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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

- ◆7:30 AM MALAYALAM QURBANA
- ♠ 9:30 AM ENGLISH QURBANA
- **▲ 11:30 AM MALAYALAM** QURBANA

Readings Q

Sunday May 11, 2025 **Fourth Sunday of Resurrection**

- Isaiah 49:13-23
- Acts of the apostles 8:14-

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- Ephesians 2:1-7 (1:1-14)
- John 16:16-24

VICAR'S MESSAGE

AN APPEAL FOR OUR CATECHISM SCHOOL PROJECT

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord!

With great joy and gratitude for your unwavering support, I am reaching out to you with an urgent and heartfelt request concerning a crucial need of our parish - **the construction of an annex building** to our church.

As our parish family continues to grow, so does the number of our catechism students and active ministries. To meet these increasing demands, we must urgently move forward with building additional space. The proposed annex will provide:

- More classrooms for catechism.
- A larger hall to host parish general body meetings, seminars for pious associations, youth and children retreats.
- Facilities for simultaneous English and Malayalam Qurbana.
- A dedicated adoration chapel in our church building.
- Space for forane-level activities and ministry programs.

The parish general body meeting on Sunday, April 27, 2025, unanimously approved the construction of a two-storied annex building with a hall on the ground floor. Our architect and engineering team is now working on the design, guided by this collective decision.

However, this vision can only become reality through your **generous and sacrificial contributions.** The cost of construction is significant, and we must come together as one family in Christ to meet this financial challenge. If every individual and family contributes their maximum, **we can accomplish this goal with God's help.**

I appreciate your generosity in supporting churches in Kerala, mission territories, and other charitable causes. Now, **this project is for our own children, youth, and generations to come.** Though many of you have already given toward the church building project, this is a **separate and essential undertaking**, and everyone's contribution is vital.

VICAR'S MESSAGE

Parish Council Decisions on May 6, 2025:

- Foundation Stone Blessing by Mar Moolakkatt: Sunday, May 18th after 6:00 PM Qurbana. Only 7:30 AM Qurbana in the morning. All attendees will receive a small stone to inscribe their name and lay it near the main stone as a symbolic gesture of their participation.
- Fundraising Kickoff: Sunday, June 8th, after each Qurbana, by handing over your contribution to Bishop Mar Aprem, Auxiliary Bishop of Kottayam.
- Suggested Contribution: \$5,000 per family, in full or in installments.
- Donor Recognition:
 - Donor Tree at the foyer: One star per \$2,500, with names of those contributing \$5,000 or more.
 - Junior Donor Tiles: One star per \$250, with names of those contributing \$500 or more.
 - Foundation Stone Base: For donations of \$15,000 or more, with size according to amount.
 - Classroom Sponsorship: Up to nine classrooms available for \$50,000 each, with naming options.

We call upon **all parish organizations**, including Koodarayogams, Senior Citizens, Men's and Women's Ministries, Young Adults, Youth, Teens, Vincent de Paul Society, Legion of Mary, Mission League, Holy Childhood, and Catechism Teachers to lead actively in this effort.

A fundraising committee composed of Parish Council members, Koodarayogam coordinators, and ministry representatives has been formed to oversee the project.

Let us join hands and hearts to make this a model project - completed with excellence within one year. May your generosity be abundantly blessed by the Lord!

