



St.Mary's Knanaya Catholic Forane Church, Houston 6400 W.Fugua Dr, Missouri City, TX 77489

From The Pastor's Desk



Christmas tree is a decorated tree, usually an evergreen conifer such Las spruce, pine, or fir or an artificial tree of similar appearance, associated with the celebration of Christmas. The modern Christmas tree was developed in early modern Germany with predecessors that can be traced to the 16th and possibly 15th century, in which devout

Christians brought decorated trees into their homes. It acquired popularity beyond Germany during the second half of the 19th century, at first among the upper classes.

The tree was traditionally decorated with edibles such as apples, nuts, or other foods. In the 18th century, it began to be illuminated by candles which were ultimately replaced by Christmas lights after the advent of electrification. Today, there is a wide variety of traditional ornaments, such as garlands, baubles, tinsel, and candy canes. An angel or star might be placed at the top of the tree to represent the archangel Gabriel or the Star of Bethlehem from the Nativity.

The modern Christmas tree is frequently traced to the symbolism of trees in pre-Christian winter rites, wherein Viking and Saxon worshiped trees.[The story of Saint Boniface cutting down Donar's Oak illustrates the pagan practices in 8th century among the Germans. A later folk version of the story adds the detail that an evergreen tree grew in place of the felled oak, telling them about how its triangular shape reminds humanity of the Trinity and how it points to heaven.

Alternatively, it is identified with the "tree of paradise" of medieval mystery plays that were given on 24 December, the commemoration and name day of Adam and Eve in various countries. In such plays, a tree decorated with apples (to represent the forbidden fruit) and wafers (to represent the Eucharist and redemption) was used as a setting for the play. Like the Christmas crib, the Paradise tree was later placed in homes. The apples were replaced by round objects such as shiny red balls. The first recorded Christmas tree can be found on the keystone sculpture of a private home in Turckheim, France dating 1576

In 2004, Pope John Paul called the Christmas tree a symbol of Christ. This very ancient custom, he said, exalts the value of life, as in winter what is evergreen becomes a sign of undying life, and it reminds Christians of the "tree of life" of Genesis 2:9, an image of Christ, the supreme gift of God to humanity.

He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree."

May God Bless you all Fr. Suni Padinjarekkara (Vicar)



HOLY MASS, NIGHT VIGIL & NOVENA TIMINGS

Holy Mass:

Monday – Friday - 7 PM. | Saturday - 9:30 AM. Sunday | 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 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





Holy Mass Timings

SUNDAY READINGS & ALTAR DECORATION: December 2019

December 8

KOODARAYOGAM ST. MICHAEL'S

December 15

7:30 AM 9:00 AM

11:30AM

First Reading: Num 22:20-35

Second Reading: Col 4:2-6 **Holy Gospel:** Lk 1:26-38



7:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:30AM First Reading: **Second Reading: Holy Gospel:**

Gen 18:1-19 Eph 3:1-13 Lk 1:57-66

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BIBLE QUIZ #32

1. "He who fears the Lord will have a happy end; even on the he will be blessed" കർത്താവിനെ ഭയപ്പെടുന്നവന്റെ അവസാനം ശുഭമായിരിക്കും. ദിവസം അവൻ അനുഗ്രഹീതനാകും

2. The judgement on Rome may happen in what time? റോമിന്റെ മേലുള്ള വിധി എത്ര നേരം കൊണ്ട് സംഭവിക്കാം ?

3. In the gospel of Mathew, when Jesus said "repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God", what did the Pharisees do? വി. മത്തായിയുടെ സുവിശേഷത്തിൽ സിസറിനുള്ളത് സീസറിനു കൊടുക്കുക എന്ന് യേശു പറഞ്ഞപ്പോൾ ചോദ്യകർത്താക്കൾ എന്ത് ചെയ്തു. 🕺

4. Who was thrown into the pool of fire? ആരാണ് അഗ്നിതടാകത്തിലേക്ക് ഹറിയപ്പെടത് ?

5. For both we and our words are in his hand, as well as all _ , _____ എന്ന പോലെ നമ്മളും നമ്മുടെ വചനങ്ങളും അവി ടുത്തെ കരങ്ങളിലാണ്?

Name of the contestant

Family Name

Phone #

Quiz #31 Selected winner: Tessy Siby Mecheril

Other Winners

Simon Karickal Lucy Karukaparambil Elsy Neetukattu Elsy Athimattathil

Anncin Jose Thannichuvattil Alphons Jose Thannichuvattil Shirly Stany Cheruthanniyil Divya Stani Cheruthanniyil Elsamma Puzhakarottu

6.	Wha	t is	the	second	d	leat	h?	' എന്താണ്	രണ്ടാമത്തെ	മരണം	3	
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7. "I long to depart this life and be with Christ" Why?

