

REV. FR. S. JOSE ENCHAKAL

(03.01.1948 – 24.09.2026)

Ordination Motto: *“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.”* (Luke 1:46-47)

BIO-DATA

Early Life

Rev. Fr. S. Jose Enchakal was born on 3rd January 1948 in St. George’s Parish, Koodalappadu, Edavoor village, in the Diocese of Ernakulam, Kerala, as the second son among the eight children of Mr. Sauro and Mrs. Rosammal. He had one elder brother, two younger sisters and four younger brothers.

Education, Formation and Ministry

1953	Began his schooling from Class I at Upper Primary School, Edavoor.
1964	Pursued the B.Sc. degree at Sree Sankara College, Kalady, Kerala.
1967 – 1975	Joined the Vincentian Congregation of Cuttack, Orissa; completed his philosophical studies at St. Joseph’s Pontifical Seminary, Alwaye, and studied theology for two years.
1976	Sought permission from Most. Rev. Antony Muthu, Bishop of Vellore, to continue his studies and to serve in the priestly ministry for the Diocese of Vellore.
1976 – 1979	With the permission of the Bishop, resumed and completed his theological studies at St. Paul’s Seminary, Tiruchirappalli.
06.04.1979	Ordained Deacon by Most Rev. Antony Muthu, Bishop of Vellore.
10.05.1979	Ordained Priest by Most Rev. Antony Muthu at St. George’s Church, Koodalappadu Parish, his native place in Kerala.
19.09.1979	Assistant Parish Priest, St. Francis Xavier Parish, Zamin Gudalore.
1980 – 1982	Parish Priest, St. Dominic Savio Parish, Thirumalai.
1983	Medical leave.
1985 – 1989	Parish Priest, Christ the King Parish, Nelliyankulam.
1989 – 1990	Served at the Catholic Health Association of India (CHAI), Secunderabad.
1990 – 1995	Parish Priest, Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish, Boodhamangalam.
1995 – 1996	Parish Priest, Our Lady of Presentation Parish, Perunthuraipet.
2004	Secretary, Labour Welfare Commission, Diocese of Vellore.
2013	Served as an Advocate at the High Court of Madras, Chennai.

Significant Contributions

Among the many services rendered by Rev. Fr. S. Jose Enchakal, the following stand out:

- He awakened the people of Perunthuraipet Parish to the need for social development and progress.
- He organised the women of the parish into an association and led a successful campaign against liquor.
- He gave due importance to the Dalit community in local body elections and initiated their representation in public life.
- He emerged victorious in the struggle for land rights.
- Driven by a thirst for liberation and a deep sense of social awareness, he founded the Mannin Maindhar Viduthalai Iyakkam (Sons of the Soil Liberation Movement).
- He carried out his ministry with social consciousness and deep spiritual love.

Return to the Father's House

Having served with great distinction as a priest for 47 years, Rev. Fr. S. Jose Enchakal returned to the Lord in his 78th year, on Thursday, 24th September 2026, at about 12.45 p.m.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.