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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

◆ 7:30 AM MALAYALAM
QURBANA (SOLEMN)

◆ 9:30 AM ENGLISH QURBANA

◆ 11:30 AM MALAYALAM
QURBANA

🔍 Readings

Sunday, November 30, 2025

First Sunday of the Annunciation

- Gen 17:15-22 Announcement about the birth of Isaac
- Is 43:1-7; 10-11 Salvation for Israel
- Eph 5:21 - 6:4 Family, the place of salvation
- Lk 1:5-25 Announcement about the birth of John the Baptist

VICAR'S MESSAGE

CELEBRATING THANKSGIVING IN FAITH AND FAMILY

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, let us pause to recognize the profound spiritual meaning of this cherished American tradition. Though it is a national holiday, its spirit flows naturally into our Christian faith — a faith rooted in gratitude, humility, and the conviction that every blessing comes from the loving hands of God.

1. A Brief History of Thanksgiving in the United States

The first Thanksgiving traces back to 1621, when the Pilgrims, English Christians seeking religious freedom, gathered in Plymouth after surviving their first harsh winter in the New World. Assisted by the Wampanoag people, they learned to cultivate the land and experienced a bountiful harvest. Governor William Bradford declared days of thanksgiving, blending prayer, shared meals, and expressions of gratitude to God.

Over time, various colonies and states marked days of thanksgiving. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln officially established Thanksgiving as a national holiday during the Civil War, calling Americans to thank God for His blessings even in a time of national struggle.

Today, Thanksgiving remains a moment when the nation collectively turns to God in gratitude for His providence.

2. Thanksgiving in Our Christian Faith

a. Scripture teaches constant gratitude.

St. Paul exhorts us, "Give thanks in all circumstances" (1 Thes 5:18). Gratitude is at the heart of Christian living. It transforms how we see life and keeps our hearts close to God.

b. The Eucharist is our greatest thanksgiving.

The word *Eucharist* itself means "thanksgiving." Every Holy Qurbana is Christ's perfect offering of gratitude to the Father. When we participate, we join in that heavenly thanksgiving.

c. Gratitude shapes Christian character.

A thankful heart is humble, peaceful, and trusting. Gratitude opens our eyes to God's daily care and strengthens our faith during life's challenges.

d. Gratitude fosters mission and charity.

When we acknowledge God's generosity, we naturally become generous to others, especially the poor, lonely, and suffering.

3. Thanksgiving as Immigrants in this Blessed Nation

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For us who came to the United States from Kerala, Thanksgiving holds a special meaning.

We left our homeland with hopes, anxieties, and dreams. God opened doors, guided our steps, and blessed the work of our hands. This nation welcomed us to rebuild our lives, raise our families, and practice our Catholic faith with freedom and dignity.

We also remember the many people who helped us in this journey —

- Relatives who sponsored us,
- Friends who guided us,
- Employers who trusted us,
- Teachers who formed our children,
- Parish communities that embraced us.

Our success and stability in this country are not achievements of our efforts alone but signs of God's providence and the kindness of many who walked with us.

Thanksgiving invites us to pause and say: **"Lord, we thank You for bringing us this far."**

4. Remembering Our Living and Deceased Family Members

Our gratitude extends beyond our own blessings. We thank God for:

- **Our living family members** — spouses, children, parents, siblings, and relatives who support us, sacrifice for us, and share our joys and sorrows.
- **Our deceased loved ones** — grandparents, parents, and family members who laid the foundation of faith and values that sustain us today. Though they are not physically with us, they continue to bless our lives by the legacy they left behind. We lovingly remember them in our prayers, trusting that they now rest in God's peace.

Thanksgiving becomes complete when we bring these memories before the Lord with gratitude.

5. A Christian Way to Celebrate Thanksgiving

- Begin your family meal with a sincere prayer of thanksgiving.
- Count the blessings of this year — spiritual, family, health, work, and parish life.
- Teach your children the value of gratitude, humility, and generosity.
- Remember the poor and reach out to someone who is lonely or in need.
- Participate in Holy Qurbana, our highest act of thanksgiving.

