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Thomas said to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!"

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

◆ 7:30 AM MALAYALAM
QURBANA

◆ 9:30 AM ENGLISH QURBANA

◆ 11:30 AM MALAYALAM
QURBANA

🔍 Readings



Sunday July 6, 2025

- Deuteronomy 1:33–46. Israel's disobedience leads to God's judgment and delayed entry to the Promised Land
- Isaiah 1:21–31. Jerusalem's unfaithfulness will be purified through judgment
- 1 Corinthians 14:1–12. Spiritual gifts should build up the church, especially prophecy
- Luke 12:22–34. Trust in God's provision and seek His kingdom above all

VICAR'S MESSAGE

FEAST OF DUKHRANA (REMEMBRANCE) OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Warm greetings in the name of our Risen Lord!

On July 3rd, we celebrate the **Dukhrana of St. Thomas the Apostle**, a solemn remembrance of the life, faith, missionary zeal, and martyrdom of the Apostle who brought the light of Christ to our land. As Knanaya Catholics and as Christians in India, this day holds special meaning for us. It is not just a feast, but a tribute to the apostolic foundation of our faith.

St. Thomas, also known as **Mar Thoma Sleeha**, was one of the twelve apostles who followed Jesus with profound commitment and personal courage. His bold proclamation - **“Let us also go to die with him” (Jn 11:16)** - is a testimony to his deep love for the Lord. Though he had moments of doubt, his final declaration - **“My Lord and my God!” (Jn 20:28)** - has become the cornerstone of our faith in the divinity of Christ.

Despite being labelled a “doubter,” Thomas was in fact a **curious learner, a convinced believer, and ultimately a fearless missionary**. After receiving the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, he courageously ventured outside the Roman Empire, bringing the gospel to **Parthia, Persia, and India, and possibly even China and Japan** according to some traditions. It was here in India, starting from **Kodungalloor**, that he baptized many, established seven and a half churches, and laid the spiritual foundation of Christian life that continues to flourish to this day.

One of the most moving aspects of his life is how **Thomas used his profession as a builder** - both literally and spiritually - to construct the Church. He did not build palaces for kings on earth but chose instead to build heavenly homes for souls by preaching the gospel and helping the poor. His example reminds us to **invest in treasures that last eternally** (cf. Mt 6:20).

Thomas' mission eventually led him to **martyrdom at St. Thomas Mount in Mylapore**, sealing his testimony with blood. His relics, originally buried in India, were later transferred to Edessa and parts of Europe, yet his memory and mission remain deeply rooted in our land and in our hearts.

Let us draw five key lessons from the life of this great apostle:

1. **Courage in Faith:** Like Thomas, let us be bold in professing our faith in Christ even in difficult times, standing firm in the face of opposition or fear.
2. **Follow the Way:** Thomas prompted Jesus to reveal that He is “the Way, the Truth, and the Life.” Let us faithfully walk this way, which leads to the Father.
3. **Remain in Fellowship:** Even when faith is tested, never isolate yourself from the believing community. Like Thomas, remain in prayer and communion until you encounter the Lord again.

VICAR'S MESSAGE

4. **Build Heavenly Homes:** Let us be wise stewards of our blessings, using our time, talents, and resources to build God's kingdom rather than earthly glory.

5. **Honor the Blessed Mother:** Tradition holds that Thomas was privileged to witness Mary's Assumption. May we, too, turn to our Blessed Mother for her intercession and guidance toward heaven.

As we celebrate this **Dukhrana**, let it be not just a memory, but a renewal of our **apostolic identity**, especially as Knanaya Catholics who trace our roots to the Chaldean Church in Edessa that had a strong connection with St. Thomas himself. May his faith inspire our families, his courage strengthen our youth, and his intercession accompany us on our journey of discipleship.

Let us echo his words with full conviction in our hearts:

“My Lord and My God!”

