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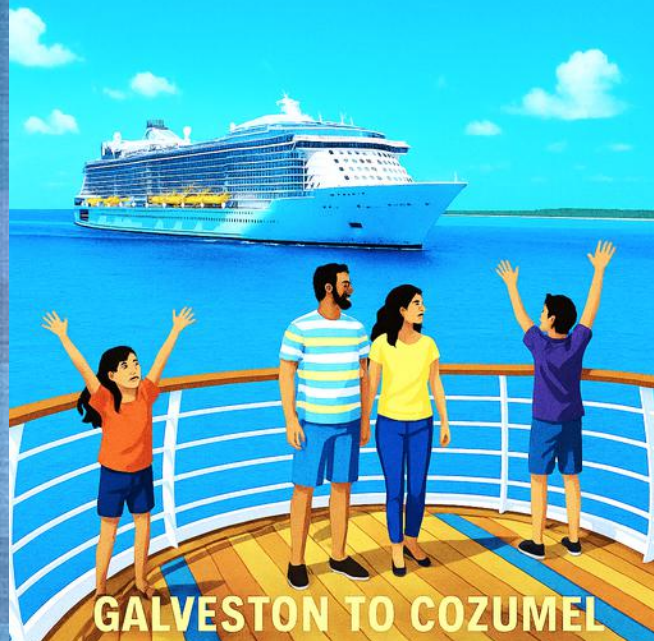
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FUN CRUISE & FAMILY CONFERENCE JUNE 4-8, 2026



GALVESTON TO COZUMEL

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

◆ 7:30 AM MALAYALAM
QURBANA (SOLEMN)

◆ 9:30 AM ENGLISH QURBANA

◆ 11:30 AM MALAYALAM
QURBANA

🔍 Readings



Sunday, December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of the Annunciation

- Gen 3:8-24 The Promise of Salvation to Eve
- Jer 33:14-26 I will cause a righteous branch to spring up for David
- Rev 5:1-5 The Lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David
- Lk 1:26-38 The Annunciation to the Blessed Mother

VICAR'S MESSAGE

FAMILY CRUISE & CONFERENCE: A GIFT OF TIME TOGETHER

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

One of the greatest blessings God has given us is our family. In the midst of our busy lives, work schedules, school demands, and many commitments, it is becoming harder for families to spend quality time together, to pray together, and to enjoy one another's company in a peaceful environment. As your parish family, we have been praying and thinking about how we can support you in strengthening your family bonds and your Knanaya Catholic identity.

For some time, we have been exploring different ways to organize a **Forane-level Family Conference** together with our Knanaya Catholic parishes in Dallas and San Antonio. We considered several options:

- **Parish hall in Dallas:**

The only parish in our Forane with a hall large enough is in Dallas. However, if we arrange the conference there, families would have to stay in hotels or with relatives. Food would have to be arranged from outside, and coordinating everyone's arrival and departure for common activities at the parish would be complicated and tiring.

- **Hotel conference only:**

Organizing the entire program in a hotel would make meeting rooms and accommodation easier, but the overall cost would be too high. Many families might not be able to afford it or may not feel comfortable committing to such an expense.

- **Retreat or camp centers:**

While these are spiritually beneficial, the accommodations are often not ideal for families to stay together in comfort. Arrangements for food, liturgy, and sessions can be complicated and still quite expensive, and the environment may not be enjoyable for children and youth.

After much thought, consultation, and prayer, we believe we have found a **better and more practical solution**:

A Short Family Cruise with Conference

We are planning a **Fun Cruise with Family Conference** from **June 4–8, 2026**, departing from **Galveston to Cozumel, Mexico**, on a **Royal Caribbean** ship. This gives us a beautiful opportunity to combine **faith, family, and fellowship** in a joyful and relaxed setting.

Why a Cruise?

Compared to the other options, a short cruise offers many advantages:

1. **Economical for most families**

When we consider hotel rooms, meals, hall rentals, and transportation separately, the cost becomes very high. The cruise combines **accommodation, food, basic entertainment,**

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and meeting spaces in one package, making it relatively economical for what we receive.

2. **Fun and attractive for children and youth**

Our children and young people will be happy to join when they know it is a **ship cruise**. While they enjoy the many facilities on board, we can also guide them spiritually and culturally, helping them grow in love for God and for our Knanaya community.

