Ecumenical Council World Day of Prayer
Mar 9	International Women's Sunday
April 13	Palm Sunday
April 14-16	Vespers
April 17	Maundy Thursday - Holy Communion Service at 8:00PM-9:30 PM
April 18	Good Friday - Service 6:00 PM-9:30 PM
April 19	Women's Fellowship Chain Prayer & Evening Prayer at Church 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM
April 20	Easter Sunday
May 11	Mother's Day
May 31	Chicago Ecumenical Council Family Night
June 7	Youth Gathering at Parsonage
June 15	Father's Day
June 20-22	Weekend Family Retreat
July 10-13	CSI North American Youth Conference
July 19	Church picnic
July 25,26,27	VBS
Aug 3,10	Back to school Prayer
Aug 24	Harvest Festival
Sept 7	Women's Sunday
Sept 28	CSI Day
Oct 19	Choir Sunday
Oct 24-25	Annual convention 6pm-9pm
TBD	Ecumenical Council Convention
Nov 2	World Sunday School Day
Nov 23	General Body Meeting for the Election of Executive Committee members for 2025
Nov 28, 29, 30	Christmas Carol Rounds
Dec 6, 7,13,21	Christmas Carol Rounds
Dec 6	Ecumenical Council Christmas Celebration
Dec 14/20	Choir Lessons & Carols
Dec 14/20	CSI Unity Carol Service -5:30pm
Dec 21	Carol rounding after service
Dec 25	Christmas / Sunday School Christmas Program
Dec 31	Watch night service
Jan 18, 2026	Annual General Body meeting



CSI Christ Church Of Chicago April 2025	INCOME	EXPENSE	
Subscription	\$5,583.60		
Offertory	\$1,707.00		
Thanks Offering	\$775.00		
Tithe	\$2,020.00		
Special Donation			
St. Martin's rent		\$2,200.00	
Church Supplies/Communion Elements		\$150.50	
Car Insurance			
Church Car Maintenance		\$20.00	
Church Maintenance/Emergency Repair			
Church Cleaning, Land scape, Snow removal		\$120.00	
Ch:ComEd		\$161.25	
Ch:Peoples Energy		\$279.00	
Ch&Psng Insurance			
Ch:Water			
Ch:Garbage		\$59.73	
Psng:ComEd			
Psng:Nicor		\$158.16	
Psng:Clean/Maint			
Psng:Internet		\$65.48	
Psng:Phone,cell		\$153.63	
Psng:Water			
Presbyter's Honorarium			
Presbyter healthcare			
Hospitality/Refreshments	\$226.36	\$743.39	
Mission/Charity	\$5,010.00	\$4,000.00	
Women's Fellowship			
Mens Fellowship			
Sunday School	\$10.00		
Youth	\$300.00		
Choir		\$19.79	
Visiting Pastor			
Presbyter gift/Visiting Pastors			
Legal/Visa Processing-W2/W3			
Miscellaneous	\$35.00		
Carol Rounds			
Family Retreat	\$1,290.00		
Building Fund			
Sub Total	\$16,956.96	\$8,130.93	
Ledger Summary	General	Reserve	Building Fund
Opening balance at the beginning of the month	\$15,570.04	\$6,068.00	\$998.56
Add Income "in month"	\$16,956.96		
Move building fund donations to building fund			
Less (Expenses) "in month"	\$8,130.93		
Closing Ledger balance end of the month	\$24,396.07	\$6,068.00	\$998.56
President(Vicar) Joe Varghese Malayil...Treasurar..Thushara Tharakan...Accountant..Allen Thomas.			
Proposed By.....Sudha Kurien..... Seconded By.....Meljo Varghese.....			
Auditor 1 Auditor 2.....			

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School

- Sunday School will resume on Aug 17th
- Have a great summer!
- VBS - July 25,26,27



YaYa Fellowship

- Malankara Basketball Tournament on June 7th AM.
- BBQ fellowship at parsonage (230 Dulles Road, Des Plaines 60016) on June 7th 2025 @4:00 PM



Fathers Day - June 15th

Come and celebrate Fathers day

Church Sale

- Appraisal is in progress
- Anticipating closing date to be end of June

Family Retreat - June 20-21-22

- Prepare for a fun talent nite on June 21st.
- Option to attend for Saturday or Sunday only with no lodging (limited capacity). If interested contact Meljo Varghese, Sujith Kurien or Babu K George .The cost will be shared accordingly .
- Whatsapp group created including the confirmed participants.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Weekend Family Retreat
June 20-22 (Fri-Sat-Sun)
Cedar Lakes Retreat Center
Cedar Lakes, IN

Theme: Christ-Centered Homes in a Cyber World

Participants & Cost

Attendees: 57 adults (12 years & older); 8 children (4-11 years) & 5 children (3 years or below)- total 70!

Registration fee (all three days) : \$210 per adult & \$175 per child (4-11 years), FREE for children 3 years or below

Some of the families have paid the \$100.00 for securing their registration

Registration Payment

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- The registration fee is due by **Sunday May 18th**.
 - Please submit your payment to Treasurer Thushara Tharakan by cash or check OR directly send via Zelle to csichristchurchofchicago@gmail.com
 - We are looking at offering the option of attending the retreat without lodging-Saturday only and Sunday only options - details to follow

Rideshare & Communication

A 15 passenger van is arranged for rideshare at additional cost -Please contact Joe Achen or Soma Lukose if interested

The Retreat Coordinators are: Babu K George, Sujith Kurian, & Meljo Varghese

For any questions regarding the retreat -please contact the retreat coordinators or Sudha Kurien/Soma Lukose/Thushara Tharakan via call or text or through whatsapp

A Whatsapp group will be created closer to the event for communication and sharing information