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### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

◆ **7:30 AM MALAYALAM QURBANA**

◆ **10 AM ENGLISH QURBANA**

◆ **11:30 AM MALAYALAM SOLEMN QURBANA**

### 🔍 Readings



**Sunday April 13, 2025**

**Seventh Sunday of Lent**

- **Gen 49:8-12, 22-26** The scepter shall not depart from Judah
- **Zech 9:9-12** King of peace to Zion
- **Rom 11:13-24** You have been grafted into a cultivated olive tree
- **Mt 21:1-17** Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem



## VICAR'S MESSAGE

### THE SACRED RHYTHM OF HOLY WEEK: WHY THE DATES ARE NEVER THE SAME?

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we enter Holy Week, beginning with the solemn yet triumphant celebration of **Palm Sunday**, we are drawn once more into the mystery of our Lord's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. On this day, we commemorate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, where He was greeted with palm branches and shouts of "Hosanna!" - a moment filled with both joy and prophetic anticipation.

Palm Sunday invites us to reflect deeply on the humility and mission of Christ, who chose the path of the Cross for our redemption. It is a reminder that Christian leadership, modeled on Jesus, is not about glory but about service, sacrifice, and love. Let us carry our spiritual palms with reverence, allowing them to become symbols of peace and transformation in our lives.

#### Why Does the Date of Holy Week Change Each Year?

Many people notice that the date of **Easter Sunday**, and therefore the entire **Holy Week**, changes every year. This is different from celebrations like **Christmas**, which always falls on December 25. So, why is that?

The reason lies in how the Church chooses the date for Easter. It doesn't follow the regular **solar calendar** (which is based on the Earth's orbit around the sun), like most of our civil holidays. Instead, Easter follows a system based on the **lunar calendar**, which tracks the phases of the moon.

Here's how it works:

- Easter is celebrated on the **first Sunday** after the **first full moon** that occurs **on or after the vernal (spring) equinox**, which is usually around **March 21**.
- This means Easter can fall as early as **March 22** or as late as **April 25**.

## VICAR'S MESSAGE

### What is the Vernal (Spring) Equinox?

The **vernal equinox**, also called the **spring equinox**, happens every year around **March 20 or 21**. On this day, **day and night are almost equal in length** all over the world. That's because the **sun is positioned directly above the equator**, giving us about **12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of darkness**.

The word "**equinox**" comes from Latin: "**aequus**" (equal) and "**nox**" (night). So it literally means "**equal night**."

The **vernal equinox** marks the official beginning of **spring in the northern hemisphere**. It also plays a key role in how we calculate the date of **Easter Sunday**. According to Church tradition, Easter is celebrated on the **first Sunday after the first full moon that occurs on or after the vernal equinox**. This is why the date of Easter changes each year - it's not based on a fixed date like Christmas, but on a combination of **astronomical events** (the equinox and the moon phases).

This method of dating Easter was established by the **Council of Nicaea** in the year **325 AD**. The early Church leaders wanted Easter to be celebrated in close connection with the **Jewish feast of Passover**, because that's when Jesus was crucified and rose from the dead. The **Jewish calendar** is also based on lunar cycles, so using the moon to determine Easter helped keep this historical and theological link.

So, the date of **Easter changes each year** depending on the **moon's cycle**, and once Easter is set, all the key days of **Holy Week** - Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday - are scheduled accordingly. This is a beautiful aspect of our liturgical calendar, rooted in ancient tradition.

It's a beautiful reminder that the Church's calendar isn't just a routine of dates, but a way of entering into God's sacred time. It helps us spiritually journey with Christ through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection in a way that connects us with nature, history, and God's divine plan.



## VICAR'S MESSAGE

Since Jesus' Passion, Death, and Resurrection occurred during the Passover, the Church continues to honor that timing. As the spring equinox and the full moon change yearly, **Easter can fall anywhere between March 22 and April 25**, and the dates of Holy Week move accordingly.

Let this week not just be a recollection of history, but a living encounter with the love of Christ. May our hearts be renewed by His mercy and may we grow ever more faithful in following His example.

Wishing you all a prayerful Holy Week and a blessed Easter.

