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CHARITY-THE HEART OF THE GREAT FAST



**"I DESIRE MERCY,
NOT SACRIFICE."**

Matthew 9:13

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

◆ 7:30 AM MALAYALAM
QURBANA (SOLEMN)

◆ 9:30 AM ENGLISH QURBANA

◆ 11:30 AM MALAYALAM
QURBANA

🔍 Readings

Sunday, February 22, 2026

Second Sunday of Lent

- Gen 13:1-13 One who gives up wealth and trusts in God
- Sir 31:1-11 Use of wealth
- 1 Tim 6:3-10 Greed is the root sin
- Lk 19:1-10 Repentance of Zacchaeus

VICAR'S MESSAGE

CHARITY—THE HEART OF THE GREAT FAST

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we journey through the Great Fast, the Church invites us to renew our hearts through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These three pillars are not simply traditions; they are pathways that draw us closer to God and to one another. Among them, charity—our willingness to give generously—is a powerful expression of the Gospel lived out in daily life.

“I desire mercy, not sacrifice.”

These words from the Lord remind us that God looks first at the heart. Fasting and self-denial have meaning only when they lead us to greater compassion. The Great Fast is not merely about what we give up, but about what we give away—our love, our resources, our time, and our care for those in need. When we support the poor, strengthen our parish, and assist missionaries who carry the Gospel to distant places, we are doing far more than offering money. We are participating in God's own work of mercy. We become instruments of His compassion in a world that desperately needs it.

Why our giving matters

1. Spiritual Blessing

Charity purifies the heart. It loosens our attachment to material things and opens us to God's grace. Every act of generosity becomes a prayer—an offering that rises to heaven. Jesus teaches us that what we do for “the least of these,” we do for Him. When we give, we encounter Christ Himself.

2. Social Impact

Our parish ministries, outreach programs, and missionary efforts depend on the generosity of the faithful. Your support feeds the hungry, educates children, strengthens families, and sustains the Church's mission. Charity transforms communities. It builds a parish where no one stands alone and where the love of Christ is visible and active.

3. Psychological and Emotional Joy

There is a deep human joy in giving. Modern research confirms what Scripture has taught for centuries: generosity brings peace, reduces anxiety, and increases our sense of purpose. When we give, we feel connected—to God, to others, and to something greater than ourselves. Charity lifts the spirit and fills the heart with gratitude.

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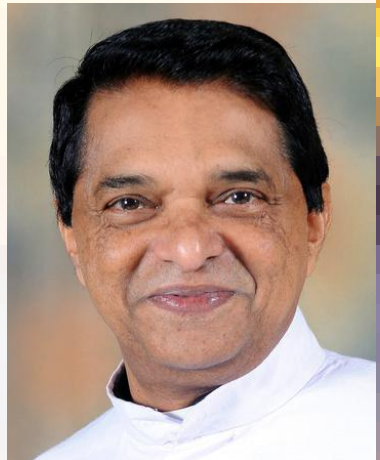
A call to action during this Great Fast

I invite you to reflect prayerfully on how God is calling you to give this season. Perhaps it is supporting the poor in our community, contributing to the needs of our parish, or assisting missionaries who bring Christ's light to places we may never see. Whatever form your generosity takes, know that it is precious in the eyes of God.

Let this Great Fast be a time when our sacrifices lead to mercy, when our fasting leads to compassion, and when our hearts grow in love. May our parish be strengthened by the generosity of its people, and may our giving become a witness to the living presence of Christ among us.

With gratitude and prayer for each of you,

Fr. Abraham Mutholath
Pastor





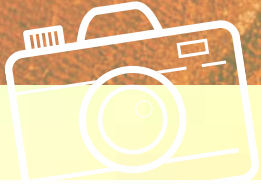
UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [Ash Monday homily by Fr. Abraham Mutholath in Houston on February 16, 2026.](#)
- [Homily on Luke 4:1-13, Temptation of Jesus by Fr. Abraham Mutholath in Houston on February 15, 2026.](#)
- Our annual pothuyogam will be held next Sunday, February 22nd, after 7:30 A.M. Qurbana to present the annual accounts of 2025. Registered members of the parish who are 21 or above and who contributed annual contribution last year can attend.
- Because of parish pothuyogam next Sunday, the Second Qurbana will be 30 minutes late starting at 10:00 A.M. Hence catechism will also end half-an-hour late next Sunday.
- St. Pius X Koodarayogam will have Family Year blessing and renewal of wedding promises by couples on February 22nd after each Qurbana.
- Families are encouraged to make a charity offering that will be used to support the construction of a Holy Family Church in North East India. They will be praying for our families
- Next Baptism class via zoom will be on Thursday, February 19th at 8:30 P.M.
- As part of the observance of Great Lent, we will have Stations of the Cross on Fridays after morning and evening Qurbana.
- CML will have stations of the Cross on Saturday's after morning Qurbana.
- Children will have Stations of the Cross on Sundays using a short version in English after the second Qurbana. Then they will go to Catechism classes.
- Fr. Abraham Mutholath will be going to India on February 28 and return on March 17. This is to take part in the blessings of four churches and one school our parishioners are sponsoring in Northeast India.
- You are welcome to donate for the church our parish is sponsoring.
- Next Syro-Malankara Qurbana will be held on Saturday February 21st at 11 a.m.



UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Altar servers training for girls has started. If any body else wants to join, please contact Sr. Reji SJC.**
- **Youth Ministry Meeting will be held next Sunday after English Qurbana.**
- **Our Lenten retreat for adults will be from March 19 to 22. On Thursday, March 19th it will be from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday from 3 pm to 9 pm Saturday from 9:30 am to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. ending with Holy Qurbana at 5:00 P.M.**
- **The children and youth retreat will be held on Saturday and Sunday at the same time of adult retreat.**
- **St. George Koodarayogam will be held next Sunday, 2/22, at 5 P.M. at the house of Elvis and Sandra Anakkallamalayil.**
- **Holy Childhood is organizing some attractive programs during this Lenten season. It includes a 50-day calendar program with daily prayers, small acts of sacrifices, acts of kindness, simple help at home, and a Lenten box. Parents are encouraged to help children with a small amount of at least one dollar per day for their daily activities. That will collected and distributed to help poor children in India. More age-appropriate activities are also designed. Please encourage our children to take part in it.**



SNAPSHOTS

ASH MONDAY





Annual Lenten Retreat

for Children - grades 5 and up



March 21 & 22
(Saturday & Sunday)
9:30 am to 5:00 pm

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leads Stations of the Cross in English

Saturdays during Lent
After Qurbana

Please join

Little Flower Mission League
