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# ST. MARY'S KANAYA CATHOLIC PARISH

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## World Day of Prayer for Vocations

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE	FAMILY DEDICATIONS ON APRIL 26	FAMILY DEDICATIONS ON MAY 03
<b>SUNDAY</b> 10:00am Holy Mass in Malayalam 10:00am Religious Education 11:40am Holy Mass in English 05:30pm Holy Mass in Malayalam <b>MONDAY — FRIDAY</b> 07:00pm Holy Mass in Malayalam <b>THURSDAY</b> After Mass Novena to St. Jude <b>SATURDAY</b> 10:00am Holy Mass in Malayalam followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help	EDAKARA JOMON & PHILSY KANATHUKADU BABU & SUJA KANATHUKADU BABY & SUJA KARIKULAM JOSE & MARY KOTTOOR CHACKO & JAINAMMA MATTATHILPARAMBIL GEORGE & ANCY MATTATHIPLARAMBIL THOMAS & SINDHU MUTTATHIL SIMON & SIJI PALLIKUNNEL REJI & SALY	CHETHALIKAROTTU JOSE & SUNI CHETHALIKAROTTU MATHEW & SALY ELAKKATT JOY & MARY KIZHAKKEKUTTU BIJU & DOLLY KOOVAKATTIL CYRIAC & SIJU MANALEL CHANCHAL & JISHI POOTHARAYIL BINOY & JIJO PUTHENPURAYIL MAX & MOLLY THEKKANATT ALEX & BINI
<b>St. Joseph Koodarayogam</b> will be held on <b>Saturday April 25th</b> at 7:00pm at Regi & Sally Pallikunnel's Residence, 8120 N Kolmar Ave, Skokie, IL. Phone#: 847 673 0935		

OFFERINGS	April 19	<div>  <b>Daily Bible Readings for this Week</b>  </div>			
St Jude Novena	121.00	Day	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Gospel	Feast Day
Sunday Morning Mass (Mal)	1,380.00	Monday	1 തിമോ / Tim 6:13-16	ലൂക്ക / Lk 20:9-16	
Sunday English Mass	56.00	Tuesday	1 തിമോ / Tim 6:17-21	മത്താ / Mt 19:23-30	
Sunday Evening Mass	134.00	Wednesday	ഹെബ്ര / Heb 7:1-10	യോഹ / Jn 5:30-38	St. Catherine of Sienna
Building Fund	510.00	Thursday	2 പത്രോ / Pet 2:1-3	മത്താ / Mt 15:1-9	
Facility Usage	350.00	Friday	2 കൊളോ / Col 3:14-17	മത്താ / Mt 13:53-58	St. Joseph the Worker
Family Dedication	1,160.00	Saturday	1 കോറി / Cor 12:1-10	മർക്കോ / Mk 6:1-6	St. Athanasius
Fund Raising	1,500.00	<div> <b>Wedding Banns</b>  </div>			
Feast Celebration	350.00	Wedding of Sophy K. Abraham daughter of Abraham and Philomina Kannarathil of St Mary's Knanaya Catholic Church, Morton Grove with Rejeesh T. John Son of Late T. J. John and Elsy John Thaitharayil from St. Antony's Knanaya Catholic Church, Olessa, Kottayam is scheduled on May 11, 2015 at St. Antony's Church, Olessa, Kottayam.			
Monthly Pledge	6,260.00	<div> <b>May 10 - Religious Education Final Exam</b>  <b>May 24 - Last Day / Perfect attendance award distribution</b>  </div>			
House Blessing Gift	210.00				
Income from Manthra	722.00				
Other Income	2,300.00				
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>15,053.00</b>				
<b>AGAPE MOVEMENT</b>					
St. Mary's	76.00				

ഉയിർപ്പ് നാലാം ഞായർ / Forth Sunday of Resurrection			
April 26	READING	10:00 AM	11:40 AM
1st Reading	ഏശയ്യാ / Isaiah 49:13 - 23	Siji Muttathil	Jeena Viruthikulangara
2nd Reading	എഫേസോസ് / Ephesians 2:1 - 7	Jainamma Kottoor	Jeev Vazhiyampalathunkal
Gospel	യോഹന്നാൻ / John 16:16 - 24	നിങ്ങളുടെ ദുഃഖം സന്തോഷമായി മാറും	
ഉയിർപ്പ് അഞ്ചാം ഞായർ / Fifth Sunday of Resurrection			
May 03	READING	10:00 AM	11:40 AM
1st Reading	ഏശയ്യാ / Isaiah 49:7 - 13	Sherine Chethalikaarottu	Ashna kollasseril
2nd Reading	ഹെബ്രായർ / Hebrews 10:19 - 25	Bini Theccanatt	Alan Poothurail
Gospel	യോഹന്നാൻ / John 21:1 - 14	വിരുന്നൊരുക്കുന്ന കർത്താവ്	
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***Pictures of Charity Fund Raising Raffle Draw Organized by Vincent de Paul Society***



