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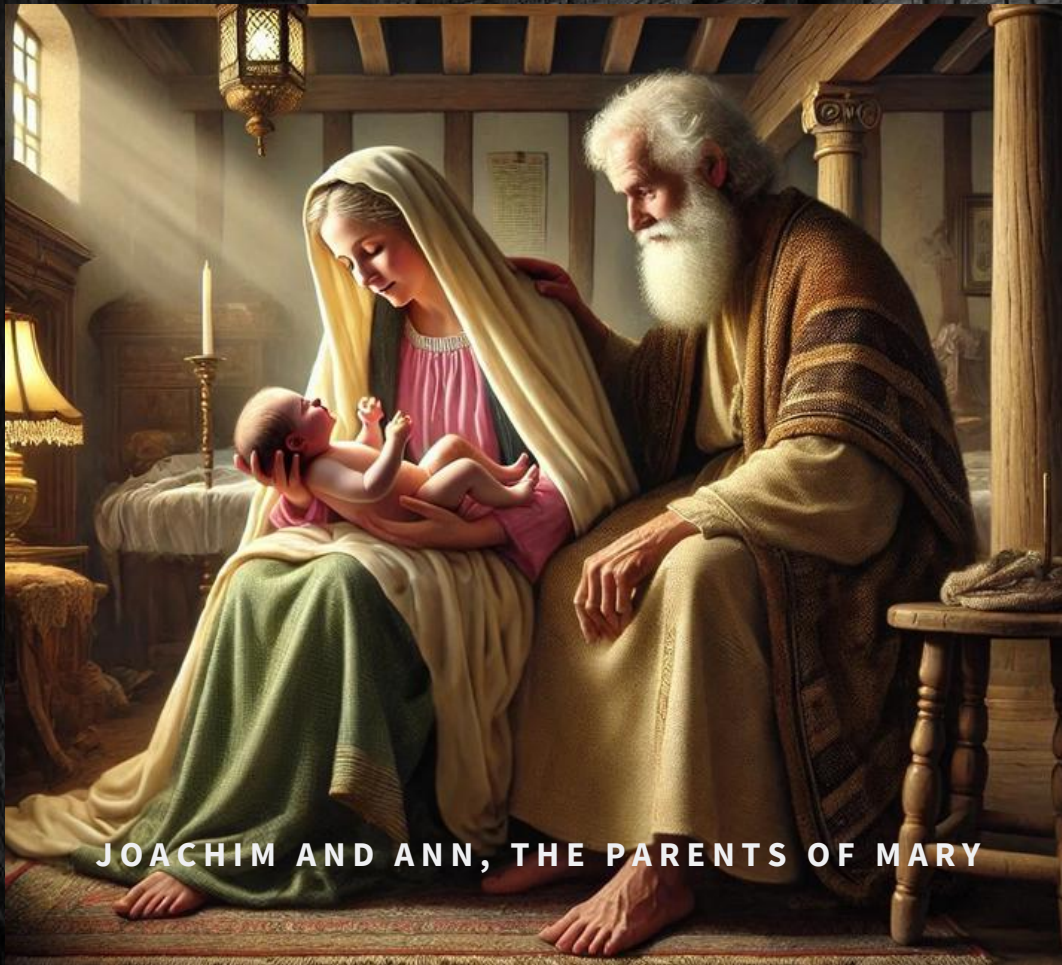
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JOACHIM AND ANN, THE PARENTS OF MARY

### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

◆ 7:30 AM MALAYALAM MASS

◆ 9:30 AM ENGLISH MASS

◆ 11:30 AM MALAYALAM SOLEMN MASS

### 🔍 Readings

Sunday September 8, 2024

Third Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses

- Num 24:15-24 The prophecy of Balaam.
- Zech 14:1-9 The Lord's day.
- 1 Cor 7:29-35 Time is limit; serve the Lord intently.
- Mt 24:32-44 Stay awake

## VICAR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on September 8th, we are reminded of the profound role that Mary plays in the history of salvation. The birth of Mary is a cause of great joy for the Church, for through her, the dawn of our redemption was set in motion. Tradition holds that Mary was born to Saints Joachim and Anne, a devout and elderly couple who had long been childless. Their faith and perseverance in prayer were rewarded with the birth of Mary, who was destined to become the Mother of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

The Protoevangelium of James, an early Christian writing from the second century, gives us a beautiful account of Mary's birth and the dedication of her life to God from a young age. Although this text is not part of the canonical scriptures, it has significantly influenced the Church's understanding and celebration of Mary's life. According to this tradition, Mary was consecrated to God and lived a life of purity and devotion, setting an example for all Christians to follow.

As we celebrate the Nativity of Mary, we also look forward to the coming Feast of the Nativity of Jesus. In many Eastern Christian traditions, this period is marked by an eight-day fast, known as the "Nativity Fast." This fast is a time of spiritual preparation, echoing the period of Advent in the Western Church. It invites us to purify our hearts, seek reconciliation, and focus on the true meaning of Christmas - the birth of our Savior.

