



മാലാഖാ ദൂതൻ

ANGEL VOICE

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

mutholath2000@gmail.com

smkchouston.org

stmarytrustee@gmail.com



SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

◆ 7:30 AM MALAYALAM MASS

◆ 9:30 AM ENGLISH MASS

◆ 11:30 AM MALAYALAM SOLEMN MASS

🔍 Readings



Sunday July 14, 2024

Second Sunday of Kaitha

- Deut 28: 1-14 Blessed is he who keeps the word of God
- Sir 10:19-25 He who stands by the Lord will be honored
- Rom 11:17-24 The lesson from the olive tree
- Jn 15:1-8 The vine and its branches

VICAR'S MESSAGE

THE VINE AND ITS BRANCHES



Dear Parishioners,

In this Sunday's Gospel reading from John 15:1-8, we are presented with the beautiful metaphor of the vine and its branches. This imagery is rich with meaning and profoundly relevant to our lives as Christians. Let us delve into its significance and reflect on how we can embody the teachings of Jesus in our daily lives.

The True Vine and the Vinedresser

In His farewell discourse at the Last Supper, Jesus declared, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower." By calling Himself the true vine, Jesus emphasizes His role as the authentic source of spiritual life. Just as a vine provides sustenance to its branches, Jesus nourishes us with His grace and truth. The Father, as the vinedresser, diligently tends to the vine, ensuring that it remains healthy and productive. This relationship underscores the unity and cooperation within the Holy Trinity and invites us into a profound communion with God.

Branches that Bear Fruit

Jesus makes it clear that as His disciples, we are the branches. Our purpose is to bear fruit, which signifies living a life filled with love, service, and obedience to God's commandments. Fruitfulness is not optional but essential for those who belong to Christ. The vinedresser, God the Father, removes any branch that does not bear fruit. This act of cutting away represents the ultimate separation from God, a sobering reminder of the consequences of a fruitless spiritual life.

Pruning for Greater Fruitfulness

For those branches that do bear fruit, the Father prunes them so they may bear even more fruit. Pruning involves cutting away parts of the plant to encourage healthier growth. Similarly, in our spiritual lives, we undergo pruning through trials, challenges, and divine discipline. Though painful, these experiences refine us, strengthen our faith, and help us grow in virtue. Let us embrace these moments with trust, knowing that they are meant for our greater good and deeper union with Christ.

VICAR'S MESSAGE

Remaining in Christ

A key message from Jesus is the necessity of remaining in Him. "Live in me as I live in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it has to remain part of the vine." Our ability to bear fruit depends entirely on our connection to Jesus. Apart from Him, we can do nothing. This calls us to cultivate a close, personal relationship with Christ through prayer, scripture reading, and the sacraments. It is through this intimate union that we draw the spiritual nourishment needed to live out our Christian vocation.

God's Promise to the Faithful

Jesus assures us that if we remain in Him and His words remain in us, we can ask whatever we wish, and it will be done for us. This promise is not a carte blanche for selfish desires but an invitation to align our wills with God's will. When we live in harmony with Jesus, our prayers naturally reflect His love and mission, leading to answered prayers that glorify the Father.

Glorifying the Father

Our fruitfulness as disciples brings glory to God. "This is how my Father is glorified – you become my disciples, and bear much fruit." As branches of the true vine, our lives should reflect the love, compassion, and holiness of Christ. When we act in accordance with His teachings, we shine as beacons of God's grace in the world, drawing others to the divine source of all goodness.

Conclusion

Let us commit ourselves to being fruitful branches of the true vine, Jesus Christ. By staying united with Him, we receive the grace to overcome challenges and grow in holiness. Let us also remember that our fruitfulness brings glory to God and advances His kingdom on earth. May we continuously seek to deepen our relationship with Christ, allowing His life and love to flow through us, producing abundant fruit for His glory.

In Christ's love,

Fr. Abraham Mutholath
Vicar



UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [Homily on St. Thomas the Apostle, Dukrana by Fr. Abraham Mutholath in Houston on July 7, 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.
- There will be a Second collection for **Sabha Dinam** next Sunday.
- **Bonding Families Seminar:** Because of inconvenience in Houston, we are canceling the Bonding Families program scheduled on July 10th. The next national level zoom conference of Bonding Families will be on August 7, first Wednesday of the month at 8:30 pm CST. The access code will be 345 345 1911.
- **Parish Council** on Friday after 7:00 P.M. Qurbana.
- **Senior meeting** will be held on Saturday July 13 after 9:30 A.M. Qurbana.
- **Birthday Blessing** will be next Sunday.
- **Fr. Joshy Valiyaveettil** will be our **associate pastor** from 15th of this month.
- 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:** Cancelled
- **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.



WEDDING BANNNS

- ഉഴവൂർ ഇടവക കാഞ്ഞിരപ്പാറയിൽ സാജു റെജിമോൾ മകൻ സിജിൻ സാജുവും ഈ ഇടവക വട്ടെങ്കാട്ടേൽ വിൽസൺ ആൻസി മകൾ വെൽഷിൻ വിൽസണും തമ്മിൽ ആഗസ്റ്റ് 17നു വിവാഹം നിശ്ചയിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു **(First Bann)**



IMPORTANT DATES

JULY 2024

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

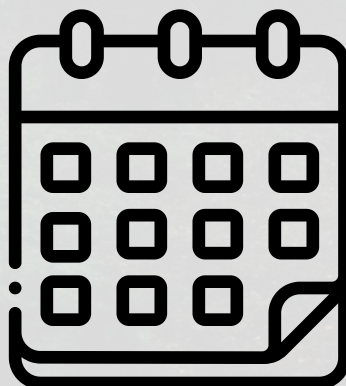
JULY 25 THU: FEAST OF ST. JAMES, THE APOSTLE

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 JOHN GAULBERT
FEAST DAY:
JULY 12TH

PATRONAGE:
FORESTERS, PARKS,
PARK RANGERS,
FOREST WORKERS



BIBLE PASSAGE

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Ephesians 3:8-To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ.

- **DEUTRONOMY 28:1-14**
- **SIRACH 10:19-25**
- **ROMANS 11:17-24**
- **JOHN 15:1-8**

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

VICAR / PASTOR:

FR. ABRAHAM MUTHOLATH: 773-412-6254

TRUSTEES:

JASSIM THAYILPUTHENPURAYIL
713-498-0604
BABU PARAYAMKALAYIL: 832-971-0924
GEORGE POOVAPADATH: 281-912-4150
SHAJUMON MUKALEL: 832-497-6656

OFFICE SECRETARY:

SR. REJI SJC: 832-679-3702

PRO:

ALVIN MUKALEL: 346-702-9498

DRE:

JOHNSON VATTAMATTATHIL:
201-270-9360

PASTORAL COORDINATOR:

BIBY THEKKANATT: 248-974-5100

FACILITY MANAGEMENT:

SIMON ELLANKIYIL: 281-499-5573
BIBY THEKKANATT: 248-974-5100
THOMAS KANICHATTUMTHARA:
786-216-2938
MATHEW THEKKETHIL: 832-661-6305

PARISH BULLETIN EDITORIAL BOARD:

ALVIN ABRAHAM MUKALEL
ANGELINE THANNICHUVATTIL
ELISHA VATTAMATTATHIL (ED. JR)

FOR ZELLE PAYMENT:

STMARYTRUSTEE@GMAIL.COM