With prayerful regards,

Fr. Abraham Mutholath Pastor





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SENIORS MEET ON WEDNESDAY

















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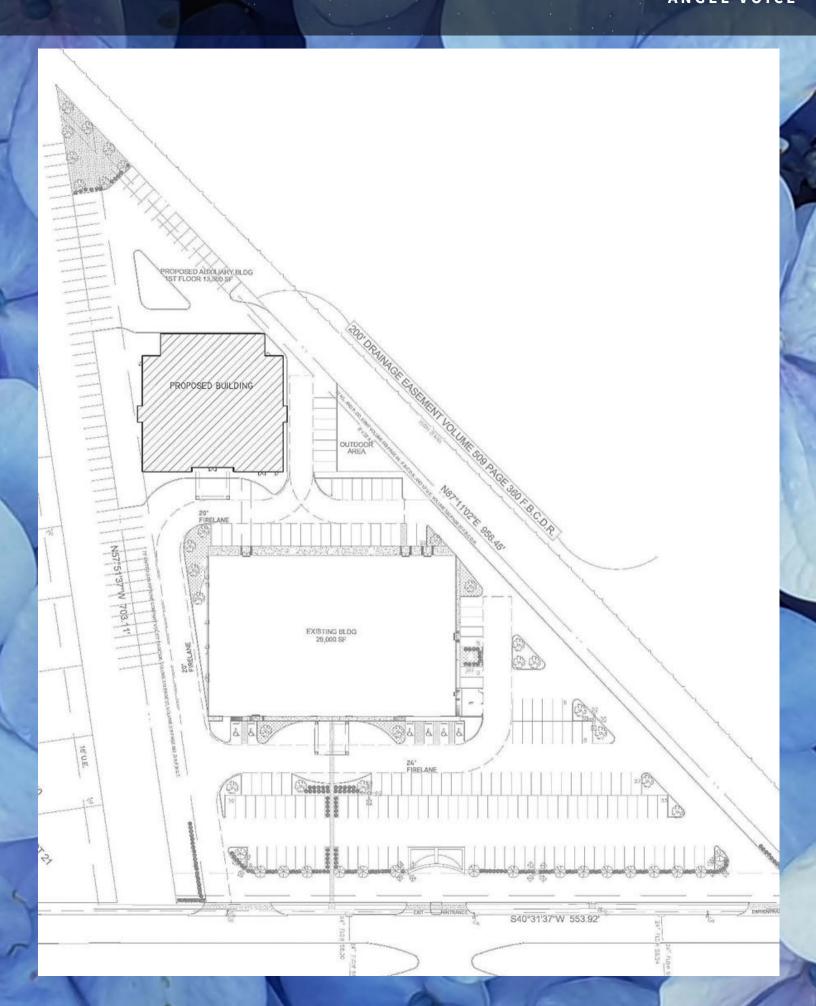


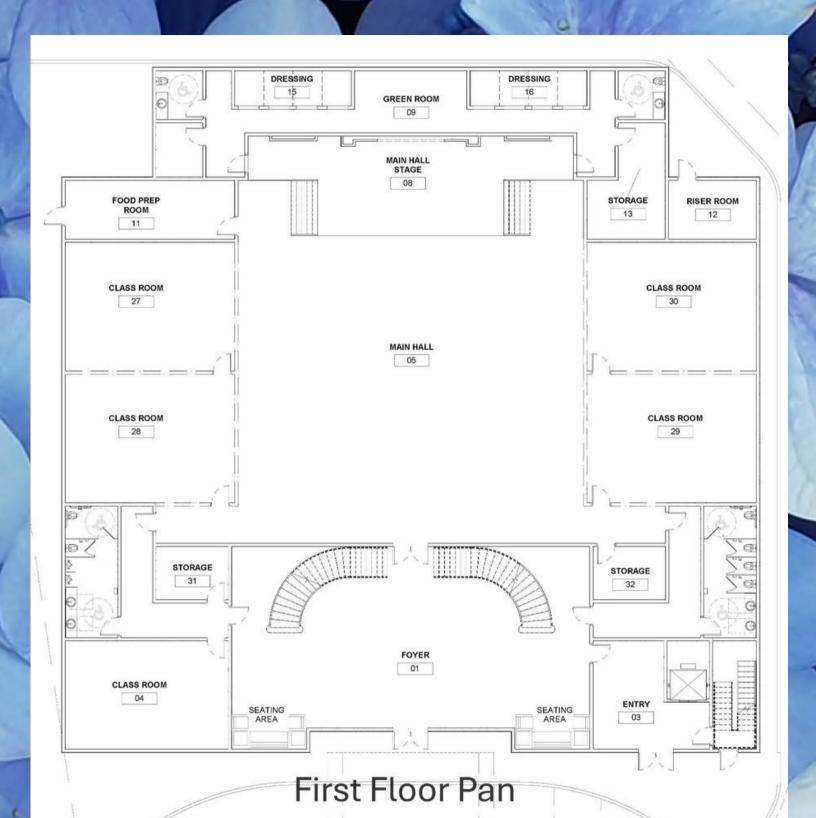
- <u>Homily on St. Thomas and Divine Mercy by Fr. Abraham Mutholath on April 27, 2025 in Houston.</u>
- Decision of pothuyogam last Sunday: Decided to discontinue the previously decided purchase of property at Sienna. We will be building a Sunday School at the back of this church. We made this decision for the unity of the parish. I request full financial support from all of you under the leadership of all our parish council, catechism teachers, parents, students, ministries and pious associations.
- As a role model, our senior citizens ministry will start Thattukada every Sunday after 7:30 and 9:30 A.M. Qurbana, starting with next Sunday in our gym. They will be contributing the earnings from that to our School building fund. I invite all of you to support them.
- Holy Childhood is hosting Eucharistic Miracle Movie Day on Saturday May 17 beginning with 9 AM Qurbana and concluding by 1:00 PM. Mainly for children grades 1 to 4. Lunch and snacks will be provide. Register before May 10.
- Catechism new Academic year registration will start on Sunday, May 11th. Catechism office is requesting the families of Children to pay their 2024 annual dues prior to that (if you have not done yet).
- Catechism Final Exam will be on May 18th. Please prepare your children.
- 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.
- Post-marriage course for couples who are up to 25 years of marriage will be held with the support of Family Commission and Bonding Families of the Knanaya Region on May 9 and 11(Friday from 7:00 PM to Saturday 5:00 PM) at our church. This is the first time we are doing it. Registration fee for food and other expenses will be \$75 per person. Please register at the reception counter. This will be beneficial for improving our families.
- Next Sunday, 5/11, is Mother's day. We will have blessing for mothers next Sunday.
- At the request of our Senior Citizens' Ministry, we are arranging a ship cruise from Galveston to Cozumel and Progresso in Mexico from Monday through Saturday, November 3 to 8, 2025. Though priority is for seniors, others are also welcome. Details are available at reception counter and via WhatsApp.

