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എൻ്റെ ഈ വചനങ്ങൾ ശ്രവിക്കുകയും അവ അനുസരിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നവൻ പാറമേൽ ഭവനം പണിത വിവേകമതിയായ മനുഷ്യൻ തുല്യനായിരിക്കും. മത്താ 7:24



മഴപെയ്യ, വെള്ളപ്പൊക്കമുണ്ടായി, കാറ്റി, അതു ഭവനത്തിൻമേൽ ആഞ്ഞടിച്ചു. എങ്കിലും അതു വീണില്ല. എന്തുകൊണ്ടെന്നാൽ, അതു പാറമേൽ സ്ഥാപിതമായിരുന്നു. മത്താ 7:25

ഗിരി പ്രഭാഷണത്തിൻ്റെ അവസാനഭാഗത്ത്, ശിഷ്യത്വം ആഴവും അർത്ഥവും വ്യക്തമാക്കുവാൻ, അടിത്തറകളെ ബലത്തിൽ വ്യത്യാസമുള്ള രണ്ട് ഭവനങ്ങളുടെ ഉപമയാണ് ഈശോ നോമ്പുകലത്തെ രണ്ടാമത്തെ ഞായറാഴ്ചയിൽ നമുക്കായി നൽകുന്നത്. പാറമേൽ പണിത ഭവനവും മണൽ പുറത്തുള്ള ഭവനവും എന്നത്, രണ്ട് വ്യത്യസ്ത യാഥാർത്ഥ്യങ്ങളെ സൂചിപ്പിക്കുന്നു. പാറമേൽ പടുത്തുയർത്തിയ ഭവനം, പ്രതികൂല സാഹചര്യങ്ങളെ അതിജീവിക്കുന്നതുപോലെ, ഈശോയുടെ യഥാർത്ഥ ശിഷ്യന് ഏതു പ്രതികൂല സാഹചര്യങ്ങളെയും, വിശ്വാസ പ്രതിസന്ധികളെയും, പ്രലോഭനങ്ങളെയും അതിജീവിക്കുവാനുള്ള ബലം ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കും. ജീവിതത്തോണിയിൽ അക്കരക്കയിലേക്ക് യാത്രചെയ്യുന്ന സീയോൻ സഞ്ചാരിയായ മനുഷ്യനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചിടത്തോളം, ക്രിസ്തുവിലുള്ള വിശ്വാസത്തിൽ ഉറച്ചുനിൽക്കുമ്പോൾ ആഞ്ഞടിക്കുന്ന കൊടുങ്കാറ്റും പേമാരിയും അവനെ ഭയപ്പെടുത്തുകയില്ല

എന്നുള്ള ഓർമ്മപ്പെടുത്തലാണ് ഈ നോമ്പുകാലത്തിൻ്റെ രണ്ടാംഞായറിൽ, സഭ നമുക്ക് നൽകുന്നത്. മണൽപുറത്ത് ഭവനം പണിയുന്നവൻ, വഴിയരികിൽ വീണ വിത്തിന് സമാനമത്രെ. വചനം പരിവർത്തനയോഗ്യമായി തീരാത്തതുകൊണ്ട്, പ്രലോഭനങ്ങളുടെയും പ്രതിസന്ധികളുടെയും വേളകളിൽ, അവൻ തകർന്നു പോകുന്നു. വിശ്വാസം ക്ഷയിച്ചു പോകുന്നു. അതുകൊണ്ട് ഉപരിപ്ലവതയിൽ നിന്ന്, വിശ്വാസത്തിൻ്റെ ബോധ്യത്തിലേക്ക് സഞ്ചരിക്കുവാൻ നമ്മൾ തയ്യാറാവണം. വാക്കും ജീവിതവും തമ്മിൽ പൊരുത്തം ഉണ്ടാകണം. വചനം കേൾക്കുന്നവരും പറയുന്നവരും മാത്രമാകാതെ 'അതിനനുസരിച്ചുള്ള ജീവിതശൈലി കെട്ടിപ്പടുക്കുക എന്നതാണ് പരമപ്രധാനം. അങ്ങനെ സേവനത്തിലും ആത്മപരിത്യാഗത്തിലും ഊന്നിയതും, പാറമേൽ അടിസ്ഥാനമിട്ടതുമായ ക്രിസ്തീയ ശിഷ്യത്വം നോമ്പുകാലത്ത് ആർജ്ജിച്ച് എടുക്കുവാൻ നമുക്ക് ശ്രമിക്കാം

