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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 26, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

- Num 11:23-35 He reveals Israel's redemption
- Is 46:5-13 I am God, and there is none like me
- Heb 7:23-28 Christ holds His priesthood permanently
- Jn 2:1-11 Jesus' glory is revealed at Cana

VICAR'S MESSAGE

HOLY CHILDHOOD DAY – SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we celebrate Holy Childhood Day on January 26, we turn our attention to the precious children of our parish, especially those in grades one to four. We recognize the incredible gift of children in our families, Church, and society, and we reflect on the importance of their faith formation through the Church's mission, particularly the Holy Childhood Association (HCA), now often called the Missionary Childhood Association (MCA).

The History of the Holy Childhood Organization

The Holy Childhood Association was founded in 1843 by Bishop Charles de Forbin-Janson in France. His vision was to create a missionary organization that would allow children to help other children around the world. Initially, children prayed and contributed small financial offerings to support the spiritual and material needs of children in missionary territories. The Holy Childhood Association is now an integral part of the Pontifical Mission Societies and operates in many countries, continuing its mission of teaching children to grow in faith while helping others.

The Mission and Activities of Holy Childhood

The Holy Childhood Association has a twofold mission:

1. To help children develop a deep love for Jesus, a sense of missionary discipleship, and a global outlook on the Church.
2. To support children in need, especially in developing countries, by providing spiritual and material assistance.

Children participate in activities such as:

- Praying for children worldwide.
- Offering small sacrifices and donations to help less fortunate children.
- Learning about the missionary work of the Church.
- Participating in parish events, charity drives, and spiritual programs.

Advantages of Involving Children in Holy Childhood Activities

When children are part of the Holy Childhood Association, they grow in love for God and neighbor. It helps them:

- 1. Develop a Missionary Spirit:** They learn the value of selflessness and serving others, which fosters empathy and compassion.
- 2. Deepen Their Faith:** Through prayer and catechesis, children grow closer to Jesus and the teachings of the Church.

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3. Build Community Awareness: They become aware of global issues and the Church's role in spreading God's love across borders.

4. Learn Responsibility: By contributing their time and resources, they understand the importance of stewardship.

Faith Formation through Pious Associations

The Church provides many pious associations like the Holy Childhood to guide children in the faith from a young age. These associations lay a strong foundation for children to grow into mature Catholics who can courageously live out their faith. The earlier children are introduced to a Christ-centered life, the more likely they are to remain active in their faith as they grow. Such associations also complement family efforts in teaching morals, values, and spirituality.

How Jesus Valued Children and Childlikeness

Throughout His ministry, Jesus showed His special love for children. In Matthew 19:14, Jesus said: "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Jesus praised the innocence, humility, and trust of children and encouraged all His followers to embrace a childlike attitude in their faith. When we nurture the spiritual lives of our children, we are following Jesus' example of placing them at the heart of His ministry.

Parents as Role Models and Encouragers

Parents are the first and primary catechists for their children. The faith that children develop is often shaped by what they see and experience at home. Parents should model a life of prayer, regular Mass attendance, charity, and love for the Church. St. John Paul II reminded parents that their role in faith formation is "irreplaceable."

Encourage your children to participate in the parish's Holy Childhood activities, Mass, sacraments, and other Church events. Show them that being involved in the Church is a joyful and meaningful part of life. By doing this, you are fostering their love for God and building a strong foundation for their spiritual journey.

Advantages of Active Involvement of Children in Parish Activities

1. Builds Strong Faith Communities: Children feel a sense of belonging and responsibility within the parish.

2. Develops Leadership Skills: Early involvement helps them grow into future leaders in the Church.

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3. Nurtures Lifelong Faith Commitment: When children grow up serving in the Church, their faith becomes a lifelong priority.

4. Creates Joyful Memories: Participating in parish activities creates positive associations with the Church, helping them see the Church as a welcoming and joyful community.

Special Thanks to Holy Childhood Volunteers

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the volunteers who dedicate their time, talent, and resources to make the Holy Childhood program in our parish successful. Your efforts in teaching, guiding, and inspiring these children are truly remarkable. You are helping shape not only their future but also the future of the Church. May God bless you abundantly for your generous service.

Conclusion

As we celebrate Holy Childhood Day, let us be reminded of the importance of nurturing the faith of our children. Let us work together as families and a parish community to help them grow in their love for God, their understanding of the Church's mission, and their commitment to serving others.

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and bless our parish, our children, and their families. May we all strive to follow Jesus' example in valuing and nurturing the youngest members of our faith community.

