

Feast of Our Lady of Vailankanni (Our Lady of Good Health)
at MQP, Sammamish



Our Lady of Vailankanni is fondly known as the “Our Lady of Good Health” and “Lourdes of the East” because, like Lourdes in France, millions of pilgrims of all religions visit the Shrine throughout the year, praying to Our Lady for various needs and thanking her for the favors received through her intercession. Tradition recounts that Mother Mary appeared 3 times with the Infant Jesus in this small hamlet around the end of the 16th or in the early 17th.

Vailankanni, a hamlet on the sandy shores of the Bay of Bengal, is located 350 kilometers south of Chennai (Madras), a town on the coast of Bay of Bengal. It was referred by early writers and the Portuguese as “the city of Coromandel” (Imperial Gazetteer of India, XIX, 3).

The birthday of our blessed mother (Sep 8th) is the feast day of Our Lady of Vailankanni, which draws millions of people to the shrine every year during the nine-day event.

Here at **MQP Sammamish**, the Indian community has hosted the celebrating of this festival for the past 4 years. This year festival will be celebrated on **Sep 18th Saturday at 5 PM Mass**. we’re having the 9-day Novena to our Blessed Mother starting **August 30st 2019 at 6:30 PM** via zoom.

We would like to welcome you all for the Novena and the feast day celebrations followed by a nice Indian Dinner.