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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

▶ 7:30 AM MALAYALAM MASS

♠ 9:30 AM ENGLISH MASS

🛦 11:30 AM MALAYALAM SOLEMN MASS

Readings Q

Sunday September 29, 2024 Sixth Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses

• Gen 41:37-45 Joseph is the ruler of Egypt.

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- Sir 47:2-3, 8-11 God raised David up.
- Heb 1:1-4 Seated at the right hand of glory above.
- Jn 12:27-36 The Son of man will be exalted.

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VICAR'S MESSAGE

NURTURING FAITH, SHAPING FUTURES: THE GIFT OF CATECHISM

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we gather each Sunday to celebrate the Holy Qurbana and nourish our souls, it is essential to reflect on the precious gift of faith that we are called to pass on to our children. Just as we strive to provide the best education and opportunities for their earthly well-being, we must also prioritize their spiritual growth.

Catechism: More Than Just a Class

Catechism classes are not simply another academic pursuit; they are the foundation upon which our children build their relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. These classes offer a unique space where our children learn the timeless truths of our faith, the cherished traditions of our Syro-Malabar Knanaya heritage, and the importance of living a life rooted in the Gospel.

Attendance and Punctuality

I kindly remind you of the importance of bringing your children before the Qurbana begins to ensure full attendance. This not only allows them to participate fully in the liturgy but also sets a positive example of punctuality and respect for our sacred traditions. Immediately after the Qurbana, please ensure your children proceed directly to their classrooms. This helps maintain order and allows our dedicated catechists to begin their lessons promptly.

For the benefit of our children's full participation in both the Holy Qurbana and catechism, I kindly request that you:

- 1. Bring your children before the Qurbana begins.
- 2. Ensure your children proceed to their classrooms immediately after the Qurbana.

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Our Knanaya Syro-Malabar Heritage

While there are many churches, bringing your children to our Knanaya Syro-Malabar Church provides them with a unique and irreplaceable connection to our rich spiritual heritage. It is here that they find a sense of belonging within our vibrant community and experience the beauty of our liturgical traditions, passed down through generations.

Faith: Shaping Character and Community

Faith formation through catechism is not just about memorizing prayers. It is about instilling virtues like love, compassion, forgiveness, and service to others. These values shape their character and guide them in becoming responsible individuals and active members of both our church and the wider community.

Let Us Be Partners in Faith

Parents, you are the primary educators of your children in faith. Your example and guidance, combined with the dedicated efforts of our catechism teachers, will nurture their spiritual growth and lead them closer to Christ.

Let us work together to ensure that our children receive the precious gift of faith, a gift that will sustain them throughout their lives. Your commitment to bringing them to catechism classes is an investment in their spiritual growth and the future of our community.

Unique Nature of Catechism Classes

Catechism classes differ significantly from regular academic subjects. While academics focus on worldly knowledge, catechism classes nurture our children's spiritual growth and deepen their understanding of our Syro-Malabar Knanaya Catholic faith. These classes provide the foundation for a lifelong relationship with God and a strong sense of identity within our church and community.

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Importance of Our Knanaya Syro-Malabar Tradition

Bringing your children to our Knanaya Syro-Malabar Church, rather than Latin churches, is crucial for preserving our unique heritage and traditions. Our liturgy, customs, and teachings are valuable aspects of our identity. By attending our church, children learn to appreciate and carry forward our rich cultural and spiritual legacy.

Faith Formation and Character Development

Faith formation through catechism classes plays a vital role in developing our children's character and fostering a strong sense of community. These classes teach moral values, ethical decision-making, and the importance of service to others. By learning alongside their peers, children build lasting friendships rooted in shared faith and values.

Regular attendance at catechism classes helps children develop a deeper understanding of their faith, which in turn strengthens their character and moral compass. This foundation will guide them throughout their lives, helping them navigate challenges with wisdom and grace.

Let Us Walk Together

I encourage all parents to take an active role in their children's faith formation by ensuring their regular participation in both the Holy Qurbana and catechism classes. Together, we can help our children grow into faithful, responsible, and compassionate members of our community. Let us work in partnership to nurture their faith, character, and love for our Syro-Malabar Knanaya traditions.

