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**Welcome to our Archbishop Mar Mathew Moolakkatt**

### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

**7:30 AM MALAYALAM**

**QURBANA**

**6:00 PM MALAYALAM**

**QURBANA BY MAR MATHEW**

**MOOLAKKATT**

**7:00 PM FOUNDATION STONE**

**LAYING BY MAR MOOLAKKATT**

### 🔍 Readings



**Sunday May 18, 2025**

**Fifth Sunday of Resurrection**

- Is 49:7-13 God's mercy and compassion
- Acts 9:1-9 Saul encounters the Risen Lord
- Heb 10:19-25 Lord's body as veil
- Jn 21:1-14 The Lord who gives banquet



## VICAR'S MESSAGE

### LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE FOR OUR PARISH SUNDAY SCHOOL

My Dear Sisters, Brothers, Youth, and Beloved Children,

Greetings of peace and joy in Christ!

With great excitement and a heart full of gratitude, I joyfully invite each one of you—children, youth, adults, and our respected elders—to join us for a beautiful and meaningful milestone in our parish life: the **Laying of the Foundation Stone for our new Parish Sunday School building**. This special event will take place on **Sunday, May 18th**, in the blessed presence of our Archbishop, **His Grace Mar Mathew Moolakkatt**.

The evening will begin with **Holy Qurbana at 6:00 P.M.**, offered by His Grace, preceded by a **procession at 5:45 P.M.** I warmly encourage all parishioners to gather together in unity and prayer. The **catechism examination** will be conducted earlier that day at **4:30 P.M.**, and please note that there will be only **one Holy Qurbana in the morning at 7:30 A.M.** (There will be **no Qurbana at 9:30 A.M. or 11:30 A.M.** on this day.)

#### Your Name in the Foundation

One of the most touching parts of the ceremony is a special activity we've planned for **everyone**—from our youngest to our oldest parishioners. Each participant will receive a **small stone and a permanent marker** to write your **name** on it. These named stones will be dropped alongside the foundation stone as a symbol of your **personal commitment, prayers, and participation** in the mission of building a faith-filled future for our children and community. It will be a lasting sign that this holy work began with all of us, together.

#### Agape Meal – A Family Celebration

Following the ceremony, we will continue our fellowship with a **traditional Knanaya Agape Meal** of Pidiyum Kozhiyum (Rice balls and chicken curry), lovingly prepared and served for all under the leadership of our Senior Citizens Ministry. Let us rejoice and celebrate this sacred step forward as one family in Christ.

#### A Note on the Schedule Change

I understand that changes to our regular schedule—including the cancellation of the 9:30 and 11:30 Qurbana and the rescheduling of the catechism exam—may cause inconvenience to some. However, we made this change to accommodate the precious availability of our Archbishop, who will be presiding at another important celebration in Dallas that morning. Having His Grace lead us in this ceremony is a **grace-filled opportunity** we did not want to miss.

## VICAR'S MESSAGE

### A Call to Serve

Our dear senior citizens are generously preparing the **Agape Meal (Pidiyum Kozhiyum)** for distribution after the evening services. They are requesting volunteers to assist them with food preparation in the gymnasium after the 7:30 A.M. Qurbana that day. Please consider lending your hands in service.

Let this foundation stone not only begin the building of walls but strengthen the **foundation of our faith, unity, and love**. Come with your families, write your name in this holy work, and be part of a moment that will echo for generations.

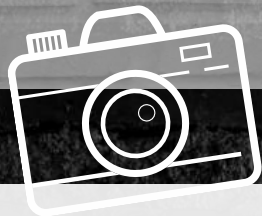
With prayerful love and anticipation,

**Fr. Abraham Mutholath**

Pastor







# SNAPSHOTS

## MAY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES







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## MAY BIRTHDAYS







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## PRE MARRIAGE COURSE



## MOTHER'S DAY



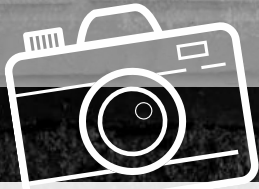




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## SUNDAY KITCHEN INAUGURATION







