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APPEARANCE OF ANGEL GABRIEL TO PRIEST ZACHARIAH

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

◆ 7:30 AM MALAYALAM MASS

◆ 9:30 AM ENGLISH MASS

◆ 11:30 AM MALAYALAM SOLEMN MASS

🔍 Readings



Sunday December 1, 2024
First Sunday of Annunciation

- Gen 17:15-22 Announcement about the birth of Isaac
- Isa 43:1-7, 10-11 Salvation for Israel
- Eph 5:21-6:4 Family, the place of salvation
- Lk 1:5-25 Announcement about the birth of John the Baptist

VICAR'S MESSAGE

"YOUR PRAYER HAS BEEN HEARD" (LUKE 1:13).

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The season of Lent invites us into a journey of renewal and deepening faith. This week's reflection from Luke 1:5-25 introduces us to Zechariah and Elizabeth, a devout couple who experience God's providence in a remarkable way. Their lives remind us that even in the silence and waiting, God is attentive to our prayers.

Faith Lessons for Families and Parish Life

1. Embrace the Silence of Lent

Zechariah and Elizabeth faithfully served God despite their deep longing for a child. Their story encourages us to persevere in trust and devotion, even when answers seem delayed. During Lent, let us embrace silence in prayer, allowing God to speak to our hearts amidst life's noise.

Practical Application for Families:

- Set aside family prayer time each evening. Use moments of silence to reflect on God's blessings and offer petitions.
- Share a personal experience of God's response to your prayers with your children to strengthen their faith in God's timing.

2. Practice Patience and Faith in God's Timing

The barrenness of Elizabeth symbolizes life's seasons of waiting. God's timing, revealed through the birth of John the Baptist, reminds us that delays are not denials. During Lent, we are called to trust in God's providence and allow His plans to unfold.

Practical Application for Families:

- Engage in acts of fasting and sacrifice together, teaching children the value of patience and gratitude.
- Reflect on how your family can grow spiritually through times of waiting and how you've seen God's plan manifest in hindsight.

3. Be Open to God's Surprising Grace

Zechariah doubted the angel's message and was temporarily silenced. His experience reminds us that God's grace often exceeds our expectations. Lent is a time to open our hearts to the ways God might surprise us with new opportunities for growth and service.

VICAR'S MESSAGE

Practical Application for Families:

- Encourage each family member to identify one new way to serve others during Lent, such as helping at a local charity or reaching out to someone in need.
- Share stories of unexpected blessings to foster a spirit of gratitude and openness to God's work.

4. Prepare the Way for the Lord

John the Baptist's mission was to prepare hearts for Jesus. In Lent, we too are called to prepare ourselves and our families to welcome Christ more fully.

Practical Application for Families:

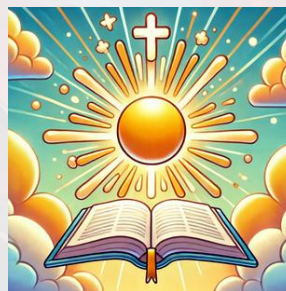
- Participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a family to renew your relationship with God.
- Read a Lenten scripture passage together each day, asking how it challenges you to prepare for Easter.

Conclusion

As we journey through Lent, may the story of Zechariah and Elizabeth inspire us to trust in God's faithfulness. Let us be attentive to His voice, patient in His timing, and open to His grace. Together as families and a parish community, may we grow closer to Christ, preparing our hearts for the joy of His resurrection.

May this season of Lent bring you renewal and abundant blessings.

In Christ's Love,
Fr. Abraham Mutholath
Vicar



Spark Light

Place your trust in the Lord and seek guidance from His appointed representatives, rather than being swayed by misleading media or deceptive individuals.



SNAPSHOTS

AUCTION OF A CHRISTMAS CRIB SET



BLESSING AND HANDING OUT OF INFANT JESUS STATUES





UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [Homily on John 18:33-37, Christ the King, by Fr. Abraham Mutholath in Houston on Nov 24, 2024.](#)
- Koodarayogams, please prepare for Christmas Carol from the Thanksgiving day onwards.
- No catechism next Sunday because of Thanksgiving holidays. Please attend our own church for Qurbana.
- St. Anthony Koodarayogam will be held on next Sunday, December 1st at 5:00 P.M. at the house of Jose and Sheeba Thannichuvattil.
- St. Pius X Koodarayogam will be held on next Sunday, December 1st at 7:00 P.M. at the house of Shibu & Preethy Urumbananickal.
- We will celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Sunday December 15. Sponsors are welcome.
- Buffalo (പോത്ത) auction on Sunday December 15th after 9:30 A.M. Qurbana.
- Youth Ministry Charity drive in December. Collecting clothes, non-perishable food items, household items, personal care items like soap, shampoos, toothbrushes, and toothpaste. Donation boxes will be available at the hallway during December.
- Youth Ministry meeting to plan our next year feast will be on Sunday, December 22nd after English Qurbana. All of the ages 15-35, whether married or unmarried, are welcome. Please invite your friends for that meeting.
- Sanctuary renovation: Sponsors are welcome.



UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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.**
- **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.**
- **Those who have not made annual contribution this year, please do so.**
- **Blessing of birthdays and wedding anniversaries of December will be held next Sunday after each Qurbana.**
- **Donations for TV Installations and Alter Renovations**
 - **Mathew Kozhimparampathu - \$500**
 - **Joy Pattapathyil - \$1000**
 - **Abi Kooplikattu - \$700**
 - **Molly Pathyil - \$300**
 - **Saji Marangattil - \$500**
 - **Babu Parayamkalayil - \$1000**
 - **Jayachan Thayilputhenpurayil - \$1000**
 - **Bijo Karukaparambil - \$1000**

Make Your Christmas Dinner Unforgettable With Organic Water Buffalo Meat!

This Christmas, treat your family to a flavorful, organic Kerala-style delicacy while contributing to the growth of our parish. Here's your chance to enjoy premium water buffalo meat and support a great cause!

Join the Excitement at Our Auction!

Location: St. Mary's Knanaya Catholic Parish Grounds, 6400 W Fuqua Street, 77489

Date: Sunday, December 15th

Time: 10:30 AM



Important Details:

- Transportation and cleanup are the responsibility of the winning bidder.
- Winners must collect an official letter from church officials to claim the buffalo from the farm.
- The buffalo must be picked up from the farm before Christmas.

This generous gift comes courtesy of Mr. Sabu Mapilasseril.

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to make your Christmas feast extraordinary and support our parish mission!

See you at the auction!



WEDDING BANNS

- **Nelvin Chummar Vincent** son of Vincent and Elsy Valiyaveetil from this parish with **Juanita Joy** daughter of Joy and Shani Kozhimpampathu also from this parish to be held on January 2, 2025. (Third 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. (Third 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. (Second 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. (Second Bann).
- **Fabin Saju** son of Saju and Meena Vattakunnathu from Holy Family Knanaya Catholic Church Atlanta with **Selina Mary John** daughter of Biju and Kavitha Pulickal from this parish to be held on January 18, 2025. (First Bann)
- **Anters Thomas Alexander**, son of Alexander and Beena Mattappillil from St. Joseph's Knanaya Catholic Church, Vadakkummury with **Amrutha Maria Joy**, daughter of Joy and Shanti Palackaparambil (Illikkaparambil) from this parish (originally from Karikunnam St. Augustine's parish) to be held on January 9, 2025. (First Bann)



IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER 2024.

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

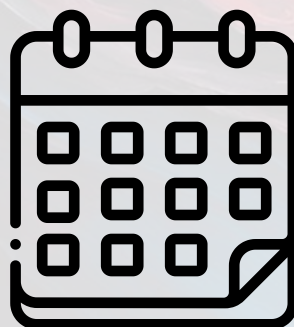
DEC 25 WED: CHRISTMAS – THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

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





CATECHISM CORNER

UPDATES

- NO CATECHISM ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1
- DEI VERBUM BIBLE QUIZ ON SATURDAY DECEMBER 7 BETWEEN 1:00PM AND 9:00PM. REGISTER BEFORE DECEMBER 1

SAINT OF THE WEEK

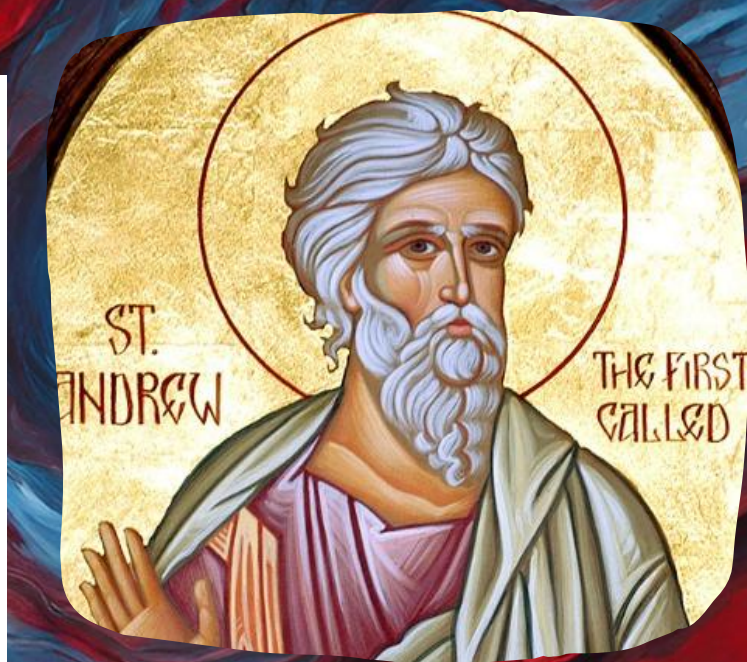
SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE

**FEAST DAY:
NOVEMBER 30**

**PATRONAGE:
BOATMEN, BUTCHERS,
FARMWORKERS,
FISHERMEN, MAIDENS,
MINERS AND PARALYTICS.**

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Psalms 100:5-The LORD is good; his love is eternal and his faithfulness lasts forever.



BIBLE PASSAGE

- GENESIS 17:15-22
- ISAIAH 43:1-7,10-11
- EPHASIAN 5:21-6:4
- LUKE 1:5-25

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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