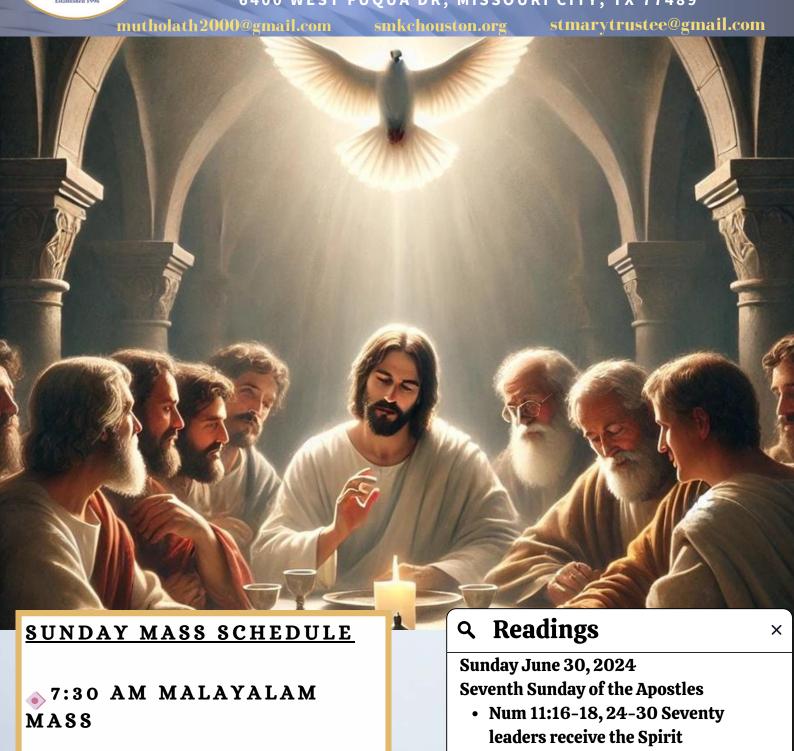
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ST. MARY'S KNANAYA CATHOLIC FORANE CHURCH 6400 WEST FUQUA DR, MISSOURI CITY, TX 77489



→ 9:30 AM ENGLISH MASS

• 11:30 AM MALAYALAM SOLEMN MASS

- 1 Sam 16:14-23 Saul lost the Spirit of God
- Gal 5:16-26 The fruits of the Spirit
- Jn 14:15-20, 25-26 The helper sent by the Father through the prayer of Jesus

### VICAR'S MESSAGE

### **Embracing God's Guidance**

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

As we journey through the seasons of life, we often encounter moments of joy and challenges. It is in these moments that we are reminded of God's unwavering presence and guidance. Today, I wish to share a story that beautifully illustrates the importance of trusting in God's plan for us.

Once upon a time, a farmer's donkey fell into an old, abandoned well. The animal cried pitifully for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do. Finally, the farmer decided that the animal was old, and the well needed to be covered up anyway; it just wasn't worth it to retrieve the donkey. He invited all his neighbors to come over and help him. They each grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well.

At first, the donkey realized what was happening and cried horribly. Then, to everyone's amazement, he quieted down. After a few loads with the shovel, the farmer glanced into the well and was amazed by what he saw. With every shovel of dirt that hit his back, the donkey was doing something amazing. He would shake it off and take a step up. As the farmer's neighbors continued to shovel dirt on top of the animal, he would shake it off and take another step up. Pretty soon, everyone was amazed as the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and trotted off!

The moral of this story is that life is going to shovel dirt on you, all kinds of dirt. The key to getting out of the well is to shake it off and take a step up. Every problem we face is an opportunity for growth. We can get out of the deepest wells just by not stopping, never giving up! Shake it off and take a step up.

In our faith journey, we too encounter various challenges and hardships. These can feel like heavy burdens, weighing us down. But let us remember that with every difficulty, God is giving us an opportunity to rise, to grow stronger in faith, and to draw closer to Him. As the Apostle Paul wrote in Romans 8:28, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

### VICAR'S MESSAGE

Let us take inspiration from the donkey's story and trust in God's plan for us. Every obstacle we face can become a steppingstone to greater faith, hope, and love. Let us support one another, lift each other up, and continue our journey with renewed faith in God's providence.

In Christ's love,

Fr. Abraham Mutholath Vicar



# UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- <u>Homily on Matthew 9:27-38 by Fr. Abraham Mutholath in Houston on June 23, 2024.</u>
- Pictures at Bema (\$720) and Altar (\$872.44). Old Testament Lector Stand images (\$522) New Testament Lector Stand images (\$522), Lamb of God (\$457.50) Pelican Bird (\$457.50) Sponsors are welcome.
- Bible Verse Memorize Program: Holy Childhood is organizing a Bible verse memorize program. Every Sunday they will get a Bible verse to memorize. They send a video by the end of the week. For details please contact Sr. Joicy or Geno Vellian.
- Next Saturday is the feast of St. Peter & St. Paul. A holy day of obligation.
- Summer Camp for Middle Schoolers: There will be a summer camp for the middle schoolers (grades 6-8 of the past school year) on July 19 & 20 (Friday & Saturday) from 9am to 5pm. The registration google form will be posted in their class WhatsApp groups. Registration fee will be \$35. Please encourage them to participate.
- Main Feast Preparation: In preparation for our main feast, the sponsors will have special devotion on the first Saturdays. Also, they will have 33 Days of Morning Glory starting July 13 and ending on August 15th.
- We are planning Syro-Malankara Qurbana once a month in our church. Those interested in please contact Gino Vellian or Philin Kudakasseril.