In Christ,
Fr. Abraham Mutholath
Vicar





UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **[Homily on St. Sebastian by Fr. Abraham Mutholath on January 19, 2025 in Houston.](#)**
- **Syro-Malankara Qurbana will be held next Saturday, Jan 25, at 11:00 A.M.**
- **Holy childhood is celebrating Holy childhood day next Sunday on January 26. Students of grades 1 through 4 must wear white dress. Please ensure that students arrive by 9:15 AM for the procession.**
- **Fr. Mutholath will be going to India from January 30 to February 11. Attending Silver Jubilee of Chaithana Karshika Mela that I have started and the blessing of the church I sponsored in the Diocese of Miao in Arunachal Pradesh on February 6th.**
- **Youth Ministry meeting will be held to plan the main feast next Sunday, Jan 26, after Catechism for grades 10 to 12 and for other youth after the 11:30 A.M. Qurbana.**
- **Annual contribution and Building fund list are published. Please check for any difference.**
- **Those who participated in the Auction: Please give the amount if you have not yet given.**



WEDDING BANNNS

- **Jaison James, son of James and Bindu Oliyil from this parish with Melissa Mathai, daughter of Mathai (Kunjumon) and Ancy Kalappurathattal to be held on May 3, 2025. (First Bann)**



IMPORTANT DATES

JANUARY 2025

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 ST. TIMOTHY AND TITUS

FEBRUARY 2025

FEB 2 SUN: THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE (PURIFICATION OF OUR LADY)

FEB 4 TUE: FEAST OF SAINT JOHN BRITTO

FEB 7 FRI: FEAST OF GREEK FATHERS

FEB 10 MON - FEB 12 WED: THREE DAYS FAST

FEB 11 TUE: FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES (DAY OF THE SICK)

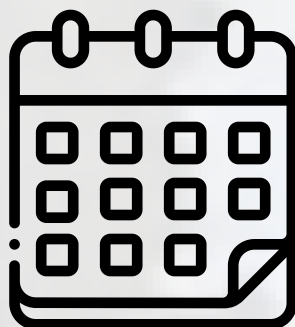
FEB 14 FRI: FEAST OF SYRIAC FATHERS

FEB 21 FRI: FEASTS OF SAINTS OF THE SYRO-MALABAR CHURCH AND PATRON OF THE CHURCH

FEB 23 SAT: FEAST OF SAINT POLYCARP

FEB 25 TUE: FEAST OF BLESSED MARTYR RANI MARIA

FEB 28 FRI: COMMEMORATION OF THE DEAD





CATECHISM CORNER

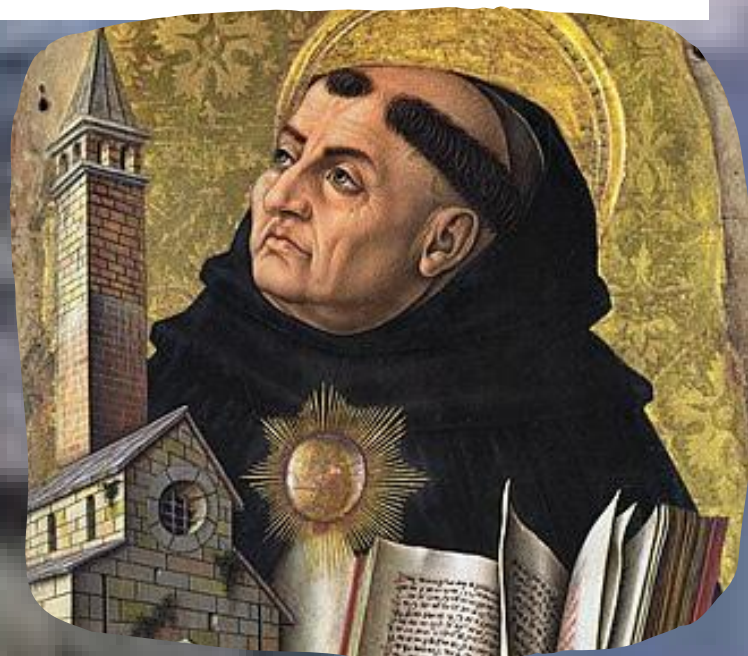
UPDATES

- HOLY CHILDHOOD DAY WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH
- YOUTH MINISTRY MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY JANUARY 26TH AFTER 9:30 AM MASS AND 11:30 AM MASS

SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS
FEAST DAY:
JANUARY 28

**PATRONAGE: ACADEMICS,
LEARNING, PUBLISHERS,
SCHOLARS, THEOLOGIANs**



BIBLE PASSAGE

- NUMBERS 11:23-35
- ISAIAH 46:5-13
- HEBREWS 7:23-28 (7:18-28)
- JOHN 2:1-11(1:43-2:11)

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Ephesians 4:15-Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ

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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ജനുവരി 20, 2025

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If anyone would like to post Obituary, Wedding anniversary,
Jubilee, Business ad etc. please contact PRO.

Any request will be subject to review

Small fee will be charged that will go to charity via church account.