House built on the Rock: A Call to True Discipleship and Unshakable Faith

At the conclusion of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus presents a powerful parable to illustrate the depth and meaning of true discipleship. On the second Sunday of Lent, the Church offers us the metaphor of two houses built on foundations of differing strength: one on solid rock and the other on shifting sand. These two houses symbolize two contrasting realities—one representing steadfast faith and the other reflecting spiritual instability. This parable is not merely a story; it is a profound teaching on the nature of faith, commitment, and resilience in the face of life's uncertainties.

The House on the Rock: The Resilient Faith of a True Disciple

The house built on rock signifies the true disciple of Christ, who, like a strong and resilient structure, can withstand adversity, faith crises, and temptations. Just as a well-founded house remains firm in the face of storms and floods, a true believer, deeply rooted in Christ, stands unwavering against the trials and tribulations of life. This imagery serves as a reminder that faith, when built on a solid foundation, cannot be easily shaken by external circumstances. The house on the rock reflects a life that is grounded in prayer, obedience to God's commandments, and a willingness to walk the path of righteousness, even when it is difficult.

For the faithful pilgrim journeying toward Zion, this parable serves as a reminder that when one's faith is firmly anchored in Christ, even the most turbulent of storms cannot destroy them. The winds may blow, the rain may fall, and the waters may rise, but the one who trusts in God will remain standing. This assurance is what gives strength to believers as they navigate the uncertainties of life, reminding them that faith is not just a matter of belief but of action and steadfast commitment.

The House on Sand: The Fragility of Superficial Faith

Conversely, the house built on sand represents those whose faith is superficial and lacking in depth. It mirrors the seed that fell by the wayside in the Parable of the Sower—vulnerable to external forces, unable to take root, and ultimately withering away. When faith is not deeply internalized, when it is not strengthened through a genuine commitment to God's word and His teachings, it collapses under the weight of trials, temptations, and life's uncertainties. Such a faith, based on convenience rather than conviction, fades away when faced with hardship.

This parable serves as a warning against living a life of shallow faith. It challenges us to examine whether we are truly committed to Christ or merely going through the motions of religious observance. Faith that is not firmly grounded in Christ's teachings will not withstand the storms of life. Without a strong foundation, our beliefs and convictions may waver, leaving us vulnerable to doubt, fear, and spiritual collapse. It is not enough to merely profess belief in God; we must actively live out our faith and allow it to shape every aspect of our lives.

A Call to Deepen Our Commitment to Christ

This parable calls us to move beyond a superficial engagement with faith and embrace a deeper, more conscious commitment to Christ. It is not enough to simply hear or recite the Word; we must embody it in our daily lives. True discipleship is demonstrated through action—by living out the principles of love, service, humility, and self-sacrifice. The goal is to build a life of faith on the firm foundation of Christ's teachings, ensuring that our spiritual journey is not easily swayed by the passing winds of worldly distractions and struggles.

During Lent, we are invited to reflect on the nature of our own faith. Are we building on the solid rock of Christ's truth, or are we constructing our spiritual lives on the fleeting, unreliable sands of worldly values? This season of prayer, repentance, and renewal is an opportunity to cultivate a faith that is steadfast, a discipleship that is grounded in Christ, and a life that bears witness to the Gospel through acts of service and love. The Lenten journey is not just about personal transformation but also about deepening our awareness of Christ's call to live according to His will.