With prayers and blessings,

Rev. Fr. Abraham Mutholath
Pastor





UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **[Homily on the Sacred Heart of Jesus by Fr. Abraham Mutholath in Houston on June 29, 2025.](#)**
- **St. Thomas Dukrana feast on Thursday, July 3rd. We will celebrate it also next Sunday. Sponsors are welcome.**
- **There will be a second collection next Sunday for the Syro-Malabar church as part of St. Thomas Day Dukrana.**
- **Blessing of birthdays and wedding anniversaries will be held on next Sunday.**
- **We will start adoration on every Friday from July 1st after the 9:00 A.M. Holy Qurbana and end before the 7:00 P.M. Qurbana in the adoration chapel. All are welcome.**
- **We will also have one hour prayer after 7:00 P.M. Holy Qurbana on each Friday in the chapel from July first ending by 9:00 P.M.**
- **Knanaya Region is conducting vocation discernment from July 25-27 in Chicago for High Schoolers and up.**



St. Mary's Knanaya Catholic Forane Church Houston

ENGLISH:

Confession, Holy Qurbana & Adoration



Friday: July 18

Confession - 7:00 pm

Holy Qurbana (English) - 7:00 pm

Adoration (English) - 8:00 to 8:45 pm

"If any one thirst, let him come to me
and drink. - John 7:37



from office of Catechism

Catechism registration for new academic year continues. Please register early (without late fee) before summer vacation. Please submit (**in-person**) with registration fee and 2024 annual contribution (if not paid).

Registration desk will be open after English Qurbana on Sundays. Otherwise please submit to Sr. Reji.

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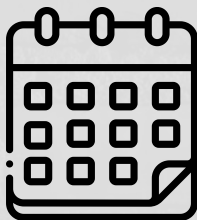
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IMPORTANT DATES

JULY 2025

JUL 3 THU: DUKHRANA OF SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE
JUL 11 FRI: FEAST OF SAINT BENEDICT OF NURSIA
JUL 15 TUE: FEASTS OF SAINT KURIAKOSE AND SAINT JULITTA
JUL 16 WED: FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL
JUL 22 TUE: FEAST OF SAINT MARY MAGDALENE
JUL 25 FRI: FEASTS OF SEVENTY DISCIPLES OF JESUS AND SAINT JAMES, THE APOSTLE
JUL 26 SAT: FEASTS OF SAINT JOACHIM AND SAINT ANNE
JUL 28 MON: FEAST OF SAINT ALPHONSA
JUL 29 TUE: FEAST OF SAINT MARTHA
JUL 31 THU: FEAST OF SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA





CATECHISM CORNER

UPDATES

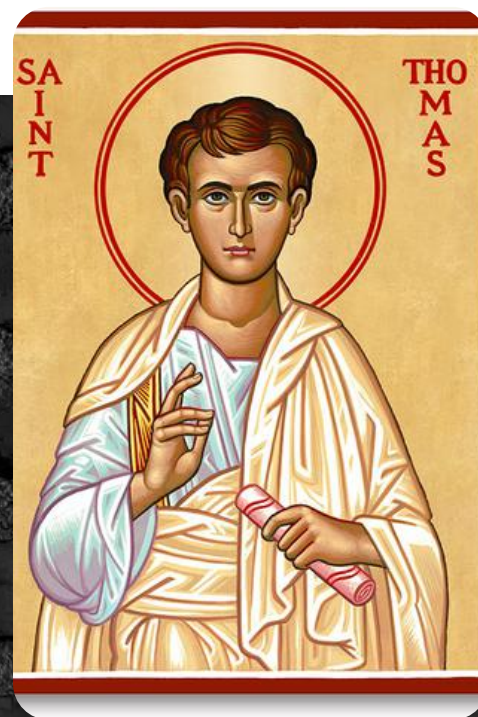
**CATECHISM REGISTRATION FOR 2025-26
EARLY REGISTRATION ENDS ON JULY 20TH**

SAINT OF THE WEEK

**ST. THOMAS THE
APOSTLE**

**FEAST DAY:
JULY 3**

**PATRONAGE:
ARCHITECTS,
CONSTRUCTION
WORKERS, INDIA,
PAKISTAN AND SRI LANKA**



BIBLE PASSAGE

VERSE OF THE WEEK

2 CORINTHIANS 3:17
“NOW THE LORD IS THE
SPIRIT, AND WHERE THE
SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS,
THERE IS FREEDOM.”

- **DEUTERONOMY**
1:33-46
- **ISAIAH** 1:21-31
- **1 CORINTHIANS**
14:1-12
- **LUKE** 12:22-34

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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