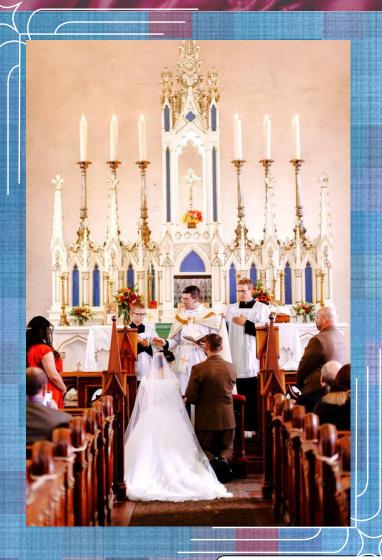


# ANGEL VOICE

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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, December 21, 2025 **Fourth Sunday of the Annunciation** 

- Ex 34:1-9 God appears to Moses
- · Zech 2:7-13 God dwells with His people
- · Rev 21:1-7 The sanctuary of God is with the people
- · Mt 1:18-24 Announcement about Emmanuel

### VICAR'S MESSAGE

**PASTOR'S MESSAGE** 

#### **REJOICING IN FAMILY LIFE AND COMMUNITY BLESSINGS**

Dearly beloved parishioners,

With great joy and gratitude to God, I am happy to share some uplifting news from our parish and the wider Knanaya Catholic community. Based on our parish records, **40 of our young people entered into the Sacrament of Marriage in the year 2025 within our own Knanaya Catholic community.** This is truly a grace-filled sign of God's blessing upon our families and a hopeful trend for the future of our community. Let us thank God wholeheartedly for this beautiful witness of faith, commitment, and continuity.

Out of these 40, there were **35 distinct weddings,** as **five couples were from our own parish.** This itself is a strong testimony to the vitality of our parish life, the effectiveness of our community gatherings, and the dedicated pastoral and social activities carried out by our parish and the Knanaya Catholic Association in Houston. These occasions foster faith-filled relationships and help our youth discern marriage within our own community.

Among the 35 weddings, **20 were celebrated in Kerala**, reflecting the deep spiritual and cultural bonds our families maintain with the homeland. **Two were destination weddings**, and **two took place in Knanaya parishes of the spouse elsewhere in the United States**. In the Houston area, **11 weddings were celebrated**, of which **five were held in our own parish church**, while **six were celebrated in Latin parishes**.

While it is canonically and legally permissible to celebrate weddings in other Catholic parishes, it is pastorally important that we **encourage our young people to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage in their own parish church whenever possible.** Our parish church is not only a place of worship but also the spiritual home where faith is nurtured, families are formed, and community identity is strengthened. Celebrating weddings here deepens the bond between the couple and their parish family and enriches the life of the entire community.

In gratitude for God's blessings, we will be honoring all the couples married in 2025 during our Christmas Vigil Service at 7:00 P.M. on December 24, 2025. This joyful gathering will also mark the inauguration of the Family Bonding Year 2026 in our parish. I humbly request all families to encourage these newly married couples to participate in this meaningful celebration. Let us continue to pray for our young families, that their homes may be rooted in Christ, enriched by faith, and strengthened by love. May the Holy Family of Nazareth guide them, and may our parish remain a vibrant cradle of faith, unity, and Knanaya Catholic tradition.

With prayers and blessings,

Fr. Abraham Mutholath

**Pastor** 



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:**

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- · Daily Holy mass in an assigned place
- \$50 onboard credit
- · Discount for early registration
- Limited seats due to high season
- 1 hour cocktail party



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PEOPLE IN A ROOM

Not included: Gratuities, Wi-Fi and Alcoholic beverage



# **SNAPSHOTS**

# FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE













- <u>Homily on Luke 1:57-66 by Fr. Abraham Mutholath in Houston on December 14, 2025.</u>
- We will have Teen Zone this Friday, 12/19, with English Qurbana and Adoration starting at 7:00 P.M.
- We will have priests from outside this Saturday, 12/20, for confession from 9:30 A.M. in preparation of Christmas.
- You are welcome to bring Cake like last year on December 24th for sharing after the Christmas Vigil Mass.
- The Christmas Vigil Mass in English on December 24th will be at 5:00 P.M. and the Malayalam service will be at 7:00 P.M.
- We are planning to honor the newlyweds of 2025 from our parish after the Christmas Vigil Mass on December 24. Please inform the newlyweds from our community whom you know.
- We will have 12 hour adoration on December 31st from 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.
- Christmas Carol. \$250 or above offering for Carol will be credited to your New Building Fund account. Please cooperate. Prize for Koodarayogam that collects most funds.
- 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). Please contact tha travel agent Mr. Michael for details and reservation.
- 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.