The Challenge of Building on the Rock

To build our faith upon the rock of Christ is to make a deliberate choice each day to follow Him, trust Him, and obey His teachings. It requires perseverance, discipline, and a willingness to embrace His word, even when it challenges us. Just as a house built on rock requires effort, careful planning, and strong materials, so too does a faith that is built to last. We must invest time in prayer, immerse ourselves in Scripture, and actively seek to live in accordance with God's will.

Let us use this time of Lent to strengthen our foundation, deepening our understanding of Christ's message and transforming our lives accordingly. By embracing a faith rooted in both word and action, we prepare ourselves to withstand life's storms and to journey with confidence toward our ultimate destination—eternal union with God.

Church Schedule

HOLY Qurbana in MALAYALAM

Sunday 8.:00 AM, 10: 00 AM & 5.30 PM

Monday - Friday 8:15 AM

Monday-Thursday 7:00PM

Saturday - 10:00AM

HOLY QURBANA IN ENGLISH

Sunday - 11:40 AM

Friday - 6:00 PM

NOVENA (AFTER HOLY QURBANA)

Tuesday: St. Anthony

Thursday: St.Jude

Saturday: Our Lady of Perpectual Help

1st Wednesday: St. Michael

CONFESSION

Everyday before Holy Qurbana

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday: 10:00AM

ADORATION CHAPEL

9:00AM - 9:00 PM

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Season of Lent

നോമ്പുകാലം



Liturgical Bible Readings

നോമ്പുകാലം: രണ്ടാം ഞായർ

Readers: St. Anthony's Koodarayogam

ഉത്പ 5:19-31

ദൈവത്തോടു ചേർന്ന് ജീവിക്കൂ.

ജോഷ 4:15-24

യോർദ്ദാനിലൂടെ രക്ഷയുടെ നാട്ടിലേക്ക്.

റോമാ 6:15-23

കൃപയ്ക്കു കീഴ്പ്പെട്ടവർ.

മത്താ 7:21-27

യഥാർഥ ശിഷ്യൻ.

Season of Lent : 2ndSunday

1st reading: Marisa Kakkattil

2nd Reading : Chris Illikkattil

Gen 5:19-31

Persons who lived with God.

Josh 4:15-24

Passing through the river of Jordan to the land of salvation.

Rom 6:15-23

We are not under law but under grace.

Mt 7:21-27(7:15-27)

The true disciple

MARK YOUR CALENDER

Mar 19: Death of St. Joseph

Apr 4-6: Lenten Retreat

Apr 10: Night Vigil

Apr 13 : Palm Sunday

Apr 17: Pesaha Thursday

Apr 18: Good Friday

Apr 19: Easter Vigil

Apr 20: Easter Sunday

Apr 27: Divine Mercy Sunday & പുതുഞായർ

May 1: Feast of St. Joseph the worker

: പരിശുദ്ധ മാതാവിന്റെ വണക്കമാസാരംഭം

May6: Feast of St Dominic Savio

May 11: Mother's Day Celebrations

May 13: Feast of Our Lady of Fathima

March 2nd Sunday 11:40 HolyQurbana Led by CML St. Theresa Group



**DEDICATE A PRAYER DONATE A MEAL PROGRAM TO
CHRISTURAJA PRAYER CENTRE, PIRAVAM**



**On March 9 th Sunday
To**

"PIETA BHAVAN"

(It is an orphanage and asylum for mentally imbalanced / retarded women, located at Pothy , Thalayolaparambu)



**Sponsors: Benny Vettikattil &
Family
CML St. Alphonsa Group**



**ST . MARY'S KNANAYA CATHOLIC CHURCH,
CHICAGO
MARCH 7 TH FRIDAY
WAY OF THE CROSS LED BY CML CHILDREN**



St. Mary's
Knanaya Catholic Parish of Chicago

**VOCATION
SUNDAY**

**March 9th
2025**

**Seminars
Conducted by**

**Fr. Bibin Kandoth &
Sr. Meera S.V.M**



"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few." (Matthew 9:37)