- Family Renewal Retreat will be held from October 4 to 6 by a team from UK and USA. The registration fee will be \$150 for couples and \$100 for singles.
- Legion of Mary Meeting next Thursday after 7:00 P.M. Qurbana by Latha Makil, president of Legion of Mary in the Archdiocese of Kottayam.
- More sponsors are welcome for the main feast. \$100 and above
- Catechism Registration for the new academic year (2024-25) has started. Please use the opportunity to register early before summer vacations. Registration forms can be downloaded from the parish website: smkchouston.org. It is also shared on the Parish WhatsApp group. Please fill the paper form and submit (in-person) with registration fee and annual contribution. Early registration (without late fee) ends on July 14th.



# **SNAPSHOTS**

# CML HOUSTON ATTENDING SUMMER CAMP IN CHICAGO



# **IMPORTANT DATES**

### JUNE 2024

JUNE 28 FRI: FEAST OF ST. IRENAEUS

JUNE 29 SAT: FEASTS OF ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL, THE APOSTLES

### **JULY 2024**

JULY 3 WED: DUKHRANA OF ST. THOMAS, THE APOSTLE

**JULY 5 FRI: FEAST OF THE SEVENTY DISCIPLES** 

JULY 7 SUN: FEAST OF TWELVE APOSTLES (NUSARDEL)

JULY 11 THU: FEAST OF ST. BENEDICT OF NURSIA

JULY 12 FRI: FEAST OF MAR JACOB OF NISIBIS

JULY 15 MON: FEASTS OF ST. KURIAKOSE AND ST. JULITTA

**JULY 16 TUA: FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL** 

JULY 19 FRI: FEAST OF MAR MARI, THE DISCIPLE OF MAR ADDAI

JULY 22 MON: FEAST OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE

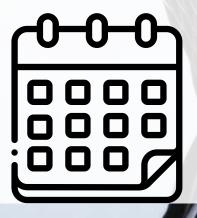
JULY 25 THU: FEAST OF ST. JAMES, THE APOSTLE

JULY 26 FRI: FEASTS OF ST. JOACHIM AND ST. ANNE

JULY 27 SAT: FEAST OF ST. ALPHONSA

JULY 29 MON: FEAST OF ST. MARTHA

JULY 31 WED: FEAST OF ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA



## **CATECHISM CORNER**

# **UPDATES**

• CATECHISM REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR HAS STARTED, PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE EARLIEST CONVENIENCE

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

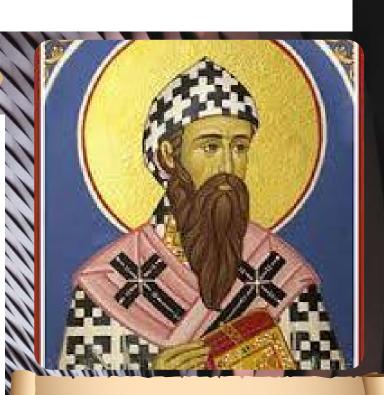
SAINT CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA

FEAST DAY: JUNE 27TH

PATRONAGE: ALEXANDRIA



2 Chronicles 5:13-"For he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever,"



# **BIBLE PASSAGE**

- NUMBERS 11:16-18, 24-30
- 1 SAMUEL 16:14-23
- GALATIANS 5:16-26
- JOHN 14:15-20, 25-26

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### **QURBANA SCHEDULE**

**MON - FRI: 9:00 AM (MAL)** 

7:00 PM (MAL)

SATURDAY: 9:30 AM (MAL)

**SUNDAY:** 7:30 AM (MAL)

9:30 AM (ENG)

11:30 AM (MAL - SOLEMN)

**CATECHISM** 

**SUNDAY: 10:30 AM** 

**CONFESSION** 

MON - FRI: 6:00 PM -6:45 PM (ALSO ANYTIME UPON REQUEST)

### **NOVENA (AFTER QURBANA)**

TUESDAY: ST. ANTONY
THURSDAY: ST. JUDE
SATURDAY: B.V. MARY

### **ADORATION**

MON - FRI: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM SATURDAY: 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM FIRST FRIDAY: 8 PM TO 9 PM (MAL) THRID FRIDAY: 8 PM TO 9 PM (ENG)

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

PLEASE CALL FOR APPOINTMENTS

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