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## UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [Homily on John 16:16-24 by Fr. Abraham Mutholath in Houston on May 11, 2025.](#)
- Our Senior citizens ministry will start Sunday Kitchen every Sunday after 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.
- Catechism new Academic year registration will started on Sunday, May 11th. There is a slight increase in the registration fees decided by the Parish Council. Parents, please start registering today.
- Catechism Final Exam will be on May 18th. Please prepare your children.
- Bonding Families seminar via zoom this Wednesday at 8:30 P.M. Access code: 345 345 1911
- Thanks to all who volunteered and participated in the Parish and Catechism Festlast Sunday, especially to the Coordinators Johnson Vattamattathil, Tose Kandarappallil, and parish executive.
- At the request of our Senior Citizens' Ministry, we are arranging a ship cruise from Galveston to Cozumel and Progreso 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.
- Thank God for our new Pope Leo XIV. Social Media Manila Archbishop Louis as the pope. Manipulation of social media.
- Teen Zone on third Fridays from 6-7 pm will be canceled but English Qurbana and Adoration will continue.





## UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Priests can be contacted confession and communion for any bedridden parishioners.**
- **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.**
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT**
- **1. Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony**
  - **The ceremony will be officiated by Mar Mathew Moolakkatt on next Sunday, May 18, following the 6:00 PM Qurbana.**
  - **Only one morning Qurbana will be celebrated at 7:30 AM.**
  - **Catechism examination will be conducted at 4:30 P.M. on next Sunday.**
  - **All parishioners—from children to seniors—will be invited to write their names on small stones and place them in the foundation pit to symbolize full community participation.**
- **2. Fundraising Kickoff Event**
  - **The official kickoff will be led by Bishop Mar Aprem on Sunday, June 8, after all three Qurbana services.**
  - **Parishioners will be encouraged to:**
    - **Give envelopes with donations and pledges.**
    - **Utilize check leaves or direct deposit forms for installment contributions.**
- **3. Fundraising Promotions and Recognition**
  - **Minimum expected contribution: \$5,000 per family**
  - **Donor Tree: Two stars for every \$2,500 donated**
  - **Junior Donors: Donor tiles for contributions of \$250 or more, with a minimum of \$500 per tile**
  - **Foundation Stone Recognition: For donations of \$15,000 or more, with the stone size reflecting the amount contributed**
  - **Classroom Sponsorship: \$50,000. Already received three sponsors. Six more are available.**





## UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **DRESS CODE FOR FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY BY MAR MOOLAKKATT AND US THIS SUNDAY AT 6:00 PM**
  - All Girls are kindly requested to wear white dresses.
  - All boys are advised to wear white shirts and black pants. All Ladies are also encouraged to drape a Guadalupe Mary shawl over their shoulders.
  - All others use maximum white dress.
  - In conclusion, WHITE is the main dress code and Guadalupe shawl for ladies.
  - All will get a small white stone to write their names and lay in the pit in groups of children, teens, youth, ladies and men.
  - The ceremony will be live streamed by KV TV.
  - There will be free food (pidi and chicken curry) for all after the function under the leadership of Senior Citizens ministry.
  - Let us unite to celebrate glorifying GOD.



## ARTICLE

## LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE: A SACRED BEGINNING IN CHRISTIAN AND INDIAN TRADITIONS

The **foundation stone laying ceremony** holds profound meaning and symbolism in **Christian, Biblical, and Indian** contexts. Each tradition brings unique interpretations, yet shares a common theme of **beginnings, dedication, and divine blessing**.

### 1. Biblical and Christian Background

#### Biblical Significance

- **Foundation Stone in Scripture:**
  - **Isaiah 28:16** – “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who relies on it will never be stricken with panic.”
  - This refers to **Jesus Christ**, the **cornerstone** of faith (also echoed in Psalm 118:22 and 1 Peter 2:6-7).
- **Jesus as the Cornerstone:**
  - The New Testament identifies Christ as the **foundation** of the Church (Ephesians 2:20). Leaders and believers build their lives and ministries on Him.
- **Spiritual Symbolism:**
  - A **foundation stone** signifies **Christ-centered beginnings**.
  - It embodies the values of **faith, prayer, hope, and commitment to God's purpose**.
  - Often includes prayers of **dedication and blessing** over the future building, ministry, or community.

#### Church Tradition

- The laying of a foundation stone for a church, convent, or Christian institution is typically accompanied by:
  - **Holy Mass**
  - **Blessing by a bishop or priest**
  - **Scripture readings and prayers**
  - This act **invokes God's guidance** and sanctifies the mission the building will serve.



