



Parish Bulletin - December 6, 2015

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## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY

10:00am Holy Mass in Malayalam  
11:40pm Holy Mass in English  
05:30pm Holy Mass in Malayalam

### MONDAY — FRIDAY

07:00pm Holy Mass in Malayalam

### TUESDAY

After Mass Novena to St. Anthony

### THURSDAY

After Mass Novena to St. Jude

### SATURDAY

10:00am Holy Mass in Malayalam  
followed by Novena to Our Lady of  
Perpetual Help

OFFERINGS	Nov 29
St Jude Novena	626..00
Sunday 10:00am Mass	1,081.00
Sunday 11:40am Mass	0.00
Sunday 5:30pm Mass	1,343.00
Fund Raising Program	4,250.00
Monthly Pledge	4,355.00
Building Fund	10.00
St. Antony Novena	47.00
Facility Usage	1,000.00
Main Feast Income	1,000.00
Housing Collection	1,190.00
Other Income	550.00
	<b>15,452.00</b>

Daily Bible Readings for this Week			
Day	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Gospel	Feast Day
Monday	2 തിമോ / Tim 4:1-8	ലൂക്കാ / Lk 14:25-33	St. Ambrose
Tuesday	ഹെബ്രോ / Heb 1:1-3+2:16-18	ലൂക്കാ / Lk 1:46-55	Immaculate Conception of Our Lady
Wednesday	എഫേ / Eph 1:3-12	ലൂക്കാ / Lk 1:34-38	
Thursday	റോമോ / Cor 12:9-18	ലൂക്കാ / Lk 1:39-45	
Friday	2 കൊരി / Cor 8:11-15	ലൂക്കാ / Lk 1:46-56	
Saturday	ഹെബ്രോ / Heb 3:12-19	ലൂക്കാ / Lk 11:33-36	

### വരും നാളുകളിൽ ...

December 8 Feast of the immaculate conception of our Lady

December 8 Holy year of Mercy begins

December 11 Night Vigil

December 13 Family Day, No English Mass at 11:40am

December 18 - 20 Christmas Retreat in Malayalam (Kairos Team)

December 19 - 20 Christmas Retreat for youth in English

### Koodarayogam

**St. Joseph** Koodarayogam on 12/11/15 Friday at Max Puthenpurayil's House

**St. Xaviers** Koodarayogam on 12/12/2015 Saturday at Alex Theccanat's House

**Little Flower** Koodarayogam on 12/12/2015 Saturday at Biju Kannachamparambil's House

**St. Theres's** Koodarayogam on 12/13/2015 Sunday at Thampy Viruthikulangara's House

### മംഗലവാർത്ത രണ്ടാം ഞായർ / Second Sunday of Annunciation

Dec 6	READING	10:00 AM	11:40 AM
1st Reading	ഏശയ്യാ / Isaiah 43:25 - 44:5	Arun Thottichira	Chelsea Ammaikunnel
2nd Reading	കൊളോസോസ് / Colossians 4:2 - 18	Maya Palliveettil	Derek Valiamattathil
Gospel	ലൂക്കാ / Luke 1:26 - 38	ഈശോയുടെ ജനനത്തെക്കുറിച്ചുള്ള സർവാർത്ഥ	

### മംഗലവാർത്ത മൂന്നാം ഞായർ / Third Sunday of Annunciation

Dec 13	READING	10:00 AM	11:40 AM
1st Reading	ഉൽപത്തി / Genesis 18:1 - 10	Sindhu Mattathilparambil	No English Mass
2nd Reading	എഫേസോസ് / Ephesians 3:1 - 13	Selma Nellamattom	No English Mass
Gospel	ലൂക്കാ / Luke 1:57 - 80	യോഹന്നാൻ മാംദാനയുടെ ജനനം	

## Wedding Banns

Wedding of Biby Sabu daughter of Sabu and Lissy Varikkamamthottiyil of St. Mary's Knanaya Catholic Church, Morton Grove, Chicago with Saju Jose son of Jose and Valsamma from Kapparambil family of St. Mary's Knanaya Catholic parish, Karippadam is scheduled on January 23, 2016. (2/3)

