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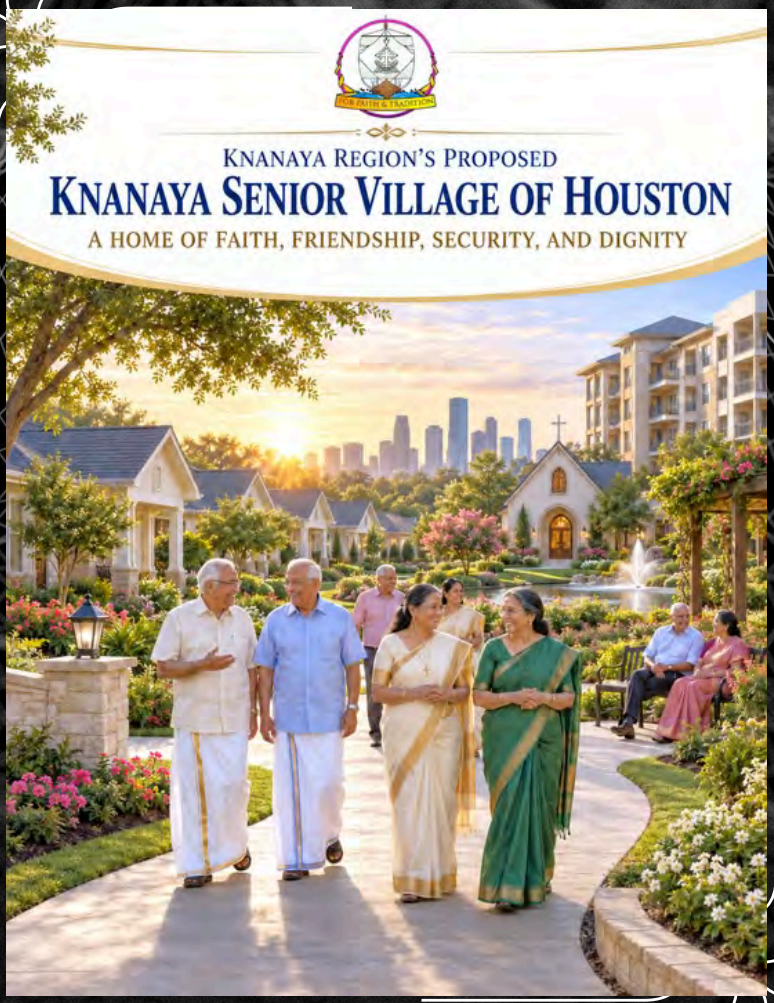

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

- 7:30 AM MALAYALAM QURBANA (SOLEMN)
- 9:30 AM ENGLISH QURBANA
- 11:30 AM MALAYALAM QURBANA

Readings

Sunday, September 13, 2026
Third Sunday of Elijah

- Num 24:15-24 The prophecy of Balaam.
- Zech 14:1-9 The Lord's day.
- 1 Cor 7:29-35 Time is limit; serve the Lord intently.
- Mt 24:32-44 Stay awake.

Vicar's Message

KNANAYA REGION'S PROPOSED "KNANAYA SENIOR VILLAGE OF HOUSTON"

A HOME OF FAITH, FRIENDSHIP, SECURITY, AND DIGNITY

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Every stage of life is God's gift. Our seniors deserve to live with dignity, peace, companionship, security, and spiritual support. For many years, members of our community have expressed a desire for a safe and caring residential setting where they can enjoy their later years while preserving their privacy and independence.

Such a community becomes especially valuable when maintaining a large home becomes difficult, children live far away, health begins to weaken, or a person faces loneliness after the death of a spouse. By planning wisely and working together, we can help our seniors live independently without feeling isolated.

A Long-Held Dream Taking Shape
The establishment of a Knanaya senior living community was proposed at a meeting of Knanaya Region representatives held in Dallas last year. Since then, considerable time and effort have been devoted to studying possible properties and development models in the Houston area.

