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CONTERINAL DESERTION

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▶ 7:30 AM MALAYALAM MASS

♠ 9:30 AM ENGLISH MASS

🔈 11:30 AM MALAYALAM SOLEMN MASS

Q Readings

Sunday January 12, 2025

• Numbers 10: 29-36 Moses leads the people of Israel.

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- Isaiah 45: 11-17 Israel is saved by the Lord with everlasting salvation.
- Hebrews 3: 1-6 Jesus is greater than Moses.
- John 1: 14–18 Grace and Truth came through Jesus Christ.

VICAR'S MESSAGE

THE IMPORTANCE OF SHARING RESOURCES WITH OTHERS IN NEED

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The call to share our resources with those in need resonates throughout the Scriptures and the teachings of the Church. It is an invitation to live out our faith in practical ways, reflecting God's boundless generosity and mercy. Sharing what we have is not only an act of charity but also an expression of our unity as the Body of Christ. Let us reflect on this important aspect of Christian living through the lens of the Bible and Catholic tradition.

Biblical Foundations for Sharing

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus teaches, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40). This profound statement reminds us that our care for others is an act of love for Christ Himself. The parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) further illustrates this principle, as the Samaritan goes out of his way to care for a stranger in need, demonstrating love in action.

In the Acts of the Apostles, we see the early Christian community living this out: "They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need" (Acts 2:45). These believers understood that their material resources were not their own but gifts from God to be shared for the common good.

The Witness of Saints

The lives of saints offer inspiring examples of sharing resources with those in need.

- St. Francis of Assisi: A wealthy young man, Francis gave up his possessions to live a life of poverty and service to the poor, embodying the Gospel call to care for the least among us.
- St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa): She devoted her life to serving the poorest of the poor, offering them dignity and love, often relying on the generosity of others to support her mission.
- St. Nicholas of Myra: Known for his secret acts of generosity, St. Nicholas shared his wealth to help those in dire need, embodying the spirit of giving that Christians are called to emulate.

These saints remind us that sharing is not about the quantity of what we give but the spirit in which we give it, trusting in God's providence.

Supporting Missionaries and Church Construction

Another vital way of sharing resources is by supporting missionaries and church construction. Missionaries dedicate their lives to spreading the Good News, often in remote or underprivileged areas. Their work not only brings the message of Christ to those who have not heard it but also provides tangible help through education, healthcare, and community development.

Moderate church construction is an extension of this mission. Churches are more than buildings; they are centers of evangelization, prayer, and community. Supporting the construction of a modest church is a way to ensure that faith can take root and grow, offering a place where people can encounter Christ in the sacraments and in fellowship with others.

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St. Paul reminds us of the importance of supporting missionaries: "How can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?" (Romans 10:14). By providing resources for missionaries and churches, we participate in this vital mission of making Christ known to all nations.

The Joy of Giving

The act of sharing resources brings joy and fulfillment. Jesus Himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). Giving not only helps those in need but also transforms our hearts, drawing us closer to God and to one another.

As we reflect on our own blessings, let us ask: How can we use our resources to glorify God and serve others? Whether through acts of charity, supporting missionaries, or contributing to church construction, let us live out the Gospel message of love in action.

Prayer for Generosity

Heavenly Father, You have blessed us abundantly with Your grace and mercy. Teach us to recognize that all we have is a gift from You, entrusted to us to share with others. Open our hearts to the needs of the poor, the suffering, and the marginalized. Strengthen our resolve to support missionaries and the construction of Your churches, that Your Kingdom may grow on earth. May we always give with joyful hearts, trusting in Your providence and love. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

May God bless you abundantly for your generosity, and may you always find joy in sharing His gifts with others.

Yours in Christ, Fr. Abraham Mutholath Pastor



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BIRTHDAY BLESSING - JANUARY







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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES - JANUARY







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MISSION LEAGUE - CHRISTMAS CARD MAKING -WINNERS



INAUGURATION OF JUBILEE YEAR 2025



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UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- <u>Year-End Homily by Fr. Abraham Mutholath based on Luke 13:6-9</u> on December 31, 2024 in Houston.
- <u>New Year, Circumcision and Naming of Jesus homily by Fr.</u> <u>Mutholath in Houston on January 1, 2025.</u>
- <u>Homily on Magi (Holy Kings) Matthew 2:1–12 by Fr. Abraham</u> <u>Mutholath in Houston on January 5, 2025.</u>
- St. Thomas Koodarayogam will be held on Saturday at 7:00 PM at the house of Simon Attumalil.
- Parish Council will be on Tuesday, 14th at 8:00 P.M.
- Mrs. Gracy Mathai Mappilassery (84) passed away on January 2, 2025. She is the mother of our parishioners Sabu and Phils Mappilassery and Sabi Vattathanathu. Funeral Mass on Wednesday at 9:00 A.M. followed by viewing and funeral prayers at 12:00 noon.
- Bonding Families zoom seminar this Wednesday at 8:30 P.M. on Grief and Loss.
- Reservation for Europe and Guadalupe pilgrimages from our parish in 2025 is full now. If more people wish to join, they will be in the waiting list.
- Knanaya Region is organizing Ezra Meet 2025, a Family Conference from February 28-March 2nd in Chicago.
- There is a Charity box inside the church for Jubilee Year charity.
- Thanks to those who have made annual contribution. Others please do so. \$500 is the expected amount per year.



• 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)



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5:30-5:45 Food



ST. MARY'S KNANAYA CATHOLIC

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7pm English Mass

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Fun, Games, Activities & Food

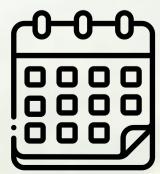
Every Third Friday 5:30-6:45 TEEN ZONE (8TH-12TH GRADERS ONLY) 7:00-8:00 ENGLISH QURBANA (OPEN TO EVERYONE) 8:00-8:45 ADORATION (OPEN TO EVERYONE)

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IMPORTANT DATES

JANUARY 2025 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



UPDATES

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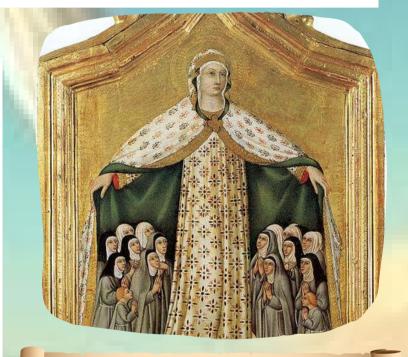
JANUARY 12:

CLASS: FOR KG TO 5TH GRADERS SEMINAR: FOR 6 TO 12TH GRADERS

SAINT OF THE WEEK

OUR LADY OF CLEMENCY FEAST DAY: JANUARY 9

PATRONAGE: THE SOCIETY OF MARY



VERSE OF THE WEEK

Habakkuk 2:14-As the waters fill the sea, the Earth will be filled with an awareness of the Glory of the Lord

BIBLE PASSAGE

- NUMBERS 10:29-36
- ISAIAH 45:11-17
- **HEBREWS 3:1-6**
- JOHN 1:14-18

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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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