St. Mary's

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ആദരാഞ്ജലികൾ



Mathew Thayyil [86]

F/O Mini Raju
Panayaparambil

St. Mary's
Knanaya Catholic Parish
Koodalloor

Aleyamma Alappattu [82]

M/O Shini Tomy
Vadakara

St. Mary's
Knanaya Catholic Parish
Chunkam, Thodupuzha

Gt. Mary's
Knayanaya Catholic Parish of Chicago

Womens Ministry
Presents

International

Womens Day

Celebration

Sunday
9th
March, 2025
After 10.00 AM Mass



Class by
Sr. Meera, SVM

Fun Games by
Womens Ministry

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FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

March 19th, 2025 - 07:00 pm

THE VISITATION SISTERS PRESENTS S.O.G. MAR MAKIL CHALLENGE

In accordance with the memorial day of Servant of God (S.O.G.) Mar Mathew Makil, the SVM sisters offer an opportunity for you to learn more about this most inspiring figure in Knanaya History and display your knowledge to the entire region.



PRIZES PER CATEGORY

1ST: \$200

2ND: \$150

3RD: \$100

CERTIFICATES WILL ALSO BE
AWARDED



**DEADLINE: MARCH 27
(BIRTHDAY OF MAR MAKIL)**

- All submissions must be emailed to: svmamerica@gmail.com no later than March 27th, 2025.
- In the email, please indicate your name, category, parish, and a good call back number.
- Essays can be written in Malayalam or English.
- Please do not write your name directly on the essay.
- Resources for the essay can be obtained at knanayaology.com and other websites.
- Please follow the honor code in all the competitions. The use of AI to generate the essay is strictly prohibited. All essays will be ran through an AI detection platform.
- If you have any questions or concerns or for additional resources, please contact: 5163157263
- Please use this opportunity to increase your love for the Knanaya Community.

Category I (Grades 3-5): Mar Makil Mantra Memorization Contest

- Memorize as many quotes as possible from the attached list.
- Take a video and submit it to svmamerica@gmail.com
- Video cannot be edited
- Start by Introducing yourselves: Name, parish, grade level.
- Winners will be selected based on the number and accuracy of quotes recited.

Category II (Grades 6-8): Essay

Subject: After learning about the life of Servant of God (S.O.G.) Mar Mathew Makil, how were you inspired? What qualities or virtues in his life do you want to emulate? 1-2 pages (500-800 words)

Category III (Grades 9-12): Essay

Subject: Compare and contrast S.O.G. Mar Mathew Makil with a contemporary or ancient figure. How are they alike and different? eg: Mar Mathew Makil and Gandhi : 2-3 pages (800-1000 words)

Category IV (adults): Essay

- Subject: How is S.O.G. Mar Makil relevant to the North American Knanaya Region? How can we use the principles of Mar Makil for the unity and spiritual empowerment of the Knanaya Community across the world.
- വിഷയം : വടക്കേ അമേരിക്കൻ ക്നാനായ മേഖലയ്ക്ക് മാർ മാക്കിൽ എങ്ങനെ പ്രസക്തമാണ്? ലോകമെമ്പാടുമുള്ള ക്നാനായ സമുദായത്തിന്റെ ഐക്യത്തിനും ആത്മീയശാക്തീകരണത്തിനും മാർ മാക്കിലിന്റെ തത്വങ്ങൾ നമുക്ക് എങ്ങനെ ഉപയോഗിക്കാം. 2-3 pages (800-1000 words)

Gt. Mary's Knanaya Catholic Parish of Chicago

Reflect, Repent, Renew: A Sacred Journey to the Resurrection



Center Retreat രേനാമുക്താലയം

April 4th Friday
April 5th Saturday
April 6th Sunday

Bishop Varghese Chakkalakal
Bishop of the Diocese of Calicut.