The Region is now considering the acquisition of approximately 17 acres in Manvel, Texas, with two existing houses and sufficient open land for future development. The property is conveniently located about 18 minutes from our Houston Knanaya Catholic church, approximately 50 minutes from George Bush Intercontinental Airport, and about 28 minutes from Hobby Airport.

The proposed site could accommodate accessible, single-story houses, residential suites, shared facilities, gardens, walking paths, and spaces for prayer, recreation, and fellowship. However, the purchase and development will proceed only after appropriate professional reviews confirm the property's title, survey, environmental condition, zoning, utilities, drainage, flood and hurricane risks, emergency access, financial feasibility, and suitability for the proposed master plan.

A 55-Plus Independent-Living Community
The preferred model is a 55-plus independent-living residential community sponsored by the Knanaya Catholic Region. It is not presently proposed as an assisted-living facility, nursing facility, continuing-care facility, home-health agency, or hospice.

Residents must be capable of living in an independent setting, either on their own or with lawful assistance arranged by them or their families. Personal care, nursing, home healthcare, medication assistance, rehabilitation, and similar services would ordinarily be selected and paid for by residents or their families unless a future written agreement expressly provides otherwise.

The final age and occupancy policy will comply with the federal Housing for Older Persons Act and applicable Texas law. The proposed policy would ordinarily require at least one resident aged 55 or older in each occupied residence. It may also provide appropriate provisions for a younger spouse, surviving spouse, or necessary caregiver, subject to the final legally approved policy.

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More Than a Place to Live

This project is intended to offer much more than housing. Our vision is to create a spiritual home and a caring community where seniors can remain connected to their Catholic faith, Knanaya heritage, friendships, families, and community life.

Subject to ecclesial approval and the availability of clergy, the Village could include a chapel or prayer room and opportunities for Holy Qurbana, Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Anointing of the Sick, rosary, novenas, Bible study, retreats, and pastoral visits during illness and bereavement. A resident priest or religious sisters may also be considered if feasible.

The community could organize shared meals, birthdays, wedding anniversaries, cultural celebrations, recreation, exercise programs, educational activities, outings, games, volunteer opportunities, and intergenerational programs involving families and youth.

The Village may also help residents obtain information about qualified independent providers for transportation, meals, housekeeping, home maintenance, wellness programs, home healthcare, hospice, therapy, and other optional services. Such services will be offered or coordinated only after the appropriate legal, regulatory, licensing, insurance, and professional reviews have been completed.

Independence Without Isolation

The proposed community will respect the independence, privacy, rights, and personal choices of every resident. The preferred residential plan includes a combination of accessible, single-story houses and residential suites in a common building.

Homes and suites would follow approved designs emphasizing senior-friendly living, including no-step entrances, accessible bathrooms, wider doors and passageways, and other appropriate safety features. Residents could enjoy the comfort and privacy of their own homes while benefiting from friendship, prayer, organized maintenance, emergency preparedness, and the support of a caring community.

The Village is also expected to arrange access to dependable services for landscaping, cleaning, routine repairs, and hurricane preparation. Residents would pay for personal services or share approved common expenses as applicable, without having to locate and manage every service alone.

Emergency communication systems, wellness-check procedures, hurricane planning, appropriate emergency access, and backup power for essential common services are also proposed. These measures could provide greater reassurance to residents and their families during falls, sudden illness, severe weather, power failures, or other emergencies.

Catholic Identity and Community Participation

The Knanaya Catholic Region is sponsoring the Village in response to the pastoral and social needs of our senior members. The community will be shaped by Catholic faith, prayer, service, family values, and the rich spiritual and cultural heritage of the Knanaya community. Residents and guests will be expected to respect this Catholic identity and the peaceful, caring character of the Village.

As the project develops, its admission, occupancy, advertising, and transfer policies will be carefully

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prepared in accordance with federal and Texas fair-housing laws. The legal requirements governing religiously sponsored senior communities will also be reviewed by qualified Texas counsel.

