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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, January 18, 2025

Third Sunday of Epiphany

- Deut 31:1-8 Joshua is chosen
- Isa 41:8-16 I have chosen you
- Phil 3:4-16 The attitude of the chosen one
- Mk 3:7-19 The call of the Apostles

VICAR'S MESSAGE

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

FEAST OF ST. SEBASTIAN, A DOUBLE MARTYR

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Next Sunday, our parish joyfully celebrates the Feast of Saint Sebastian, one of the most beloved martyrs of the universal Church and a saint held in deep devotion by our Kerala Christian tradition. The widespread churches dedicated in his name and the countless faithful who bear his name testify to the enduring impact of his heroic witness. Introduced to Kerala through European missionaries during times of deadly plagues, devotion to Saint Sebastian took deep root as people experienced his powerful intercession in moments of fear, sickness, and uncertainty.

Saint Sebastian's life is a striking witness to courageous faith lived in the ordinary structures of society. Born in Gaul and educated in Milan, he rose to prominence as an officer in the Roman imperial army, eventually serving in the Praetorian Guard under Emperor Diocletian. While outwardly a loyal soldier, he was inwardly a committed disciple of Christ. At a time when Christians were brutally persecuted, Sebastian used his position not for personal gain, but to secretly support imprisoned believers—bringing them comfort, strengthening their wavering faith, and encouraging them to remain faithful even unto martyrdom.

His life beautifully reveals the power of lay witness. In prisons and public service, Sebastian evangelized not by official preaching but by personal courage, charity, and conviction. Through his Spirit-filled exhortations and God's healing power working through him, many—including soldiers, prisoners, government officials, and their families—embraced the Christian faith and received Baptism. His life reminds us that the Gospel can transform hearts even in hostile environments when lived with integrity and boldness.

Sebastian's faith eventually came to light, leading to his arrest and cruel martyrdom. Bound to a tree and pierced with arrows, he was left for dead. Yet God granted him a miraculous survival, offering him a second chance—not to escape, but to confront the emperor once more with the truth of the Gospel. His second martyrdom, beaten to death with clubs, sealed his total self-gift to Christ. His body, reverently buried by the faithful, became a source of blessing and hope for generations.

Throughout history, the Church has experienced Saint Sebastian's powerful intercession, especially during times of plague and widespread illness. From Rome to Pavia, and later across Europe, devotion to him grew as people recognized God's mercy at work through his prayers. Thus, he became patron against plague and illness, and also of soldiers, police officers, athletes, and all who face danger in the service of others.

VICAR'S MESSAGE

As we celebrate his feast, Saint Sebastian speaks powerfully to our parish and to our times.

- 1. The Church has been nourished through the centuries by the sacrifice of Christ and the blood of martyrs. Saint Sebastian reminds us that the Church continues to grow when believers courageously witness to Christ through faith-filled lives, even amid trials.
- 2. Saint Sebastian stands as a shining model of lay ministry. Without abandoning his secular responsibilities, he transformed his workplace into a mission field. He reminds our lay faithful that evangelization is not limited to clergy and religious; every baptized person is called to be a witness to Christ in daily life.
- 3. While we confidently seek Saint Sebastian's intercession, we remember that all grace comes from God through Jesus Christ, the one Mediator. Our devotion to the saints must always deepen, never replace, our worship of God and our personal relationship with Christ.

May Saint Sebastian inspire our parish to be fearless in faith, generous in service, and steadfast in hope. Through his prayers, may our families and community be protected, strengthened, and renewed in the joy of the Gospel.

With prayers and blessings,

Fr. Abraham Mutholath





UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [Homily on John 8:21-30 by Fr. Abraham Mutholath on January 11, 2026.](#)
- **Bonding Families seminar will be held this Wednesday, 1/14, at 8:30 P.M. via zoom. Access code is 345 345 1911.**
- **Baptism preparation class via zoom will be held on this Thursday, 1/15, at 8:30 P.M. Access code is 345 345 1911.**
- **This Friday, 1/16, we will have Teen zone with English Qurbana at 7:00 P.M. followed by one hour adoration ending at 8:45 P.M.**
- **This Friday, 1/16, is the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul.**
- **First Communion classes will start this Saturday, 1/17, with 9:30 A.M. Qurbana.**
- **We will be celebrating the feast of St. Sebastian next Sunday, 1/18, with lading at 7:20 A.M. Sponsors are welcome to sign up at reception desk.**
- **As part of the Celebration of Family Bonding Year – 2026, each month, families from one Koodarayogam will be specially invited for a family blessing after Sunday Holy Qurbana. On this occasion, married couples will renew their wedding promises, reaffirming their commitment to one another before God.**
- **Sacred Heart Koodarayogam will be doing this on Sunday January 25th after each Qurbana.**
- **Families coming for the family blessing will be encouraged to make a charity offering. These offerings will be used to support the construction of a Holy Family Church in North East India and to assist families in need who will be praying for our families.**
- **Family prayer cards in English and Malayalam will be distributed for daily prayer.**