St. Mary's Knanaya Catholic Parish of Chicago

Golemn Reception of Holy Communion

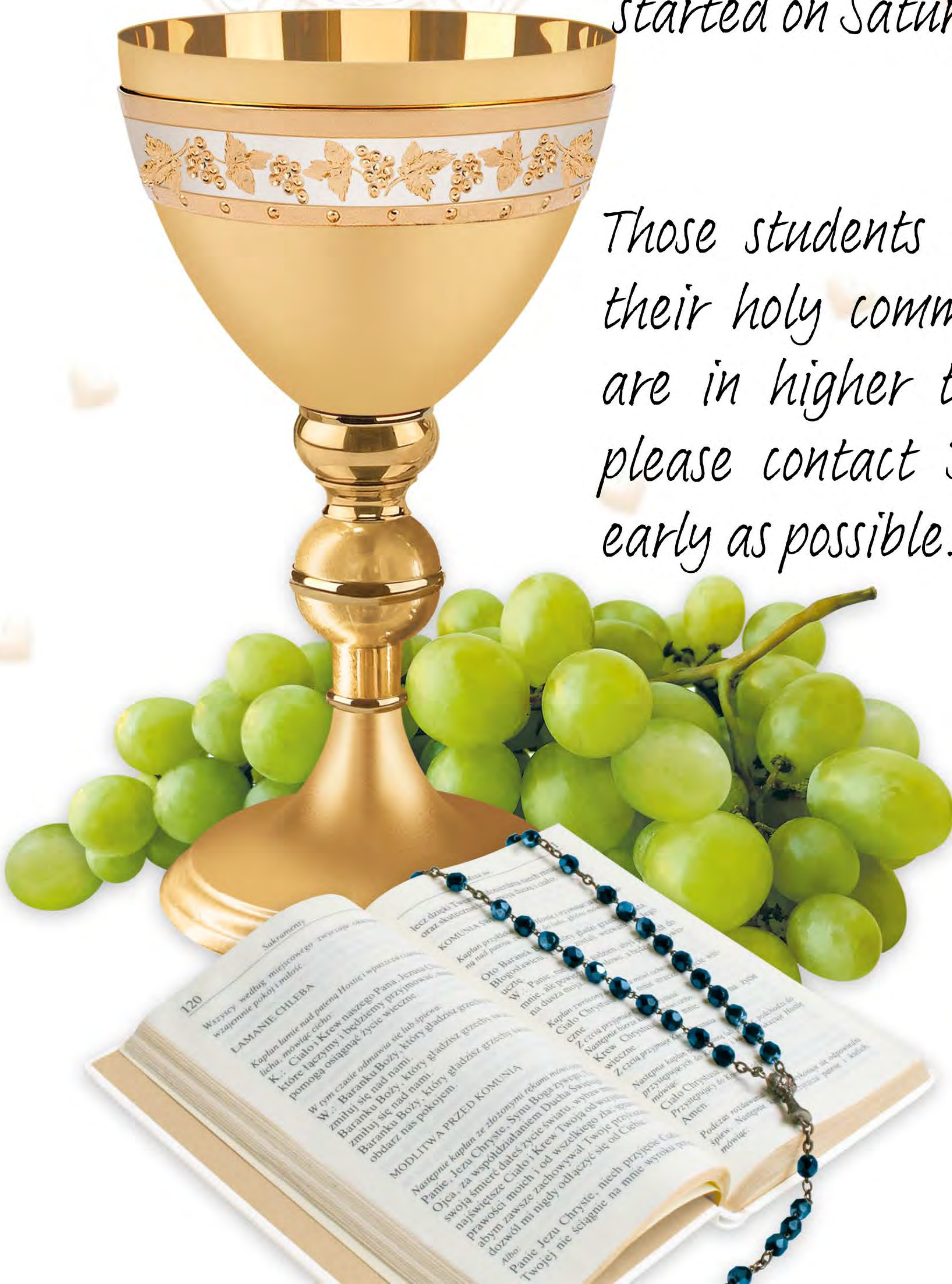
Sunday, May 25th, 2025

IHS

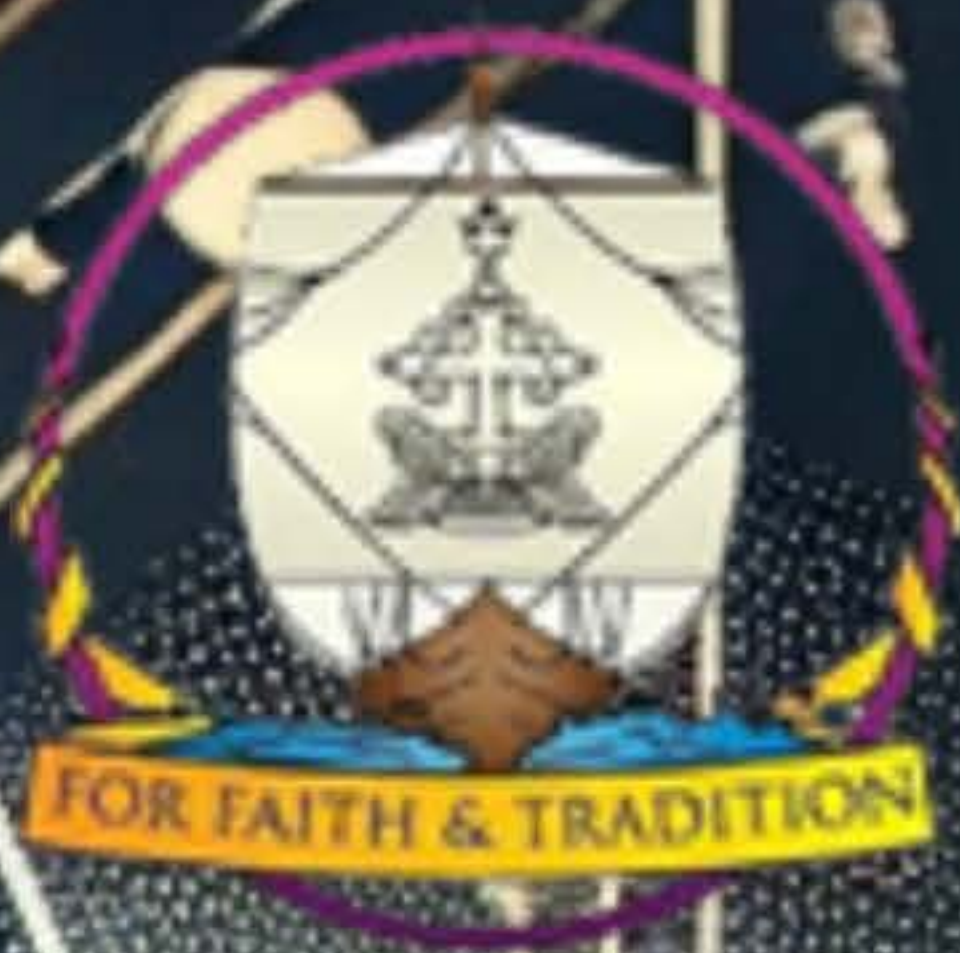
*The Holy Communion special classes
started on Saturday, Feb. 8th.*

*Those students who want to receive
their holy communion this year and
are in higher than 3rd grade may
please contact DRE's or teachers as
early as possible.*

*Those students who
did not receive their
confirmation yet,
please contact
DRE's or teachers.*



KNANAYA CATHOLIC REGION OF USA



2025 June 13, 14, 15 : Chicago

Rediscover Faith - Rekindle Traditions - Rejoice Together

REDISCOVER 25 YOUTH MINISTRY CONFERENCE

Age 24 year and above

REGISTRATION OPENING SOON



St. Mary's Knanaya Catholic Parish of Chicago



**Friday, April 25, 2025 (4:00pm)
to
Sunday, April 27, 2025 (1:00 pm)**

For Registration: Tony Pullapallil : 630.205.5078