



**Dear Parishioners,**

As summer ends, **we embark together on a new Pastoral Year.** I am delighted to share that I will be completing my first year with you on September 14. This community has become my apostolate—my family, and it brings me great joy to continue serving alongside you in the year ahead.

There is much happening this month. **Our Religious Education program** is now underway, and I encourage all parents and grandparents to actively support and motivate their children to participate, especially those preparing for the sacraments of **First Communion and Confirmation.**

We also look forward to welcoming the **Most Reverend Edgar da Cunha, S.D.V.,** on Saturday, September 14. Please join us as we come together to celebrate **Holy Mass with Bishop da Cunha** at 11:00 AM.

This month also marks the beginning of our **Annual Grand Parish Appeal.** Thanks to your incredible generosity, last year's appeal was a great success. I am sincerely grateful for your continued support and pray for your enthusiastic participation once again this year.

During Bishop's pastoral visit, we will also celebrate several significant milestones within our parish family—most notably, **Fr. Richard Roy's who is commemorating the Golden Jubilee of priestly ministry.** What a beautiful occasion for us to celebrate together.

As you all know, we will host **A Day with Mary** on **Saturday, September 20.** This devotion will include Mass, reflections on the Rosary, Fatima apparitions, Confession, and Investiture of the Miraculous Medal. **The Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate,** will be present to initiate this program with Our Lady of Fatima.

**On Saturday, September 27 at 7:00 PM,** I warmly invite you to join us for a **Rosary Procession** at St. Mary's. The following day, Sunday morning, we will celebrate the **Feast of Mary, Star of the Sea, with Mass at 9:00 AM,** followed by a Parish Social Hour. I hope you will take part in these special celebrations.

Lastly, I want to express my heartfelt thanks for presence and support during the memorial Mass for **my oldest brother, Shaju Chittattukara.** Your kind words, prayers, and condolences meant so much to me. Thank you for standing with me during this very difficult time. You are my family and I promise to continue giving you my very best.

It is with joy and gratitude that I look forward to another year of serving you. Please know that I am always available to you—you are welcome to reach out to me at any time.

**May we continue to be blessings to one another this coming Pastoral Year.**

With prayerful best wishes & gratitude,

Fr. George C. (Shiju)