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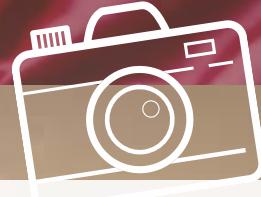
- **Deuteronomy 16:16-17** “They shall not appear before the Lord empty-handed; every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God which he has given you.”
- “കർത്താവിന്റെ മുന്പില് വെറും കൈയോടെ വരരുത്. നിന്റെ ദൈവമായ കർത്താവു നിങ്ങളുടെ കുന്നല് കിയിരിക്കുന്ന അനുഗ്രഹങ്ങളുടെ കൈകാൽ വിധിവന്നു കഴിയാൻ കാഴ്ചകള്ളം സമർപ്പിക്കണം.”
- **Be careful with our prayer books and kneelers in the church.**



WEDDING BANNS

- **Fijin Mathew Philip, son of Philip and Reji Kambakalumkal from this parish with Anitta Benny d/o Benny and Laila Polackal from St. Thomas Old Church, Punnathura to be held on February 15th. (Second Bann)**

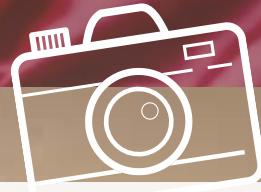




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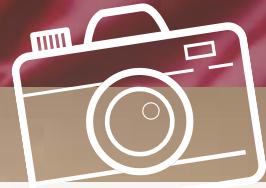
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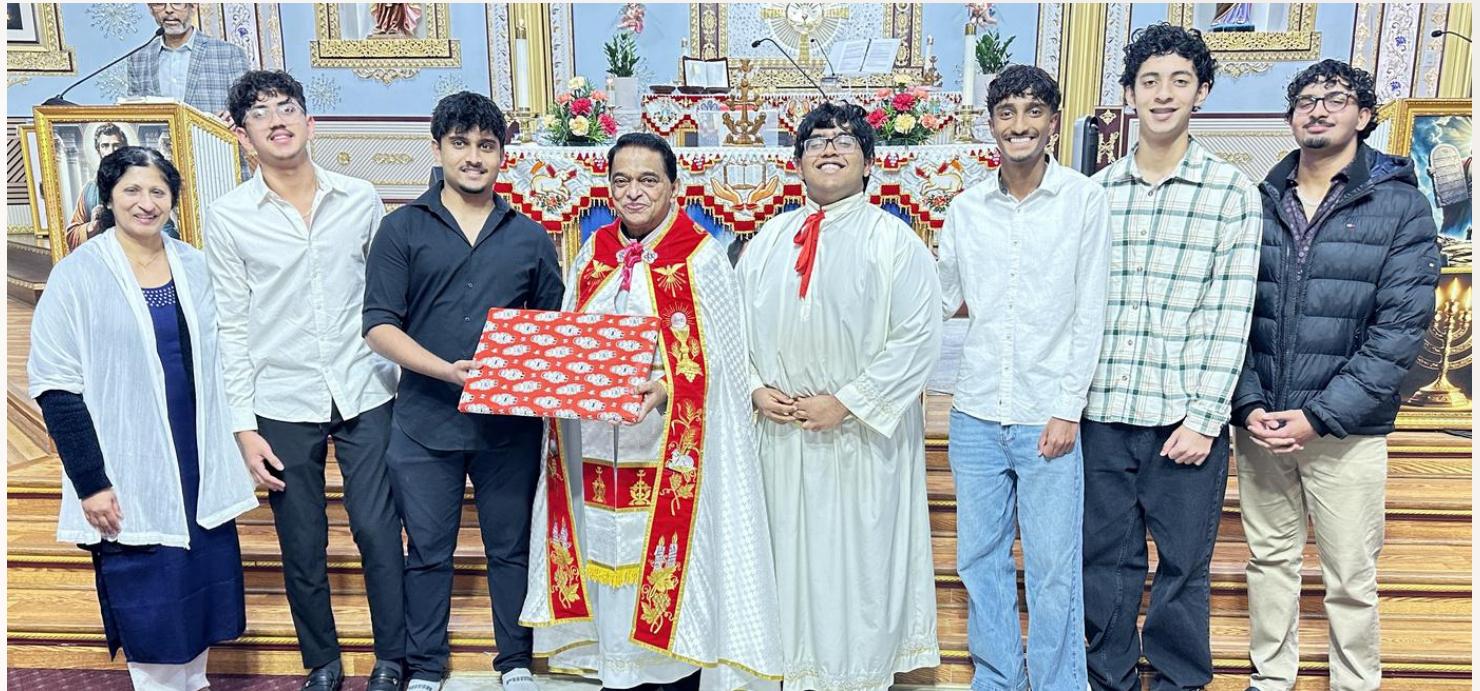