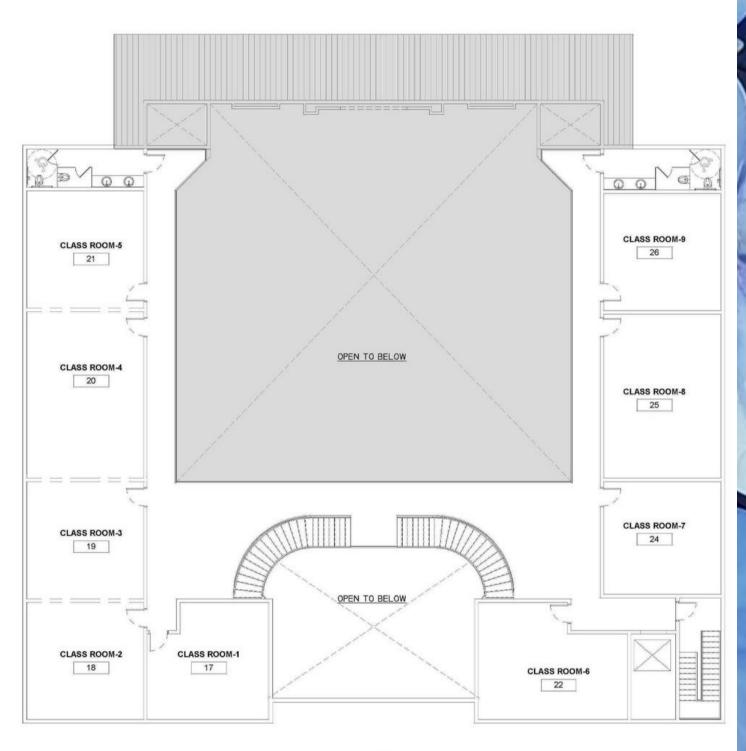
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UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Priests can be contacted confession and communion for any bedridden parishioners.
- We will observe Region Dayon May 11th. There will be second collection. Region is planning more developmental programs and so the region need financial support especially for the formation of seminarians.
- Knanaya Catholic Region is organizing Rediscover 2025 Youth Conference from June 13-15 at Carmelite Spiritual Center, Darien, IL near Chicago. Expecting participants are Knanaya Catholic Youth of 21 and above. It will be a great opportunity to reconnect with faith and build lasting friendships within the Knanaya Community. Please register.







