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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 August 18, 2024  
Seventh Sunday of Kaitha

- Gen 6:13-22 All the creatures will be destroyed, for the earth is filled with violence
- Jer 32:36-41 I will deposit devotion to me in their hearts
- Jas 4:1-10 Warning against worldliness
- Mt 6:19-24 Keep the treasure in heaven

# VICAR'S MESSAGE

## THE CATHOLIC CONCEPT OF DATING

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we navigate through the complexities of modern life, the topic of dating, particularly among our youth, has become increasingly relevant. As your pastor, it is my duty to provide guidance rooted in our Catholic faith on how to approach this important aspect of life. Let us reflect on what dating is, its purpose, and how we, as Catholics, can ensure it aligns with our moral and ethical values.

### What is Dating and its Purpose?

Dating is a social activity where two individuals spend time together to get to know each other better, often with the intention of discerning a future in marriage. The Catholic Church teaches that the primary purpose of dating should be to seek out a life partner with whom one can build a Christ-centered marriage and family. It is not merely a recreational activity, but a journey of mutual discovery and discernment, guided by God's will.

### Advantages of Dating

When approached with the right mindset and intentions, dating can have several advantages:

- 1. Discernment of Vocation:** Dating allows individuals to discern if they are called to the vocation of marriage, and if so, with whom they are called to share this sacred bond.
- 2. Personal Growth:** Through dating, individuals can grow in virtues such as patience, understanding, and selflessness, all of which are essential in marriage.
- 3. Building a Foundation:** Healthy dating relationships help build a foundation of mutual respect, trust, and communication, which are crucial for a strong marriage.

### Precautions to Take: A Catholic Perspective

While dating can be a positive experience, it also requires caution, especially in maintaining moral and ethical integrity. Here are some key points to consider:

- 1. Avoid Temptations:** In the modern dating scene, there are many temptations that can lead one away from the path of righteousness. It is essential to avoid situations that may lead to sin, particularly sexual temptation.
- 2. Be Mindful of Boundaries:** Physical and emotional boundaries must be respected. Dating should never compromise one's chastity or lead to emotional manipulation.

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**3. Seek God's Guidance:** Regular prayer and participation in the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Reconciliation, are crucial. These help to maintain a pure heart and clear mind, keeping Christ at the center of the relationship.

### The Importance of Chastity Before Marriage

Chastity is a virtue that involves the integration of sexuality within the person according to God's design. The Church teaches that chastity before marriage is crucial because it honors the sacredness of the marital act, which is designed by God to express total self-giving love between a husband and wife. By practicing chastity, couples can grow in self-control, respect for each other, and a deeper understanding of love, which prepares them for a faithful and fruitful marriage.

### What is Permissible and Not Permissible

From a Catholic standpoint, dating should be a pure and respectful interaction between individuals. Some permissible behaviors include:

- **Healthy Communication:** Open and honest discussions about values, beliefs, and life goals.
- **Mutual Respect:** Treating each other with dignity and kindness.
- **Group Activities:** Engaging in social activities that do not isolate the couple but involve community.

However, certain behaviors are not permissible:

- **Pre-marital Sexual Activity:** The Church firmly teaches that sexual relations are reserved for marriage. Any form of sexual activity before marriage is a grave sin.
- **Co-habitation:** Living together before marriage, even with the intention of getting married, is not permissible as it can lead to occasions of sin and diminishes the sanctity of marriage.
- **Deceptive Relationships:** Entering into a relationship without the intention of discerning marriage, or leading someone on, is ethically wrong and contrary to the purpose of dating.

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### Advice to Parents and Youth

To our dear parents, I urge you to take an active role in guiding your children through the dating process. Teach them about the value of chastity, the importance of setting boundaries, and the significance of seeking a partner who shares their faith and values. Your wisdom and example are crucial in helping them navigate this journey with integrity.

To the youth, remember that dating is not a game but a serious step towards discerning your future vocation. Respect yourself and your partner by upholding the values of our faith. Let Christ be your guide, and do not be afraid to stand up for what is right, even when it is difficult.

Let us all, as a community, pray for our young people, that they may grow in virtue and love, and that their relationships may reflect the love of Christ. May the Holy Family of Nazareth be their model and inspiration.

