



St.Mary's Knanaya Catholic Forane Church, Houston
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Caroling

A Holy and mission activity

Carols were first sung in Europe thousands of years ago, but these were not Christmas Carols. They were pagan songs, sung at the Winter Solstice celebrations as people danced round stone circles. The Winter Solstice is the shortest day of the year, usually taking place around 22nd December. The word Carol actually means dance or a song of praise and joy! Carols used to be written and sung during all four seasons, but only the tradition of singing them at Christmas has really survived.

Carols commemorating the nativity, or birth of Jesus Christ, were purportedly first written in Latin in the 4th and 5th centuries, but they didn't become associated with Christmas until the 13th century. Saint Francis of Assisi, the Roman Catholic saint of animals and the environment, is often credited with incorporating upbeat Latin hymns into Christmas services. The energetic, joyful carols were sung in sharp contrast to the somber Christmas music of the day. The concept of Christmas carols, and spreading them to the community to celebrate Christ's birth, is thought to have spread across Europe.

Today, we celebrate an old tradition that is far less popular today than it was in years past. Christmas caroling, though still performed by some youth groups, choirs, and service clubs, used to be much more commonplace, as neighbors would carol from house to house during the holiday season. You might ask yourself, why carol from door to door? What is the purpose? What's in it for me? It's pretty cold out. Like, who needs that? You might prefer to stay indoors with your egg nog, Christmas cookies, cozy blanket, and While You Were Sleeping. Well, caroling can be really fun, but if nothing else, it is a beautiful way to spread joy and reach out to people around you. In our social

media based, smart device driven society today, human contact has been reduced to a Facebook message to say hello, or a quick email to say Merry Christmas. Our culture places so much value on efficiency that it has become all too easy to lose sight of the simple things, like caroling, that we used to hold so dear. Since it is the great way to spread the gospel message of Christ the savior, we all are indebted to participate in caroling. We are transferring the good news to the whole world that Jesus is born who is our savior. What we are today in Houston in our faith journey, our job, our business, our family, our children, our health, our house, our assets, our community center, our church, in short, are the gifts from God. So we have to be thankful to God. Let us whole heartedly welcome infant Jesus in our house and dedicate ourselves to Him. I request all of you to participate in caroling and enjoy the blessing of God. Since caroling is a holy and pious activity, keep the sanctity of it. I wish you all a blessed and enjoying caroling and pray for showering God's blessings on you all.

Fr.Suni Padinjarekkara

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.

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



December 9 SUNDAY READINGS: December By St. Michael's Koodarayogam December 16

7:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:30AM

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First Reading: Is 43:25-44:5

First Reading: Gen 18:1-10

Second Reading: Col 4:2-6

Second Reading: Eph 3:1-13

Holy Gospel: Lk 1:26-38

Holy Gospel: Lk 1:57-66



BIBLE QUIZ # 6

1. Who introduced Saul to the disciples?
സാവുളിനെ ശ്ലീഹന്മാർക്ക് പരിചയപ്പെടുത്തിയതാരാണ് ?

2. In the book of Revelation, the fourth angel poured out his vial upon whom?
വെളിപാടിന്റെ പുസ്തകത്തിൽ നാലാമത്തെ ദൂതൻ പാത്രം ആരുടെ മേലാണ് ഒഴിച്ചത് ?

3. Who is the father of Hosea?
ഹോസിയായുടെ പിതാവിന്റെ പേരെന്ത് ?

4. Who is the mother of Abiam?
അബിയാമിന്റെ അമ്മയായാ ?

5. Who was prince of Judah when the book of Ezra was written? എസ്രായുടെ പുസ്തകം എഴുതപ്പെട്ട കാലത്ത് യൂദയായുടെ ഭരണാധിപൻ ആരായിരുന്നു ?

Name of the contestant
Family Name
Phone #

Please refer to the POC Bible and the New American Bible only.