The tradition of the Nativity Fast emphasizes the importance of fasting not just as a physical discipline but as a spiritual one. It is a time to draw closer to God, to increase our prayers, and to extend our love and charity to those in need. By abstaining from certain foods and distractions, we create space in our lives to welcome Christ more fully into our hearts and homes.

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As we participate in these sacred traditions, let us remember that the feasts of the Church are not just commemorations of past events but are living realities that draw us deeper into the mystery of God's love. Mary's birth is a sign of hope, and her life of obedience and faith is an example for all of us. May we, like Mary, say "yes" to God's will in our lives and prepare our hearts to receive the Christ Child with joy and humility.

Let us also embrace the spirit of the Nativity Fast, whether by fasting in the traditional sense or by engaging in acts of kindness and penance. Let this time be an opportunity for us to renew our commitment to our faith and to grow in love for God and our neighbors.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose birth we celebrate, intercede for us and lead us ever closer to her Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Christ's Love,

Fr. Abraham Mutholath  
Pastor



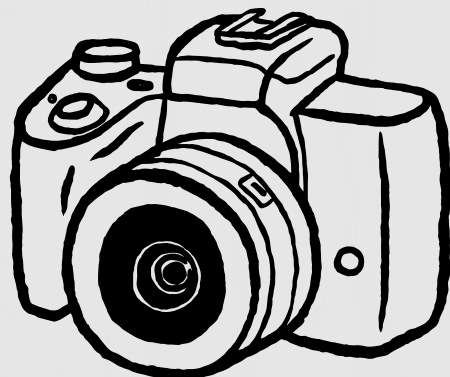
# WEEKLY SNAPSHOTS

## September Birthdays



# WEEKLY SNAPSHOTS

## September Wedding Anniversaries



5:30-5:45  
**FOOD**



7pm English  
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ST. MARY'S KNANAYA CATHOLIC  
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# TEEN ZONE

THIRD FRIDAY

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5:30 PM

FUN GAMES, ACTIVITIES, AND FOOD  
EVERY MONTH!

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Fun

Praise





## UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [Homily on Mathew 17:9-13 at Houston by Fr. Abraham Mutholath at Houston on September 1, 2024.](#)
- **Family Bonding Zoom conference September 4, Wednesday, from 8:30 PM to 9:30 PM**
- **First Friday adoration September 6, Friday, after Qurbana for one hour as usual.**
- **Legion of Mary will be celebrating the Feast of Nativity of Our Lady September 7, Saturday, during the 9:30 A.M. Qurbana.**
- **September 8, Sunday, will be the feast of the Nativity of Our Lady. Sponsors are welcome.**
- **Holy Family Koodarayogam will be held on September 8, Sunday, at 5:00 P.M. at the house of Baby Parambett.**
- **Grand-parents' cultural day celebration on September 14, Saturday. Please sign up at reception.**
- **Monthly Malankara Qurbana will start on September 14th Saturday. It will be held at 2:00 P.M.**
- **Seniors Day care on every Wednesday after 9:00 A.M. Qurbana, from September 18th onwards. Sign up at the reception desk.**
- **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.**



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- **Family renewal retreat for couples from October 4 to 6. Spiritual counseling will be available. Resource persons are mainly from UK. A separate one for 6th grade students to 12th graders on October 5 and 6. Registration fee for children for two days is \$20. Parents please make sure your children participate in it.**
- **Congratulations to Baby Manakkunnel, the newly elected president of FOMAA.**
- **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 BANNES

- **Jaison Joseph Thomas, son of Thomas and Mayamma Kanichattuthar from this parish with Shauna daughter of Johnson and Shaiby Cherukara from this parish to be held on November 9, 2024. (First Bann)**
- **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. (Second Bann)**
- **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. (Second 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. (Third Bann)**



## IMPORTANT DATES

### 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**

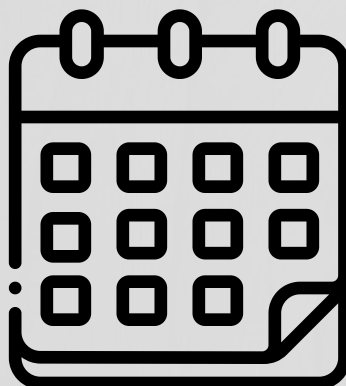
**SEP 14 SAT: THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS**

**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 TERESA OF CALCUTTA**

**FEAST DAY:  
SEPTEMBER 5**

**PATRONAGE:  
WORLD YOUTH DAY**

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

**Philemon 1:22-At the same time, prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping through your prayers to be granted to you**



## BIBLE PASSAGE

- **NUMBERS 24:15-24**
- **ZECHERIAH 14:1-9**
- **1 CORINTHIANS 7:29-35**
- **MATHEW 24:32-44**

# 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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