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Mary's birth is like
the dawn before sunrise.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

◆ 7:30 AM MALAYALAM
QURBANA (SOLEMN)

◆ 9:30 AM ENGLISH QURBANA

◆ 11:30 AM MALAYALAM
QURBANA

🔍 Readings

Sunday, September 7, 2025

First Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses

- Deut 6:20-25 Lord is the redeemer
- Is 31:4-9 Jerusalem comes back to the Lord
- 2 Thess 1:3-10 Steadfastness and faith in all persecutions and afflictions
- Lk 18:35-43 From the darkness to the light who is Christ.

VICAR'S MESSAGE

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – SEPTEMBER 8

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This week, the Church invites us to rejoice in the **Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, our Mother and Patroness. Her birth is not only a moment of joy for her parents, Saints Joachim and Ann, but also a source of hope for all humanity, for through her God prepared the way for the coming of His Son, Jesus Christ.

Mary in God's Eternal Plan

From the very beginning, Mary was in the **mind of God**. After the fall of our first parents, Adam and Eve, God promised redemption, saying to the serpent: *"I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel"* (Genesis 3:15). The "woman" foretold here is the Blessed Virgin Mary, and her offspring is Christ our Savior. Thus, even in humanity's darkest hour, God's plan of salvation already included Mary as the New Eve, who would cooperate in the victory of her Son.

Birth and Upbringing of Mary

Tradition tells us that Mary was born to **Joachim and Ann**, a holy couple who longed for a child. Their perseverance in prayer was rewarded when God blessed them with a daughter destined to be the Mother of the Messiah. From her earliest days, Mary was dedicated to God. Some traditions say she was presented in the **Temple of Jerusalem**, where she grew up as a holy child, preparing her soul to become the dwelling place of God.

Her Virginity and Holiness

Mary consecrated herself to God by a **vow of virginity**, offering her life completely to Him. This total dedication shows her deep faith and readiness to accept God's will in her life.

Immaculate Conception

The Church teaches that Mary was conceived **without Original Sin**, a privilege known as the **Immaculate Conception**. Though this truth was solemnly defined much later in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, the belief was held in the heart of the faithful from the earliest centuries. The reasoning is rooted in God's plan: since Mary was chosen to be the Mother of His Son, she was preserved from sin by a special grace from the moment of her conception. As the Ark of the New Covenant, she had to be pure, holy, and stainless. This was not by her own merit, but by the merits of Christ's future passion and resurrection, applied to her in advance.

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Our Message from this Feast

The Nativity of Mary reminds us that **God's plans are always faithful and full of hope**. Just as God prepared Mary from her very beginning, He has a plan for each of us. From her life, we learn:

- To **trust in God's providence**, even when life seems barren like the years of Joachim and Ann.
- To **dedicate ourselves to holiness**, keeping our lives pure and ready to welcome Christ.
- To **live with humility and service**, as Mary did when she said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord".
- To **honor and love our Blessed Mother**, who leads us always to her Son.

Let us celebrate this feast with joy, thanking God for the birth of Mary, the dawn that announced the rising of the Sun of Justice. May her intercession help us live as true children of God and faithful disciples of her Son, Jesus Christ.

Wishing you all a blessed Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In Christ,
Fr. Abraham Mutholath
Pastor





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UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **[Homily on Rich Man Lazarus parable by Fr. Abraham Mutholath in Houston on August 24, 2025.](#)**
- **Please encourage all our youth and children to be sponsors by contributing \$100 by the students and \$200 by the employed.**
- **For convenience's sake we will be celebrating the feast of Nativity of Our Blessed Mother on next Sunday, September 7. Sponsors are welcome and can give their names at the reception counter.**
- **CML anniversary of the South Zone of the Syro-Malabar diocese will be held on Saturday, October 4th at Syro-Malabar Church, Coppel. We will be arranging a bus for our children and CML leaders. Please register with Sr. Jossya SJC or Sheeba Thannichuvattil and will be served on a first come first serve basis. It is open for children from fifth to tenth grade.**
- **We will have blessings of Birthdays and wedding anniversaries of September on next Sunday after all Qurbanas.**
- **Next Syro-Malankara Qurbana will be on Saturday September 6 at 11:15 A.M.**



WEDDING BANNS

- **Jaiben Makiyil, son of Jain and Isabella Makiyil from this parish with Shelina Markose, daughter of Markose James and Bigi Markose Kelachandra from St. Antony's Knanaya Catholic Parish, San Antonio to be held on November 1, 2025. (Third Bann)**
- **Cecil Chazhikat, son of Peter and Lucy Chazikat from this parish with Angel, daughter of Raju and Simy Thymalil from St. Mary's Knanaya Catholic Parish, Detroit to be held on November 22, 2025. (Second Bann)**
- **Amal Baby, son of Abraham and Daisy Parempettu from this parish with Chinnu Anish, daughter of Anish and Preena Chettiyanthanathu from St. Stephen's Knanaya Catholic Church, Kurumulloor to be held on January 7, 2026. (Second Bann)**





St. Mary's Knanaya Catholic Forane Church Houston

ENGLISH: Confession, Holy Qurbana & Adoration



Friday: September 19
Confession - 7:00 pm

Holy Qurbana (English) - 7:00 pm

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



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to sing praises to your name, O most high."

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IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER 2025

SEP 5 FRI: FEASTS OF SAINT SIMON BARSABA, SAINT THERESA OF CALCUTTA AND THE CO-MARTYRS

SEP 8 MON: FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

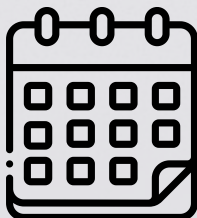
SEP 13 SAT: FEAST OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

SEP 21 SUN: FEAST OF SAINT MATHEW, THE APOSTLE

SEP 27 SAT: FEAST OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

SEP 29 MON: FEAST OF ARCHANGELS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL

SEP 30 TUE: FEAST OF SAINT JEROME





CATECHISM CORNER

UPDATES

SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT PETER CLAVER

**FEAST DAY:
SEPTEMBER 9**

**PATRONAGE:
SLAVES, COLOMBIA, RACE
RELATIONS**



BIBLE PASSAGE

VERSE OF THE WEEK

ROMANS 5:20

**LAW CAME IN, TO
INCREASE THE
TRESPASS; BUT WHERE
SIN INCREASED, GRACE
ABOUNDED ALL THE
MORE**

- **DEUTRONOMY
6:20-25**
- **ISAIAH 31:4-9**
- **2 THESSALONIANS
1:3-10**
- **LUKE 18:35-43**

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

QURBANA SCHEDULE

MON - FRI: 9:00 AM (MAL)
7:00 PM (MAL)

SATURDAY: 9:30 AM (MAL)

SUNDAY: 7:30 AM (MAL - SOLEMN)
9:30 AM (ENG)
11:30 AM (MAL)

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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