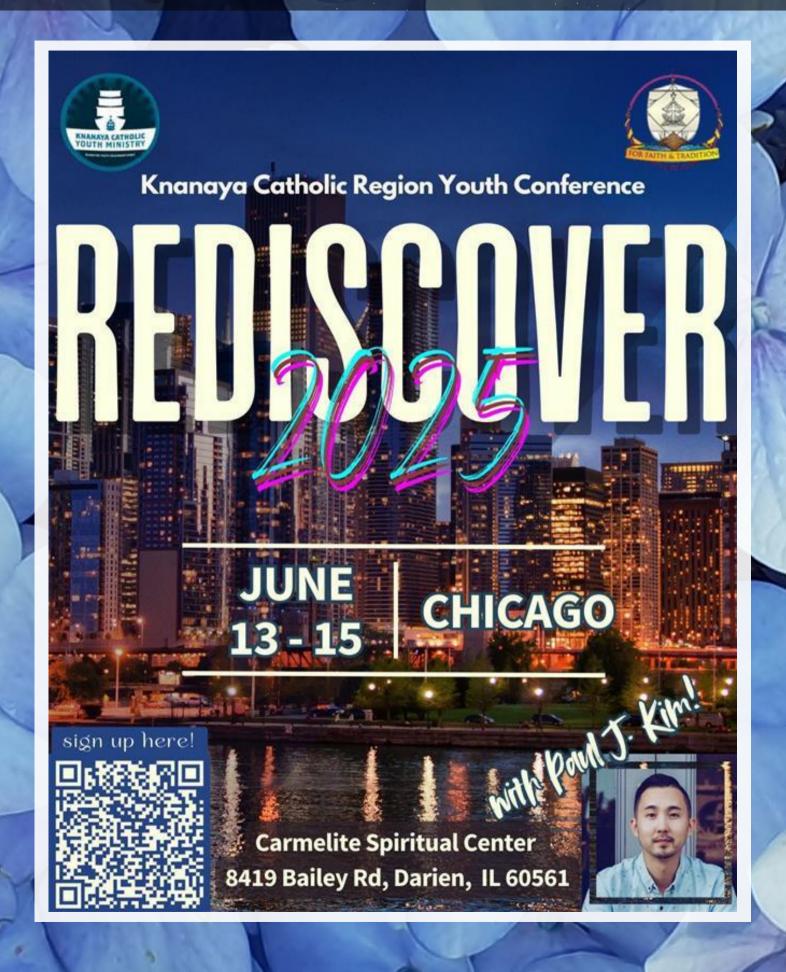
Second Floor Plan



WEDDING BANNS

- James son of Anil and Brenda Edukkutharvil from this parish with Neethu Kunjumon, daughter of Kunjumon and Leena Valiyakallumkal from New Jersy to be held on May 17, 2025. (Second Bann)
- Joyal Shibu, son of Shibu and Bindu Perunnilathil from this parish with Amitha Kurian, daughter of Kurian and Shyni Perumaniseril also from this parish to be held on August 23, 2025. (Second Bann)
- Sam James, son of James and Lissy Chemmacheril from this parish daughter of Stephen and Stephymol Stephen, Koonthamattathil from St. Mary's Knanaya Catholic Church, Chettukulam to be held of July 31, 2025. (Second Bann)
- Hemil Baby, son of Baby and Merly Punambil from Mrala parish with Merin Mary Jaimon, daughter of Jaimon and Manju Mukalel from this parish to be held on June 15, 2025. (Second Bann)
- Kevin Siby, son of Siby Kuruvilla and Tessy Mecheril from this parish with Riyana Sunny, daughter of Sunny Kuriakose and Solly Plathottathil also from this parish to be held on October 4, 2025. (First Bann)
- Allen Joseph, son of Jose and Lisamma Valiyaveettil from this parish with Ailin George, daughter of George and Jainamma Mooleparambil from St. Jude Knanaya Catholic Mission, UK to be held on June 30, 2025. (First Bann)
- Tom Sunny, Son of Sunny and Lovely Pulickiel from this parish with Resma Mathew, daughter of Mathew and Susamma Maliakal, also from this parish to be held on October 11, 2025. (First Bann)







Pricing and Amenities

- \$975 for 2 (Inside room)-Including all taxes and port fees.
 Initial deposit- \$75/person due within 3 days of booking.
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ADORATHON

