

## St.Mary's Knanaya Catholic Forane Church, Houston 6400 W.Fuqua Rd, Missouri City, TX 77489

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



#### Goodbye Friends,

**"God Orders to Open the Door Before You Exit; Follow the Rules In the Earth Nicely, Divinely & Spiritually"**

Dear Friends,

In everyone's life, there arrives a time when you say "goodbye." When you complete your days in your mother's womb, we say "goodbye" to the place. When you start your college, you say "goodbye" to the home. When you complete your studies at school, you say "goodbye" to the companions. When you get a higher position in your career, you say "goodbye" to your colleagues. The same ways lot of "goodbyes" happens in your short term life in this world.

Have you ever thought of the word "goodbye friends" in this way? **"God Orders to Open the Door Before You Exit; Follow the Rules In the Earth (anywhere) Nicely, Divinely & Spiritually"**

When I take a departure from this place, I want to say a meaningful "goodbye" to you all. My God is my Savior, protector, guide, and prompter. Wherever I go, whatever I do, He always prompts and guides me at the same time, protecting my ways with his angels. I know I am not perfect, a lot of good and bad, ups and downs, positive and negative. Many a times, I have asked the Lord to remove my wrong, and then he prompted within my heart, (2 Corinthians 12:9), **"My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made, perfect in the weakness."** When I got the message from the Lord, I never asked him to remove that weakness; instead I accepted the weakness and asked many people to help me in different ways. I thank my almighty for completing my 18 years of my priesthood for what I am experiencing and accepting the divine power within me.

I know that I am a big "zero", but my Almighty made me a "hero". Even, if I cried and went through many pains, I know that I am under the safe arms of my Lord. Thank you for giving a lot of pains! Through that, I tasted the love of the Lord. When Jesus died on the cross, the thief on the left side harassed Jesus, whereas the

right side, asked to remember him. The same thing happened in my life too. Some say blemishing words, but my Lord sent a chosen one to be with me. Thanks to you all.

I want to leave a message for you all to stay together as one community in unity and work together for the glory of God and should build a house not here, but in heaven. We all are very busy buying homes and other worldly things.

Are we really enjoying it? Are we being a role model to others?

How many of us go astray from our Lord? Can we pay our debts to our Lord?

So dear friends, please remove all kinds of misbehavior from our heart and keep in our mind that there is eternal life. If we really want to be in heaven with our Lord, we should follow the commandments given by Jesus.

The past 3 and half years, you treated me as family and gave me encouragement, corrections, friendships, helping hands, guidance, etc. I thank you wholeheartedly for everything. When I delivered my first speech in this parish, I shared my desire that before I go to heaven, I should make sure that you all have entered. I have only looked forward, worked, and prayed for this same desire. Thanks to everyone.

God Bless You All. "Goodbye Friends"

**Blessings,  
Fr. Saji Pinarkayil**

### HOLY MASS, NIGHT VIGIL & NOVENA TIMINGS

#### Holy Mass:

Monday – Friday | 7 PM. Saturday | 9:30 AM.

**Sunday | 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM (English), 11:30 AM**

#### Night Vigil:

First Off Weekend Friday of the Month | 8 PM. to Midnight

**Adoration** Every Friday | 8 AM -7 PM.

Monday – Friday | 6-7 PM. Saturday | 8:30 - 9:30 AM.

**Sunday 6:30-7:30 AM | 10 - 11:30AM**

#### Novenas :

**St. Antony** Tuesday | After 7 PM. Mass **St. Jude** Thursday | After 7 PM. Mass

**Our Lady of Perpetual Succor** Saturday | After 9:30 AM. Mass



**April 29 Fifth Sunday of Resurrection**

**SUNDAY READINGS**

<b>READING</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>11:45 AM</b>
Is 49:7-13		Tom Kunnampadavil	Thomas Thekkunilkunnathil
Heb 10:19-25	Chinnamma Chemmazhikadu	Sonet Vennemely	Sherly Aduparayil
<b>Jn 21:1-14</b>			

**May 6, Sixth Sunday of Resurrection**

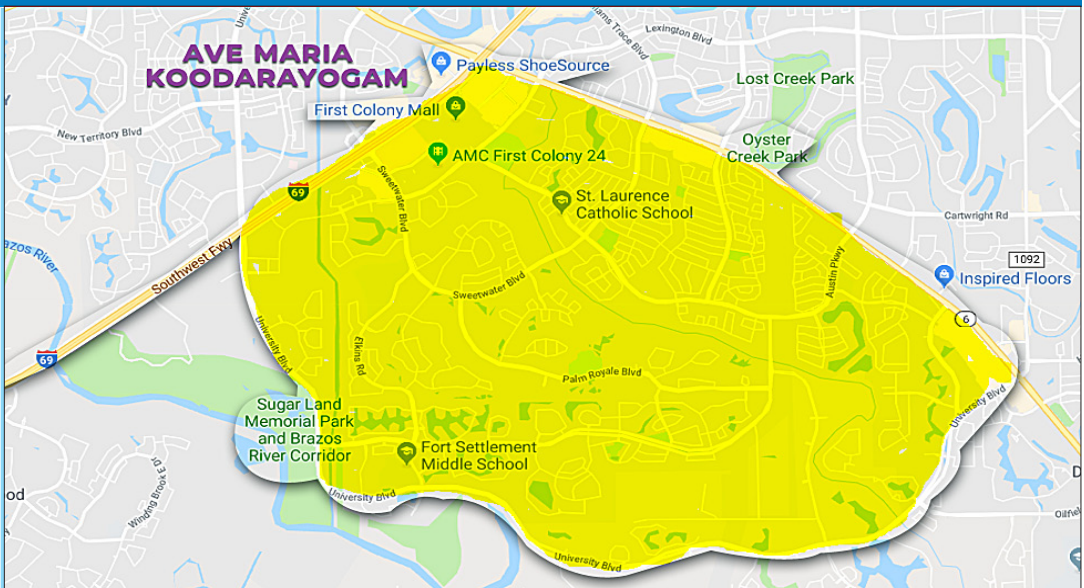
I12s 52:7-		Aleena Kaichirayil	Sini Myalil
Eph 2:11-22	Lincy Nedumackal	Devin Changumoolayil	Lincy Karimbunkalayil
<b>Jn 17: 20-26</b>			

