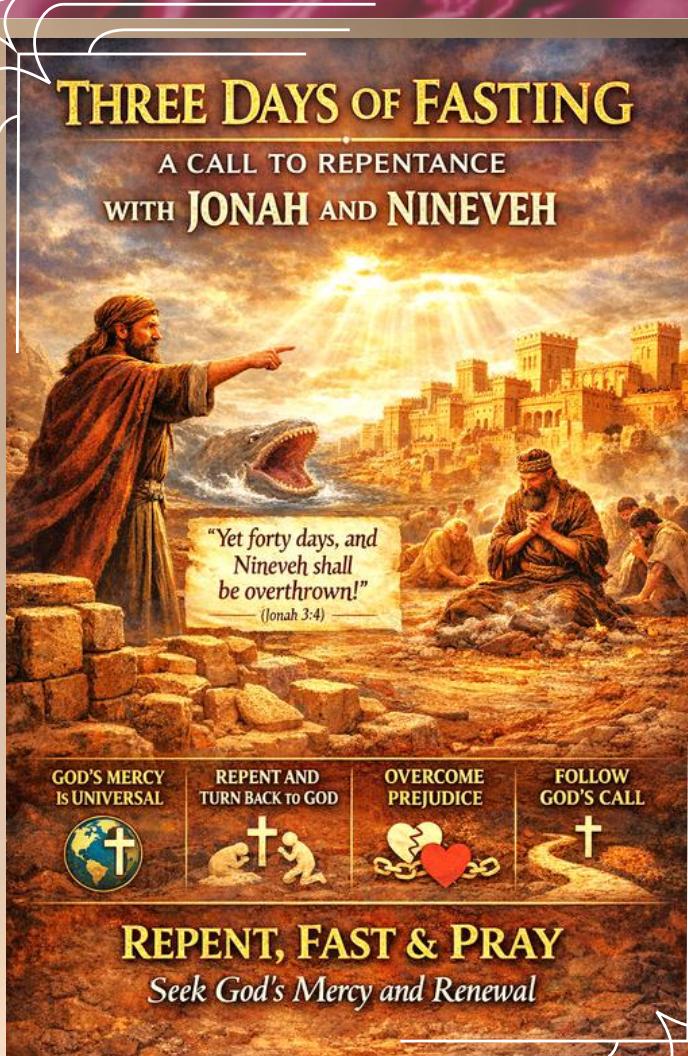


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### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

❖ 7:30 AM MALAYALAM  
QURBANA (SOLEMN)

❖ 9:30 AM ENGLISH QURBANA

❖ 11:30 AM MALAYALAM  
QURBANA

### Readings

Sunday, January 25, 2025

Third Sunday of Epiphany

- Gen 29:1-14 Jacob beside the well of Laban
- 2 Kings 17: 24-28 The origin of the Samaritans
- Heb 6:1-12 You have things that belong to salvation
- Jn 4:1-26 Jesus is the promised Messiah

# VICAR'S MESSAGE

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

### THREE DAYS OF FASTING: A CALL TO REPENTANCE WITH JONAH AND NINEVEH

Dearly beloved in Christ,

As a parish community, we are entering into a **three-day fast observance beginning Monday next week**. This sacred time of prayer, fasting, and repentance invites us to journey spiritually with **the people of Nineveh and the Prophet Jonah**, whose story powerfully reveals the depth of God's mercy and the transforming power of sincere repentance.

Nineveh was the great capital of the Assyrian Empire, a city known not only for its wealth and power but also for its violence and cruelty. For the people of Israel, Nineveh symbolized oppression and suffering, especially because the Assyrians destroyed Samaria and led many Israelites into exile. Humanly speaking, Nineveh seemed undeserving of mercy. Yet God's ways are not confined by human judgments.

When God commanded Jonah to preach repentance to Nineveh, he resisted. His reluctance was rooted in fear, wounded history, and prejudice. Jonah knew that God was "gracious and merciful, slow to anger and rich in kindness" (Jon 4:2), and he did not want his enemies to be forgiven. This inner struggle of Jonah mirrors our own struggles when God asks us to forgive, to reconcile, or to pray for those who have hurt us.