**Congratulations to the winners, Vincent de Paul society members & all those who supported this charity raffle**



### Upcoming Major Events...

Apr 24	08:00pm	Women Ministry Monthly Gathering
Apr 26	10:00am	Feast celebration of St. George
Apr 26	11:40am	Family year Seminar by Rev. Fr. Paul Chalisery
Apr 30		9th Anniversary of Establishing Knanaya Region
May 03		Knanaya Region Day Celebration
May 08		Night Vigil followed by 7:00PM Mass
May 10		Feast Celebration of St. Michael the Archangel
May 17		First Holy Communion
Jun 05 - Jun 07		Pre-marriage course
Jul 11 - Jul 12		English Retreat by Damian Stayne

### Feast Celebration of St. George



### Prayer to Know My Vocation

Lord, my God and my loving Father, you have made me to know you, to love you, to serve you, and thereby to find and to fulfill my deepest longings. I know that you are in all things, and that every path can lead me to you.

But of them all, there is one especially by which you want me to come to you. Since I will do what you want of me, I pray you, send your Holy Spirit to me: into my mind, to show me what you want of me; into my heart, to give me the determination to do it, and to do it with all my love, with all my mind, and with all of my strength right to the end. Jesus, I trust in you. Amen

Very little is known about the real St. George. He was born circa 280 in Cappadocia, an area that is now part of Turkey. St. George followed his father's profession of soldier and became part of the retinue of the Emperor Diocletian. The emperor ordered the systematic persecution of Christians and George refused to take part. In 303, he was himself tortured and executed in Palestine, becoming an early Christian martyr. Emperor Diocletian executed St. George circa April 23, 303, in Lydda (modern-day Lod), Palestine, for protesting Diocletian's persecution of Christians.

The legend of George slaying a dragon and rescuing an innocent maiden from death is medieval. St George's Day is celebrated in England on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, reputed to be the day of George's martyrdom. St. George, Christian patron saint of England, was made known there by Arculpus and Adamnan. In a famous tale, he rescued a Libyan princess from a sea monster.

# Save the Date



on  
**JULY  
11 & 12**

(Saturday & Sunday)



## English Retreat

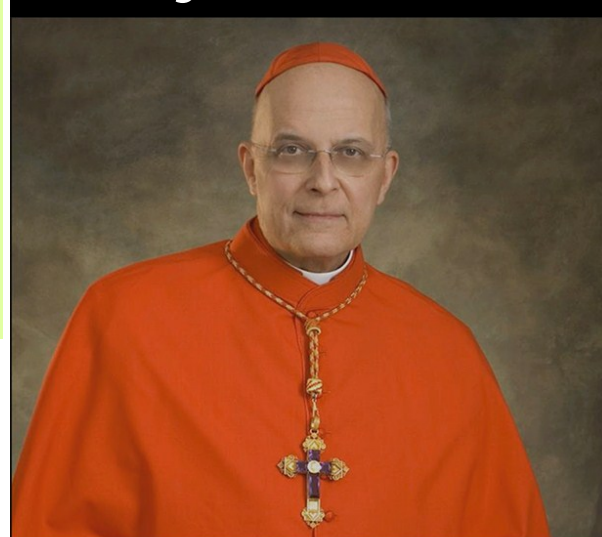
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## DAMIAN STAYNE

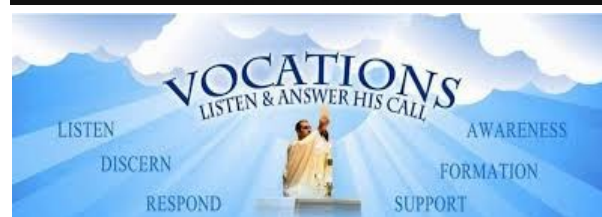
(A man of faith who works with miracles)

At Our St. Mary's Church

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**CARDINAL FRANCIS GEORGE**  
1937-2015



## Message from Pope Francis on World Day of Prayer for Vocations

### EXODUS, A FUNDAMENTAL EXPERIENCE OF VOCATION

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Fourth Sunday of Easter offers us the figure of the Good Shepherd who knows his sheep: he calls them, he feeds them and he guides them. For over fifty years the universal Church has celebrated this Sunday as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In this way she reminds us of our need to pray, as Jesus himself told his disciples, so that “the Lord of the harvest may send out labourers into his harvest” (Lk 10:2). Jesus’ command came in the context of his sending out missionaries. He called not only the twelve Apostles, but another seventy-two disciples whom he then sent out, two by two, for the mission (cf. Lk 10:1-6). Since the Church “is by her very nature missionary” (*Ad Gentes*, 2), the Christian vocation is necessarily born of the experience of mission. Hearing and following the voice of Christ the Good Shepherd, means letting ourselves be attracted and guided by him, in consecration to him; it means allowing the Holy Spirit to draw us into this missionary dynamism, awakening within us the desire, the joy and the courage to offer our own lives in the service of the Kingdom of God.