Our goal is to preserve the Village's Catholic mission and Knanaya character in every manner permitted by law while ensuring that all policies are fair, respectful, and legally sound. Final eligibility and admission guidelines will therefore be adopted only after the appropriate legal review and will be applied consistently to everyone.

A Project of the Knanaya Catholic Region

The project is intended to be owned and administered by the Knanaya Catholic Region or by a properly organized and adequately funded affiliated entity. The proposed acquisition and development will not impose a financial obligation upon St. Mary's Knanaya Catholic Parish of Houston. Nevertheless, because the proposed property is located in the Houston area, our parishioners are expected to be among those most interested in the project.

The detailed legal structure has not yet been selected. Professional advisers must determine whether residents will have ownership, leasehold, contractual occupancy, condominium, or another legally recognized form of interest. Final documents will clearly define land ownership, ownership of improvements, occupancy rights, insurance, taxes, maintenance responsibilities, assessments, inheritance, liens, transfers, refunds, repurchase provisions, and the rights of residents and their families.

Proposed Participation and Financial Plan

The planning committee is studying a possible contribution of up to $50,000 from each participating household toward the property and common development expenses. This amount is still under review and is not presently authorized for collection.

Before any substantial payment is requested, the final agreement must identify each amount accurately as a refundable deposit, nonrefundable fee, charitable gift, capital contribution, assessment, purchase payment, or payment connected with an ownership or occupancy interest. It must also explain how funds will be held and used, when refunds will be available, what deductions may apply, and what will happen if the purchase, development, enrollment, or construction does not proceed as expected.

A payment connected with priority, a residence, repayment, services, or another financial benefit will not be described as a charitable donation unless qualified tax counsel confirms that treatment.

No participant should make a payment or begin construction in reliance upon the present planning proposal. Binding participation will occur only after the necessary legal, financial, engineering, insurance, tax, accessibility, land-use, regulatory, and ecclesial reviews are completed and the final disclosures and agreements are approved.

Protecting Residents and Their Families

The final occupancy, transfer, and repurchase arrangements should preserve the Village as an age-qualified, Catholic-sponsored senior community while protecting the legitimate financial interests of residents and their families.

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When a resident dies or permanently moves away, the governing entity may have an option or right of first refusal to acquire the residence or improvements. However, the final agreement must clearly state the valuation formula, time allowed for repurchase, responsibility for expenses, rights of a surviving spouse and heirs, treatment of approved improvements, and the procedure to be followed if immediate repurchase funds are unavailable.

No specific repurchase amount or return on a participant's investment can be promised at this preliminary stage. These matters must be defined in legally enforceable agreements before anyone makes a binding commitment.

Responsible Governance and Resident Participation
The proposed governance structure will preserve the Catholic mission of the Village while providing meaningful resident participation, financial accountability, and fair procedures.

The current proposal includes a managing board appointed by the Knanaya Catholic Region, together with at least two resident representatives after the Village becomes occupied. It also envisions committees for finance and audit, pastoral life, building and maintenance, and resident welfare.

Residents should receive an annual budget and financial report, explanations of regular and extraordinary assessments, and access to written complaint, mediation, and appeal procedures. Final policies must also protect residents against arbitrary termination of occupancy and clearly address emergencies, misconduct, serious violations, and amendments to community rules.

A Promising Beginning
I am greatly encouraged that 17 families expressed interest immediately following last Sunday's announcement and that several more have since shown interest. This response demonstrates a genuine desire to explore a faith-centered and community-oriented option for senior living.

At this stage, registering one's name is only an expression of interest. It does not constitute a purchase, reservation, financial commitment, guarantee of admission, priority, allocation of a residence, or promise of an ownership or occupancy interest.

Registration allows interested individuals and families to receive updated information, participate in discussions, identify their housing and service needs, offer suggestions, and help shape the proposed community.