Wedding of Sarika Simon daughter of Simon Presanna Chakkalapadavil of St. Mary's Knanaya Catholic Church, Morton Grove, Chicago with Johns Alex son of Alex and Binu Paicattu family of Sacred Heart Forane Church, Maywood is scheduled on January 4, 2016. (2/3)

Wedding of Cijo Joseph Son of Cyriac Joseph and Saly Joseph Idiyalil of St. Mary's Knanaya Catholic Church, Morton Grove, Chicago with Anoop Jose daughter of Jose and Jessy Paranjatt family of St. Mary's Forane Church, Kidangoor is scheduled on January 11, 2016. (1/3)

If there is any canonical impediments, kindly inform the pastor's office.





# സെന്റ് മേരീസിൽ കുടുംബ നവീകരണ ധ്യാനം

സെന്റ് മേരീസ് ക്നാനായ കത്തോലിക്കാ ദേവാലയത്തിൽ കെയ്റോസ് ടീം നയിക്കുന്ന കുടുംബ നവീകരണ ധ്യാനം ഡിസംബർ 18,19,20 തീയതികളിൽ നടത്തപ്പെടുന്നതാണ്. ക്രിസ്തുമസിനൊരുക്കുമായി നടത്തുന്ന ധ്യാനത്തിൽ പ്രശസ്ത ധ്യാനഗുരുവും അതിരമ്പുഴ കാരിസ്ഭവൻ ഡയറക്ടറുമായ ഫാ. കുര്യൻ കാരിക്കൽ എം.എസ്.എഫ്.എസ്.എസ്. അനുഗ്രഹിത വചനപ്രഘോഷകൻ ബ്രദർ റെജി കൊട്ടാരം, ക്രിസ്തീയ ഗായകനും ഗാനസംവിധായകനുമായ പീറ്റർ ചേരാനല്ലൂർ എന്നിവരാണ് കെയ്റോസ് ടീമിൽ ആത്മയവർഷമൊരുക്കുന്നത്.

ഡിസംബർ 18-ന് വെള്ളിയാഴ്ച രാവിലെ 9 മണി മുതൽ വൈകുന്നേരം 7 മണി വരെയും, 19-ന് ശനിയാഴ്ച രാവിലെ 9 മുതൽ 7 വരെയും, 20-ന് ഞായറാഴ്ച രാവിലെ 10 മുതൽ 7 വരെയുമാണ് ധ്യാനങ്ങൾ നടത്തപ്പെടുക. വചനശുശ്രൂഷയും സ്തുതി ആരാധനയും രോഗികൾക്കായുള്ള പ്രത്യേക പ്രാർത്ഥനയും കൗൺസിലിംഗും, ഗാനശുശ്രൂഷയും ധ്യാനത്തിലുണ്ടായിരിക്കും. വിശ്വസിക്കുന്ന ദൈവത്തെ ജീവിതത്തിൽ പകർത്തുവാനും ഇന്നും ജീവിക്കുന്ന ദൈവത്തിന്റെ നിരസാനിധ്യം തിരിച്ചറിയാനും പ്രാപ്തരാക്കുന്ന വിഷയങ്ങളും അനുഭവങ്ങളും കെയ്റോസ് ധ്യാനം പ്രദാനം ചെയ്യുന്നു.

## KAIROS RETREAT

### THE DIVINE INTERVENTION OF GOD



Fr. Kurian Karickal MSFS



Br. Reji Kottaram



Peter Cheranalloor

Spirit Filled Proclamation of Word of God Holy Mass & Eucharistic  
Adoration Powerful Praise & Worship Special Prayers for the Sick  
Spiritual Counseling Confession Healing & Deliverance Prayers  
Soul touching & Healing Music

December 8 Tuesday



പതി. കന്യകാ മറിയത്തിന്റെ അമലോത്ഭവ തിരുന്നാളും  
കരുണയുടെ വർഷാരംഭവും.

