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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 September 1, 2024
Second Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses

- Deut 18:14-22 I will raise up a prophet like Moses.
- Sir 48:1-11 Acts of Elijah.
- Heb 11:23-29 The faith of Moses.
- Mt 17:9-13 The arrival of Elijah.

VICAR'S MESSAGE

The Relevance and Traditional Meaning of Women Wearing Veils in Catholic Churches

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Today, I wish to address a topic that holds significant importance for many of you: the tradition and relevance of women wearing veils in our Catholic Churches. This practice, rich in history and symbolism, continues to be a meaningful part of our faith tradition, and it is crucial to understand its origins, meaning, and relevance today.

The Jewish Custom and Its Influence

The practice of women covering their heads finds its roots in ancient Jewish customs, deeply intertwined with the cultural and religious practices of the time. In Jewish tradition, head coverings for women have long been a symbol of modesty and reverence before God. Married women, in particular, covered their heads to signify their marital status and modesty, following the laws of 'tzniut' which mandated covering in the presence of men who were not their husbands or close family members. This custom was not merely cultural but carried religious significance, seen as a way to honor God and respect the sacredness of worship.

Men, conversely, were required to uncover their heads during prayer or in the presence of the divine, symbolizing respect and recognition of God's authority. This contrast between men uncovering their heads and women covering theirs was deeply symbolic, rooted in the Jewish understanding of worship and reverence.

The Catholic Tradition of Veiling

The early Church, influenced by Jewish customs and the teachings of St. Paul, adopted the practice of women wearing veils during worship. St. Paul, in his first letter to the Corinthians, emphasizes the importance of women covering their heads during prayer as a sign of respect and submission: "Every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head... For this reason, a woman ought to have a symbol of authority on her head" (1 Corinthians 11:5, 10). This passage underscores the veil as a sign of a woman's dignity, modesty, and respect for the divine order.

For centuries, the practice of women wearing veils in the Catholic Church was a universal norm, codified in the 1917 Code of Canon Law. It was not just a cultural practice but a deeply theological one. The veil symbolized a woman's role within the Church, her modesty, and her recognition of God's presence. It was a visible sign of her reverence and devotion during the sacred liturgy.

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Relevance of the Veil Today

In recent years, especially following the Second Vatican Council, the practice of wearing veils has become less common, with the Church placing greater emphasis on the internal disposition of the faithful over external signs. The 1983 revision of the Code of Canon Law no longer mandates this practice, making it a personal choice rather than a requirement. However, for many women, the tradition of wearing a veil remains a meaningful practice and is still encouraged by the Church.

The relevance of the veil today lies in its ability to connect us with the rich tradition of our faith. Wearing a veil can be a powerful expression of humility, modesty, and reverence for the sacred mysteries we celebrate in the Eucharist. It serves as a reminder of our call to worship God with our whole being, acknowledging His presence in our lives. For some, it is also a symbol of identity, connecting them to the historical and spiritual traditions of the Church.

Many women find that wearing a veil enhances their focus during Mass, creating a personal space for contemplation and prayer. In a society that often blurs gender distinctions, veiling can also serve as an outward expression of the belief in the distinct roles and identities of men and women as taught by the Church.

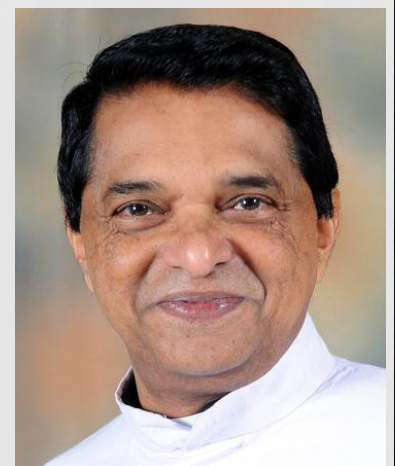
While the practice of veiling is no longer obligatory, it remains a beautiful and meaningful tradition for many Catholic women who choose to wear veils as an expression of their faith and devotion.

In conclusion, whether or not to wear a veil is a personal choice, rooted in one's understanding of its significance and meaning. For those who choose to continue this tradition, it is a profound way to express their faith and devotion. Let us respect and honor each person's decision in this matter, recognizing the deep faith and love for God that it represents.

May God bless you all and may our devotion to Him continue to deepen in every aspect of our lives.

