



Merry Christmas

St. Mary's Knanaya Catholic Forane Church, Houston
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From The Pastor's Desk **Christmas reminds us to give up something and do the will of God**



Christmas is the time of joy, happiness and peace in the world. We are gratefully acknowledging in this season, the love of God the father who sent His only son to the world to redeem the whole mankind. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life"(John 3,16) It may be a hard decision of a loving father to send his only son but the father sent Jesus, out of His love to the mankind In the season of Christmas we are also thankfully remember the generous heart of Jesus to give up everything including heaven and loving presence of God the father, and incarnate as a human being for the redemption of mankind. 'Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men'. (Philippians 3, 6-7)

When we think about our mother Mary who is the mother of Jesus she also gave up everything including all happiness, reputation for the sake of mankind. St. Joseph also gave up everything like family life, material achievements and everything for the sake of us.

When we think of the Holy family they had searched a place to give birth to Jesus, they are rejected from every houses. Finally they got a place ie the manger. But within hours they had to give up the manger the last resort of their comfort, according to the command of God the father. 'When they had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt,[b] and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him."(Mathew 2,13). They also gave up it only for the sake us and they obeyed the will of God even if it is hard for them to travel about 593 kilometers to Egypt with a new born baby and the mother.

The Holy Family is an example of faith and love that is essential for families. As Blessed John Paul II said, the Holy Family is "the prototype and example for all Christian families". Mary gave her "Yes" to God at the Annunciation and committed to a life dedicated to obedience to God without any hesitation. She was never worried about her own safety, and did not question God . Our spiritual life infiltrates and influences our entire life. Moreover, as a model for all families, the Holy Family really loved each other, sacrificed for each other, supported each other's burdens and sufferings, and always forgave

each other.
When we think about the happiness of Christmas we understand that it is only because of the giving up and magnanimity of God the Father, the son, Mother Mary, and St. Joseph. Their greater love and dedication are making us every day happy especially during the Christmas season.

Christmas reminding us to give up something and do the will of God for the sake of others and for our salvation. When we do the will of God we may lose a lot of material, worldly things, pleasures, good names and our comfort. But always remember that it's only a temporary lose, the gains is much better than the loss. As we read in the Bible 'For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.'(Rom 8,18). When the son of God give up the heavenly kingdom, he became the redeemer of the world. When Mother Mary gave up everything for the will of God, she became Mother of God. When St. Joseph gave up everything for the will of God, he became the Father of God Jesus. When Holy family gave the manger, they saved their own lives . Christmas teaches that every giving up for the will of God is really a gain not only for us but also for all those who are related to us and may be for the whole world.

I invite each one you to the church for the Christmas Holy Mass and prayers on 24th at 7 pm. Wishing you all the blessings of Christmas and a prosperous New Year. May Infant Jesus 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

ST. MICHAEL'S KOODARAYOGAM

December 22

Dec. 25

Dec. 29

7:30 AM

First Reading:

Gal 4:21-5:1



First Reading:

Is 7:10-16, 9:1-3, 6-7

Gen 1:26-28

9:00 AM

Second Reading:

Eph 5:5-21

Second Reading:

Gal 3:15-4:6

Col 3:18-21

11:30AM

Holy Gospel:

Mt 1:18-24

Holy Gospel:

Lk 2:1-20

Mt 2:13-14, 19-23



BIBLE QUIZ # 33

1. What is the name of the river that winds all through the land of Cush? സുർണ്ണത്തിന്റെ നാടായ ഹാവിലാ മുഴുവൻ ചുറ്റി ഒഴുകുന്ന നദി ഏത് ?

2. "Whoever keeps his word, _____ is truly perfected in him." അവന്റെ വചനം പാലിക്കുന്നതിൽ സത്യമായും _____ പൂർണ്ണത പ്രാപിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു.

3. "Each looking out not for his own interests, but [also] everyone for _____" ഓരോരുത്തരും സ്വന്തം താൽപ്പര്യം മാത്രം നോക്കിയാൽ പോരാ, മറിച്ച് _____ ?

