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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 January 5, 2025

- Exodus 3:1-12 Moses is entrusted with the task of delivering Israel
- Isaiah 44:28-45:4 Cyrus is made the liberator of Israel
- 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Salvation through faith in Jesus Christ's
- Luke 4:16-22 Jesus is the liberator

VICAR'S MESSAGE

HOLY YEAR 2025 OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we approach the Holy Year 2025, I extend my heartfelt greetings to each of you. This special year, proclaimed by the Holy Father, is a time for spiritual renewal, reconciliation, and commitment to living our faith more deeply. Allow me to share the significance of the Holy Year, its biblical roots, and how we, as a parish community, can embrace its spirit.

What is the Holy Year Observed by the Catholic Church?

The Holy Year, or Jubilee, is a period of special grace in the Catholic Church, marked by the opportunity for plenary indulgences, spiritual growth, and acts of mercy. It is a time to recommit ourselves to God, renew our faith, and share His love with others. During the Holy Year, the faithful are invited to undertake pilgrimages, receive the sacraments, and engage in acts of charity and reconciliation.

Historical Origin of the Holy Year

The tradition of the Holy Year began in 1300 when Pope Boniface VIII instituted the first Jubilee Year. Inspired by the biblical concept of Jubilee, the Church set aside this special time for spiritual renewal, encouraging pilgrimages to Rome and granting indulgences. Over the centuries, this tradition has continued, deepening its meaning and significance for the faithful.

Biblical Roots of Jubilee

The concept of Jubilee finds its roots in Leviticus 25, where God commanded the Israelites to observe every fiftieth year as a time of liberation and renewal. It was a year of forgiving debts, freeing slaves, and allowing the land to rest. This biblical tradition reminds us of God's mercy and justice and calls us to imitate Him by fostering reconciliation, care for the poor, and a renewed relationship with Him.

Observing the Jubilee Year Today

In our modern context, the Jubilee invites us to reflect on our relationship with God and others. It challenges us to live out the Gospel values through:

- 1. Spiritual Renewal:** Strengthen your personal prayer life, participate in the sacraments, and seek God's grace through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- 2. Reconciliation with Opponents:** Heal divisions within families, communities, and the Church. Let this Holy Year be a time to forgive and seek forgiveness.
- 3. Working with the Church:** Actively participate in parish activities, support its mission, and work together to build up the body of Christ.

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- 4. Charity and Service:** Show Christ's love through acts of kindness, generosity, and care for the marginalized, including the sick, differently abled, and those in need of basic necessities.
- 5. Pilgrimages:** Undertake pilgrimages to holy sites to deepen your faith, reflect on your spiritual journey, and seek God's blessings.

A Call to Action

As a parish, let us mark this Holy Year with a tangible expression of our faith. I propose we sponsor the construction of a low-cost church in a mission diocese in India. Such a project can be realized with a modest sum of \$20,000 and will serve as a beacon of faith for a struggling community. Individuals and families may also consider similar projects, including aiding the sick or providing housing support to those in need.

Additionally, I urge those who have distanced themselves from the parish to reconsider their stand. Let us prioritize Jesus and His kingdom, embracing the Church as His instrument of salvation and unity.

Conclusion

The Holy Year 2025 is a gift from God to renew ourselves and our communities. Let us seize this opportunity to deepen our faith, live the Gospel, and make a difference in the lives of others. Together, as one family in Christ, we can build a stronger, more compassionate Church.

May this Jubilee inspire us to echo the words of St. Paul: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice" (Phil 4:4).

Reflection: How can I make this Holy Year a time of personal and communal transformation, reflecting Christ's love and mercy in all that I do?

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Mutholath
Vicar





St. Mary's Knanaya Catholic Forane Church Houston

Happy New Year

2025

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope"

Jeremiah 29 : 11





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CHRISTMAS SERVICE - ENGLISH





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CHRISTMAS SERVICE - MALAYALAM





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HOLY CHILDHOOD - LIVE NATIVITY





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PRAYER SPACE - WINNERS





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PRAYER SPACE - WINNERS



CHILDREN BLESSING ON DEC 28





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RECOGNITION FOR SANCTUARY MODIFICATION





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BLESSING OF MODIFIED SANCTUARY