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Living Root Bridge
Umngot River
Kolkata Victoria Memorial
Howrah Bridge & Hooghly River
Mother Teresa's House
and many more..



IMPORTANT DATES

JANUARY 2026

JAN 14 WED: FEAST OF ST. DEVASAHAYAM PILLAI

JAN 16 FRI: FEAST OF ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL, THE APOSTLES

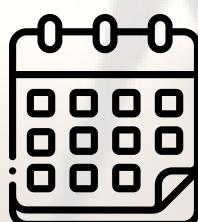
JAN 18 SUN: UNITY OCTAVE BEGINS

JAN 20 TUE: FEAST OF ST. SEBASTIAN

JAN 24 SAT: FEAT OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

JAN 25 SUN: UNITY OCTAVE ENDS

JAN 25 SUN: THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL



KOODARAYOGAM ASSIGNMENTS for Cleaning, Reading, Family Blessing etc

January - Sacred Heart

February - St. Pius X

March - St. Jude

April - St. Thomas

May- St. Ann & St. Christopher

June - St. Michael

July - St. Xavier

August - St. Theresa

September - Holy Family

October - St. Alphonsa & St. George

November - St. Stephen

December - St. Antony



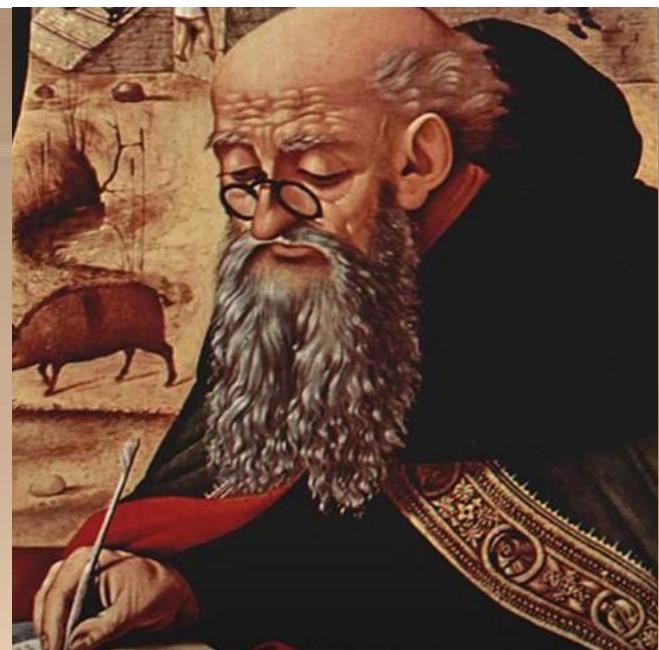
CATECHISM CORNER

UPDATES

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST. ANTHONY, ABBOT
JANUARY 17

PATRONAGE:
ANIMALS, FARMERS,
GRAVEDIGGERS,
BUTCHERS



VERSE OF THE WEEK

PSALM 23:1

“THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD;
I SHALL NOT WANT”

BIBLE PASSAGE

- EUTERONOMY 31:1-8
- ISAIAH 41:8-16
- PHILIPPIANS 3:4-16
- MARK 3:7-19

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. ANTHONY

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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