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## 2. Indian Cultural and Religious Context

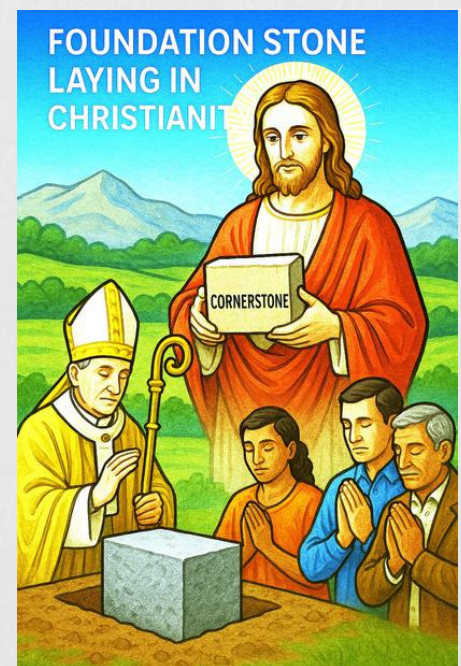
- In Indian tradition, especially in **Hinduism**, laying a **foundation stone (Shilanyas)** is a **sacred ritual**. It includes:
  - **Vastu Shastra** (traditional Indian system of architecture and placement)
  - Rituals for appeasing **earth deities** and seeking blessings for prosperity and stability.
- It's seen as an **auspicious beginning** – invoking divine presence for success and protection.

## 3. Relevance in Christian Leadership and Ministry Today

- **Vision and Dedication:** A foundation stone ceremony publicly **declares the mission and values** behind a new initiative.
- **Leadership Commitment:** It symbolizes the leaders' **dedication to serve with integrity and faith**.
- **Unity and Witness:** Gathers the community in **prayer and fellowship**, witnessing the start of God's work.
- **Continuity of Biblical Tradition:** Links modern actions to ancient Biblical foundations, making spiritual history alive in the present.

## Conclusion

Laying a foundation stone is more than a physical act—it is a **spiritual and communal covenant**, grounded in Scripture and Christian tradition, sanctified by prayer, and often enriched by local cultural expressions like those found in Indian rituals. It reminds leaders to build not just on concrete, but on **Christ, the unshakable Rock**.







# WEDDING BANNS

- **James son of Anil and Brenda Edukkutharyil from this parish with Neethu Kunjumon, daughter of Kunjumon and Leena Valiyakallumkal from New Jersey to be held on May 17, 2025. (Third 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. (Third Bann)**
- **Sam James, son of James and Lissy Chemmacheril from this parish with Stephymol Stephen, daughter of Stephen and Siby Koonthamattathil from St. Mary's Knanaya Catholic Church, Chettukulam to be held on July 31, 2025. (Third 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. (Third 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. (Second 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. (Second 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. (Second Bann)**







# St. Mary's Knanaya Catholic Forane Church Houston

## Laying Foundation Stone for Sunday School Building

Sunday, May 18



By Mar. Mathew Moolakkatt

### Schedule:

7:30am: Malayalam Mass  
(No Mass at 9:30am or 11:30am)

4:30pm: Catechism Final Exam

5:45pm: Procession Line-up

6:00pm: Solemn Qurbana

7:00pm: Laying Foundation  
Stone & 'Sneha Virunnu'.







*from office of Catechism*



**Catechism Final Examination**

**Sunday, May 18**

**@ 4:30 pm**

**Followed by Holy Mass and Laying  
Foundation Stone for new Sunday School.**

**Let our children experience good  
memories about their catechism building  
and feel privileged to be part of this!**





Knanaya Catholic Region Youth Conference

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### MAY 2025

**MAY 14 WED: FEAST OF SAINT MATHIAS, THE APOSTLE**

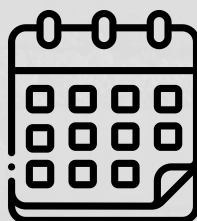
**MAY 15 THU: FEAST OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE  
PROTECTRESS OF HARVEST**