In Christ's love,

Fr. Abraham Mutholath  
Pastor



# WEEKLY SNAPSHOTS

## August Birthdays



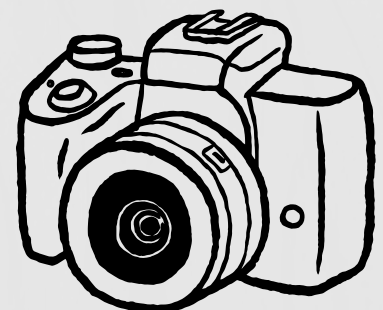
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## August Wedding Anniversaries



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## Catechism Teachers' Training





## UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [Homily on John 6:16-24 by Fr. Abraham Mutholath at Houston on August 11, 2024.](#)
- Catechism classes will begin on August 25th Sunday.
- Blood Drive on Sunday August 18th in the mini hall.
- 33 Days of Mourning Glory final day prayer on Thursday, August 15th after 7:00 PM Qurbana.
- Feast celebration of Assumption on next Sunday. Sponsors are welcome for 15th & 18th.
- Installation of Prasudentees of Main Feast shall be held on Sunday August 18th after the 7:30 A.M. Qurbana. New sponsors are welcome to sign up at the counter.
- 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.
- Grand parents' cultural day celebration on September 14, Saturday. Please sign up at reception.
- Pre-marriage course at our church from Friday, November 08, 2024 (4.00 pm) to Sunday November 10, 2024 (1.00 pm). Please register early. 20 needed.
- Sr. Sabitha, Sr. Libi and Sr. Betsy have been here for four months. Now they are moving to Dallas to start a new SJC convent there from August 18.





## WEDDING BANNES

- **Mathew Jose, son of Jose Mathew and Ann Jyothi Thomas Vattathil from St. George's Knanaya Catholic Church Edackattu with Reshma Avarachan from this parish who is the daughter of Avarachan and Tiny Avarachan Kadavil to be held on September 29, 2024. (First Bann)**
- **Joshua Joseph, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Kunnampadavil from this parish with Melody Mathew, daughter of Mathew and Jain Kandarappallil from Sacred Heart Knanaya Catholic Church Tampa to be held on November 2, 2024. (Second Bann)**
- **Josemon Chemmachel son of Thampichen and Neetha Chemmachel from Sacred Heart Knanaya Catholic Forane Parish, Chicago with Leona Ellankil daughter of Zenith and Shayla Ellankil from this parish to be held on August 24, 2024. (Second Bann)**



## IMPORTANT DATES

### AUGUST 2024.

**AUG 14 WED: FEAST OF ST. MAXMILLIAN KOLBE**

**AUG 15 THU: ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY**

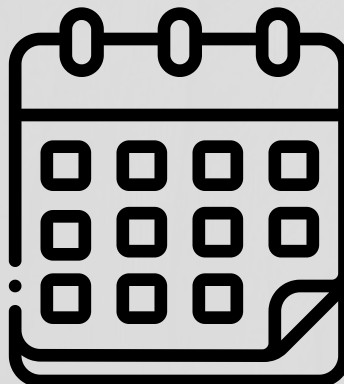
**AUG 16 FRI: FEAST OF ST. SIMEON BARSABA AND THE CO-MARTYRS**

**AUG 21 WED: FEAST OF ST. PIUS X**

**AUG 24 SAT: FEAST OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW, THE APOSTLE**

**AUG 28 WED: FEAST OF ST. AUGUSTINE**

**AUG 29 THU: FEAST OF ST. EUPHRASIA**





# CATECHISM CORNER

## UPDATES

- CATECHISM REGISTRATION FOR THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR IS OFFICIALLY ENDED ON LAST SUNDAY, AUGUST 4TH.
- CLASSES ARE BEING PLANNED ACCORDING TO THE NUMBER OF REGISTRATION.
- CLASSES WILL BEGIN ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 25TH

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

**SAINT STEPHAN OF HUNGARY**  
**FEAST DAY:**  
**AUGUST 16**

**PATRONAGE:**  
**BRICKLAYERS,**  
**HUNGARY**

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

**Ephesians 3:13-So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.**



## BIBLE PASSAGE

- **GENESIS 6;13-22**
- **JEREMIAH 32:36-41**
- **JAMES 4:1-10**
- **MATHEW 6:19-24**

# 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  
FIRST FRIDAY: SACRED HEART  
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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