**KOODARAYOGAM ANNOUNCEMENT**

**ALTER DECORATION / APRIL 2018 ST. GEORGE KOODARAYOGAM & AVE MARIA**

**AVE MARIA KOODARAYOGAM FAMILY MEMBERS**

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| Aduparayil         | Abraham           |
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| Kaithamattathil    | Mathew            |
| Kandarapallil      | Tose              |
| Kizhakkedasseril   | Abraham (Rafy)    |
| Kondoor            | Sibi              |
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| Kunnampadavil      | James             |
|                    | Makil             |
|                    | Manalel           |
|                    | Manalel           |
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**UPCOMING ALTER DECORATION**

<b>May</b>	<b>St. Xavier's</b>
June	St. Antony
July	St. Alphonsa & St. Christopher
August	Holy Family
September	St. Theresa
October	St. Anns
November	St. Jude
December	St. Michaels

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**St. Mary's Knanaya Catholic Church, Houston** celebrating the First Holy Communion and Confirmation on May 12th at 2:30pm.

There are 20 children receiving the sacrament of Holy Communion and 2 children receiving the sacrament of Holy Confirmation. The children have been prepared by Sr. Reji and Laisa Chamakalayil from January 1st to receive these great gifts from God.

*Your prayers and love is greatly appreciated.*

**In appreciation for your Ministry**

As we reflect on the past three and a half years in our Parish one can't help but feel proud and glad to have been part of this Parish. Saji achen's term has been one of great growth and not only spiritual growth.

He was instrumental in improving the religious education program and getting more parental involvement in it.

One of the best things people talk of is that achen is always approachable and he gives each of us the same level of attention.

Another feather in his hat is surely the popularity of our English Mass. The dedication he showed to master the new and peculiar Mass bore wonderful results and now it is one of the services with the most attendance.

Saji achen has helped emphasize the importance of adoration in our lives: his well-known 40-hour adoration in Chicago has been continued in our Houston church as well. It has positively affected the lives of all the parishioners. Additionally, he also holds an hour of daily adoration prior to the daily Qurbana and full day adoration on Fridays with special hours of adoration for Youth.

Other activities that Saji achen has done that has boosted the morale of his parishioners include: the pilgrimages he has taken along with the parishioners to Holy Land and Europe, improvement/beatification of the church entrance, expansion of the parking lots around the church, installation of 14 stations of the cross around the premises of the church, installation of Kodimaram in front of the church, Theology class, etc. He also helped the church start this bi-weekly parish bulletin that promotes the current and upcoming church activities that has been widely acclaimed among the parishioners.

Another factor that has increased the participation of the parishioners in the Church is the rejuvenation of the "kudarayogams".

Although we had allotted our church into different "kudarayogams", there were many that were inactive. However, Saji-achen's enthusiasm and ideas on incorporating the different kudarayogams into the different church activities proved quite successful. Church decoration and cleaning is assigned to different kudarayogams each month. When there was no one to undertake the main Thirunnal, Achen suggested that the kudarayogams take turns every year to host the main feast. This idea was met with overwhelming support and tremendous coordination among the members of individual kudarayogams

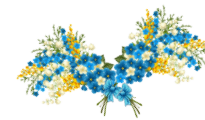
There is no need for us to talk more of the way achen takes care of the Parish however his equal enthusiasm when it comes to matters of the society was a breath of fresh air.

During the time when some of our parishioners were having hardships after hurricane Harvey, achen's leadership and willingness to get his hands dirty and help in the cleanup was inspirational.

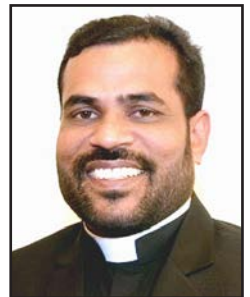
We are sad to lose a great Shepherd however wish him all the best in his new Parish.

- Bulletin Team

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Our New Vicar



Rev. Fr. Stephen(Suni)  
Padinjarekkara



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**April 9-April 15**

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Sunday collections	\$1,810.00

**April 16- 22**

Annual contributions	\$ 2,275.00
Building contributions	\$ 0,500.00
Sunday collections	\$ 1,343.00

**UPCOMING EVENTS**



From August 9<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>

**European Pilgrimage**

Total Package Cost  
**\$3,599** /- all inclusive.  
Please register  
(Give advance before March 20th)

St. Mary's Knanaya Catholic Forane Church



**April 29. Feast Of St. George**

**Our Prayerful Condolences**



**Archbishop**

**Abraham Viruthakulangara**

Born : 5th June, 1943 / Died on April 19, 2018  
Priestly ordination : 28th October, 1969  
Consecrated Bishop on 13th July 1977.

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