3. **Families can stay together comfortably**

Family members can stay together in **single or double rooms (cabins)**, preserving privacy and comfort. This is much better than dormitory-style accommodation in some retreat centers or scattered hotel rooms.

4. **All participants are together full-time**

On land, people easily get scattered and arrive late for programs. On the ship, **all participants are on board full time**, making it easier to gather for Holy Qurbana, family sessions, and community events without the stress of transportation and punctuality issues.

5. **Hall available for Holy Qurbana and meetings**

We will have space reserved for **Holy Qurbana and group discussions**, allowing us to celebrate our faith, pray together as a community, and hold structured family sessions.

6. **Stronger connections among parishes**

Children, youth, and adults from **Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, and other Knanaya communities** will have time to get to know one another. This helps our young people develop a **love for the Knanaya community**, build friendships, and grow in a sense of belonging beyond their own parish.

Style of the Family Conference

This will not be a series of long lectures. Instead, the **Family Conference** will be conducted mainly as:

- **Small discussion groups**
- **Led by professional counselors and resource persons from our own community**
- **With practical sharing so that families can learn from one another**

The focus will be on **communication in the family, faith in daily life, healing of relationships, parenting, youth challenges, and Knanaya Catholic identity**. In this way, the sessions will be meaningful, interactive, and supportive rather than tiring.

Joy, Faith, and Fellowship

Along with the spiritual and family-building sessions, everyone will be able to enjoy:

- **The good food** available on the ship
- **The clean and safe fun** provided by Royal Caribbean
- **Time to relax, walk together on deck, talk without hurry, and pray together**

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Royal Caribbean is a **reputed cruise line**, and the ship we are planning to use has the facilities we need for **liturgy, meetings, and family enjoyment**. Organizing this program on the ship is actually **easier and more efficient** than trying to coordinate multiple hotels, retreat centers, or camp sites—and it offers a much better experience for our families.

Limited Rooms – Please Act Soon

Because this is a regular commercial cruise, **cabins are being booked by others months in advance**. The number and type of rooms suitable for our families are **limited**. If you are interested in joining this special **Family Cruise and Conference** from **June 4–8, 2026**, please do not delay.

For **details, pricing, and reservations** according to your family's needs and room preferences, kindly contact our travel agent:

Mr. Michael
☎ 540-609-8810

Dear families, I lovingly encourage you to consider this as an **investment in your marriage, your children, and your family unity**. Let us use this opportunity to grow closer to God and to one another, to strengthen our Knanaya Catholic identity, and to build lasting memories as a community of faith.

With love and prayers,

Fr. Abraham Mutholath
Pastor, St. Mary's Knanaya Catholic Parish
Houston



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Royal Caribbean Mariner of the seas

Houston, Dallas & San Antonio

Knanaya Catholic Parishes

invite you for a

**FUN CRUISE along with a
FAMILY CONFERENCE**



June 04, 2026- June 08, 2026

Amenities just for you:

- Special Fun programs for children and youth
- Daily Holy mass in an assigned place
- \$50 onboard credit
- Discount for early registration
- **Limited seats** due to high season
- 1 hour cocktail party

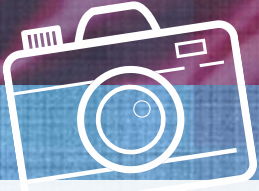
Special Price

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PEOPLE IN A ROOM**

Not included: Gratuities, Wi-Fi and Alcoholic beverage

For more information and booking contact:

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SNAPSHOTS

BLESSING AND DISTRIBUTION OF INFANT JESUS STATUES FOR CHRISTMAS CAROL





UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **[Homily on Luke 1:5-25 by Fr. Abraham Mutholath on November 30, 2025 in Houston.](#)**
- **Update on Parish Catechism school building project. The application for approval from the city is under favorable consideration. The parish council held on last Tuesday approved the bid for 4.49 million dollars after considering six bid applications. We are ready to start construction of the building as soon as the city approves it that might take around two months. So we need to raise the fund for the construction. So, Carol is a good time to add more to this building fund.**
- **Offerings of \$250 or above for Carol will be credited to your New Building Fund account. Please cooperate.**
- **We are arranging a fun ship cruise with family conference as part of our Family Bonding Year observance in 2026. The cruise is from Galveston to Cozumel from June 4 to 8, 2026 (Thursday to Monday). Mr. Michael is available to answer your questions and to help you with the reservation. Reservation at the earliest is necessary to assure the rooms of your preference. This will be a good opportunity for family members of all ages from our Forane including Dallas and San Antonio to develop good friendship. This is a new style of Family Conference with fun instead of meeting in a hotel or retreat center.**
- **At the request of some of our girls, the parish council decided to allow girls also as altar servers as done in some other parishes. The parents of those who like can give their names at the reception desk. They will be trained and their uniform liturgical dress has to be ordered and brought from Kerala.**
- **We have printed new and updated prayer books for our church use. They are shipped from Kottayam. Since they are expensive, sponsors with any amount are welcome. They will be included in our prayers.**
- **Coming Friday, 12/5, is the first Friday of the month. We will have adoration after 7:00 P.M. Qurbana.**
- **St. Antony's Koodarayogam will be held on next Saturday, 12/6, at 7:00 P.M. at the house of James and Mole Vadakkekara.**



UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Blessing of wedding anniversaries and birthdays will be held on next Sunday, 12/7, after each Qurbana.**
- **Feast of O.L. of Guadalupe is on December 12. We will celebrate it on Sunday, December 14. Sponsors are welcome.**
- **Those who have not given Auction and Annual Contribution for 2025, please give ASAP.**



WEDDING BANNS

- **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. (Third 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. (Third 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. (Second Bann)**
- **Taison Tomy s/o Tomy and Anie Chamakalayil from St. George's Knanaya Catholic Church, Kaipuzha with Jesny George D/o George and Molly Parayil Kaniyaakunnel from this parish to be held on January 9, 2026. (First Bann)**



IMPORTANT DATES

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

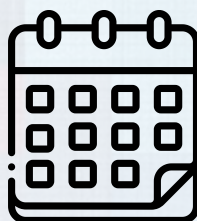
**DEC 18 THU: FEAST OF THE MIRACULOUS CROSS AT
MYLAPORE**

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)**





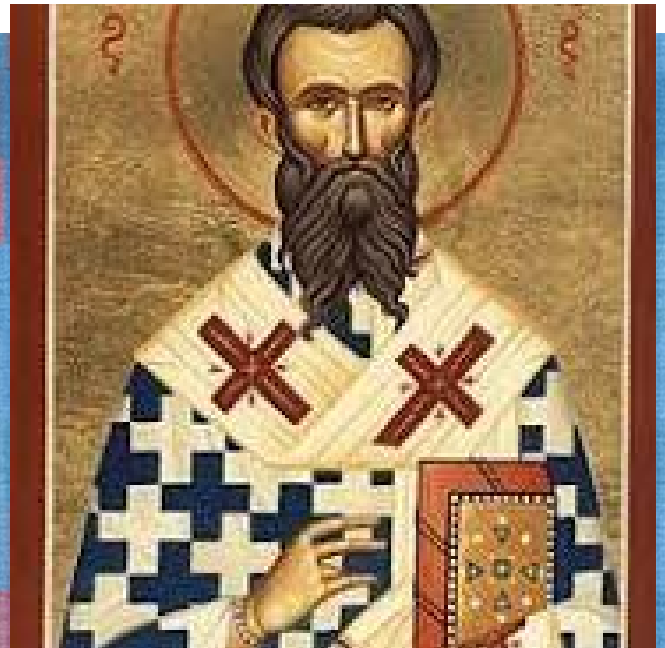
CATECHISM CORNER

UPDATES

SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT AMBROSE:
DECEMBER 7

PATRONAGE:
**BEEKEEPERS, BEGGARS,
LEARNING, AND THE
CITY OF MILAN**



BIBLE PASSAGE

VERSE OF THE WEEK

PSALMS 23:4

EVEN THOUGH I WALK
THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE
SHADOW OF DEATH,
I WILL FEAR NO EVIL, FOR YOU
ARE WITH ME;
YOUR ROD AND YOUR STAFF
COMFORT ME.

- GENESIS 3:8-24
- JEREMIAH
33:14-26
- REVELATIONS
5:1 - 5
- LUKE 1:26-38

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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PLEASE CALL FOR APPOINTMENTS

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