May God bless you and your families abundantly.

In Christ, Fr. Abraham Mutholath Pastor



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WEEKLY SNAPSHOTS

Inauguration of Senior Day Care Center



Fr. Paul Poovathumkal Holy Qurbana and Meeting with our Choir



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Seminar for parents of Catechism Students











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UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- <u>Homily on Matthew 10:34–42 by Fr. Abraham Mutholath in</u> <u>Houston on September 15, 2024.</u>
- We started Seniors Day care center in our mini hall last Wednesday (Sep 17). It was well attended. It will continue every Wednesday after 9:00 A.M. Qurbana. More people 60 and above are welcome to join. Sponsors are welcome to provide or meet the expense for their lunch.
- We also started a special class for children belonging to the Blessed Families program yesterday (September 21). That will continue every Saturday after 9:30 A.M. Qurbana. More differently abled children are welcome to join.
- Baptism preparation class will be held on Tuesday, October 1st at 8:30 P.M. via zoom. Access code will be 345 345 1911.
- Dei Verbum 2025 All Catechism students, 4th grade and above are required to take the Quiz. There is no fee for the students to take the Quiz. As we did last year, adult candidates have to enroll at a fee of \$10. Preliminary round quiz will be on Dec 7th. More information will be sent soon.
- After the Qurbana all catechism students, especially middle and high school students HAVE to go straight to your class. Your teachers are waiting in the class. You cannot hangout in the hallways or in the GYM. Last week teachers complained that many students were 15-20 minutes late to reach class rooms after dismissal. Parents please make sure your children are going to their classes right away.

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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.
- 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.
- All Koodarayogams prepare entertainment for five minutes each, Sunday School staff and students for 30 minutes, and women sponsors for 15 minutes for October 20th Sunday evening.
- 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.

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WEDDING BANNS

- Nikhil Mathew son of Mathew and Elsy Purathutte from Christ the King K.C. Church, Dallas with Josephine Alex daughter of Alex and Daisymol Panamkalayil from this parish to be held on October 12, 2024 (Third Bann)
- Robin Abraham son of Abraham and Bincy Poozhikunnel from this parish with Vismaya Raju, daughter of Raju and Lincy Naduvathu from St. Thomas Knanaya Catholic Church, Malloossery to be held on January 2, 2025. (First Bann)



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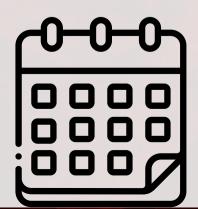
IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER 2024

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

OCTOBER 2024

OCT 1 TUE: FEAST OF ST. THERESE OF CHILD JESUS OCT 2 WED: FEAST OF GUARDIAN ANGELS OCT 4 FRI: FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS ASSISI OCT 15 TUE: FEAST OF ST. THERESA OF AVILA OCT 16 WED: FEAST OF BL. THEVARPARAMPIL KUNJACHAN OCT 16 WED: FEAST OF ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH OCT 17 THU: FEAST OF ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH OCT 18 FRI: FEAST OF ST. LUKE, THE EVANGELIST OCT 20 SUN: MISSION SUNDAY OCT 22 TUE: FEAST OF ST. JOHN PAUL II OCT 28 MON: FEASTS OF ST. SIMON AND ST. JUDE, APOSTLES



UPDATES

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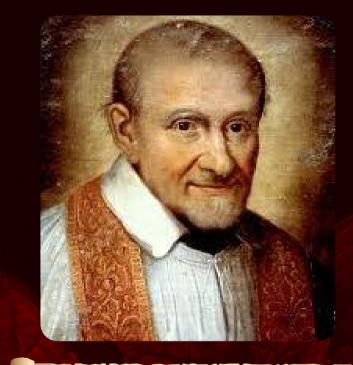
SAINT OF THE WEEK SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

FEAST DAY: SEPTEMBER 27

PATRONAGE: CHARITIES, HOSPITALS, VOLUNTEERS

VERSE OF THE WEEK

1 Timothy 3:16-He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory



BIBLE PASSAGE

- GENESIS 41:37-45
- SIRACH47:2-3,8-11
- **HEBREWS1:1-4**
- JOHN 12:27-36

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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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