MAY 6, 2025



7pm English Mass

ST. MARY'S KNANAYA CATHOLIC **FORANE CHURCH, HOUSTON**

een Zone

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

MAY 2025

MAY 6 TUE: FEAST OF SAINT DOMINIC SAVIO

MAY 11 SUN: WORLD PRAYER DAY FOR VOCATIONS

MAY 14 WED: FEAST OF SAINT MATHIAS, THE APOSTLE

MAY 15 THU: FEAST OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE

PROTECTRESS OF HARVEST

MAY 29 THU: ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

MAY 31 SAT: FEASTS OF VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

MARY

JUNE 2025

JUNE 1 SUN: FEAST OF SAINT JUSTIN



CATECHISM CORNER

UPDATES

SAINT OF THE
WEEK
ST. DOMINIC SAVIO

FEAST DAY:
MAY 6

PATRONAGE:
CHOIRBOYS, THE
FALSELY ACCUSED,
AND JUVENILE
DELINQUENTS

VERSE OF THE WEEK

1 JOHN 4:4-YOU, DEAR CHILDREN, ARE FROM GOD AND HAVE OVERCOME THEM, BECAUSE THE ONE WHO IS IN YOU IS GREATER THAN THE ONE WHO IS IN THE WORLD.



BIBLE PASSAGE

- ISAIAH 49:13-23
- ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 8:14-25
- EPHESIANS 2:1-7 (1:1-14)
- JOHN 16:16-24

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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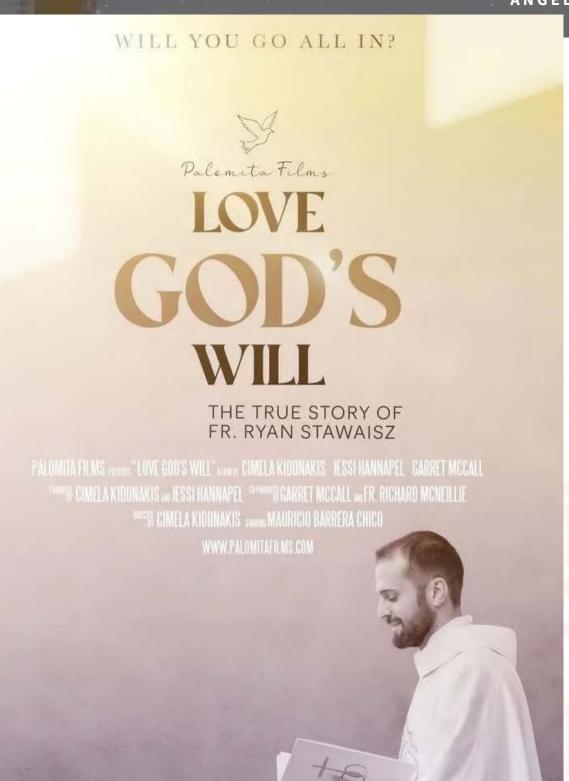
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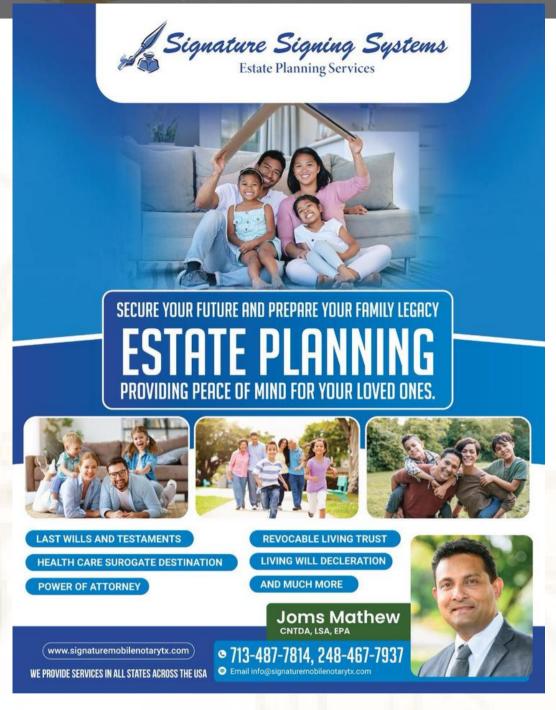
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After graduating from Texas A&M as a petroleum engineer with a promising career ahead of him, Fr. Ryan felt God was calling him to the priesthood. Weeks before his ordination, Ryan was rediagnosed with cancer, and his desire became not only to DO God's will, but to LOVE God's will. Check out this inspiring documentary that is transforming the lives of Catholics and planting the seed of priestly vocations from May 2-7 at the Star Cinema Grill!



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Any request will be subject to review

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