In Christ's peace,

**Fr. Abraham Mutholath**

Pastor







# SNAPSHOTS

## ADULT RETREAT







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## CHILDREN & YOUTH RETREAT







# SNAPSHOTS

## INDIA CLERGY HOUSTON HELD AT OUR CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY







## UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [Homily on John 10:11-18 Good Shepherd by Fr. Abraham Mutholath in Houston on April 6, 2025.](#)
- Pre-marriage course will be held at our church from May 9-11. No need to wait for fixing marriage to attend that. Please register.
- Bro. Santhosh Karamathara from Shekinah TV will give a one hour talk this Tuesday, 4/8 after 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM Qurbana in preparation for Holy Week. All are welcome to attend.
- BONDING FAMILIES' Zoom Meeting on DOMESTIC VIOLENCE on this Wednesday, April 9th at 8:30 PM. Meeting ID: 345 345 1911
- 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.
- 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.
- We are planning to have a pothuyogam on Sunday April 27 after the 7:30 AM Qurbana to discuss the proposed building for additional class rooms behind the church. I hope that will bring more unity to our parish. I am announcing this early because that is not a weekend and upcoming weekends are occupied with retreat, Easter, and CCD Fest.
- 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.





# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

## **PALM SUNDAY (April 13, 2025)**

**7:30 AM – Malayalam Palm Sunday Liturgy.**

**10:00 AM – English Qurbana with distribution of Palm Leaves.**

**11:30 AM – Malayalam Qurbana with distribution of Palm Leaves.**

## **HOLY THURSDAY (April 17, 2025)**

**5:00 pm- English Qurbana with Holy Thursday Liturgy.**

**7:00 pm- Malayalam Qurbana with Holy Thursday liturgy.**

## **PASSIONFRIDAY (April 18, 2025)**

**9:30 am- Passion Friday Liturgy (English)**

**5:45 pm- Stations of the Cross (Malayalam)**

**7:00 pm- Passion Friday Liturgy (Malayalam)**

## **HOLY SATURDAY (April 19, 2025)**

**9:30 am Malayalam Qurbana with Holy Saturday Liturgy  
Candles and Holy Water bottles by CML for purchase**

## **EASTER VIGIL (Saturday, April 19, 2025)**

**5 :00 pm English Qurbana with Easter Vigil Liturgy.**

**7:00 pm Malayalam Qurbana with Easter Vigil liturgy**

## **EASTER SUNDAY (April 20, 2025)**

**9:00 am Holy Qurbana in Malayalam  
(No 9:30 and 11:30 Qurbana)**





# WEDDING BANNS

- **Rohan Kurian s/o Jose and Deepa Enchenattil from this parish with Varsha Shaji, D/o Shaji and Gisha Thycattu from S.H. Mount Parish will be held on June 8, 2025. (Third Bann)**





**! NO TEEN ZONE  
IN APRIL DUE TO  
! GOOD FRIDAY**



**7pm English  
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# Teen Zone

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*5/16 @ 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)**





## IMPORTANT DATES

### APRIL 2025

**APR 13 SUN: PALM SUNDAY**

**APR 17 THU: PESAHA THURSDAY**

**APR 18 FRI: PASSION FRIDAY**

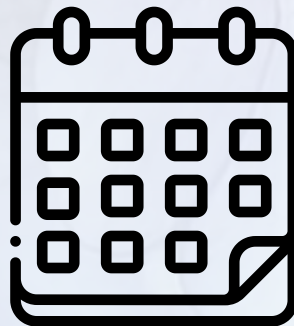
**APR 19 SAT: GREAT SATURDAY**

**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. BERNADETTE OF LOURDES**  
**FEAST DAY:**  
**APRIL 16**

**PATRONAGE:**  
**ILLNESS, POVERY, SHEPARDS, AND LOURDES, FRANCE**

### VERSE OF THE WEEK

**PHILIPPIANS 4:6-HAVE NO ANXIETY AT ALL, BUT IN EVERYTHING, BY PRAYER AND PETITION, WITH THANKSGIVING, MAKE YOUR REQUESTS KNOWN TO GOD.**



### BIBLE PASSAGE

- **GENESIS 49:8-12, 22-26**
- **ZECHARIAH 9:9-12**
- **ROMANS 11:13-24**
- **MATHEW 21:1-17**



# 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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