4. According to St. Paul, he rather _____ than speak ten thousand words in a tongue. സഭയിൽ പതിനായിരം വാക്കുകൾ ഭാഷാവരത്തിൽ സംസാരിക്കുന്നതിനേക്കാൾ ഞാൻ കൂടുതൽ ഇഷ്ടപ്പെടുന്നത് എന്താണെന്നാണ് പൗലോസ് ശ്ലീഹാ പറയുന്നത് ?

5. For how many days did Jesus appear and speak to the apostles about the kingdom of God? ഫിസാന്നുവേത്തിനു ശേഷം എത്ര ദിവസത്തേക്കാണ് യേശു ശിഷ്യന്മാരുടെ ഇടയിൽ പ്രത്യക്ഷനായി ദൈവ രാജ്യത്തെക്കുറിച്ച് പഠിപ്പിച്ചത് ?

Name of the contestant

Family Name

Phone #

Quiz # 32

Selected winner: Sherly Stany Cheruthanniyil .

Other Winners

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Simon Karickal | Alphons Jose Thannichuvattil |
| Lucy Karukaparambil | Alina Cheruvil |
| Elsy Neetukattu | Divya Stani Cheruthanniyil |
| Elsy Athimattathil | Elsamma Puzhakarottu |
| Anncin Jose Thannichuvattil | Tessy Mecheril |

6. What was the name of the son born to Lamech when he was 182 years old? ലാമെക്കിന് 182 വയസ്സായപ്പോൾ ഉണ്ടായ പുത്രന്റെ പേരെന്ത് ?

7. "For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected when received with thanksgiving." Why? കൃതജ്ഞതാ പൂർവ്വമാണ് സ്വീകരിക്കുന്നതെങ്കിൽ ഒന്നും നാം നിരാകരിക്കേണ്ടതില്ല കാരണം?

8. Who was called as Barsabbas?

ബാർസബാസ് എന്ന് വിളിക്കപ്പെടുന്നത് അരെ ?

9. When did the infant leaped in Elizabeth's wound? എലിസബത്തിന്റെ ഉദരത്തിൽ ശിശു കുതിച്ചു ചാടിയത് എപ്പോൾ?

10. "The crown of _____ is wide experience; their glory, _____"

അനുഭവസമ്പത്ത് _____ കിരീടവും _____ അവന് അഭിമാനവുമാണ്

Bible Quiz # 32 Correct Answers.

- മരണ ദിവസം
- ഒരു മണിക്കൂർ
- അവർ വിസ്മയഭരിതരായി അവരെ വിട്ടു പോയി
- ജീവന്റെ ഗ്രന്ഥത്തിൽ പേരെഴുതപ്പെടാത്തവരെല്ലാം
- വിവേകവും കരകൗശലവിദ്യയും
- അഗ്നിതടാകം
- അതാണ് കൂടുതൽ ഭ്രഷ്ടം
- നന്ദ പ്രർത്തിക്കുന്നതിൽ
- നാം പാപങ്ങൾ ഏറ്റവും പായുന്നതിൽ
- സത്യജ്ഞ പ്രദായം ആരോഗ്യം

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The marriage between **Jojo Joseph** son of Joseph T Joseph and Leelamma Joseph Chethalil from St.Mary's Knanaya Catholic Forane Church, Houston, with **Akhila Ann Lukose** Daughter of Lukose Mathew and Lucy Lukose Kongampuzhakalayil from St. Mary's Knanaya Catholic Church ,Kothanalloor ,is scheduled on 16th January 2020.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 21 Saturday - Christmas confession at 10.15 am to 12.30pm.

December 22 Sunday - General Body meeting at 10 am

December 22 Sunday -Holy Family Koodarayogam at the residence of **Jayan Piravomthottiyil** at 5 pm.

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



December 24
Tuesday @ 7 PM
CHRISTMAS HOLY MASS

December 25
Wednesday @ 9.30 AM
HOLY MASS

December 31
Tuesday @ 7:00 PM
ADORATION
Year End Prayer & Holy Mass @ 11PM
New Year Beginning Prayer @ 12:30 AM

Januar 1 @ 7:00 PM
HOLY MASS



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December 8

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Annual Contributions	_____	\$ 4665.00
Building Fund	_____	\$ 1500.00

December 15

Sunday Collections	_____	\$ 1192.00
Annual Contributions	_____	\$ 3350.00
Building Fund	_____	\$ 6150.00



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