6. Who said that John is Elias that is to come?
വരാനിരിക്കുന്ന ഏലിയാ എന്ന് യോഹന്നാനെപ്പറ്റി പറഞ്ഞതാരാണ് ?

7. Who is the father of Prophet Isaiah?
ഏശയാ പ്രവാചകന്റെ പിതാവായാ ?

8. The book of Esther was written in what language?
എസ്തേർ ഏത് ഭാഷയിൽ ആണ് രചിക്കപ്പെട്ടത് ?

9. What is the meaning of the word Golgotha?
ഗോൽഗോഥാ എന്ന വാക്കിന്റെ അർത്ഥം ?

10. In the book of Ezekiel, which chapter talks about the plain that was full of bones?
എസകിയേലിന്റെ പുസ്തകത്തിൽ അസ്മികളുടെ താഴ്വരയെപ്പറ്റി പറയുന്ന അദ്ധ്യായം ഏത് ?

Last Week Winner: Thomas & Elsy Athimattathil

Participants scored full mark.

Mini Thomas Karickal / Aleena Cheruvil / Flora Philin Kudakasseril / Beenamol Maruthachickal / Anjali Vinod Aickareth / Christy Chennattu / Philip & Aleekutty Palakan

Bible Quiz # 5 Correct Answers.

- 1. മൻഹു
- 2. മിരിയാം.
- 3. എദോം.
- 5. കരസിയൂസേതുപോലെ
- 7. സൈമൺ.
- 9. പിറൻ, ജയിംസ്, ജോൺ.
- 4. വെള്ളത്തിൽ നിന്നും എടുക്കപ്പെട്ടവൻ.
- 6. മാറാ
- 8. ബാലികേ എഴുന്നേൽക്കുക.
- 10. വലത് കയ്യിൽ

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WEDDING BANNS



The marriage between **Rohit James Simon** son of Simon and Daisy Joseph Puthenpurayil from St.Mary's Knanaya Catholic Forane Church,Houston,with **Nimmy Elsa Peter** daughter of Peter and Saji Peter Thoombachirandyil from St.Mary's Knanaya Catholic Church,Thottara ,is scheduled on 31st December 2018.

The marriage between **Cyril Jose** son of Jose Mathai and Thressiamma Jose Mannarmattathil from St.Mary's Knanaya Catholic Forane Church,Houston, with **Nidhiya Simon** daughter of Simon Xaviour and Anitha Simon Manappallil from St.Xaviour's Knanaya Catholic Church,Kannamkara ,is scheduled on 17 th January 2019.

The marriage between **Liya Chorath** Daughter of Jose Philip and Sony Jose Chorath from St.Mary's Knanaya Catholic Forane Church,Houston, with **Dinil Mathew Simon** son of Simon and Lissy Simon Thottathil from St.Mary's Knanaya Catholic Church,Kidangoor ,is scheduled on 02nd January 2019.

KOODARAYOGAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ave Maria Koodarayogam** at the residence of **Rafi and Mini Kizhakkedasseril** on 08 th December 2018 at 5.00 pm.
- St.George's Koodarayogam** at the residence of **Chemmazhikattu Thankachan & Chinnamma** on 08 th December 2018 at 5.00 pm.
- St.Michle's Koodarayogam** at the residence of **Jomon and Betsy Pullapallil** on 08 th December 2018 at 7.00 pm..
- St.Ann's Koodarayogam** at the **Club house** on 09 th December 2018 at 5.00 pm.
- St.Stephen's Koodarayogam** at the residence of **Cyril Vadakara** on 09 th December 2018 at 7.00 pm.
- St.Christopher's Koodarayogam** at the residence of **Manthuruthiyil Sabu** on 15 th December 2018 at 7.00 pm.
- Holy Family Koodarayogam** at the residence of **Kondoor Shaji & Shiny** on 15 th December 2018 at 5.00 pm.
- St.Joseph's Koodarayogam** at the residence of **Kuzhippil Jaimon & Mini** on 23rd December 2018 at 5.00 pm.

PAST CHURCH EVENTS

All Saints' Day Celebration




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Sunday collections	\$ 1038.00

December 2

Annual contributions	\$ 2500.00
Building Fund	\$ 3500.00
Sunday collections	\$ 1348.00

CCD NEWS

Holy communion

Parents meeting on 9th dec, right after 900 am mass.

CCD Midterm exam on 16th dec.

No CCD on Dec. 23rd and Dec. 30th.



50 th Jubilee Celebration of Fr. Thodukayil

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CHOIR

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BIBLE READINGS

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(For English Mass Only)	

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