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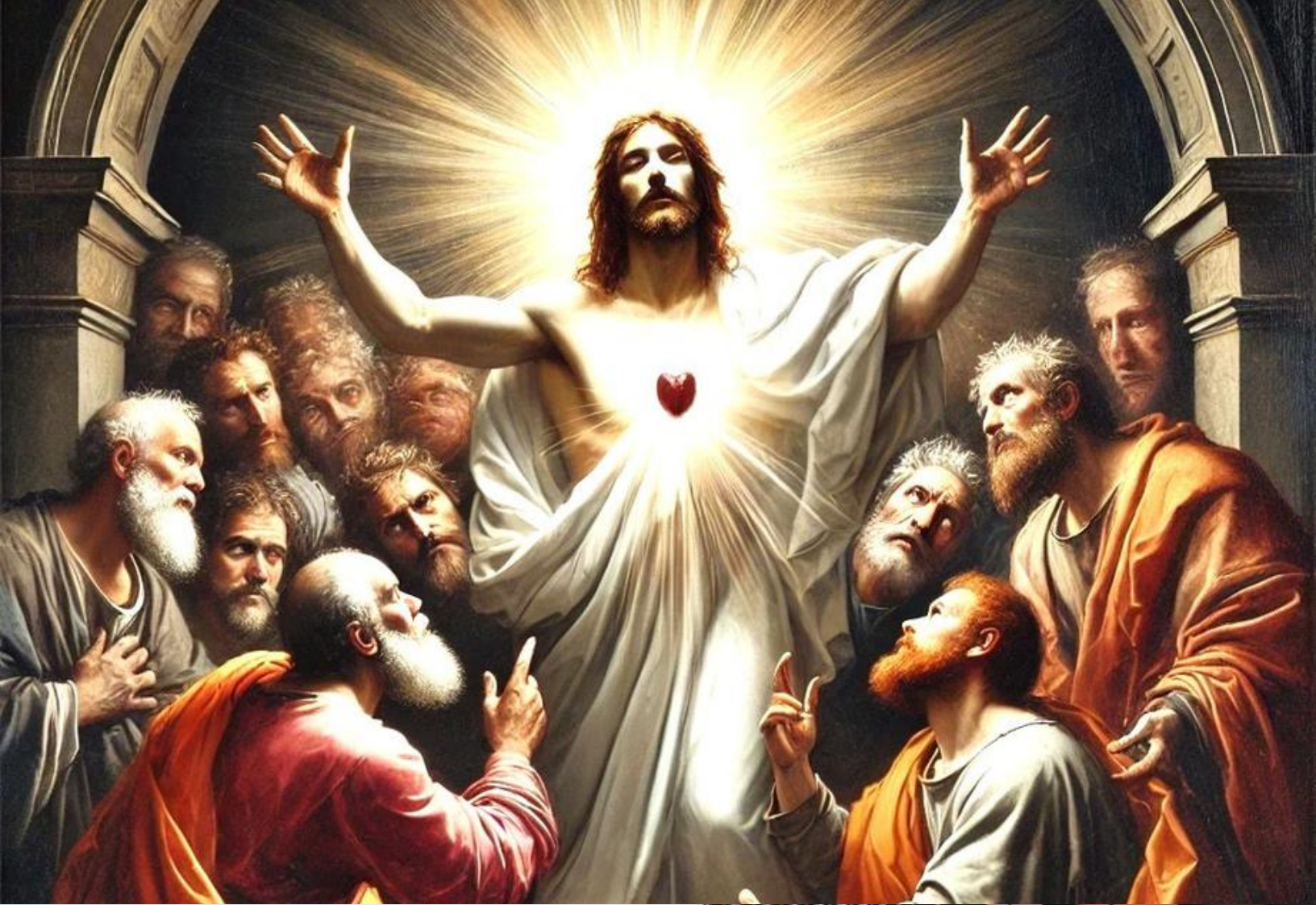


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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

◆ 7:30 AM MALAYALAM MASS

◆ 9:30 AM ENGLISH MASS

◆ 11:30 AM MALAYALAM SOLEMN MASS

🔍 Readings

Sunday July 7, 2024

First Sunday of Kaitha

- Gen 35:23-29 The twelve sons of Jacob
- Josh 4:1-9 These twelve stones shall be a memorial forever
- Rev 21:9-21 The twelve disciples of the Lamb
- Mt 10:1-15 The twelve disciples

VICAR'S MESSAGE

LESSONS FROM ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we celebrate the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle, let us reflect on his life and the profound lessons it offers us as followers of Jesus Christ. St. Thomas, often remembered as "Doubting Thomas," is a figure whose journey from doubt to faith can inspire us in our own spiritual walk.

