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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

→ 7:30 AM MALAYALAM MASS

♠ 9:30 AM ENGLISH MASS

→ 11:30 AM MALAYALAM SOLEMN MASS

Q Readings

Sunday November 24, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Dedication of the Church

- Gen 14:17-24 Melchizedek, the priest of the Most High God
- 1 Sam 8:1-9 Israel who rejected the Lord the King
- Rev 19:11-16 King of kings and Lord of lords
- Jn 18:33-37 Christ is the King

VICAR'S MESSAGE

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, let us lift our hearts to honor Jesus Christ, the eternal King who reigns not with earthly power but with divine love and justice. Instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI, this feast serves as a reminder of Christ's sovereignty over all creation and invites us to align our lives with His heavenly kingdom. In this message, I invite you to reflect more deeply on what it means to call Christ our King and how we are to live as His followers in today's world.

The Leadership of Christ vs. Secular Leadership

The concept of leadership in the secular world is often marked by ambition, control, and the desire for status. Leaders are frequently judged by their ability to wield power and influence over others. Many strive for wealth or dominance, seeing leadership as a means to secure personal gain.

In stark contrast, Jesus Christ embodies a leadership of humility, service, and sacrificial love. His kingdom is not of this world (John 18:36), and His leadership is fundamentally different from what we experience in human institutions. While worldly leaders often seek to be served, Jesus came to serve: "For even the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45).

Consider how Jesus washed the feet of His disciples at the Last Supper (John 13:12-17). This humble act challenges us to rethink what true leadership looks like. It is not about authority or privilege, but about love and service. In our families, communities, and workplaces, we are called to imitate Christ by putting others' needs ahead of our own, showing compassion, and leading by example.

Christ's Role as Spiritual King Affirmed to Pilate

The dialogue between Jesus and Pontius Pilate is one of the most profound moments in the Gospels, revealing the true nature of Christ's kingship. When Pilate asked, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus responded: "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest. But now my kingdom is from another place" (John 18:36).

This response puzzled Pilate because he was accustomed to worldly kingdoms ruled by military power and political strategy. Jesus, however, speaks of a kingdom built on truth and love. He declares: "For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice" (John 18:37).

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By affirming His role as a spiritual King, Jesus redefines what it means to reign. His authority is not enforced by armies but embraced through faith and love. His crown is not gold but thorns, a reminder of His ultimate sacrifice for our salvation.

Christ's Return to Govern the World

The Feast of Christ the King also points us toward the future, when Jesus will come again in glory to establish the fullness of His kingdom. The Book of Revelation offers us a glimpse of this triumphant moment: "On his robe and on his thigh, he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords" (Revelation 19:16).

At His second coming, Christ will reign with perfect justice and righteousness. He will wipe away every tear, and there will be no more pain or sorrow (Revelation 21:4). Unlike earthly rulers, whose reigns are temporary and flawed, Christ's kingship is eternal and perfect.

As Christians, we live in joyful anticipation of this day. While we await His return, we are called to work tirelessly to build His kingdom on earth - a kingdom of peace, justice, and love.

Our Call to Servant Leadership

How, then, can we live out the kingship of Christ in our daily lives? The answer lies in servant leadership, a call to imitate Christ by serving others. Let us explore how this applies to various aspects of our lives:

- In the Family: Parents are the first leaders their children encounter. Leadership in the home is not about authority but about love, sacrifice, and nurturing faith. Just as Christ gave Himself for the Church, parents are called to give themselves for their children, guiding them with patience and understanding.
- In the Church: Every member of the Church is called to serve the Body of Christ. Whether you are a priest, a catechist, a choir member, or a volunteer, your service builds up the Church and reflects Christ's love to the world. Leadership in the Church must always be marked by humility and a desire to glorify God, not oneself.
- In the Workplace: Christian leadership in the workplace means prioritizing integrity and treating colleagues with respect and fairness. A servant leader does not exploit others for personal gain but works to uplift and empower them.
- **In the Community:** We are called to be stewards of God's creation and advocates for justice. Whether it's caring for the environment, supporting the poor, or standing up for the oppressed, servant leadership means putting the needs of others before our own.

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The words of St. Teresa of Calcutta remind us of our mission: "Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love." In every act of service, we proclaim the kingship of Christ.

Conclusion

The Feast of Christ the King invites us to renew our commitment to Jesus as the Lord of our lives. Let us honor Him by living as servant leaders in our families, workplaces, and communities. As we await His glorious return, may we work diligently to build His kingdom of truth, justice, and love here on earth.

May the Holy Spirit empower us to follow the example of Christ, our King, and may we find joy and peace in serving Him through our service to others.

In Christ's Love, Fr. Abraham Mutholath Pastor

SPARK FOR THE SOUL



The Church values members' voices but stands as a theocracy, led by Christ, distinct from secular leadership.





