



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

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

**The Immeasurable Value of Retreat**

A retreat refreshes and revitalizes, gives the opportunity for more time spent in prayer and contemplation, and rekindles and deepens one's relationship with God. One may take this opportunity to more clearly hear God's call and to seek God's healing grace and thereby attain a degree of spiritual renewal. The purpose of a spiritual retreat, as an addition to daily spiritual activities, is to temporarily leave behind the usual distractions we all face for a time long enough to allow relaxation and for an inner change to occur: the ongoing conversion of heart that is critical to deepening faith. The Catholic Encyclopedia describes the necessity of such retreats: "In the fever and agitation of modern life, the need of meditation and spiritual repose impresses itself on Christian souls who desire to reflect on their eternal destiny, and direct their life in this world towards God." Yet, it is not only modern life that sends us forth to a period of quiet contemplation. A scriptural basis for understanding the importance of retreat that long preceded the modern world is easily found. We can turn to Jesus' actions and his suggestions to others as transmitted in the gospel accounts. Near the beginning of Mark's gospel, this is relayed: "Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. Simon and his companions went to look for him, and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!" (Mark 1: 35-37; see also Luke 4:42) He undertook his solitary respite not when there were no other important matters to tend to, but because of the essential need to make time for prayer despite all the things to be done. Sometimes Jesus would spend an entire night in retreat: "In



those days he departed to the mountain to pray, and he spent the night in prayer to God. (Luke 6:12). And, this is also relayed: "The apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.' People were coming and going in great numbers, and they had no opportunity even to eat. So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place." (Mark 6: 30-32) No doubt, the apostles were energized by the response of the crowds they encountered, but they still needed a chance to recharge before carrying on. I humbly request all of you to come and participate in the retreat on 15,16,17. Bro. Mario Joseph is the retreat Preacher. He is a well-known good retreat preacher and those who are attending now are experiencing the wonderful class of Bro. Mario Joseph. Please do come and pray during this season of lent.

**May God Bless 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 | 9 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 Succour**

**Saturday** | After 9:30 AM. Mass



March 17

Sunday Readings: March 2019 / St. Joseph Koodarayogam

March 24

7:30 AM

9:00 AM

11:30AM

7:30 AM

9:00 AM

11:30AM

First Reading:

Gen 7:6-24



First Reading:

Gen 11:1-9

Second Reading:

Rom 7:14-25

Second Reading:

Rom 8:12-17

Holy Gospel:

Mt 20:17-28

Holy Gospel:

Mt21:33-44



BIBLE QUIZ # 13

1. Why did Eli's daughter-in-law named her child Ichabod?

2. The sayings of the wise are like \_\_\_\_\_?

3. What's the name of Jacob's daughter?

4. Whom did God designate to be first in the church?

5. According to Psalm 64, the malicious crowd "are brought down by their own \_\_\_\_\_?"

Name of the contestant

Family Name

Phone #

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

6. What does the word "Bethel" means.?

7. How many days did Egyptians moan for Joseph?

8. Whose son is "Makeer"?

9. Which one of Joseph's brothers stopped his brothers from killing Joseph?

10. What does a woman's veil represent?

Bible Quiz # 12 Correct Answers.

1. ഞാനവനെ കർത്താവിൽ നിന്ന് ചോദിച്ചു വാങ്ങിയതാണെന്നു പറഞ്ഞു
2. അത് വരെ കർത്താവിന്റെ ശബ്ദം അവന് വെളിപ്പെടുത്തില്ല
3. വിധേയത്വം
4. 158
5. യാക്കോലിയ
6. അഹറോനെ
7. കരുവേല
8. ഞാണെന്നുകൊണ്ട് നെയ്യു കളിമണ്ണും താരും പൃശി
9. ബൽത്തെ ഷാസർ
10. ഹബക്കുക

Quiz # 12

Selected winner: Beenamol Maruthachikal

Winners

- |                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Tessy Siby Mecheril        | Ancin & Alphonse Jose      |
| Elsy Neettukattu           | Thannichuvattil            |
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March 15, 16 & 17 Annual Retreat  
March 24 Feast Celebration of St. Joseph.

May 17, 18 & 19 Pre Marriage Course in Dallas  
March 29, 30 & 31 Ezra Prayer Meet

**NO CCD ON MARCH 17**

**Schedule for Lenten Way Of the Cross on Fridays**



- March 22 **St. Stephen / St. George KoodaraYogam**
- March 29 **St. Thomas / St. Christopher / Holy Family KY**
- April 5 **St. Xavier / Ave Maria / St. Theresa of Calcutta**
- April 12 **St. Michaels / St. Alphonsa KoodaraYogam**

**Confession Timings During Lent**  
**Monday - Friday 6-7pm. Saturday 8:30-9:30 am**

**Blessing Of Rectory**

St. Mary's Knanaya Catholic Forane Church, Houston

On Friday March 29 @ 5 pm

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by Bishop Mar Joy Alappat



**Signing on Rectory Closing**

70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
 1/17/2019

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**EZRA 1:5**

"THEN THE FAMILY HEADS OF JUDAH AND BENJAMIN, AND THE PRIESTS AND LEVITES—EVERYONE WHOSE HEART GOD HAD MOVED—PREPARED TO GO UP AND BUILD THE HOUSE OF THE LORD IN JERUSALEM"

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