ആശംസകൾ



മയാമി സെൻറ് ജൂഡ് ക്നാനായ  
ഇടവകയുടെ നിയുക്ത വികാരി റവ. ഫാ.  
സുനി പടിഞ്ഞാറേക്കര അച്ചന് ആശംസകൾ

## From the Announcement of the Jubilee of Mercy by Pope Francis...

This year again, on the eve of the Fourth Sunday of Lent, we are gathered to celebrate the penitential liturgy. We are united with the many Christians who, today, in every part of the world, have accepted the invitation to live this moment as a sign of the Lord's goodness. The Sacrament of Reconciliation, indeed, allows us to draw near to the Father with trust to have the certainty of his forgiveness. He is truly "rich in mercy" and extends it abundantly upon those who appeal to Him with a sincere heart.

Being here to experience his love, in any case, is above all a fruit of his grace. As the Apostle Paul reminded us, God never ceases to demonstrate the wealth of his mercy throughout the centuries. The transformation of the heart that leads us to confess our sins is a "gift from God". We can not do it alone. The power to confess our sins is a gift from God, it is a gift, it is "his work" (cf. Eph 2:8-10). Being touched with tenderness by his hand and molded by his grace allows us to draw near to the priest without fear for our sins, but with the certainty that we will be accepted by him in the name of God, and understood despite our wretchedness; and even to approach without a defence attorney: we have the One who alone gave his life for our sins! It is He who always defends us before the Father, He always defends us. As we exit the confessional, we will feel his strength which gives new life and restores ardor to the faith. After confession we are reborn.

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The Gospel we have heard (cf. Lk 7:36-50) opens to us a path of hope and comfort. It is good to feel Jesus' compassionate gaze upon us, just as it was felt by the sinful woman in the house of the Pharisee. In this passage two words persistently return: love and judgment.

There is the love of the sinful woman who humbles herself before the Lord; but before that is the merciful love of Jesus for her, which drives her to approach him. Her tears of repentance and joy wash the feet of the Master, and her hair dries them with gratitude; the kisses are an expression of her pure love; and the perfumed ointment poured in abundance attests to how precious He is in her eyes. This woman's every gesture speaks of love and expresses her desire to have unwavering certitude in her life: that of having been forgiven. And this certitude is beautiful! And Jesus gives her this certitude: in accepting her He demonstrates the love God has for her, just for her, a public sinner! Love and forgiveness are simultaneous: God forgives her many sins, He forgives her for all of them, for "she loved much" (Lk 7:47); and she adores Jesus because she feels that in Him there is mercy and not condemnation. She feels that Jesus understands her with love, she who is a sinner. Thanks to Jesus, God lifts her many sins off her shoulders, He no longer remembers them (cf. Is 43:25). For this is also true: when God forgives, He forgets. God's forgiveness is great! For her now a new era begins; through love she is reborn into a new life. This woman has truly encountered the Lord. In silence, she opened her heart; in sorrow, she showed repentance for her sins; by her tears, she appealed to divine goodness to receive forgiveness. For her there will be no judgment but that which comes from God, and this is the judgment of mercy. The hero of this encounter is certainly love, a mercy which goes beyond justice.

Simon, the master of the house, the Pharisee, on the contrary, doesn't manage to find the road of love. Everything is calculated, everything is thought out.... He stands firm on the threshold of formality. It is an unpleasant thing, formal love, he doesn't understand. He is not capable of taking that next step forward to meet Jesus who will bring him salvation. Simon limits himself to inviting Jesus to lunch, but did not truly welcome him. In his thoughts Simon invokes only justice and in doing so he errs. His judgment of the woman distances him from the truth and prevents him from even understanding who his guest is. He stopped at the surface — at formality — incapable of seeing the heart. Before the parable of Jesus and the question of which servant would love more, the pharisee responds correctly: "The one, I suppose, to whom he forgave more". Jesus doesn't fail to observe: "You have judged rightly" (Lk 7:43). When Simon's judgment is turned to love, then is he in the right.