presents

Reflection on Stations

on Saturdays and Sundays during Lent Season

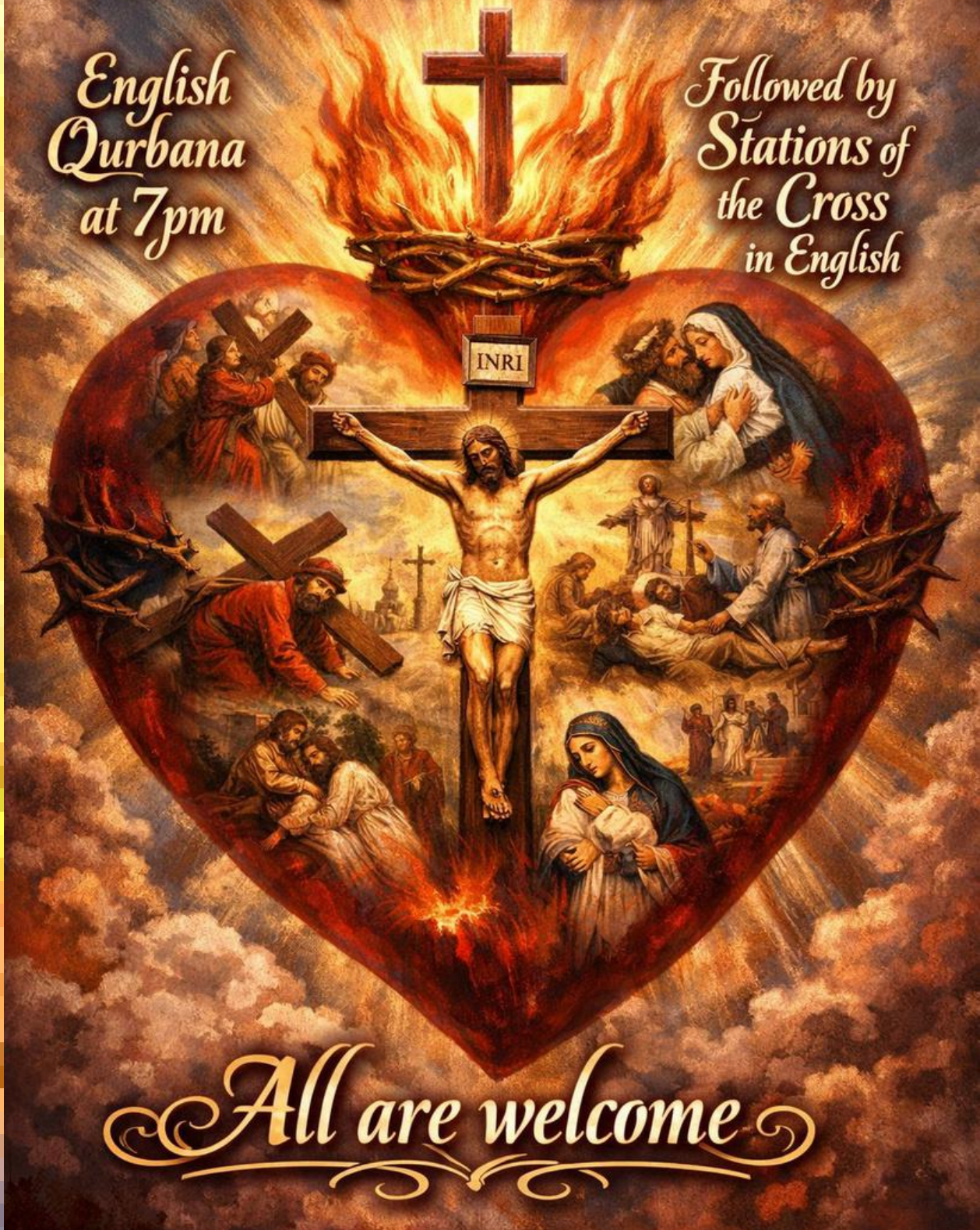


The Way of the Cross:
*A path to **Easter!***

Friday (2/20)

English
Qurbana
at 7pm

Followed by
Stations of
the Cross
in English



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INDIA

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2026 February 27 - March 10

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

Don Bosco Museum, Shillong
Peak, Cherrapunji (Sohra)
Mawdok Valley Viewpoint
Living Root Bridge
Umngot River
Kolkata Victoria Memorial
Howrah Bridge & Hooghly River
Mother Teresa's House
and many more..



IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY 2026

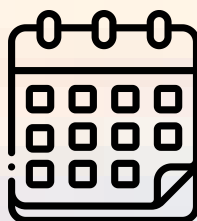
FEB 23 MON: FEAST OF SAINT POLYCARP

FEB 25 WED: FEAST OF BLESSED MARTYR RANI MARIA

MARCH 2026

MAR 19 THU: FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

MAR 25 WED: THE FEAST OF ANNUNCIATION



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

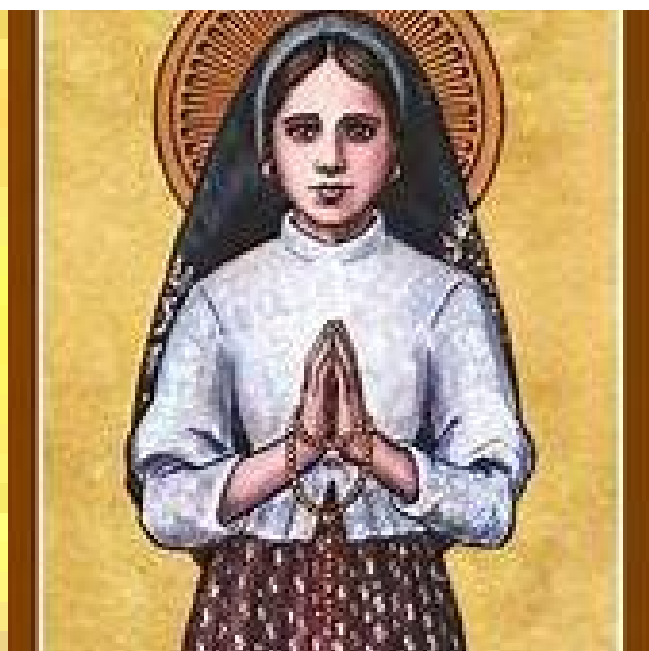
UPDATES

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON SUNDAYS AFTER ENGLISH MASS

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST. JACINTA MARTO
FEBRUARY 20

PATRONAGE:
BODILY ILLS,
PRISONERS, SICK
PEOPLE



BIBLE PASSAGE

VERSE OF THE WEEK

TITUS 2:11

FOR THE GRACE OF GOD
HAS APPEARED FOR THE
SALVATION OF ALL MEN

- GENESIS 13:1-13
- SIRACH 31:1-11
- 1 TIMOTHY 6:3-10
- LUKE 19:1-10

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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