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BLOOD DRIVE





UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [Christmas Vigil Service](#)
- [Christmas Homily by Fr. Abraham Mutholath](#)
- [Explanation of the Sanctuary by Fr. Abraham Mutholath](#)
- [Blessing of the remodeled Sanctuary on December 24, 2024](#)
- [Blessing of the renovated Sanctuary of St. Mary's Knanaya Catholic Church, Houston on December 24, 2024 by Fr. Abraham Mutholath](#)
- [Christmas Vigil Mass in English at SMKC Parish Houston on Dec. 24, 2024 by Fr. Joshy Valiyaveetil.](#)
- [Christmas Vigil Mass in Malayalam at SMKC Parish Houston on Dec. 24, 2024 by Fr. Abraham Mutholath.](#)
- [Nativity Live Show by Holy Childhood of SMKC Parish, Houston on December 24, 2024](#)
- **Tuesday (December 31): Year-end adoration at 6:00 P.M. followed by Qurbana at 7:00 P.M. with Year-end prayers.**
- **Wednesday (January 1): New Year Qurbana at 9:00 A.M. followed by inauguration of the Jubilee Year. No evening Qurbana on Wednesday.**
- **Night Vigil in Malayalam on Friday (First Friday of the month / year).**
- **Sunday: Feast Celebration of the Holy Kings. Sponsors are welcome.**
- **Birthday and wedding anniversary blessings on coming Sunday after each Qurbana.**
- **There is a Charity box inside the church for Jubilee Year charity.**
- **Thanks to those who have made annual contribution this year. Others please do so. \$500 is the expected amount per year.**



UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer space winners:

1. St Xaviour's Koodarayogam: Anson & Nichu Kallattu
2. Ave Maria Koodarayogam: Jomon and Mini Manalel
3. St. Theresa's Koodarayogam: Jose & Jane Chakalackal
4. Holy Family Koodarayogam: Simon & Mini Karickal
5. St. Michael's Koodarayogam: Stany and Sherly Cheruthanniyil
6. St. Pius X Koodarayogam: Seena Valiyaputhenpurackal
7. St. Stephen's Koodarayogam: Stephen and Civy Erumelikara
8. St. Joseph's Koodarayogam: Naveen and Anju Kadamuriyil
9. St. Thomas' Koodarayogam: Thomas and Tessy Mundapuzha
10. St. Antony's Koodarayogam: Jose & Sheeba Thannichuvattil
11. St. Anne's Koodarayogam: Saji and Soni Alumkal
12. St. Christopher Koodarayogam: Priya Nedumthuruthil.

Parish Level Winner:

Jose & Jane Chakalackal

Congratulations



WEDDING BANNS

- **Jobin K Joseph, son of Joseph and Betsy Koovappillil from Holy Family Knanaya Catholic Church Velloor with Roshni Macheril Sabuji, daughter of Sabuji and Elsy Poozhikunnel from this parish to be held on April 28, 2025. (Second Bann)**



IMPORTANT DATES

JANUARY 2025

JAN 1 WED: FEAST OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS

**JAN 3 FRI: FEAST OF ST. CHAVARA KURIAKOSE ELIAS,
THE DIVINE MOTHERHOOD OF MARY**

JAN 5 SUN: FEAST OF ST. JOHN NEUMANN

JAN 6 MON: THE FEAST OF EPIPHANY

JAN 10 FRI: FEAST OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

JAN 14 TUE: FEAST OF ST. DEVASAHAYAM PILLAI

JAN 17 FRI: FEAST OF STS. PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

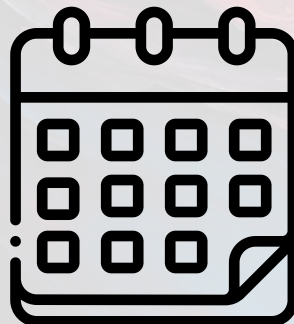
JAN 18 SAT: UNITY OCTAVE BEGINS

JAN 20 MON: FEAST OF ST. SEBASTIAN

**JAN 24 FRI: FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES &
EVANGELISTS**

**JAN 25 SAT: THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL &
UNITY OCTAVE ENDS**

JAN 26 SUN: FEAST OF STS. TIMOTHY AND TITUS





CATECHISM CORNER

UPDATES

CATECHISM WILL RESTART ON JANUARY 5

SAINT OF THE WEEK

**ST. CHAVARA KURIAKOSE
ELIAS**
FEAST DAY:
JANUARY 3

**PATRONAGE: THE
CARMELITES OF MARY
IMMACULATE (CMI)
RELIGIOUS
CONGREGATION AND ITS
INSTITUTIONS**



BIBLE PASSAGE

VERSE OF THE WEEK

**Proverbs 3:5-6-Trust in
the Lord with all your
heart and lean not on
your own understanding;
in all your ways submit
to Him, and He will make
your paths straight.**

- EXODUS 3:1-12
- ISAIAH 44:28-45:4
- 2 TIMOTHY 3:10-15
- LUKE 4:16-22

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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