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## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

HOLY MASS AT 7:00 PM

### THURSDAY

ST. JUDE NOVENA AFTER MASS  
AT 7:00 PM

### SATURDAY

HOLY MASS AND MOTHER OF  
PERPETUAL SUCCOUR AT 10:00  
AM.

### SUNDAY

HOLY MASS AND RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION CLASS AT 10:00 AM.

ENGLISH MASS AT 11:40 AM.

HOLY MASS AT 5:30 PM.

## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

### Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Mass at 7:00 P.M.

### Thursday, December 25th

Holy Mass at 10:00 A.M. (No Mass at 7:00  
P.M.)

### Wednesday, December 31st

Holy Mass with Year-end Prayer Service and  
Adoration at 7:00 P.M.

### Thursday, January 1st, 2015

Holy Mass with New Year Prayer Service at  
10 A.M.(No Mass at 7:00 P.M.)



**മംഗലവാരാർത്ഥം / Fourth Sunday Annunciation of the Church**

December 21	READING	10:00 A.M.	
1st Reading	Gen 25: 50-67	Antony Valoor	
2nd Reading	Eph 5: 5-21	Salom Pillaveettil	
Gospel	St.Mathew 1: 18-24	<i>God's intervention in birth of Jesus.</i>	

**ക്രിസ്തുമസ് / Christmass**

Christmass	DEC 24 7:00 PM	READERS	DEC 25 10:00 AM	READERS
1st Reading	Isaiah 7:10-16; 9:1-3, 6-7	Marykutty Chemmachel	Mich 4:1-3; 5:2-5, 8-9	Biju Kannachaparambil
2nd Reading	Mich 4:1-3; 5:2-5, 8-9	Alisha Mullapallil	Gal. 3:15-4:6	TBA
3rd Reading	Gal. 3:15-4:6	Anu Kaniyaparambil		
Gospel	St Luke 2:1-20	<i>The Birth of Jesus.</i>		

**പിറവി / First Sunday of Nativity**

	DEC 28 10:00 AM	READERS	DEC 31 7:00 PM	READERS
1st Reading	Gen 4:3-8	Aneesha Valiyaparambil	Gen 17:1-14	Soumaya Thekkumkattil
2nd Reading	Heb 11: 32-38	Philo Manappallil	Col 3:12-17	Paul Edat
Gospel	Mathew 2:13-18		Mt. 2: 1- 12	

**New Year - January 1**

January 1	READING	10:00 A.M.	
1st Reading	Gen 17:1-14	Mathachan Chemmachel	
2nd Reading	Phil 2:5-11	TBA	
Gospel	Mt. 1:18-25 + Lk. 2: 21	<i>He was named Jesus.</i>	

OFFERINGS	DEC. 14
Novena St. Jude & Annual Contr.	787.00
Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass	1349.00
Sunday 5:30 P.M. Holy Mass	147.00
Building Fund	1510.00
Feast Sponsor	467.00
Special Donation— St Jude	250.00
Theology Class	510.00
Facility Usage	150.00
Facility Usage-Main Township	10220.00
Malayalam Class	300.00
Region Collection—Manthra	287.00
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION</b>	<b>15977.00</b>

RETREAT	DEC. 14
Friday Collection	385.00
Saturday Total Collection	555.00
Sunday 1st Collection	1500.00
Sunday Second Collection	1280.00
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION</b>	<b>3720.00</b>

RETREAT-EXPENSE	DEC. 14
Food & Supplies	1040.00
Ticket	612.00
To Singers & Confession	700.00
Retreat Team	1500.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>3852.00</b>

AGAPE MOVEMENT	
Sacred Heart	110.00
St. Mary's Agape Store	75.00
Sponsor-Seminarian	250.00
Manthra/Death Anniversary	56.00
Donation Box	135.32
<b>TOTAL AGAPE</b>	<b>626.32</b>

CHRISTMAS 2014

**“FOR TODAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID  
A SAVIOR HAS BEEN BORN FOR YOU WHO IS THE MESSIAH AND LORD” (LUKE 2: 10-11)**

Dear friends in Infant Jesus,

As we celebrate the “good news of great joy” in this Christmas season, let us wish each other the Joy and blessings of this great event. When we allow Christ to be born in our life we will experience freedom from fear and anxiety, friendship and fulfillment, good health and wisdom of faith.

When Jesus is our “light and salvation” – whom should we fear? There is no reason to be afraid. God who became flesh and lived among us is so wonderful, so caring, and so concerned about our every need. The prophet Isaiah tells of God’s promise: *“For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, “do not fear, I will help you.”* God is always present in our life and with those who walk with us. We have valid reasons to live in hope despite all the visible evidence to the contrary.

Unfortunately many people are afraid about the future. A man of faith cannot remain in fear for any reason. Fear spoils our joy and will make us hopeless and confused. Those people who lived at the time of Jesus’ birth couldn’t find the real presence of Jesus among them! They were confused, afraid and blinded by the worldly ways of seeing things instead of looking at the plan of God. Jesus could not convey his message to them due to the ignorance and hardness of their heart! See the tragedy: they lost the great gift of His message and life! Every Christmas is an invitation to open our hearts for God. Gaze on the loveliness of the Lord, He has reason for everything. He will do things in favor when His time comes. When we lose hope in God we will lose everything. Hope produces spiritual strength and courage for accepting Jesus in our life.

We are God’s blessed people. It’s our duty to express our gratitude for what we have received. Ingratitude is always unbearable. Our Lord lamented about the ingratitude of souls to St. Faustina: “In return for my blessings, I get ingratitude. In return for my love, I get forgetfulness and indifference. My heart cannot bear this”(January 27, 1938). We have received a myriad of blessings from Jesus and through His Church. Hence, nothing can justify us to be separated from God’s Church and its mission among us. Jesus planted His Church in our souls through the sacraments and hence our cooperation is vital for any renewal in His church. We have to find time to reconstruct our life in the light of the message of this season. Let us be united in love and fellowship.

The year 2015 is dedicated to the family and consecrated life. Family is the cradle of Christian faith and vocation. Let us renew of our family with love, unity and prayer. And also we shall pray for the vocation to the consecrated life.

This is a great time for us to exchange our skills and talents for the betterment of our Church and community. We assure you our prayers. On behalf of the trustees and parish council, we thank you for your love and your generosity in supporting the mission of our Church. We invite everyone to the Liturgy starting at 7pm on Christmas Eve in our Parish and to the Christmas celebrations.

Wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

In Christ Jesus, our God Incarnate,  
Fr. Thomas Mulavanal (Pastor)  
Fr. Suni Padinjarekkara (Associate Pastor)

**Year of Family and Consecrated life**

DECEMBER 2014- DECEMBER 2015



**Year of Family 2015**



Let us pray for all families and consecrated people.

We invite all to join the inauguration of the **year of family and consecrated life** during the Christmas liturgical celebration.



12/24/2014 Christmas liturgical service at 7pm

12/25/2014 Holy Mass at 10 am

*May the love of our Savior, Jesus Christ,  
surround you all the days of your lives.  
Merry Christmas to you and your family!*



**Shinto James, d/o James and Sophy Kochamkunnel** from St. Mary's Knanaya Catholic Parish Morton Grove, with **Jibin Chacko s/o Chacko and Chinnamma Parappanatt** from St Rocky's church Areekara is scheduled on February 04, 2015 in Kerala. (2/3)