After Jonah's flight and his time of repentance in the belly of the great fish, he finally obeyed God's call. His message was simple and urgent: "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown" (Jon 3:4). What followed was extraordinary. The people of Nineveh believed God. They proclaimed a fast, wore sackcloth, humbled themselves, and turned away from their evil ways. Even the king stepped down from his throne in repentance. Seeing their sincere conversion, God showed mercy and spared the city.

This three-day fast draws its inspiration from that very moment in salvation history. It reminds us of several profound spiritual truths. First, God's mercy is universal. No one is beyond the reach of His compassion. As the Church teaches, God's saving will is meant for all peoples (cf. CCC 851). Second, true repentance has the power to change our destiny. When hearts turn back to God with humility, judgment gives way to mercy. Third, God calls us to overcome prejudice. Like Jonah, we may resist God's work in others, but Christ calls us to love even our enemies and to pray for those who persecute us (Mt 5:44). Finally, God's will cannot be escaped. Even our failures and detours can become paths of grace when we return to Him with trust.

## VICAR'S MESSAGE

During these three days of fasting, let us look honestly into our own hearts. Are there sins we need to repent of? Are there people we have refused to forgive? Are there situations where we have resisted God's call to conversion, reconciliation, or charity? Like Nineveh, let us humble ourselves before the Lord with prayer, fasting, and works of mercy.

May this fast not be merely an external observance, but a true interior renewal. May the God who forgave Nineveh also renew our families, our parish, and each one of us, granting us hearts that are humble, merciful, and obedient to His will.

With prayers and blessings,

**Fr. Abraham Mutholath**





## UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

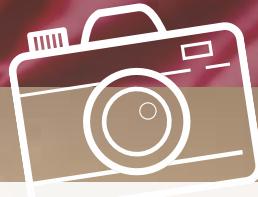
- [Homily on Mark 3:7-19 by Fr. Abraham Mutholath in Houston on January 18, 2026.](#)
- Holy Childhood will be initiating a Bible Study for students in the 3rd and 4th grades. The first class will be next Thursday, 1/29, and will be every other Thursday from 8:30 to 9:00 PM via the Zoom .We invite parents to support and encourage their children's participation in this online Bible study.
- In person meeting of parents of children preparing for Solemn Reception of Holy Communion will be held on this Friday, 1/23, after the 7:00 P.M. Qurbana.
- 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.
- All fourth graders of this year must have their Solemn Reception of Holy Communion this year and must attend special classes for that on Saturdays. This is also considering the good of our children. Each child is unique. Birthday celebration of children are not done combined but on time. It is not pastorally right to prolong the privilege of children to receive Holy Eucharist by waiting for the younger ones for banquet. So also is baptism of children.



# WEDDING BANNS

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





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# IMPORTANT DATES

## JANUARY 2026

**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**

## FEBRUARY 2026

**FEB 2 MON: THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE**

**FEB 4 WED: FEAST OF SAINT JOHN BRITTO**

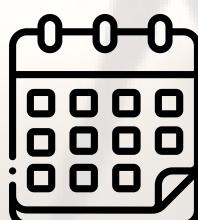
**FEB 6 FRI: FEASTS OF THE SYRIAC FATHERS**

**FEB 11 WED: FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES (DAY OF THE SICK)**

**FEB 16 MON: LENT BEGINS. DAY OF FASTING**

**FEB 23 MON: FEAST OF SAINT POLYCARP**

**FEB 25 WED: FEAST OF BLESSED MARTYR RANI MARIA**



## **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. AGNES**  
JANUARY 21

**PATRONAGE:**  
**YOUNG GIRLS, VIRGINS,  
CHASTITY, ENGAGED  
COUPLES, AND VICTIMS  
OF SEXUAL ASSAULT OR  
ABUSE**



### BIBLE PASSAGE

**VERSE OF  
THE WEEK**  
**ECCLESIASTES 9:7**

“GO, EAT YOUR FOOD WITH GLADNESS, AND DRINK YOUR WINE WITH A JOYFUL HEART, FOR GOD HAS ALREADY APPROVED WHAT YOU DO.”

- GENESIS 29:1-14
- 2 KINGS 17: 24-28
- HEBREWS 6:1-12
- JOHN 4:1-26

# 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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