In Christ,

Fr. Abraham Mutholath
Vicar



WEEKLY SNAPSHOTS

Holy Childhood Gifts for Bible Verse Challenge Participants



Eucharistic Ministers



WEEKLY SNAPSHOTS

Catechism Academic Year Innauguration



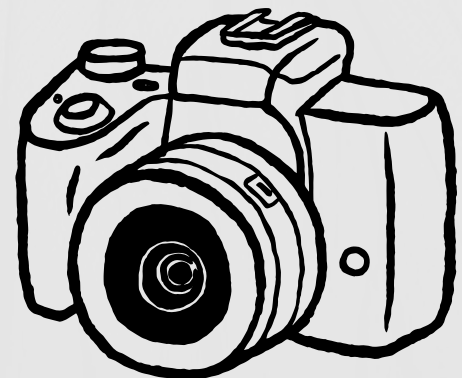
WEEKLY SNAPSHOTS

Youth Ministry Meeting



WEEKLY SNAPSHOTS

Blessing of Catechism Voluntary Staff and Students





UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [Homily on the Transfiguration of Jesus by Fr. Abraham Mutholath at Houston on August 15, 2024.](#)
- Meeting of senior citizens will be held next Saturday after 9:30 AM Qurbana.
- Holy Family Koodarayogam will be held on Saturday, August 31st at the house of Baby Parambett at 7:00 P.M.
- Blessing of birthdays and wedding anniversaries of September on next Sunday after each Qurbana.
- Our main feast will be from October 10 to 20 with ten-day Rosary devotion. The solemn days will be October 18 to 20. Sponsors who have not given the money \$100 or more, please do so.
- 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 will be held from Friday, November 08, 2024 (4.00 pm) to Sunday November 10, 2024 (1.00 pm). Please register at front counter.



WEDDING BANNS

- **Aby Babu Lukose son of Babu and Elsamma Athimattathil from this parish with Neethu Monica Mathew daughter of Jose and Zeena Ellankiyil from Sacred Heart Knanaya Catholic Parish, Chicago to be held on November 30, 2024. (First Bann)**
- **(4) Tony Cyriac son of Cyriac and Ligi Vandanathel (Ottappallil) from this parish with Ashmi Thomas daughter of Thomas and Sheeba Nedumthuruthil Puthenpurayil from St. Thomas Knanaya Catholic Church, Kallara St. Thomas to be held on January 11, 2025. (First Bann)**
- **Alen Raju, son of Raju and Omana Kunnel from St. Mary's K.C. Forane church Kidangoor with Thanima Stephen daughter of K.C. Stephen and Jigimol Karumakil from this parish to be held on October 26, 2024. (Second Bann)**
- **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. (Third Bann)**



IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST 2024.

AUG 28 WED: FEAST OF ST. AUGUSTINE

AUG 29 THU: FEAST OF ST. EUPHRASIA

SEPTEMBER 2024.

SEP 5 THU: FEAST OF ST. THERESA OF CALCUTTA

SEP 8 SUN: THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY

SEP 13 FRI: FEAST OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

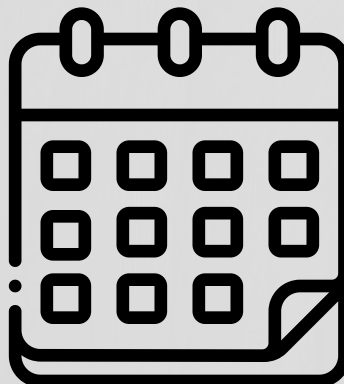
SEP 14 SAT: THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

SEP 21 SAT: FEAST OF ST. MATHEW, THE APOSTLE

SEP 27 FRI: FEAST OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

**SEP 28 SAT: FEASTS OF ARCHANGELS MICHAEL, GABRIEL
AND RAPHAEL**

SEP 30 MON: FEAST OF ST. JEROME





CATECHISM CORNER

UPDATES

SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT AUGUSTINE

**FEAST DAY:
AUGUST 28**

**PATRONAGE:
BREWERS,
THEOLOGIANS,
PRINTERS**

VERSE OF THE WEEK

**1 Thessalonians 5:12-
But we beseech you,
brethren, to respect
those who labor among
you and are over you in
the Lord and admonish
you**



BIBLE PASSAGE

- **DEUTRONOMY 18:14-22**
- **SIRACH 48:1-11**
- **HEBREWS 11:23-39**
- **MATHEW 17:9-13**

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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