Become Part of This Vision
This project can become a beautiful expression of our Christian responsibility to honor, accompany, and care for our seniors. It can also help preserve the Catholic faith, family spirit, cultural heritage, and fellowship that have long distinguished our community.

I warmly invite seniors, couples approaching retirement, families planning for the future, and children concerned about the long-term well-being of their parents to consider this opportunity prayerfully.

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Upcoming Planning Session

Our Vicar General and Knanaya Region Director, Rev. Fr. Thomas Mulavanal, has graciously agreed to meet with us at our church on Wednesday, September 16, at 8:00 P.M. He will explain the vision for the project and listen to the needs, questions, ideas, and suggestions of interested families.

I warmly request everyone who has expressed interest, as well as anyone who wishes to learn more about the proposal, to attend this important consultation. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and refine the plan; it is not an occasion for making a binding financial or legal commitment.

Let us not wait until loneliness, illness, declining health, or an emergency forces us to search hurriedly for solutions. Let us plan carefully and act responsibly while we have this opportunity.

Together, we can work toward a community where our seniors can preserve their independence without feeling alone—a place where faith is nourished, friendships flourish, appropriate help is accessible, and every resident can enjoy the later years of life with dignity, security, joy, and peace.

With prayerful best wishes,

Fr. Abraham Mutholath
Pastor

Upcoming events and Announcements

- The combined meeting of the Parish Council and Koodarayogam committee members decided to place a special offertory basket in front of the bema. Children are encouraged to come forward and place their offerings in the form of cash, checks, or envelopes. These offerings will support our Sunday School Building Project.

- Donations of $5 or more will be credited toward the child's building-fund contribution when submitted by check or in an envelope clearly marked with the child's name, parents' names, and family name. The primary purpose of this initiative is to teach our children the importance of supporting the Church and participating in charitable activities. Parents, please encourage your children to take part.

- Parents who have not registered their children or renewed their registration must complete the registration before sending them to catechism classes.

- Following a suggestion made by our catechism teachers during their Zoom meeting, we will have Eucharistic Adoration after the 9:30 A.M. English Qurbana until the beginning of the 11:30 A.M. Qurbana. I encourage parents and all parishioners to participate and pray especially for our children and families.

- Mission League will be doing pizza sale for children after Catechism class. Two pieces for $5. That is for our Sunday School Building project.

- Knanaya Catholic Region is planning to have a senior living facility with the service of priests and sisters in the USA. At our request, that is planned to be in Houston. Our parish will have no liability for this. However, that will be beneficial for our parishioners more than Knanayites from other places. I will explain the details of it after this Qurbana. Those who are interested to know about it, please wait after the blessings.

- We invite volunteers for helping with Saturday class for Differently abled children. Those who are trained in that field are most welcome.

- Construction of our Sunday School Building is progressing. Please do not postpone the donation. Please avoid excuses. We have to deposit 400,000 before October 31st.

Upcoming events and Announcements

- **List of building fund by families and each child will be published by the end of October.**
- **40 Hour adoration in preparation for the main feast on October 2-4. Sign up sheet is available.**
- **Feast of Immaculate Conception of the B.V. Mary on Tuesday, 9/8, both morning and evening Qurbana. Sponsors are welcome. Pachor also**