SNAPSHOTS

MAR JOY ALAPPATT



TEEN ZONE ADORATION















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CHERUPUSHPA MISSION LEAGUE





UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- <u>Homily on Matthew 25:14–30 talents by Fr. Abraham Mutholath on November 17, 2024.</u>
- Next Syro-Malankara Qurbana in our church will be held on November 23th Saturday at 2:30 P.M.
- Next Sunday, November 24th, is the feast of Christ the King.
- The statues of Infant Jesus will be given to Koodarayogam coordinators on next Sunday November 24 after 7:30 A.M. Qurbana.
- Koodarayogams, please prepare for Christmas Carol from the Thanksgiving day onwards.
- St. Christopher Koodarayogam will be held next Sunday 24th at 7:00 P.M. at the house of Sabu Manthuruthil.
- Church Calendar for 2024–25 is updated on our website. Please note the dates of annual retreat, main feast etc to make those days free from your schedule.
- All ministries prepare action plans with monthly events.
- High Schoolers and some middle schoolers hang around gym and hallway before Catechism class. Parents also watch this and encourage them to go to class immediately after Qurbana.
- Holy Childhood's New Testament Bible reading challenge will conclude in December. Those who have completed their New Testament reading submit their names to Sr. Jocy or Gino Vellian by November 30th. Participants will receive a prize on December 15th.



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- Holy Childhood will be hosting games, activities, and a prayer gathering for all children from first grade to fourth grade on Saturday, November 30th after the 9:30 AM Qurbana. Parents, please encourage your children to take part in this.
- Dei Verbum bible quiz is mandatory for Grades 4 and up.
- Cherupushpa Mission League is organizing a bible reading challenge for Grades 4 and up: Read the entire New Testment in six months, starting on Nov 1st. The Calendar and more info are posted on Class WhatsApp groups. Parents, please encourage children.
- Those who have not made annual contribution this year, please do so.
- We are looking for sponsors to install TV screens on the hall ways when there is overflow in the church.
- Fr. Saji Pinarkayil's Jubilee Qurbana will be held in Miami Knanaya Church on December 1st at 4:30 P.M. by the parishioners. Anyone able to attend are invited.
- Altar remodeling is in progress and will take a few more weeks to finish. The funding is from the special Christmas Carol collection for this purpose a few years back. Thanks to those who have supported it. Sponsors are welcome to contribute to it.



WEDDING BANNS

- Nelvin Chummar Vincent son of Vincent and Elsy Valiyaveettil from this parish with Juanita Joy daughter of Joy and Shani Kozhimparampathu also from this parish to be held on January 2, 2025. (Second Bann)
- Jerin George son of George and Shijil from Edappallil family from Neericadu parish with Ann Christy daughter of Joy and Lizy Mundackal (Chanackel) from this parish to be held on February 19, 2025. (Second Bann)
- Jojo Mathew, son of Jose and Sherly Medayil from St. John Nepumcene's Knanaya Catholic Parish, Kumarakom with Stacy P Philip, daughter of Jacob and Josephina Palanilkumthadathil from this parish, originally from Kuruppanthara to be held on January 18, 2025. (First Bann).
- Ajomon Joseph, son of Joseph and Kunjumol Palanilkumthadathil from St. Thomas Knanaya Catholic Church, Kuruppanthara with Sonia Paul, daughter of Paulson and Reena Parasseril from this parish (originally from Makudalayam) to be held on January 23, 2025. (First Bann).



IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER 2024

NOV 21 THU: FEAST OF ENTRANCE OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

TO INDIA

NOV 30 SAT: FEAST OF ST. ANDREW, THE APOSTLE

DECEMBER 2024

DEC 3 TUE: FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

DEC 7 SAT: FEAST OF ST. AMBROSE & FEAST OF THE

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR LADY

DEC 14 SAT: FEAST OF ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

DEC 18 WED: FEAST OF THE MIRACULOUS CROSS AT MYLAPORE

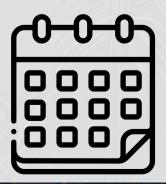
DEC 25 WED: CHRISTMAS - THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

DEC 26 THU: FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN

DEC 27 FRI: FEAST OF ST. JOHN, THE APOSTLE

DEC 28 SAT: HOLY CHILDHOOD DAY (THE INFANTS' DAY)

DEC 29 SUN: FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY





UPDATES

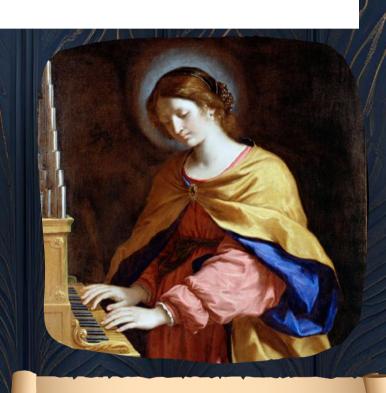
SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT CECILIA FEAST DAY: NOVEMBER 22

PATRONAGE:
SACRED MUSIC,
SINGERS, MUSICIANS,
POETS

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Philippians 3:4-Though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If any other man thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more



BIBLE PASSAGE

- GENESIS 14:17-24
- 1 SAMUEL 8:1-9
- REVELATIONS 19:11-16
- JOHN 18:33-37

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

OURBANA SCHEDULE

9:00 AM (MAL) MON - FRI:

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 OURBANA)

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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