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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

◆ 7:30 AM MALAYALAM QURBANA

◆ 9:30 AM ENGLISH QURBANA

◆ 11:30 AM MALAYALAM SOLEMN QURBANA

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Sunday March 23, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Lent

- Gen 11:1-9 Tower of Babel and the punishment
- Josh 7:10-15 Punishment for the transgression
- Rom 8:12-17 Those who are led by the Spirit of God
- Mt 21:33-44 Those who reject the Son of Man

VICAR'S MESSAGE

CELEBRATING THE SILVER JUBILEE OF ST. THOMAS SYRO-MALABAR CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with immense joy and gratitude that we prepare to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Catholic Diocese of Chicago. This momentous occasion will be inaugurated on March 22, 2025, in Mar Thoma Sleeha Cathedral in Chicago with a solemn Holy Qurbana at 11:00 A.M. This Jubilee marks 25 years of faith, growth, and pastoral dedication in the United States, and we come together as one community to thank God for His abundant blessings.

The establishment of this diocese has been a transformative milestone, especially for our Knanaya Catholic community. Through the vision and leadership of our first bishop, Mar Jacob Angadiath, we have witnessed the remarkable growth of our community from eight missions to 15 flourishing parishes with our own churches, alongside eight missions. The provision of Knanaya Catholic priests incardinated in the Archdiocese of Kottayam has profoundly strengthened our pastoral care, preserving our faith, traditions, and communal identity in a new land.

I had the privilege to serve under the inspiring leadership of Bishop Mar Jacob Angadiath from the very inception of the diocese in 2001. As a pastor and as Vicar General, I closely collaborated with him and personally witnessed his deep love and commitment to the Knanaya Catholic community. His tireless efforts allowed us to establish our parishes and acquire places of worship across the United States. Furthermore, his service as the Apostolic Visitor to Canada played a crucial role in laying the foundation for a Syro-Malabar diocese in Canada, ensuring the continued spiritual growth of our faithful there.

Our Archdiocese of Kottayam, as an integral part of the Syro-Malabar Church, maintains a strong connection with the St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Catholic Diocese of Chicago. We are grateful for the unwavering support provided by our past and present bishops. Mar Jacob Angadiath, who established the Knanaya Region in 2006, Mar Joy Alappatt, our present bishop, and Archbishop Mar Mathew Moolakkatt of the Archdiocese of Kottayam have been instrumental in guiding and nurturing our community. Their leadership and dedication have ensured that our faith and heritage continue to flourish in the United States.

VICAR'S MESSAGE

The Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, one of the most prominent Eastern Catholic Churches, has a rich history tracing back to St. Thomas the Apostle. The St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Catholic Diocese of Chicago, established by Pope John Paul II on March 13, 2001, has grown into a vibrant and thriving community. Today, it comprises 50 parishes and 34 missions, served by 68 priests and enriched by 9,500 Sunday School students and 2,450 catechists. With a strong faith community of 85,000 members, our diocese continues to be a beacon of faith and tradition.

As we celebrate this Silver Jubilee, let us come together in prayer and thanksgiving for the many blessings we have received. Let us honor the legacy of our leaders and renew our commitment to our faith and community. May this Jubilee be a time of renewal, unity, and deeper devotion to Christ, as we continue to build a strong and vibrant future for generations to come.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all.

Fr. Abraham Mutholath
Vicar





UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [Homily on St. Joseph by Fr. Abraham Mutholath in Houston on March 16, 2025.](#)
- **Teen Zone for children on coming Friday, 3/21, followed by English Qurbana at 7:00 PM. Stations of the Cross in English in the chapel and in Malayalam in the church followed by Benediction.**
- **Inauguration of the Silver Jubilee of the St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Diocese and of Mar Jacob Angadiath will be held on coming Saturday, 3/22, at 11 AM at the Cathedral in Chicago.**
- **In-Person meeting and class on Saturday, March 29th after Morning Mass for Parents of children receiving Holy Communion. There will be Holy Communion class (in-person) for children on the same day from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm.**
- **Next Syro-Malankara Qurbana will be held on Saturday, March 29th at 11:00 A.M.**
- **The annual Lenten Retreat of our parish will be held for adults from April 4 to 6 and for youth and children from April 5 to 6, 2025. Confession day will be on Saturday, April 5.**
- **We have stations of the Cross on every Friday during the season of Lent after Holy Qurbana. Please encourage our children and youth to attend. We will have it separate in English for them in the chapel on Fridays after 7:00 P.M. Qurbana.**
- **We need more adult altar servers so we can have procession for Qurbana on Sundays and use thurificator. Those who are interested / experienced, please sign up at the reception desk.**
- **Our accounts for the last year were presented and passed during the general body last Sunday. If anyone has any questions on the accounts and the accounting system, please contact our finance officer Mr. Jose Pulickalthottiyil.**



UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Dei Verbum 2025 Diocesan Bible Quiz final will be on Saturday, April 12th. Adults and children who qualified for the final round, please prepare for the quiz. The guidelines were posted in the WhatsApp group.**
- **Collection for the Youth Thirunal of this year has started from 10 the graders and up to 35 years old. Please give the money in person at the counter or by zelle. \$100 for the unemployed and \$200 for the employed. Parents please encourage your children and support them for this.**
- **As part of our efforts to instill the spirit of charity in our catechism students, we invite all catechism classes to participate in a voluntary collection during this Lenten season. Students may contribute through good deed money, personal gifts, or donations from their parents. The funds raised will support differently-abled children under the care of the Kottayam Social Service Society, providing them with much-needed medical assistance. Teachers will explain the initiative and facilitate the collection. We kindly ask parents to support this cause with a generous heart and a spirit of goodwill.**
- **Pre-marriage course will be held at our church from May 9-11. No need to wait for arranging your marriage to attend that. Please register.**
- **We will have preaching by Br. Joy Kallookkaran, the producer of the movie, "The Hope" that was shown in our church last year as part of Catechism festival. The preaching will be on Saturday, March 22nd after 9:30 A.M. Qurbana till noon.**
- **It is unfortunate that an anti-church movement has evolved recently here and all over the world in our community and in the Syro-Malabar church. Please be cautious with the YouTube channels, WhatsApps, and stage presentations. Let us pray for the unity of our church, community, and refrain from spreading the wrong messages. Let us also pray for the conversion of those who give false witnesses.**



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON FRIDAYS

We will have stations of the Cross on every Friday during the season of Lent after Holy Qurbana. Please encourage our children and youth to attend. We will have it separate in English for them in the chapel on Fridays after 7:00 P.M. Qurbana.

ABSTINENCE AND FAST

Ash Monday and Passion (Good) Friday are days of abstinence and fast. Meat is to be avoided every Friday of lent.

ANNUAL RETREAT

The annual Lenten Retreat of our parish will be held for adults from April 4 to 6 and for youth and children from April 5 to 6, 2025. Confession day will be on Saturday, April 5. We will have special prayers for the success of the retreat during the Lenten days from Sunday April 2, 2025. Please do the same at home during family prayer.

CONFESSION

Priests will be available to hear confession on every day before and after Holy Qurbana during the season of Lent.

HOLY COMMUNION IN DOUBLE SPECIES

We will start distributing Holy Communion in double species (in the form of bread and wine) during weekdays starting on Ash Monday. So, you have to receive the Holy Eucharist on your tongue.



7pm English
Mass

**ST. MARY'S KNANAYA CATHOLIC
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Teen Zone

ADORATION

GAMES

3/21 @ 6pm

Fun, Games, Activities & Food

Every Third Friday

6:00 - 6:50 TEEN ZONE (8TH-12TH GRADERS ONLY)

7:00-8:00 ENGLISH QURBANA (OPEN TO EVERYONE)

8:00-8:45 ADORATION (OPEN TO EVERYONE)





Annual Retreat

led by

Missionaries of Apostolic Grace



Rev. Dr. John Palathinkal
Spiritual Father



Br. Prince Vithayathil
Founder MOAG



Br. Francis Xavier
Preacher



Br. Jackson Jose
Preacher



Schedule



April 3, Thursday:

- Discipleship training for leaders: 6:00 to 9:00pm

April 4, Friday:

- Qurbana at 9:00am followed by:
 - Adult's Retreat until 5:00pm

April 5, Saturday:

- Qurbana at 9:30am followed by:
 - Adult's Retreat until 5:00pm
 - Youth and Children's Retreat until 5:00pm

April 6, Sunday:

- Malayalam Qurbana at 7:30am
- English Qurbana at 9:30am followed by:
 - Adult's Retreat until 5:00pm
 - Youth and Children's Retreat until 5:00pm
- Malayalam Solemn Qurbana at 5:00pm



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Jerrin Thottapilly
Children's
Ministry



Neethu Sebastian
Children's
Ministry

IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH 2025

MAR 18 TUE: FEAST OF SAINT CYRIL OF JERUSALEM

MAR 19 WED: FEAST OF DEATH OF SAINT JOSEPH

MAR 25 TUE: THE FEAST OF ANNUNCIATION

APRIL 2025

APR 13 SUN: PALM SUNDAY

APR 17 THU: PESAHA THURSDAY

APR 18 FRI: PASSION FRIDAY

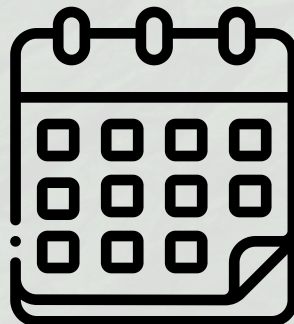
APR 19 SAT: GREAT SATURDAY

APR 20 SUN: EASTER SUNDAY (RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD)

APR 24 THU: FEAST OF SAINT GEORGE

**APR 25 FRI: THE FEAST OF MARTYRS (FEAST OF ALL SAINTS)
AND FEAST OF SAINT MARK, THE EVANGELIST**

APR 29 TUE: FEAST OF SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENNA





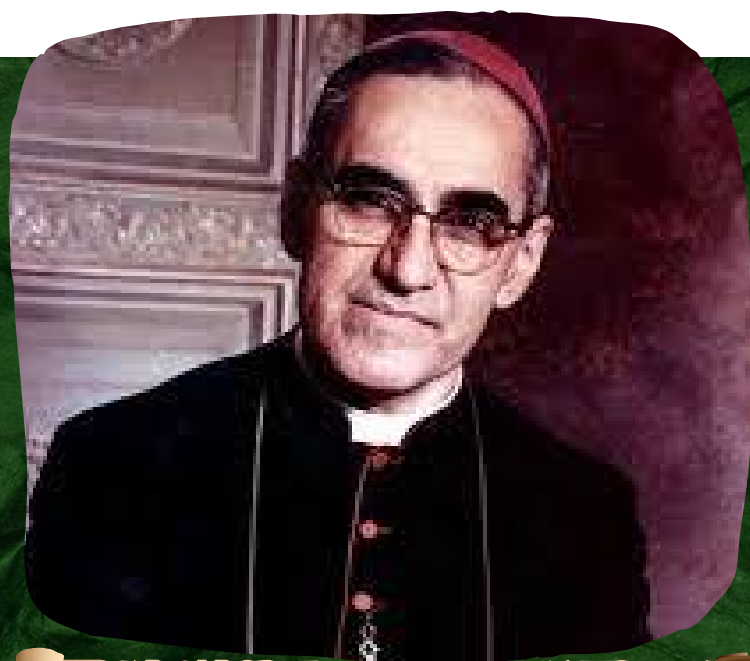
CATECHISM CORNER

UPDATES

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST. OSCAR ROMERO
FEAST DAY:
MARCH 24

PATRONAGE:
CHRISTIAN
COMMUNICATORS,
PERSCUTED CHRISTIANS,
THE AMERICAS, CARITAS
INTERNATIONAL



BIBLE PASSAGE

VERSE OF THE WEEK

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-THE
STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD
NEVER CEASES, HIS MERCIES
NEVER COME TO AN END

- GENESIS 11:1-9
- JOSHUA 7:10-15
- ROMANS 8:12-17
- MATHEW 21:33-44

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)

OFFICE HOURS

PLEASE CALL FOR APPOINTMENTS

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