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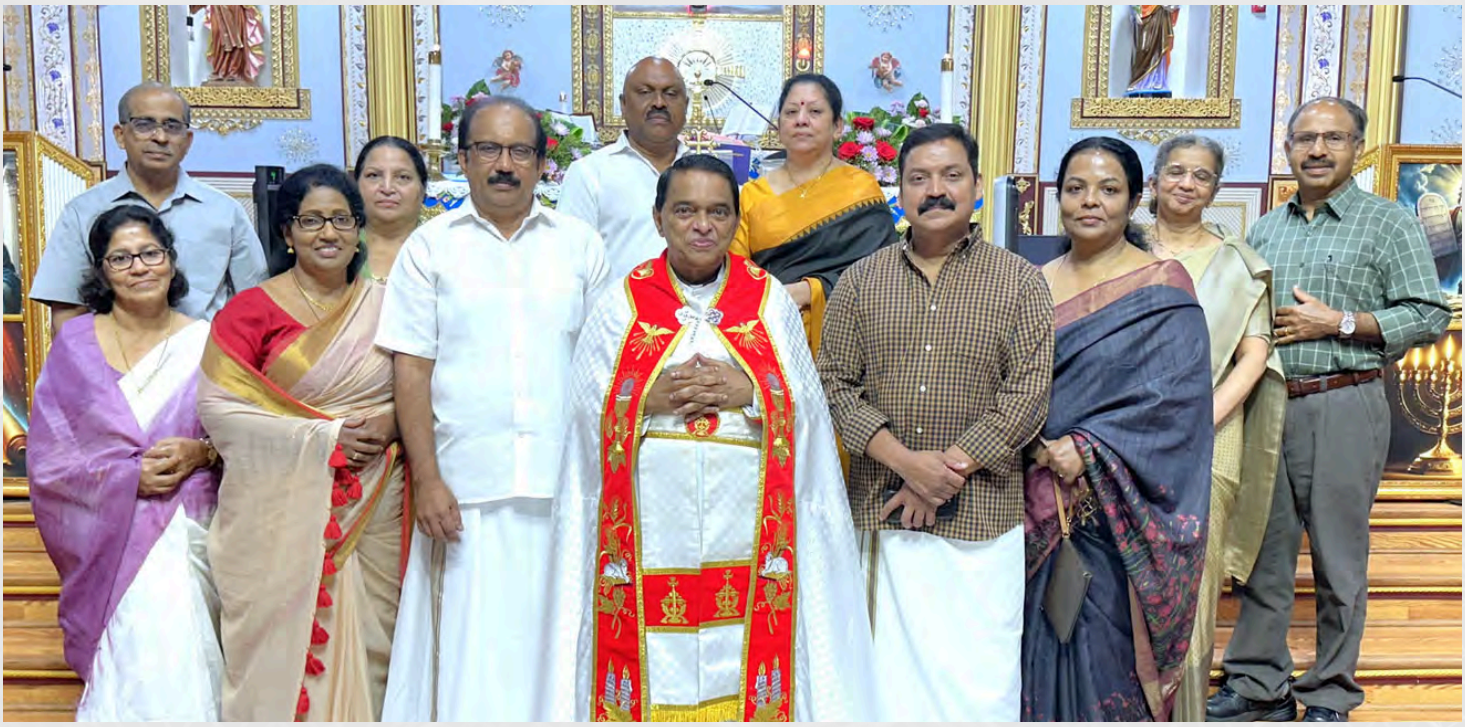
SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS



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PRAYER FOR
THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of our children / and for the dedication of our teachers and parents.

Bless our Sunday School Building Project. Guide all who work for it; grant them wisdom and unity / and protect every worker.

Bless all who support this mission / through their prayers, efforts, and financial contributions. Reward their generosity and bless their families / with peace, health, and prosperity.

May this project be accomplished / according to Your holy will / and become a place / where generations grow in faith, and love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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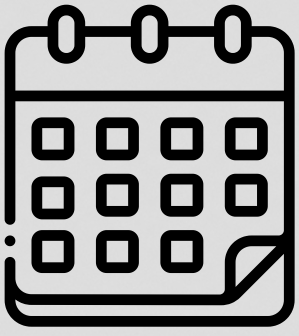
IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER 2026

SEP 8: THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY
SEP 12: FEAST OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM
SEP 21: FEAST OF SAINT MATHEW, THE APOSTLE
SEP 26: FEAST OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL
SEP 29: FEASTS OF ARCHANGELS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL
SEP 30: FEAST OF SAINT JEROME



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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

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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