1. The Courage to Question:

St. Thomas is famously known for his doubt when he missed the first appearance of the risen Jesus to the apostles. His insistence on seeing and touching Jesus' wounds (John 20:24-29) was not a sign of weak faith, but rather a profound desire for personal encounter and truth. Thomas teaches us that it is okay to question and seek deeper understanding in our faith. In our moments of doubt, we are invited to bring our questions to God, trusting that He will meet us where we are.

2. The Joy of Belief:

When Jesus appeared to Thomas and invited him to touch His wounds, Thomas' doubt transformed into a powerful declaration of faith: "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28). This moment shows us the joy and peace that come from genuine belief. Thomas's experience reassures us that our faith journey is not about having all the answers but about encountering the risen Christ and allowing that encounter to transform us.

3. Missionary Zeal:

Tradition holds that St. Thomas traveled far beyond the familiar territories of the Roman Empire, reaching as far as India, where he spread the Gospel and established Christian communities. His missionary zeal and willingness to travel great distances for the sake of the Gospel challenge us to consider how we can be missionaries in our own contexts. Whether through acts of charity, sharing our faith, or simply living out the Gospel values in our daily lives, we too are called to be witnesses to Christ's love.

VICAR'S MESSAGE

4. Commitment Amidst Adversity:

St. Thomas's journey was not without challenges. He faced opposition and difficulties in his mission, yet remained steadfast in his commitment to proclaiming the Gospel. This perseverance in the face of adversity is a powerful lesson for us today. In times of trial and tribulation, we can look to St. Thomas as a model of unwavering faith and dedication to God's mission.

5. A Personal Encounter with Christ:

Ultimately, the story of St. Thomas is a story of personal encounter with the living Christ. His journey from doubt to faith underscores the importance of a personal relationship with Jesus. It is through this relationship that our faith is deepened and our lives transformed.

As we honor St. Thomas, let us ask for his intercession to strengthen our faith, embolden our witness, and inspire our missionary efforts. May we, like Thomas, proclaim with all our hearts, "My Lord and my God," and live out this declaration in our words and actions.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Abraham Mutholath





UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [Homily on John 14:15-20, 25-26 \(Holy Spirit\) by Fr. Abraham Mutholath in Houston on June 30, 2024.](#)
- **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.
- This Wednesday (July 3rd) is the feast of St. Thomas. A holy day of obligation
- First Friday adoration after 7:00 P.M. Qurbana.
- Senior meeting will be held on Saturday after 9:30 A.M. Qurbana.
- Dukrana celebration on Sunday. Sponsors welcome.
- On July 4th Thursday, we will have only one Qurbana at 9:00 A.M. No evening Qurbana.
- Next parish council will be on July 12th Friday after 7:00 P.M. Qurbana.
- We are planning **Syro-Malankara Qurbana once a month** in our church. Those interested in please contact Gino Vellian or Philin Kudakasseril.



UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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.
- **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.
- **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

LEGION OF MARY



IMPORTANT DATES

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

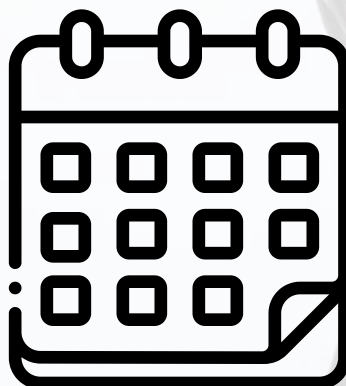
JULY 25 THU: FEAST OF ST. JAMES, THE APOSTLE

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 THOMAS THE APOSTLE

FEAST DAY:
JULY 3RD

PATRONAGE:
JUDGES & ARCHITECTS

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Romans 4:13-The promise to Abraham and his descendants, that they should inherit the world, did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith.



BIBLE PASSAGE

- GENESIS 35:23-29
- JOSHUA 4:1-9
- REVELATIONS 21:9-21
- MATHEW 10:1-15

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)

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PLEASE CALL FOR APPOINTMENTS

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