**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

- CCD EXAM WILL BE NET SUNDAY, MAY 18

### SAINT OF THE WEEK

**ST. MATTHIAS**

**FEAST DAY:  
MAY 14**

**PATRONAGE:  
TAILORS,  
CARPENTERS,  
SMALLPOX**



### BIBLE PASSAGE

### VERSE OF THE WEEK

**EPHESIANS 5:8-FOR YOU  
WERE ONCE DARKNESS, BUT  
NOW YOU ARE LIGHT IN THE  
LORD. LIVE AS CHILDREN OF  
LIGHT**

- **ISAIAH 49:7-13**
- **ACTS OF THE  
APOSTLES 9:1-9**
- **HEBREWS 10:19-  
25**
- **JOHN 12:1-14**



# 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

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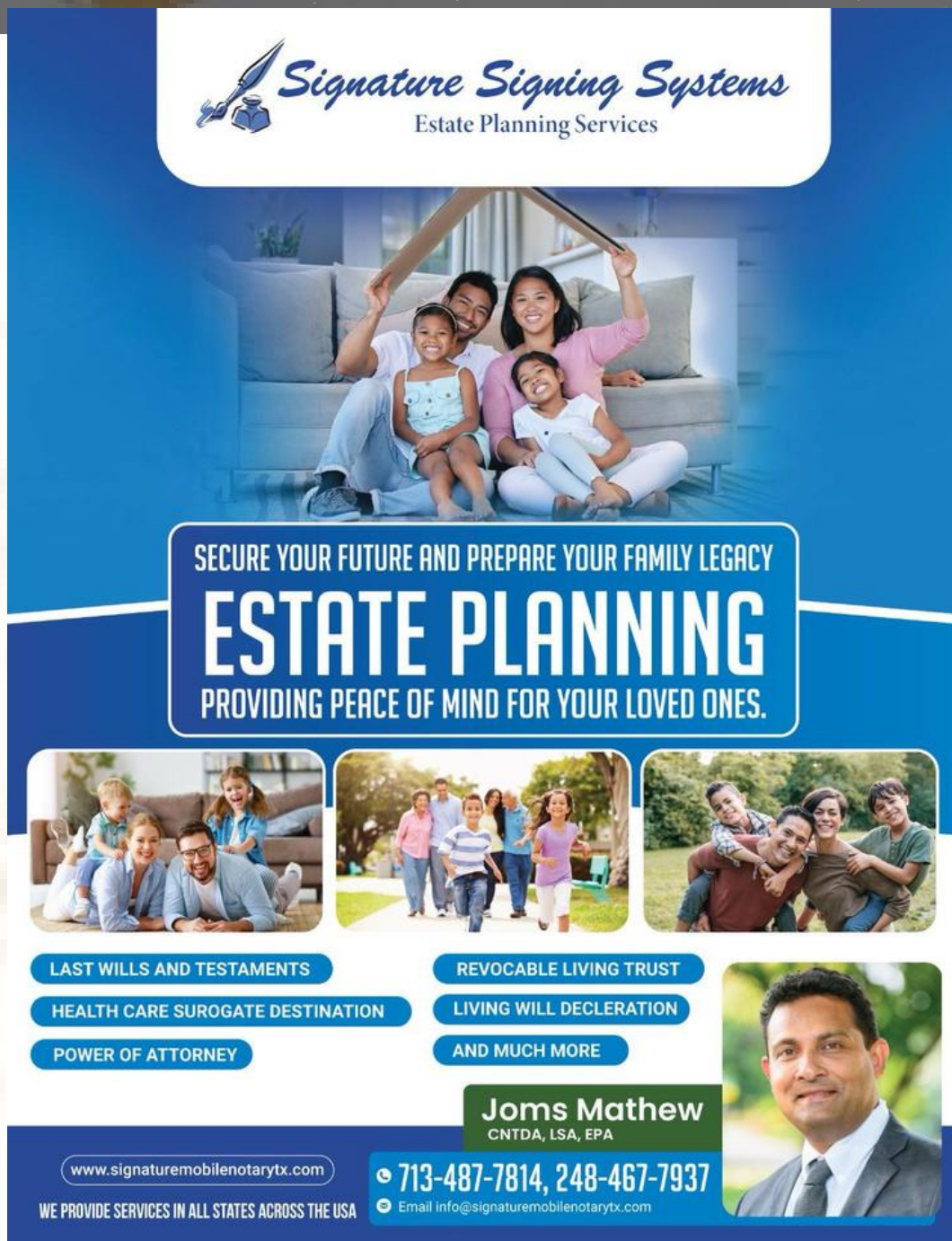
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