- If anyone is interested to join trip from Delhi via Guwahati, Shillong, Arunachal Pradesh and Calcutta from March 1 11, 2026, this is the last chance to join. We will participate in the blessing of four churches and a school sponsored by our parishioners and parish. More people are welcome to donate for the St. Mary's Church in the Diocese of Miao sponsored by our parish. You can donate in the charity box at St. Mary's statue or give at the reception counter. We need some more sponsors for that.
- Those who have not given Auction and Annual Contribution for 2025, please give ASAP.
- Sunday, December 21st will be a Catechism day. To give the real sprit of Christmas to our children, we are having a class based Crib making Competition for our Catechism students of Grades 5 to 12 on Sunday December 21st. This will be a combined effort of Parents, Students and Teachers from these classes. This will give the parents an opportunity to work with students and Teacherson class activities. Special spots in our Gym will be assigned to each class and you can make the crib on that Friday or Saturday and be ready to display from the morning of Sunday, December 21st. Winning classes will get a First prize of \$200 and second prize of \$100.
- Holy Childhood ministry will have their special program on December 24th after the English Mass at 5:00 P.M. and before the 7:00 P.M. Christmas Vigil Mass. Program will start at 6:30 P.M. Please cooperate with its organizers for the training of our children.
- Every Friday we have adoration in the chapel and inside the church from 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. Appreciate those who are active in that. More people are welcome.
- As part of Silver Jubilee of the Chicago diocese there will be Southwest Zonal gathering of current and past Catechism teachers at St. Joseph church on February 7th. Teachers from Oklahoma and Texas states will be there at the gathering. It's our great opportunity since it's in our neighbor parish. Requesting all our teachers to register and participate. Registration is free and the form is shared in the teacher's WhatsApp group.



# WEDDING BANNS

- 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. (Third Bann)
- Shibin Benny S/o Benny and Animol Alappattu from SS. Peter and Paul Knanaya Catholic Church, Mrala with Shilby Boby D/o Boby and Shiji Koottumala Puthenpurayil from this parish to be held on January 18, 206. (First Bann)





# Crib Competition

for Catechism grades 5 to 12







# One crib by each class

Combined effort of Parents, Students & Teachers



Sunday, December 21



First prize: \$200

Second prize: \$ 100







# AMissionery Pilgrimage with Mar Ceorge Palliparambil

Sponsored by St. Mary's Knanaya Catholic Parish, Houston For the blessing of churches and school sponsored by the parishioners.

2026 February 27 - March 10

Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal **Pradesh, West Bengal (Calcutta)** 

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## **IMPORTANT DATES**

#### **DECEMBER 2025**

**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** 

CRIB MAKING COMPETITION FOR CATECHISM STUDENTS THIS WEEKEND

# SAINT OF THE WEEK

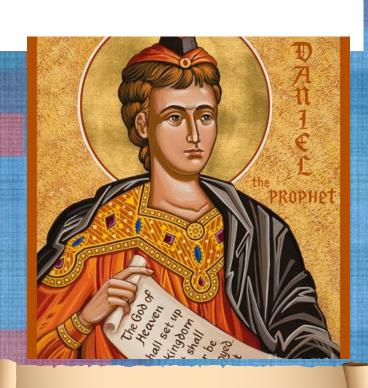
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PATRONAGE:
PRISONERS, THOSE
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VERSE OF THE WEEK

MATHEW 18:20 FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE GATHER IN MY NAME, THERE AM I WITH THEM.



# **BIBLE PASSAGE**

- EXODUS 34:1-9
- **ZECHARIAH 2:7-13**
- REVELATIONS 21:1-7
- MATHEW 1:18-24

## 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)

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

PLEASE CALL FOR APPOINTMENTS

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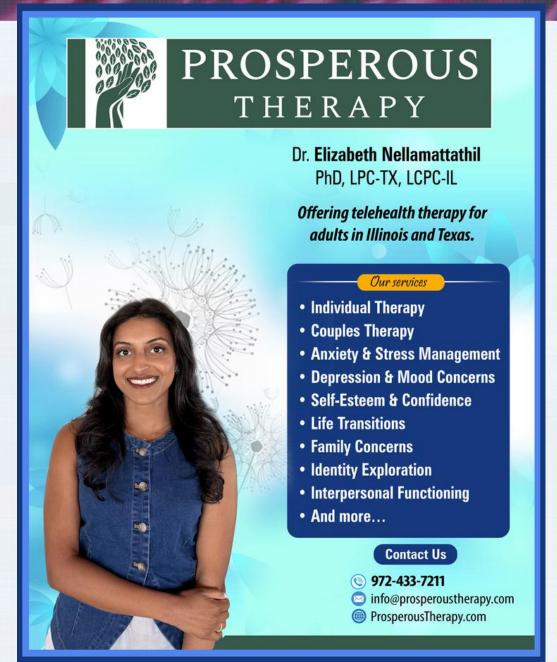
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