

MILESTONES IN THE LIFE OF SAINT KURIAKOSE ELIAS CHAVARA

10-02-1805	Born at Kainakary, Kerala, India
18-02-1805	Baptized at Chennamkary parish church
08-09-1805	Dedicated to Blessed Virgin Mary as her servant at Vechoor Church
1810-1815	Primary education at Kainakary
1818	Joined the parish seminary at Pallipuram
29-11-1829	Ordained priest at Arthunkal church
11-05-1831	Foundation of the First Indian Religious Congregation for Men, Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI), along with Fr Thomas Palackal and Fr Thomas Porukara
1831	Popularized Sunday Homilies and introduced Retreats for priests and laity in the Kerala Church
1831	Saint Joseph's Ashram, Mannanam was established
1833	Establishment of the First Syro-Malabar Common Seminary at Mannanam
1838	Introduction of 'Way of the Cross' devotion at Mannanam
16-02-1844	Appointed <i>Malpan</i> (Tutor of sacred subjects) and examiner of scholastics with authorization to issue patents to the newly ordained to hear confession and preach in the Church
03-07-1846	Foundation of the First printing press and publishing house of the Syro-Malabar Church at Mannanam
1846	Foundation of the First Catholic Sanskrit School at Mannanam
1849	Appointed official preacher for the Church in Kerala by Bishop Ludovico Nartini

- 1853 Foundation of the First Syro-Malabar Catechumenate at Mannanam
- 08-12-1855 First priest to profess as religious in the Indian Church
- 1855 Religious community was named 'Servants of Mary Immaculate'
- 1856-1857 Wrote 10 Eclogues (Shepherd Plays) on the nativity events of Christ
- 1857 Saint Joseph Ashram, Koonammavu was established
- 1858 Saint Mary's Ashram, Elthuruthu was established
- 1859 Carmel Ashram, Vazhakulam was established
- 1859 Started the arrangements for the convent at Puthenpally
- 27-07-1861 OCD Affiliated the Congregation as third Order of Carmelites Discalced (TOCD)
- 08-06-1861 Appointed as the First Vicar General in the Syro-Malabar Church after the time of Archdeacons
- 1861 Fought for Syro-Malabar Church against schismatic intruder bishop Roccas
- 1861 Saint Sebastian's Ashram, Pulinkunnu was established
- 1862 Wrote the First Malayalam Narrative poem, *Anasthacyayude Rakthasakshyam*, an inspirational story of a martyr
- 1862-1869 Edited the Divine Office for priests, Compiled and Composed Liturgical Rubrics, Liturgical Calendar, Office for the Dead, Little office of Immaculate Mother etc., in the Malabar Church
- 1864 Introduced the 'May Devotion of Blessed Virgin Mary' at Mannanam
- 1864 Implemented the concept, 'A school for a Church' (*Pallikkudam*), in the Syro-Malabar Church as Vicar General
- 13-02-1866 Foundation of the Indian Religious Congregation for women now known as Congregation of Mother Carmel (CMC) at Koonammavu together with Fr Leopold OCD, an Italian Missionary

15-02-1866	Introduced 40 Hours Eucharistic Adoration in Kerala at Koonammavu
1866	Saint Teresa's Convent, Koonammavu was established
1868	Saint Teresa's Ashram, Ambazhakad was established
02-01-1868	Started the first boarding house and school for girls in Kerala at Koonammavu together with Fr Leopold OCD
13-02-1868	Wrote the first instruction manual, ' <i>A Testament of a Loving Father</i> ' for Christian families, the first of its kind in the Church
1869	Foundation of the first lay charitable organization, the 'Confraternity of St Joseph for Happy Death' at Kainakary
1869	Foundation of the first Home of Charity, <i>Upavisala</i> , for the sick, old and destitute at Kainakary
1869	Initiated Catholic re-union movement
1870	Saint John of the Cross Ashram, Mutholy was established
3-01-1871	Slept in the Lord at St Philomina's Monastery at Koonammavu
24-05-1889	Mortal remains reinterred at St Joseph's Monastery, Mannanam, the Mother House of the CMI Congregation
21-12-1936	Canonization process started at the congregational level
09-12-1955	Official permission to start the process of Canonization
03-01-1958	Diocesan process started with the title Servant of God
07-04-1984	Declared Venerable by Pope John Paul II in Rome
08-02-1986	Beatification at Kottayam, Kerala by Pope John Paul II
20-12-1987	Release of the postal stamp by the Government of India in recognition of the social commitment of Saint Chavara
04-05-2006	Portrait of Saint Chavara unveiled in the Literary Academy Hall of Thrissur by Government of Kerala for contribution to Malayalam literature

- 19-10-2014 Publication of Eclogues by Kerala Sahithya Academy
- 23-11-2014 Canonization of Kuriakose Elias Chavara at Vatican by
Pope Francis