To offer one’s life in mission is possible only if we are able to leave ourselves behind. On this 52<sup>nd</sup> World Day of Prayer for Vocations, I would like to reflect on that particular “exodus” which is the heart of vocation, or better yet, of our response to the vocation God gives us. When we hear the word “exodus”, we immediately think of the origins of the amazing love story between God and his people, a history which passes through the dramatic period of slavery in Egypt, the calling of Moses, the experience of liberation and the journey toward the Promised Land. The Book of Exodus, the second book of the Bible, which recounts these events is a parable of the entire history of salvation, but also of the inner workings of Christian faith. Passing from the slavery of the old Adam to new life in Christ is a event of redemption which takes place through faith (Eph 4:22-24). This passover is a genuine “exodus”; it is the journey of each Christian soul and the entire Church, the decisive turning of our lives towards the Father.

At the root of every Christian vocation we find this basic movement, which is part of the experience of faith. Belief means transcending ourselves, leaving behind our comfort and the inflexibility of our ego in order to centre our life in Jesus Christ. It means leaving, like Abraham, our native place and going forward with trust, knowing that God will show us the way to a new land. This “going forward” is not to be viewed as a sign of contempt for one’s life, one’s feelings, one’s own humanity. On the contrary, those who set out to follow Christ find life in abundance by putting themselves completely at the service of God and his kingdom. Jesus says: “Everyone who has left home or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name’s sake, will receive a hundred-fold, and inherit eternal life” (Mt 19:29). All of this is profoundly rooted in love. The Christian vocation is first and foremost a call to love, a love which attracts us and draws us out of ourselves, “decentring” us and triggering “an ongoing exodus out of the closed inward-looking self towards its liberation through self-giving, and thus towards authentic self-discovery and indeed the discovery of God” (*Deus Caritas Est*, 6).

The exodus experience is paradigmatic of the Christian life, particularly in the case of those who have embraced a vocation of special dedication to the Gospel. This calls for a constantly renewed attitude of conversion and transformation, an incessant moving forward, a passage from death to life like that celebrated in every liturgy, an experience of passover. From the call of Abraham to that of Moses, from Israel’s pilgrim journey through the desert to the conversion preached by the prophets, up to the missionary journey of Jesus which culminates in his death and resurrection, vocation is always a work of God. He leads us beyond our initial situation, frees us from every enslavement, breaks down our habits and our indifference, and brings us to the joy of communion with him and with our brothers and sisters. Responding to God’s call, then, means allowing him to help us leave ourselves and our false security behind, and to strike out on the path which leads to Jesus Christ, the origin and destiny of our life and our happiness.

This exodus process does not regard individuals alone, but the missionary and evangelizing activity of the whole Church. The Church is faithful to her Master to the extent that she is a Church which “goes forth”, a Church which is less concerned about herself, her structures and successes, and more about her ability to go out and meet God’s children wherever they are, to feel compassion (*com-passio*) for their hurt and pain. God goes forth from himself in a Trinitarian dynamic of love: he hears the cry of his people and he intervenes to set them free (Ex 3:7). The Church is called to follow this way of being and acting. She is meant to be a Church which evangelizes, goes out to encounter humanity, proclaims the liberating word of the Gospel, heals people’s spiritual and physical wounds with the grace of God, and offers relief to the poor and the suffering.

Dear brothers and sisters, this liberating exodus towards Christ and our brothers and sisters also represents the way for us to fully understand our common humanity and to foster the historical development of individuals and societies. To hear and answer the Lord’s call is not a private and completely personal matter fraught with momentary emotion. Rather, it is a specific, real and total commitment which embraces the whole of our existence and sets it at the service of the growth of God’s Kingdom on earth. The Christian vocation, rooted in the contemplation of the Father’s heart, thus inspires us to solidarity in bringing liberation to our brothers and sisters, especially the poorest. A disciple of Jesus has a heart open to his unlimited horizons, and friendship with the Lord never means flight from this life or from the world. On the contrary, it involves a profound interplay between communion and mission (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 23).

This exodus towards God and others fills our lives with joy and meaning. I wish to state this clearly to the young, whose youth and openness to the future makes them open-hearted and generous. At times uncertainty, worries about the future and the problems they daily encounter can risk paralyzing their youthful enthusiasm and shattering their dreams, to the point where they can think that it is not worth the effort to get involved, that the God of the Christian faith is somehow a limit on their freedom. Dear young friends, never be afraid to go out from yourselves and begin the journey! The Gospel is the message which brings freedom to our lives; it transforms them and makes them all the more beautiful. How wonderful it is to be surprised by God’s call, to embrace his word, and to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, in adoration of the divine mystery and in generous service to our neighbours! Your life will become richer and more joyful each day!

The Virgin Mary, model of every vocation, did not fear to utter her “*fiat*” in response to the Lord’s call. She is at our side and she guides us. With the generous courage born of faith, Mary sang of the joy of leaving herself behind and entrusting to God the plans she had for her life. Let us turn to her, so that we may be completely open to what God has planned for each one of us, so that we can grow in the desire to go out with tender concern towards others (cf. Lk 1:39). May the Virgin Mary protect and intercede for us all.

