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ENTER THROUGH THE NARROW DOOR



SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

◆ 7:30 AM MALAYALAM
QURBANA

◆ 9:30 AM ENGLISH QURBANA

◆ 11:30 AM MALAYALAM
QURBANA

🔍 Readings



Sunday, July 20, 2025

- 1) Deut 4:10-14 (4:10-24)
- Do not forget Lord's covenant
- 2) Is 5:8-20 (5:8-25)
- God shows himself holy by righteousness
- 3) 1 Cor 16:1-14 (15:58 - 16:24)
- Do everything in love
- G) Lk 13:22-30 (13:22-35)
- Enter through the narrow door

VICAR'S MESSAGE

STRIVE TO ENTER THROUGH THE NARROW DOOR

REFLECTION ON SUNDAY GOSPEL LUKE 13:22-30

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

This Sunday's Gospel brings us a powerful and sobering message from Jesus as He journeyed to Jerusalem to fulfill His mission through the cross. When asked whether only a few will be saved, Jesus redirects the question from curiosity to personal responsibility: "Strive to enter through the narrow door" (Luke 13:24). He does not give a number. Instead, He emphasizes the effort, commitment, and urgency each of us must apply in seeking eternal life.

A Narrow Door, Not a Wide Gate

The door to God's Kingdom is not wide or easy. It is narrow—and often inconvenient for those who wish to remain in their comfort zones. In today's world, where distractions abound and selfishness often prevails, Jesus calls us to a life of sacrifice, service, and holiness. It is not enough to simply attend church or listen to the Gospel. Jesus warns us that even those who "ate and drank" with Him might be left outside if they do not live by His teachings.

Striving Means Commitment

To strive means to wrestle, to persevere with discipline, like an athlete running for a crown that will last forever (1 Cor 9:25). That means:

- We do not delay our conversion.
- We forgive and reconcile while we can.
- We serve the needy, love our enemies, and carry our crosses with patience and humility.

We are pilgrims on a journey to Heavenly Jerusalem. Like Jesus, we are called to reach out to the lost and wounded along the way. A Christian who walks past the brokenhearted without compassion fails to live the Gospel.

The Danger of Presumption

Many in Jesus' time believed that their identity as descendants of Abraham guaranteed salvation. Similarly, we may sometimes fall into the trap of thinking that simply being baptized or attending church is enough. Jesus reminds us that mere membership or ritual observance, without heartfelt conversion and active charity, is insufficient.

VICAR'S MESSAGE

Let us examine our lives:

Are we striving to live the Gospel in our homes, workplaces, and communities?

Are we responding to God's invitation today, knowing that tomorrow may never come?

A Welcome to All Nations

Jesus proclaims that people will come from the east and west, north and south, to recline at the table in the Kingdom. This is a reminder that salvation is universal—it is open to all who accept the Gospel, no matter their background. And some who seem to be “last” in this world will be “first” in the Kingdom, while those who presume to be first may find themselves left out.

Let Us Be Ready

Dear friends, the time of grace is now. The door is open—but it will not remain open forever. Let us not wait for another season to begin striving. Let us commit ourselves anew to the path of holiness, service, and love. As St. Teresa of Kolkata said, “*God does not call us to be successful, but to be faithful.*”

Let us imitate the saints who entered through the narrow door by their lives of sacrifice, and let us remember: Heaven is not for the passive but for the persevering.

With prayers for your spiritual growth and salvation,

Fr. Abraham Mutholath

Pastor





UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **[Homily on Luke 12:57-13:1-5 by Fr. Abraham Mutholath in Houston on July 13, 2025.](#)**
- **Bro. Santhosh Karumathra from Shekina TV will give a one hour talk this Tuesday after evening mass on Family. Please attend.**
- **Next baptism preparation class via zoom will be held on Tuesday, July 15 at 8:30 P.M. Access code: 345 345 1911.**
- **Malankara Qurbana will be held on July 26th at 11:00 am**
- **Catechism Registration for next academic year continues. Please submit the registration form to Sr. Reji along with registration fees and 2024 Annual contribution (if not paid). Please use the opportunity for early registration to avoid late fee before July 20th.**
- **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.**



WEDDING BANNS

- **Shawn Mathew Thomas, son of Mathew and Deepa Teccanattu from this parish with Sona K Skaria, daughter of Shiju and Binumol Kalathil from St. John's Knanaya Malankara Catholic Church, Chingavanam to be held on August 11, 2025. (First Bann)**





St. Mary's Knanaya Catholic Forane Church Houston

It's **3RD Friday** *again*

**Confession, Holy Qurbana
& Adoration (English)**



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.

Early registration without late fee will end on July 20th.

Registration is for grades KG to 12.
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IMPORTANT DATES

JULY 2025

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

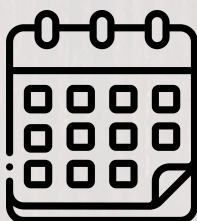
JUL 25 FRI: FEASTS OF SEVENTY DISCIPLES OF JESUS AND SAINT JAMES, THE APOSTLE

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

**OUR LADY OF
MOUNT CARMEL**

**FEAST DAY:
JULY 16**

**PATRONAGE:
CHILE, BOLIVIA AND THE
CARMELITE ORDER**



BIBLE PASSAGE

VERSE OF THE WEEK

**JOHN 3: 20 "VERY TRULY I
TELL YOU, WHOEVER
ACCEPTS ANYONE I SEND
ACCEPTS ME; AND
WHOEVER ACCEPTS ME
ACCEPTS THE ONE WHO
SENT ME."**

- **DEUTERONOMY
4:10-14**
- **ISAIAH 8:8-20**
- **1 CORINTHIANS
16:1-14**
- **LUKE 13:22-30:17**

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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