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Conclusion

Thanksgiving is more than a national holiday; it is a profound Christian attitude. May this celebration deepen our gratitude to God, strengthen our family bonds, enrich our parish community, and remind us of the countless people — living and departed — who have shaped our lives.

May the Lord fill your homes with peace, joy, and abundant blessings.

Wishing you and your family a blessed Thanksgiving!

With love and prayers,
Fr. Abraham Mutholath





UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [Homily on Matthew 22:41-46, Christ the King by Fr. Abraham Mutholath on November 23, 2025 in Houston](#)
- Those who have not given Auction and Annual Contribution for 2025, please give ASAP.
- Parish council will be held on Tuesday, November 25 at 8:00 P.M.
- St. George Koodarayogam will be held next Saturday, 11/29, at 5:00 P.M. at the house of Sabu Njaravelil.
- Sacred Heart Koodarayogam will be held next Sunday, 11/30, at the house of Ullas and Jomol Kattappuram at 5:00 P.M.
- St. Theresa's Koodarayogam will be held on next Sunday, 11/30, at 7:00 P.M. at the house of Deacon Mathew and Sally Valuchira.
- Parish council will be held on this Tuesday, November 25, at 8:00 P.M.
- Since this Thursday is Thanksgiving day, we will have the Thanks giving Qurbana at 9:00 A.M. only. No evening Qurbana on that day as usual.



WEDDING BANNS

- **Joshua Binny, s/o Binny and Reena Valiaparambil from St. Mary's Knanaya Catholic Church, San Jose with Jeffy Simon D/o Simon and Lincy Nedumcackal from this parish to be held on January 5, 2026. (Third Bann)**
- **Joel Biju, s/o Biju and Suja Pulikathottiyil from this parish with Santhra Manoj, D/o Manoj and Sneha Elamkulathu from Christ the King Knanaya Catholic Church, Dallas to be held on January 10, 2026. (Second Bann)**
- **Gibin George, S/o George and Biji Poovappadathu with Nimmy Thomas D/o Bijumon and Maria Muthalupidiyil, both from this parish to be held on January 12, 2026. (Second Bann)**
- **Jacob Kunjumon, s/o Kunjumon and Lovely Kunnappillil from St. Mary's Knanaya Catholic Forane Church, Chunkom with Shwetha Susan Gibu, D/o Gibu and Litty Kaippallil from this parish to be held on January 10, 2026. (First Bann).**



IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER 2025

NOV 29 SAT: FEAST OF SAINT ANDREW, THE APOSTLE

DECEMBER 2025

DEC 3 WED: FEAST OF SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER

DEC 7 SUN: FEAST OF SAINT AMBROSE

**DEC 8 MON: FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF
OUR LADY**

DEC 14 SUN: FEAST OF SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS

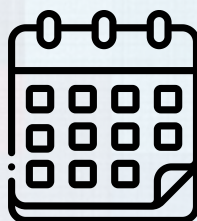
**DEC 18 THU: FEAST OF THE MIRACULOUS CROSS AT
MYLAPORE**

DEC 25 THU: CHRISTMAS – THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

DEC 26 FRI: FEAST OF SAINT STEPHEN

DEC 27 SAT: FEAST OF SAINT JOHN, THE APOSTLE

**DEC 28 SUN: HOLY CHILDHOOD DAY (THE INFANTS'
DAY)**





CATECHISM CORNER

UPDATES

SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT CATHERINE
LABOURE: NOVEMBER
28

PATRONAGE: INFIRMED,
ELDERLY, MIRACULOUS
MEDAL



BIBLE PASSAGE

- **GENESIS 17:15-22**
- **ISAIAH 43:1-7; 10-11**
- **EPHESIANS 5:21 - 6:4**
- **LUKE 1:5-25**

VERSE OF THE WEEK

PHILIPPIANS 2:13

FOR GOD IS AT WORK IN
YOU, BOTH TO WILL AND TO
WORK FOR HIS GOOD
PLEASURE

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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