Jesus' reminder urges each of us never to stop at the surface of things, especially when we have a person before us. We are called to look beyond, to focus on the heart in order to see how much generosity everyone is capable of. No one can be excluded from the mercy of God; everyone knows the way to access it and the Church is the house where everyone is welcomed and no one is rejected. Her doors remain wide open, so that those who are touched by grace may find the assurance of forgiveness. The greater the sin, the greater the love that must be shown by the Church to those who repent. With how much love Jesus looks at us! With how much love He heals our sinful heart! Our sins never scare Him. Let us consider the prodigal son who, when he decided to return to his father, considers making a speech, but the father doesn't let him speak. He embraces him (cf. Lk 15:17-24). This is the way Jesus is with us. "Father, I have so many sins...." "But He will be glad if you go: He will embrace you with such love! Don't be afraid".

Dear brothers and sisters, I have often thought of how the Church may render more clear her mission to be a witness to mercy; and we have to make this journey. It is a journey which begins with spiritual conversion. Therefore, I have decided to announce an Extraordinary Jubilee which has at its centre the mercy of God. It will be a Holy Year of Mercy. We want to live in the light of the word of the Lord: "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (cf. Lk 6:36). And this especially applies to confessors! So much mercy!

This Holy Year will commence on the next Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and will conclude on Sunday, 20 November 2016, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe and living face of the Father's mercy. I entrust the organization of this Jubilee to the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization, in order that it may come to life as a new step on the Church's journey in her mission to bring the Gospel of mercy to each person. I am confident that the whole Church, which is in such need of mercy for we are sinners, will be able to find in this Jubilee the joy of rediscovering and rendering fruitful God's mercy, with which we are all called to give comfort to every man and every woman of our time. Do not forget that God forgives all, and God forgives always. Let us never tire of asking forgiveness. Let us henceforth entrust this Year to the Mother of Mercy, that she turn her gaze upon us and watch over our journey: our penitential journey, our year-long journey with an open heart, to receive the indulgence of God, to receive the mercy of God.

# St. Mary's Knanaya Catholic Parish, Morton Grove, IL

## FAMILY DAY, Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015

*Dear Parishioners,*

As we observe the year 2015 as **Family Year** in our diocese and in our parish, I thank all of you for praying for one another and for helping and organizing various events in our Parish as part of it. Each family is called the **domestic church** because it is the fundamental unit of the Universal Church. As members of the Syro Malabar church, we are blessed with 2000 years of rich Christian tradition and also as knanites we have a rich Jewish heritage. Let us all continue to foster and pass on our rich heritage rooted on our strong faith so that together we shall build a strong faith community in this wonderful land.

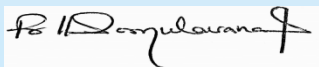
As we are coming to end of the Family Year, we will be observing Sunday the **13<sup>th</sup> of December, 2015 as Family Day** in our parish to thank God for all His blessings and for making our Parish stronger. The Family Day begins with Holy Mass at 10am and ends with lunch at 1.30pm. Immediately after the Holy Mass there will be an hour long program including messages by guest speakers, honoring couples (of different categories given below) and variety entertainments. Those couples who belong to the following categories please contact Sr. Xavier (847 834 1073) or Mrs. Ancy Aikaraparambil (847 337 1369) on or before 12/1/2015.

- 1) Couples with child/children born between 12/25/2014 and 12/13/2015.
- 2) Couples who are married between 12/25/2014 and 12/13/2015
- 3) Couples who complete their 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary during the year 2015.
- 4) All couples who have completed their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and up
- 5) Parents of the consecrated (priests, religious sisters and brothers)
- 6) Parents under 50 years old who have 5 or more children

For general information you may please contact the general coordinators of the event, Johny Thekkeparambil (847 533 8520) or Mrs. Mary Thomas Alumkal (847 668 6933).

I cordially invite all of you to this joyful event. Together we shall make this event a prayerful, fun filled one. Let me also remind you the housing project we decided to implement in this Family Year for the poor in our home land ( \$ 1 a day program).

*Yours lovingly in the Lord,*



*Rev Fr. Thomas Mulavanal (Vicar)*

**"Unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build". (Ps: 127:1)**