എങ്കിലും എന്റെ ആഗ്രഹം മരിച്ച ക്രിസ്തുവിനോട് കൂടെ ആയിരിക്കാനാണ് കാരണം 🧵

8. Do not be remiss in doing what?

എന്തു പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്നതിൽ നിങ്ങൾ നിരുൽസാഹരാകരുത് എന്നാണ് അഷസ്തോലൻ പറയുന്നത് ?

9. "If we acknowledge our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing". When?

അവൻ വിശ്വസ്തനും നീതിമാനും ആകയാൽ എല്ലാ പാപങ്ങൾ ക്ഷമിക്കുകയും എല്ലാ അനീതികളിൽ നിന്ന് നമ്മെ ശുദ്ധീകരിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യും എപ്പോൾ ?

is the health of the body, but a depressed spirit 10. "A dries up the _

ആരോഗ്യദായകമാണ് തളർന്ന മനസ്സ് ___

Bible Quiz # 31 **Correct Answers.**

- 1. അവർ രക്ഷ പ്രാപിക്കും
- 2. യൂദായിലേക്കും ജോർദാനു മറുകരയിലേക്കും
- 3. സെബദീ പുത്രന്മാരായ യാക്കോബും യോഹന്നാനും
- 4. വഴിയരികിൽ ഇരിക്കുകയായിരുന്നു
- 5. അവൻ കടലിന്റെ മറുകരയിൽ ഗെരസേനരുടെ നാട്ടിൽ എത്തി

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- 6. പത്രോസ് യാക്കോബ്, യോഹന്നാൻ
- 7. അനേകം ചുങ്കക്കാരും പാപികളും
- 8. മണവാളൻ അവരിൽ നിന്ന് അകററപ്പെടുന്ന കാലം വരും അന്നവർ ഉപവസിക്കും
- 9. അവന്റെ തിരഞ്ഞെടുക്കപ്പെട്ടവരെ
- 10. എല്ലായിടത്തും പോയി പ്രസംഗിച്ചു.





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WEDDING BANNS

The marriage between Ann Mariya Thampi daughter of Thampi Mathew and Gigimol Thampi Keeparaputhenpurayil from St. Mary's Knanaya Catholic Forane Church, Houston, with Jerin Baby son of Baby and Jancy Baby Thattamattathil from St. Mary's Knanaya Catholic Church, Chicago, is scheduled on 04 January 2020.

The marriage between Justin son of Thomas and Thressiamma Koithuruthil from St. Mary's Knanaya Catholic Forane Church, Houston, with Anvi John Daughter of John and Alice Nellikattil from St. Joseph's Knanaya Catholic mission, Newyork, is scheduled on 01 January 2020.

The marriage between Ashwin Shaji son of Shaji Uthuppan and Sonia Shaji Chackalackal from St. Mary's Knanaya Catholic Forane Church, Houston, with Chinnu Sunny Daughter of Sunny and Merly Kizhakkekuttu from St. Mary's Knanaya Catholic Church, Koodaloor, is scheduled on 02 January 2020.

The marriage between Johny James son of James Mathew and Molly James Vadakkekkara from St. Mary's Knanaya Catholic Forane Church, Houston, with Neenu Ann Thampi Daughter of Thampi Jose and Usha Thampi Manthuruthil from St. Mary's Knanaya Catholic forane Church, Houston, is scheduled on 04 January 2020.

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. George Koodarayogam at the residence of Simon and Daisy Puthenpurayil @ 5 pm. December 07

St. Michle Koodarayogam at the residence of Tomy and Thressiamma Kochuputhenpura @ 7 pm.

St. Antonys Koodarayogam at the residence of Sabu and Mini Chirakuzhiputhenpura @5 pm. December 08

December 08 Parish council meeting after 9 am mass

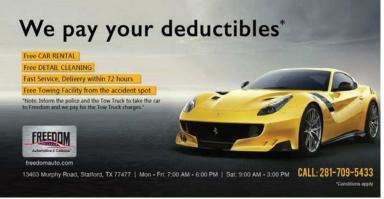
December 22 Sunday - General Body meeting at 10 am

December 22 Priestly Golden Jubilee celebration of Rev .Fr. Joseph Manapuram at 11.30 am mass

December 24 **Tuesday - 7pm Christmas mass**

December 25 9.30 am Holy Mass









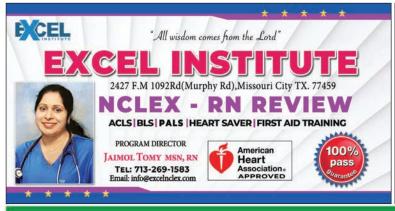
CONTRIBUTIONS & OFFERINGS November 24 \$ 1600.00 **Sunday Collections** \$ 3550.00 **Annual Contributions Building Fund** \$ 1700.00 December 1 \$ 1085.00 **Sunday Collections** Annual Contributions \$ 3700.00 **Building Fund** \$ 0200.00





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